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HOPEFUL FUTURE: Chuck Madson (left) and Tim Harrington (right) are developing a youth center in Lompoc to empower young people living in the city.

Education, job help, a safe place to go, a chance to dream about the future. These are the things Chuck Madson and Tim Harrington hope their project can provide to Lompoc's 16- to 20-year-old crowd. The basic goal of the center they want to build—Future—is to empower the city's youth to accomplish whatever it is they are striving for. Madson and Harrington are still working to raise the funding necessary and find a project location, but Future is alive and picking up steam. For this week's cover story, Staff Writer Zac Ezzone talks to them and others about what this center could provide and why it's important [12].

Also this week, read about the state's recent meeting in Santa Maria covering oil drilling projects and public health [7], an equine whisperer's trip to document the wild herds of North Dakota [23], an intimate and fresh PCPA take on *Julius Caesar* [24], and strawberries' potential health benefits are on trial [31].

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Political Watch

• **Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham** announced a new bill he introduced, AB 3360, that would give those who lease solar panels a partial sales tax exemption in an effort to lower housing costs. Individuals who fully own solar installations already receive this partial tax credit, so the bill would seek to expand the tax credit to solar panel leasers as well. Due to the California solar mandate that went into effect on Jan. 1, newly constructed single- and multi-family homes up to three stories high are required to have a solar photovoltaic (PV) system as an electricity source. According to Cunningham's March 4 Facebook post, the PV system requirement can add anywhere from \$8,000 to \$12,000 to the price of a new home. AB 3360 aims to reduce the financial burden of this mandate, Cunningham said.

• **Gov. Gavin Newsom** concluded a statewide homelessness tour on Feb. 27 in which he "traveled the state to hear from service providers, homeless individuals, and local leaders on his administration's homelessness response," according to a press release. In San Jose, the last stop on the tour, Newsom met with residents that recently moved into tiny cabins. These units provide temporary housing between homelessness and permanent housing. In his Feb. 19 State of the State address, Newsom cited tiny homes as one innovative solution that his administration is encouraging to combat the homelessness crisis. After Santa Maria-based organization Operation WEBS, or Women Empowered Build Strong, built out a tiny home for a homeless woman veteran last November, Santa Barbara County **5th District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino** praised this approach as an "outside the box" solution to the Central Coast's homelessness issues.

• With California's state laws and goals regarding emissions and energy sources in mind, **Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham** recently announced a bill that would allow nuclear energy to be counted toward the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard. AB 2898 proposes that emission-free nuclear energy count toward California's statewide goal of producing 60 percent of its energy from emission free sources by 2030. In his announcement of the bill on Facebook, Cunningham wrote, "If the state is serious about [meeting] its goals without drastically increasing energy costs on people like you, nuclear must be a part of the answer."

• **Gov. Gavin Newsom** announced a state of emergency on March 4 to help prepare for the broader spread of coronavirus. The proclamation—which according to a press release from the governor's office will "make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19"—comes following the first official COVID-19 death in California. **U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) wrote in a March 4 Facebook post that he was "Proud to pass a bipartisan, bicameral \$8.3 billion emergency bill that addresses this outbreak." The emergency spending bill, signed by **President Donald Trump** and **Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar**, will be used for research on vaccine development and treatment, as well as for state and local public health efforts. Because it is classified as emergency spending, it is exempt from discretionary spending limits. On March 5, Carbajal attended a congressional briefing on coronavirus, stating in a Facebook post that the briefing "discussed that those most at risk are seniors and the chronically ill. We are working to allocate resources to those communities to [mitigate] the spread." ○

Mental health facility opening in Lompoc

In November this year, 80 mental-health beds are slated to open in Lompoc, which accomplishes a long sought-after goal for Santa Barbara County.

Private mental-health provider Crestwood Behavioral Health, which operates throughout the state, is entering into a lease with the Lompoc Valley Medical Center to take over Champion Healing Center on South C Street in Lompoc, which served as an addiction treatment facility from 2014 to 2017.

During its March 10 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved entering into a memorandum of understanding with Crestwood Behavioral Health, which stipulates the county will contribute up to \$1 million for the tenant improvements that are required to prepare the existing facility for its new purpose. In exchange for this contribution, the county will have access to 32 beds in the upcoming facility for mental health clients in need of long-term rehabilitative care.

According to a staff report from the March 10 Board of Supervisors meeting, this project will result in the county's first mental health rehabilitation center. The report states that because no center currently exists locally, the county has 57 of its clients in other centers throughout the state.

"This has been a long journey, one that's going to provide a resource that's long overdue in this county and will really help the citizens of this county who, when at times of most need, they're separated from their families and have to go for services outside of this county," 5th District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino said during the meeting.

In addition to creating the county's first mental health rehabilitation center, the new facility will also free up beds in the county's psychiatric health facility (PHF), which has 16 beds usually reserved for patients needing higher levels of care.

"Anticipated public benefits include freeing up beds at the psychiatric health facility by moving individuals who are not in acute crisis to a lower level of care so that individuals who are experiencing an acute phase of crisis ... are able to receive treatment at the PHF," the staff report states.

Construction on the project is slated to begin this spring and wrap up in the fall. The center plans to begin accepting patients in November, according to the staff report.

—Zac Ezzone

Guadalupe moves forward with 2020 sewer project

Guadalupe is poised to ask the state for funds to upgrade the city's failing sewer system.

The project—dubbed the 2020 Sewer Enhancement Project—aims to replace \$3.2 million of failing sewer infrastructure in various areas of Guadalupe; officials recently announced plans to submit a funding release request to the state.

The city is currently waiting to hear whether it's going to receive a pending community development block grant to be used to partially fund the project, Shannon Sweeney, Public Works director and city engineer for Guadalupe, told the Sun.

Once grant funding is secured, the city can then submit a request for the release of the funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, according to a city of Guadalupe notice released on Feb. 20.

"You have to demonstrate readiness," Sweeney explained of the process. "We are awaiting word if we have won the grant."

Once the grant has been secured, the project's readiness can be shown and a request can be submitted to the state to release the funds,



MORE BEDS: Crestwood Behavioral Health is converting a former addiction treatment center in Lompoc to a facility with 80 mental-health beds.

Sweeney said.

"The project includes approximately 3,000 feet of sewer replacement," Sweeney said.

At least half of Guadalupe citizens have been affected by the current failing sewer system, and a majority of the issues they've faced—namely overflows and other plumbing difficulties—will be addressed by the 2020 Sewer Enhancement Project, Sweeney said.

Sweeney also told the Sun that Guadalupe residents will not be displaced or majorly impacted by the project, "other than general construction."

According to the Feb. 20 notice, the city has determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the human environment, and as a result an environmental impact statement—under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969—is not required.

Environmental impact statements are not required in cases like this one, which won't have a significant impact, the notice states.

Sweeney said the city's environmental review included looking at the effect the project could potentially have on air quality, endangered species, farmland protection, historic conservation, noise, and other environmental factors.

According to the notice, California Department of Housing and Community Development "will accept objections to its release of [funds] and the city of Guadalupe certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date"—March 10—"or its actual receipt of the request."

—Malea Martin

Planning Commission pursuing stricter cannabis odor control

After spending numerous meetings over the last few months discussing possible changes to the county's cannabis regulations, the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission made its first move toward pursuing stricter odor control requirements.

Last July, the county Board of Supervisors directed staff to work with the county Planning Commission on various ordinance amendments to mitigate cannabis odor and other potential conflicts that have emerged where cannabis operations are located near urban areas and existing agriculture.

During a meeting on March 4, Dan Klemann, deputy director of the county's

Long Range Planning Division, presented the commission with a list of 15 changes that commissioners have recommended over the course of the last two meetings on the subject. Klemann said staff planned on the commission going through each item and deciding whether it should be included in a package of ordinance amendments that could then be passed on to the board for approval.

The commission wasn't satisfied with this route. For most commissioners, their priority was an ordinance change that requires cannabis growers to prevent odor from leaving their property. At the beginning of the discussion, Commissioner Dan Blough said he wanted to see this issue pursued separately and quickly, and then the commission could work through the remaining issues.

"I have no damn idea why I'm sitting here today doing any of this if we're talking about going to go through this little bit of a project, and you're going to spend the next year before you modify the ordinance, before we send it off to the [Board of Supervisors]," Blough said.

The rest of the commission supported Blough's position. Rather than discuss every recommendation Klemann presented,

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commissioners directed staff to request that the Board of Supervisors allow this odor control measure to be fast-tracked and for the work to write the ordinance amendment to be funded. The commission voted to resume discussing the remaining recommendations during its March 25 meeting.

A few commissioners remarked that the Board of Supervisors turned down a similar odor control requirement when it first passed the county's cannabis ordinance in early 2018, but Blough said that asking the board to consider this requirement again gives the board the chance to correct a mistake.

"I realize the board turned down the odor sequestering issue before, well they were wrong," Blough said. "And now we're going to give them a chance to do it right this time."

—Zac Ezzone

High School debunks coronavirus hoax, health officials urge preparedness

Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHSD) notified law enforcement on March 4 that a hoax text message had been circulating on social media, erroneously stating that there were four cases of COVID-19, or coronavirus, in Santa Barbara County, including two at Santa Maria High School.

According to a March 4 media statement sent by SMJUHSD Public Information Officer Kenny Klein, there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Santa Barbara County nor at the high school. This statement was confirmed to the *Sun* by Santa

Barbara County Public Health Department's public information officer, Jackie Ruiz.

Klein told the *Sun* in an email that he was not aware of who sent the text or whether it was a student.

"It was a text that someone put on social media, and that's how we found out about it," Klein wrote.

Once the text was discovered by SMJUHSD officials, Klein said the district quickly issued an email to Santa Maria High School staff confirming that it was a hoax. Staff members passed the information on to students, and the district also sent a recorded message to all parents and guardians informing them of the situation.

"Inaccurate information on social media is always a challenge, but we try to stay on top of it," Klein told the *Sun*.

Though there are currently no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Santa Barbara County, county officials continue to work with the California Department of Public Health to monitor nine individuals who have recently traveled to areas of concern, according to Ruiz. These "asymptomatic travelers" will remain under self-isolation until their cases are cleared, Ruiz said.

Santa Barbara County has also been working with health care partners to prepare for the possibility of coronavirus making its way to the Central Coast.

"For weeks, we have been on calls with our health care partners ... to prepare for coronavirus that may come into our county," Ruiz said. "We are working in a coordinated way to provide messaging to the public."

In the county Public Health Department's most recent press release posted March 7 on its website, the department urges "agencies, businesses, organizations, and health care

providers throughout the county" to develop or update a plan for social distancing within 24 to 48 hours. Social distancing means reducing one's contact with others—for example, working from home, the release states.

While the health department urges the swift creation of social distancing plans, officials have not recommended that these plans be enacted yet.

"Once cases of COVID-19 are found in the community, it will be time to implement social distancing plans," county Health Officer Dr. Henning Ansorg wrote in the March 7 press release.

"We're in a preparation phase," Ruiz emphasized. "There are no confirmed cases of community transmission."

—Malea Martin

Santa Maria moves forward with plans for Los Flores Ranch landfill

Santa Maria City Council adopted a resolution at its March 3 meeting authorizing the director of utilities to begin work with Tetra Tech, an engineering design services firm, on the new Integrated Waste Management Facility at Los Flores Ranch.

The city purchased the 1,774-acre Los Flores Ranch property in 2006 with the primary intention of constructing its next landfill there, according to Shad Springer, Santa Maria's director of utilities.

With the current Santa Maria Regional Landfill expected to reach capacity by 2024, the 2006 land purchase was prompted by the California requirement that jurisdictions provide 15 years of landfill capacity as a part of their strategic planning efforts, according to the March 3 council agenda report.

"We purchased it for the future landfill knowing that our current landfill will fill and close," Mark van de Kamp, Santa Maria's public information manager, told the *Sun*.

Van de Kamp said past estimates projected that the current Santa Maria Regional Landfill would be full by now and that the Los Flores land would already be in use.

"But we've been able to extend the life of the old landfill, which is really good for the Santa Maria community," van de Kamp said.

The Los Flores Ranch property is currently home to about 8 miles of hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trails. The landfill is expected to take up about 600 acres, according to van de Kamp.

While some trails and recreation spaces will remain untouched, others will be directly impacted by the new landfill, Springer said.

"There are currently some trails that go right through where the future landfill will be, so those will need to be relocated," Springer told the *Sun*. "The idea is that over the long haul ... there will still be opportunities for recreation."

Landfill odors could potentially impact the area's trails, and the city plans to address it by using tarps and other covering methods to mitigate the odors. Springer said that the landfill will be regulated by CalRecycle and other agencies to reduce the impact of these issues as well.

"We want to make sure this will be a win-win for the community," van de Kamp emphasized.

The first meeting between the Utilities Department and the project's engineering and design firm occurred on March 9. From here, Springer estimates that design will take three to five years, and then about a year and a half of construction will follow. ○

—Malea Martin

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SIGN OF THE TIMES A recent state hearing in Santa Maria drew crowds of protesters, who brought signs of all shapes and sizes expressing views against the proposed oil drilling expansion in Cat Canyon.

Rallying for change

CalGEM public health hearing held in Santa Maria allows locals to opine on proposed expansion of Cat Canyon oil production

BY MALEA MARTIN

People flanked by handmade signs spill out of a charter bus that just arrived from UC Santa Barbara. They join a growing rally outside the Veterans Memorial Center in Santa Maria, chanting, "Health, not oil," and, "No new oil, keep it in the soil!" A microphone passed around gave different folks and organizations a chance to lead the rally cries.

"We deserve health," declares a 6-foot-wide sign with an artistic depiction of megaphone-clenching activists.

"Merecemos salud," it also says in Spanish, alongside bold red lettering that reads "NO CAT CANYON" and "NO MORE DRILLING."

The March 4 rally took place before a public health community meeting, a hearing held by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), the state's new version of the Department of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources. The Santa Maria meeting was one in a series being held by CalGEM throughout the state in an effort to gauge local opinions and perspectives on oil drilling. Organized by climate-concerned groups, the pre-hearing rally included students, activists, and community leaders.

Leaders from Los Padres ForestWatch, a Central Coast-based wilderness advocacy organization, spoke about the impetus behind the rally in a phone call with the *Sun* as they drove up from Santa Barbara.

"The rally is really a way for the community to come together to advocate and send a strong message to the governor that we want our communities protected," said Graciela Cabello, director of youth and community engagement for the organization. "It's about creating an awareness around the injustices that currently exist for communities that have oil in them."

Aera Energy's oil development project in East Cat Canyon—which proposes re-establishing oil production in an existing oil field, including

construction and restoration of approximately 72 well pads and drilling of up to 296 wells—is a main issue of contention for groups like ForestWatch.

While the rally called on Gov. Gavin Newsom to halt this project, the public hearing itself drew an equally strong contingent of voices in support of local oil production.

Chad Walker, environmental manager at Vaquero Energy, was among the first to speak at the hearing, which garnered an audience that outnumbered the 100 or so chairs set up for the event. He pointed to the impact that halting oil production would have on the local economy as well as the potential for dependence on foreign oil as reasons to move forward with the project.

"Due to the pressures and burdens of overregulation, Vaquero Energy, a fourth-generation, family-owned operation, is slowly transitioning out of California," Walker told CalGEM representatives moderating the meeting. "We've now further increased California's reliance on foreign oil, lost valuable tax revenues for this community, increased global greenhouse gas emissions, and contributed to lost jobs and the increased potential for homelessness."

Enthusiastic applause followed Walker's statement.

But applause from oil opponents supported statements made by community members who spoke against proposed oil drilling. Carmen Boquin, an activist who had earlier led rally chants, used her two-minute speaking allowance to relay a message from her mother, a physician at Community Health Centers Central Coast.

"My mom wasn't able to come here today, but she asked me to read something," Boquin said. "She says, 'I can tell you without a doubt that for people living and working near and in proximity to oil drilling, it can cause respiratory illness, nausea, nose bleeds, and possible risk of cancer. I see it every day in my patients.'"

Other than the immediate health concerns for communities living near oil drills, public comment at the meeting also touched on the future impact of oil drilling near aquifers. An aquifer exemption proposed in 2019 would expand the area in Cat Canyon where oil

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—Graciela Cabello, Los Padres ForestWatch

Stay informed

To fulfill its recently revamped mission to protect public health, safety, and the environment, the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is updating public health and safety protections for communities near oil and gas production operations. Part of that undertaking involves holding public hearings across the state.

CalGEM's next local Public Health Community Meeting will be in Oxnard on March 18 at the Pacifica High School cafeteria. The state plans to continue the hearings until April 10, according to the California Department of Conservation Public Health rulemaking webpage, conservation.ca.gov/publichealth.

companies can operate injection wells.

"We request aquifers not to be exempted from the Safe Drinking Water Act, because California needs its future water sources," ForestWatch's Cabello said at the hearing.

With the next local public hearing scheduled for March 18 in Oxnard, the state plans to continue the hearings until April 10, according to the California Department of Conservation Public Health rulemaking webpage.

Regarding updates on the proposed Cat Canyon aquifer exemption, CalGEM Public Information Officer Don Drysdale wrote in an email to the *Sun* that "CalGEM and the State Water Board are finalizing answers to public comments for the proposed aquifer exemption."

Once the public health hearings conclude, Drysdale said that comments will be "organized by issue and presented to a team of CalGEM subject matter experts."

According to Drysdale, each issue will be considered by the team to determine whether solutions are available and to evaluate the feasibility and cost of those solutions. The team will then make recommendations about what should be included in the draft regulations based on their analysis, Drysdale said.

Integrating public comment into CalGEM's regulation and rulemaking process is just one piece of a larger shift within the agency, including a name change that became effective at the beginning of 2020 as well as an updated mission statement. Assemblymember Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), who authored the bill that called for these changes, told the *Sun* that increased civic involvement in the rulemaking process is all part of the agency's new look and feel.

"We renamed the department, but we also changed the mission statement to include consideration for health and environmental impact," Limón said. "There has been a long history of the [Department of Conservation's] division of oil and gas and their role. At times they weren't as involved with the public."

But after witnessing the "very public reactions" of people affected by the May 2019 Kern County oil spill, Limón saw an opportunity for the agency to not just listen to the public, but to potentially codify their perspectives.

"When I authored this bill ... it was done from a place of wanting to make sure that those diverse perspectives were formally included in the thinking of the leaders of the department," Limón said. "It is my hope that all of the feedback will be considered." ○

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Cuyama Valley vendors will sell goods at the second swap event

BY ZAC EZZONE

Rivers traveling on Highway 166, or people looking to purchase some locally made products, can check out what vendors in the Cuyama Valley have to offer at a swap meet on March 15.

This is a follow-up to the valley's first swap meet last fall, which came about after the Blue Sky Center hosted a series of economic development meetings in the Cuyama Valley in both English and Spanish with the goal of bringing community members together to solicit ideas on how valley residents can tell their stories. The center is a nonprofit that works to strengthen rural communities in the valley by supporting entrepreneurs.

The center's executive director, Em Johnson, said that during these meetings, residents identified the valley's natural and individual resources as its top two strengths. To capitalize on the latter, two local women came up with the idea of holding a swap meet to showcase the work of local artisans and other producers.

"We're striving to empower local champions to step into that role of organizing and implementing projects they're passionate about," Johnson said.

The first event was held last September at the

center, which is located about a block off Highway 166. Johnson said about 130 visitors attended the event and perused the work of 15 vendors who sold produce, jams, pastries, Western jewelry, homemade soaps, handmade woodworking projects, and other types of crafted items.

The center is helping vendors hold a second event on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in an empty lot right off Highway 166 across from The Junk Jar, which is an antique store. Johnson said as of March 5, 17 people were signed up to sell their products.

While this is a community driven event, the center provides technical assistance, such as with marketing or helping people acquire the permits necessary to sell their goods at the event.

"That's the biggest barrier to overcome for Cuyama entrepreneurs, just knowing what permits are required and how to access them since the Cuyama Valley is unincorporated," Johnson said.

The center and the women behind the initial event hope these swap meets become reoccurring events, although they're not sure how often they'll take place. Johnson said aside from generating local revenue, these events are a

way to celebrate the Cuyama Valley and increase community pride.

"We have small but mighty towns that are wonderful places to live in and visit, and we hope more events like this encourage people living in the region to visit," Johnson said.

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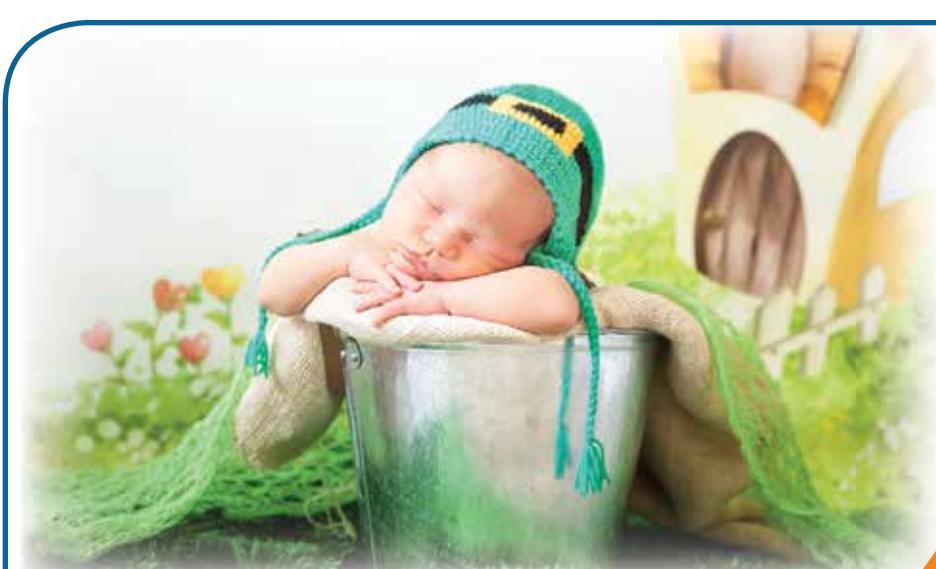
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- The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the Santa Ynez Band of

Chumash Indians are hosting a Traffic Circulation and Safety community meeting on March 26 at 6 p.m. at Hotel Corque in Solvang. The meeting is part of a study that's intended to identify potential traffic safety improvements in the Santa Ynez Valley. To RSVP or learn more about the meeting contact kpadilla@katherinepadilla.com. ○

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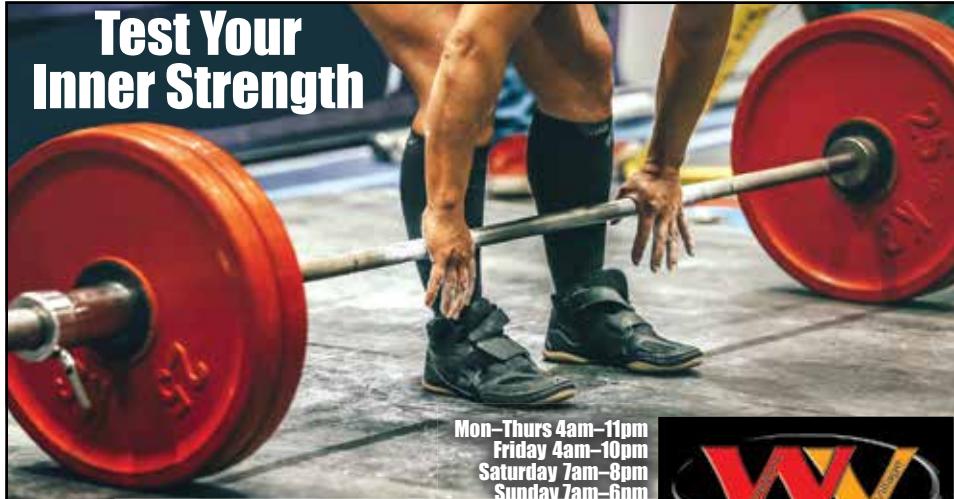


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It's about time

Surf Beach is open—well, almost

BY RON FINK

Surf Beach, what a beautiful place! This is probably one of the few beaches in California where a person can stand and look in either direction, as far as you can see, and find only a handful of people.

There was once a small summer village and a racetrack at Ocean Park. Railroad employees lived near the Surf Station, and many locals learned how to water ski in the estuary of the Santa Ynez River.

All of those improvements are long gone because the military acquired the beach and 150 square miles of ranchland in the 1940s for a military training base (Camp Cooke and Arguello Naval Air Station) and Bradley Dam blocked the flow of the river, reducing the depth of the estuary and ending the water-skiing adventures.

Cool wind blows stoutly, and clouds hang on the horizon as seabirds circle looking for goodies stirred up from the tidal sands. Mist rises from the crest of the waves, and shorebirds run about hoping for some tasty treats.

The ocean seems to change every few minutes. What was a wild and restless surf suddenly transforms to a peaceful ocean with only a few low waves to remind you that the water is forever active.

People had been traveling to Surf and nearby Ocean Park for more than 100 years to play and fish on the beach. Hundreds of people visited each week to breathe in the salty sea air, scamper on the sand, fish, and watch the dolphins play in the breaking waves.

Asian fishermen from all over Southern California used to visit and cast their lines for barred perch. This is the favored fish in this part of the world. When Los Angeles and Orange County fishermen were asked why they travel so far to fish in the ocean, they always reply: "Because the water is clean here." Fishermen could once be spotted as the fishing hole shifted south

for the summer. Each year it moved up and down the area in front of the Amtrak station.

Surfers were always looking for the right curl. Sometimes they would stand at the gate and stare for several minutes at the waves and then leave. Other times they stared and then put their wet suits on, grabbed their boards, and headed for the water. There, they joined the dolphins jumping in and out of the surf.

Little children were the best beachgoers! They were so excited when they got to the beach with their buckets and shovels. They seemed intent on a search for seashells and other treasures of the beach. From the top of the ramp, they looked like little birds with their parents keeping an eye on them as they screeched with delight.

The kids didn't notice the steep climb back from the beach, but their parents and grandparents did! The sand is illusive—it looks so easy going down to the surfline. But the climb back up the hill was in loose sand and rises about 100 feet in about 100 yards.

That was before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mandated restrictions during the Western snowy plover mating season between March to September each year, and Vandenberg Air Force Base—responding to a Clinton-era executive order to comply with all environmental edicts—closed large portions of the beach.

Shore fishing was banned a couple of years later after environmentalists demanded that the fishery be closed because it was being overfished. How a single fisherman, or a dozen fishermen, could be responsible for overfishing the Pacific Ocean seems questionable.

But, after more than 25 years of beach closures, an agreement was recently reached with Fish and Wildlife Service and Vandenberg officials to relax some of those restrictions. Other efforts are ongoing to try and allow canoes and other paddle boats to use the estuary, which is home to more than 100 species of birds.

Mayor Jenelle Osborne led the effort to relax restrictions on behalf of the city of Lompoc. "I am excited and very hopeful for the future of Surf Beach," she said. "Vandenberg Air Force Base and the California Coastal Commission are listening to the community, recognizing Surf Beach's history and

importance to Lompoc, and improving the beach and local access to it, all while protecting the Western snowy plover. The base's proposal to eliminate the 50-violation beach closure next summer, and the Fish and Wildlife Service accepting the request, is a major milestone for our community."

This effort was almost derailed when Councilmember Jim Mosby circulated a petition that contained several factual errors concerning who was responsible for the closures. Understandably, this irritated base officials who were sympathetic to allowing beach access and thought they were bargaining in good faith with city officials.

After the dust settled, some changes were made. While the beach won't be closed after 50 violations, the base will continue to track violations of the rules. It's those rules that are essentially unchanged. Sections of the beach will be closed: Campfires, digging, fishing, horses, kite flying, and dogs are still prohibited.

So, go enjoy the section of beach that's open to the public, but respect the restrictions that are in place. ○

COMMENTARY

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Solar's not so green

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Billions of tons of carbon are spewed into the atmosphere to keep wind and solar going. Yet renewables are sold as "clean and environmental." Plainly more false information.

Solar in our state cost many billions to build, yet panels can wear out in only 20 years. Same for wind generators. So prepare to spend multiple billions of tax dollars for the next round of rebuilding renewables coming up.

What about the waste from renewables? Basically there is no plan on exactly what to do with giant towers and thousands of wind turbine blades several blocks long. Solar panels contain many poisonous chemicals. What's the plan, Gov. Newsom?

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Like "smoking is safe," which was falsely told to the public, the fossil fuel industry is desperately trying to extinguish clean nuclear power with campaign money and TV programs. They know nuclear could replace their dirty, dangerous, planet-threatening way of making electricity. Big Oil is almighty and can "cause" series like Chernobyl to be made to put fear into us. Even NPR never airs a positive story about carbon-free nuclear power.

The truth is by actual numbers including all accidents, nuclear is far, far safer than any means of generating electricity. This is about global warming and your children's and grandchildren's future. If you care about them and their future, get involved. Contact your state, county, and city elected reps. Sad, but they are your children's only defense.

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FOCUS ON THE FUTURE: By changing one life at a time, the youth center hopes to change the future of Lompoc.

Moving the needle

Youth center leaders hope to change Lompoc one life at a time

BY ZAC EZZONE

After years of working for various nonprofits and community organizations in Lompoc, Chuck Madson and Tim Harrington are tackling their most ambitious project yet.

Madson—who has developed substance abuse treatment programs in Santa Barbara County for years—and Harrington—who has spent the latter years of his career mentoring college students and serving on the boards of various community groups—began working on their plans for a youth center in Lompoc about two years ago.

They envision a location that fills gaps for young people between the ages of 16 to 20 years old who can't find the assistance they need elsewhere. This includes education and job help, as well as a safe place where a student can hang out after school and grab a bite to eat if he or she doesn't want to go home.

They're calling the center Future, and the basic goal of the project is to empower Lompoc's youth to accomplish whatever it is they're striving to achieve. This isn't a panacea to all of the city's problems—which there are many—but it's a way of moving the needle in the right direction with each youth who walks into the center, Madson said.

"Homeless issues aren't getting any better, substance abuse is getting worse So what are we truly doing to help before they end up there?" Madson said. "It's helping that population, those 16- to 20-year-olds so that they don't have to end up hanging around the streets of our community, getting involved with drugs, not being able to get a job ... I don't want any youth to not have an option for something they want to do."

Before describing what Future is, Madson and Harrington explain what it's not. This isn't a project aimed specifically at preventing kids from joining gangs and committing acts of violence. Obviously, they hope that through this center they're able to reach kids prior to making poor decisions, but the uptick of violence in the city

wasn't the impetus for this project.

"We hope to empower the youth to not engage in that lifestyle, but that wasn't our main focus," Madson said. "There's so much more to it."

Big needs

Cabrillo High School student Riley Wallace said she plans on leaving the Lompoc area after finishing her senior year to go to college in a different state. She feels there aren't a lot of job opportunities for her locally, and she said many students she knows feel the same way.

"The common phrase is, 'Leave and never come back,'" Wallace said. "That's how the youth feel about Lompoc."

Wallace is hoping that Future could change this mentality. She attended a youth focus group Madson and Harrington held more than six months ago. Afterward, Wallace and two other teenagers joined Future's advisory council, which consists of adults from various professions.

"What I wish for the youth under me is for them to stay in Lompoc and be successful, which is not an option right now," Wallace said.

She said she thinks the plans being developed for Future could appeal to younger people living in Lompoc because of the variety of programs they're hoping to house within the center.

Wallace points to classes that could teach youth about financial decisions, such as learning how to save or budget expenses, as the most useful to her. Other students might be looking for help with homework or to be connected with food or mental health services, she said.

But the center shouldn't be all about work, she said. It has to be a place where younger people can have fun, such as through music or art classes, or simply a place to hang out with other people their age. She said Lompoc is really missing that kind of space, and it adds to

the apathy many youth feel about their town.

In addition to being a place where young people can engage in resources for education or entertainment, Wallace said that Future needs to be a safe space where all of the city's youth feel welcome. She said that the top concern for most people her age is the gang activity and violence that's taking place in the city. In 2019, there were seven homicides in Lompoc, and the shootings have continued into this year.

"Besides the fun part and the school part, in all seriousness, this can be a place for kids to have a home away from home," Wallace said.

Getting started

Madson and Harrington began kicking around the idea for the youth center about two years ago, prior to the increase in violent crimes the city continues to experience. The conversation started when Harrington visited Madson while he was working at Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Lompoc to discuss restarting something similar to a youth employment program that had operated in the city more than five years ago.

This youth corps program was run through what is now called the Workforce Development Board of Santa Barbara County, and employed at-risk youth in the city to work on public projects. Harrington, who served on the board, said youth in the city really embraced the program, but it ended when its federal grant funding expired.



FIRST STEPS: The leaders behind Future have held meetings over the last nine months after securing funding from a local foundation.

Want to learn more?

Chuck Madson and Tim Harrington are holding a one-hour community meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lompoc on March 16 where residents can learn more about Future. For more information about the center, check out facebook.com/futurelompoc.

create silkscreen projects or craft jewelry that they can then sell, Madson said. But the center will also have a calendar that lists when specific events are taking place.

Although official agreements still have to be worked out and signed, Harrington said he and Madson have been in contact with various organizations—such as Allan Hancock College, the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, and Family Service Agency—that are eager to provide programs and services through the center.

But youth not interested in specific programs are welcome to stop by as well.

"It can range from a youth wanting to sit in a chair and listen to music and get a meal, or the youth who says, 'I have no idea how to look for a job,' and we'll [help]," Harrington said.

As their planning meetings continue, Harrington and Madson are working on some of the project's logistics—finding a building, preparing a business plan, and becoming an official nonprofit.

They're working through these details and hope to have everything in place to open a physical location at the beginning of the 2020 school year. But despite not having a building to house the center, Harrington said he and Madson are ready to help any young person who needs assistance.

"Future is open; we don't need four walls," Harrington said. "Any youth can reach out to us."

Restoring hope

Creating a safe space where the city's youth can hang out after school fills a present gap in the community, said Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne, who is on the center's advisory council. She said that 13,000 parents commute out of the city for work, which results in many kids returning to empty homes after school without support for



FILLING GAPS: Chuck Madson (top left) and Tim Harrington (third from top right) have held numerous meetings with students in Lompoc to learn more about their needs.

base or within the agriculture industry.

Educating and connecting youth with job prospects is one of the primary missions of the center, and it plays out in various ways, Stalling said. This includes teaching students how to apply for jobs and craft résumés, as well as setting up job-shadowing opportunities.

The city of Lompoc is partnering with the center to do the latter, Osborne said. As a full-service city that oversees all of its own utilities, Lompoc employs various types of workers such as people who work on power lines or run the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Osborne said that although it may seem that

move to Barstow to cook meth for a motorcycle club. After purchasing ephedrine pills—which can be used to make meth—from an undercover Department of Justice agent, he was arrested and sentenced to four years in prison.

In prison, he shared a cell with a man who was serving a life sentence but nonetheless dedicated his time to helping other inmates. The man worked with a church in San Diego to organize car washes to raise money to put in other inmates' commissary accounts, which allowed them to buy hygiene supplies or materials to write letters, Madson said.

"He accepted that he was going to serve a life sentence, but he wanted to make the most of it while he had the chance," Madson said. "And so I took that, and I thought I had received a life sentence under the influence of drugs, but now I've been given another chance, and I need to do something with it."

About 13 years ago, authorities released Madson from prison after serving half of his sentence. He spent four months on parole in the San Fernando Valley before a judge granted his request to be transferred to Lompoc.

For Madson, this was a chance to start over and become someone new. He moved in with his grandparents and enrolled at Allan Hancock College to work toward earning an addiction studies certificate.

After becoming certified, he began working at Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center, where he eventually became the director of programming. While in this position he created numerous addiction treatment programs in North County, and expanded the number of clients the center serves from 150 to 700.

Madson eventually left this position to work for Family Service Agency in Santa Maria, where he helped develop a substance abuse program focused on 12- to 24-year-olds. He's currently employed as the program services manager at the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in Santa Barbara. But when Future opens, running the center will become his full-time gig.

Over the last decade, Madson has received awards and recognition from the community, which is something he previously didn't think was possible.

"It's a miracle that somebody like me who had no hope, now I make a difference in people's lives," Madson said. "I'm a member of the community in a positive way, not like what they labeled me years ago."

For Harrington, his path to this project started with his parents. He said his mother grew up extremely poor, and his father's family lost everything during the Great Depression, but yet, they always stressed the importance of helping other people.

Despite the humble beginnings, Harrington earned his degree in the Bay Area as a first-generation college student and moved to Lompoc 40 years ago. He then spent 20 years working in the aerospace industry before becoming a father

at the age of 42 and leaving his career to work part-time gigs and consultant jobs, so he could spend more time with his family.

Aside from his parents, he points to becoming a father as the inspiration behind helping Lompoc's youth. After his daughter graduated from high school in Lompoc, she went on to Stanford University where she's since completed her undergraduate degree and is now working on her graduate degree.

"I would think about what we were able to do for her and go, 'You know what, I can't pay for that kid to go to Stanford, but can I maybe try to get them in that direction if that's where they want to go?'" Harrington said.

To further this goal, he joined the Allan Hancock College Foundation board of directors and began mentoring students enrolled in the college. He's also a board member on the Lompoc Unified School District Community Education Foundation, Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, and the Lompoc Family YMCA Finance Committee.

"Being in my community as long as I have been, it just pulled me in that direction," Harrington said. "There's this common theme of youth, education, justice, equal chance."

Madson and Harrington acknowledge that this center isn't going to provide any quick fixes for Lompoc's problems. Instead, they're hoping to help improve lives one at a time. But Madson said that he believes empowering and providing opportunities to the city's youth will benefit the community as a whole.

"I'm hoping that just by changing one youth at a time, we're changing the community of Lompoc," Madson said. ☐

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COMMUNITY INPUT: People from various professions that affect and interact with youth are serving on Future's advisory council.



RESTORING HOPE: For the youth who don't view Lompoc as a place with opportunities, the Future center aims to restore their hope.

homework or somebody to talk to.

"We don't really have a singular place for our community's latchkey, single-parent household, or disconnected families," Osborne said.

Another member of the advisory council, Devika Stalling, who is also the director of the United Boys and Girls Club in Lompoc, said she believes this project is coming along at the perfect time. Stalling was born in Lompoc and notes how the level of violence in the city is much different than when she was young.

"I think back to the times of when I grew up here, how we walked around everywhere in town and now me being a mother of a teenage daughter, I don't let my daughter walk anywhere," Stalling said.

While speaking with younger people in the community, Stalling said she hears a lot about a sense of hopelessness, but she also hears from students who want to stay in Lompoc and help improve the city.

She's hoping that Future can help restore this sense of hope by understanding what the needs of the city's youth are and how to fill those gaps. But she said the center is also an opportunity to educate students on some job opportunities that already exist, such as at Vandenberg Air Force

Madson and Harrington are trying to create a center that can be everything for everybody, the basic goal for Future is to create a safe space where students can be connected to resources.

"Chuck and Tim have come up with a concept that provides hopes and open doors to any student who wants to take advantage of that," Osborne said. "And that hasn't happened here in a long time."

Years of giving back

Although Madson and Harrington began working on Future about two years ago, they've both been preparing for this project for much longer.

Madson said he decided to dedicate his career to helping other people while in Calipatria State Prison almost two decades ago. Madson—who is originally from the Los Angeles area—was addicted to methamphetamine for years while maintaining a steady job and being a husband and father.

But after his mother—who was living in Lompoc at the time—passed away from a brain tumor, Madson left his job and his family to

Misinformation virus

Hey guys, we're all going to die because of COVID-19—aka, coronavirus. Wait, actually, we're not all going to die. In fact, most people probably aren't even going to be affected.

People are just losing their minds over the possibility that even one person in Santa Barbara County might be infected by it because they literally have *nothing better to worry about*. Apparently, paper towels and toilet paper are key to germ protection and longevity of life, because Santa Maria's Walmart—yes, Walmart, people!—was nearly out of both on Monday, March 2, according to the *Santa Maria Times*.



Wow, everyone. It's not a pandemic you need to be worried about; it looks like panic is the thing that's infectious ... and spreading. Suzanne Grimesey from the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness told the *Times* that people should limit their news intake about the coronavirus to help prevent "emotional contagion." That's something that I feel comfortable referring to as stupidity, irrational decision-making, following the social media leader, and not being responsible for your intake of information.

Meanwhile, county Public Health Department Public Information Officer Jackie Ruiz and Santa Maria Joint Union High School District spokesperson Kenny Klein were dealing with the fallout from a hoax circulating on social media—yes, that's where that misinformation virus spreads like a pandemic, people!—saying there were four cases of coronavirus in the county, two of which were supposedly at Santa Maria High School.

Nope. Sorry, toilet paper pinchers. It's official; there aren't any cases in the county. Although, I could be wrong. I just get my information from official public health sources. Have you checked your social media feeds lately?

But it *is* time to get those "social distancing" plans in place, according to county public health. Social distancing, huh? I don't remember if that was a thing during the SARS epidemic, and I try to block out all of the information I consumed during the bird flu epidemic, because I still have nightmares about it.

However, it sounds like a prime-time excuse not to hang out with those people you keep canceling dinner plans on. Skip work, skip school, skip the cruise. Yep. You don't need to do a thing. As long as you've got your paper towels and that 50-pound bag of rice, you don't even have to fly the coop.

Lucky for some Guadalupe residents, all that toilet paper and social distancing could come in handy. At least for those residents dealing with sewage issues (estimated to be half of city citizens), who have had overflow and other plumbing problems. Eww.

Think there's been a run on plungers in Guadalupe since the city put that press release out? You've gotta be prepared, you know?

But the city's got a plan to upgrade its failing sewer system and announced plans to request \$3.2 million in funding from the state Department of Housing and Community Development. So, the city might fix it. Or, it might not.

It's kind of a crapshoot. Pun absolutely intended. ☺

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SOMEWHERE THAT'S GREEN

The Santa Maria Public Library Garden Club, in partnership with the Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County, hosts its next Grow Getters program on Saturday, March 21, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Guests can learn a variety of gardening tips during this informative meeting, which also includes a succulent exchange. The library is located at 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria. Call (805) 925-0994, Ext. 8562 for more info.

—Caleb Wiseblood

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the Kiwanis Santa Maria Valley Foundation. Features food, drinks, and live entertainment. **March 15**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$12.50. 805-720-6711. Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

GROVER BEACH COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK SALE Bring the family and browse our wide selection of authors and genres. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., local nonprofits and educators take home books free of charge. Bring a teacher ID, or a business card or brochure from your nonprofit. **March 14**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 805-481-4131. Grover Beach Community Library, 240 N 9th St., Grover Beach.

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

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 Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

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

COMPUTER DROP-IN WORKSHOP This is a drop-in workshop. Patrons will be able to choose the computer topics they would like to cover. **March 18**, 5-6 p.m. 805-925-0994 ext. 8562. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

CREATIVE ART TUESDAYS Meet other artists and support and critique others' works. Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. \$1. Oasis 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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

ALMA ROSA CELEBRATES JULIA CHILD'S GUIDE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY Join us in the tasting room for delicious small bites prepared by Valley Piggy paired with Alma Rosa Wines. Walk-ins welcome. **March 14**, 12-4 p.m. \$20. 805-691-9395. Alma Rosa Winery, 181 C Industrial Way, Buellton.

BUELLTON WINE AND CHILI FESTIVAL 2020 Taste beer and wine from over 30 wineries and craft breweries from all over the Central Coast and cuisine from 25 different chili and salsa cooks. Also features live music and games. **March 15**, 12-4:30 p.m. \$15-\$50. 805-448-7070. buelltonwineandchillfestival.com. Flying Flags RV Resort and Campground, 180 Avenue Of The Flags, Buellton.

NATURETRACK FILM FESTIVAL The Third Annual NatureTrack Film Festival (NTFF) returns to Los Olivos. Entries are thoughtfully curated and selected to "ignite passion for nature through film." **March 20**, 5-10 p.m., **March 21**, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and **March 22**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$10 per ticket. 805-886-2047. naturetrackfilmfestival.org. Lavinia Campbell Park, 2398 Alamo Pintado Ave., Los Olivos.

LOMPOC/VANDEBERG

TRADITIONAL MISSION LIFE DAY Join the costumed docents and staff for an opportunity to observe and participate in the craft activities that supplied the needs of the mission residents. Demonstrated crafts may include: tortilla making, candle making, soap making, carpentry, pottery, and blacksmithing. **March 14**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. explorelompoc.com. La Purisima Mission, 2295 Purisima Mission, Lompoc.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

OASIS GALA AT SANTA MARIA FAIRPARK Presented by the Oasis Center. Check website for more details. **March 20**, 5:30 p.m. oasisorcutt.org. Santa Maria Fairpark, 937 S. Thornburg St., Santa Maria.

SIERRA CLUB HIKE ON ADOBE SPRINGS TRAIL This is a 5 mile hike near Cuyama Valley. Bring water and snacks. Leashed dogs allowed. **March 14**, 9 a.m. None. 805-934-2792. Adobe Springs Trailhead, Highway 166, 21 miles east of Hwy 101, Santa Maria.

SPRING FASHION SHOW Hosted by the Oasis Center. Check website for more details. **March 19**, noon oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: 100 YEARS OF

OBSTETRICS In recognition of Women's History Month and the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th amendment, the Library and the American Association of University Women, present an historical perspective of the past 100 years of Obstetrics. Guest speaker: Dr. William H. Clewell. **March 14**, 1:30-4 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

A CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE Join the Five Cities-Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW for a lighthearted and informative program. **March 16**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 805-594-1249. Women's Club of Arroyo Grande, 211 Vernon St., Arroyo Grande.

THE TRUTH ABOUT LIVING TO BE 100 Living to be 80, 90, 100 and beyond is a new reality for which few have planned. Get answers to questions on how to live today, while preparing for the future. Hear the experts discuss health, fitness, relationships, and the importance of social connections. **March 12**, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. 805-710-2415. seacoastseniors.org/. Hilton Garden Inn, 601 James Way, Pismo Beach.

THE WRITE YOUR DEEP AF BOOK HOEDOWN Special guest writing coaches will instruct this day-long seminar on writing books. **March 21**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Starts at \$797. my805fix.com. Dolphin Bay Resort, 2727 Shell Beach Road, Pismo Beach.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

BINGO BONANZA 2020 Presented by the Women's Alliance of SLO, the 27th annual Bingo Bonanza offers 10 rousing games of Bingo each with a handcrafted prize basket (values ranging from \$150-\$300) for every winner. **March 21**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Varies. Veteran's Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, (510) 285-6221.

BIRDS OF SLO 2019: PART 1 A two-part slide show featuring outstanding images of over 200 species of birds taken last

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 newtimesslo.com. You may also email calendar@newtimesslo.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@newtimesslo.com.

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Comedy Magic
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D'Anbino
Tasting Room

Friday Night March 13th
Showtime 8PM

Headlining
Comedy Magician
Justin Rivera



**Concert for
Peace
with Yuval Ron**
SATURDAY,
MARCH 14
Congregation
Beth David



**Guttermouth
Concert
at the Castle**
SATURDAY,
MARCH 14
Tooth & Nail
Winery

Friday Night March 13th
Showtime 8PM



To Gillian on her 37th Birthday
MARCH 13-29
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Ballroom



12 Angry Jurors
MARCH 13-APRIL 5
By The Sea
Productions



Zoo Trivia Night
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Charles
Paddock Zoo



**Barrel Room Concert:
Damon Castillo Band**
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
CASS Winery



**Barfly St. Patricks Day
Sunday Celebration**
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
D'Anbino Tasting Room

The Red Velvet Cake War
MARCH 13-19
Santa Maria
Civic Theatre



Double Bass and Friends
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
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Morro Bay WILD
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
Wildlife
Rehabilitation Center



Bingo Bonanza
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
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**The Write Your Deep
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SUNDAY, MARCH 22
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In Concert: Korby Lenker
TUESDAY, MARCH 24
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Palette



ZINfully Delicious
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Tooth & Nail
Winery



**INCENDIO
Summoning the Muse**
SUNDAY, MARCH 29
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**Eat Pray F* You
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**The Eat Pray F* You
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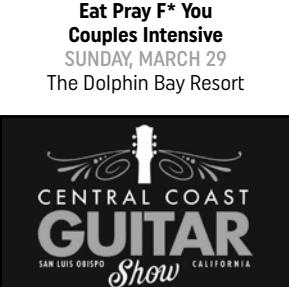
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Monarch Club
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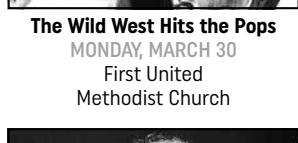
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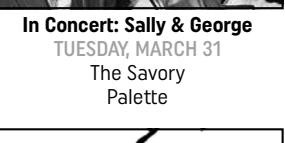
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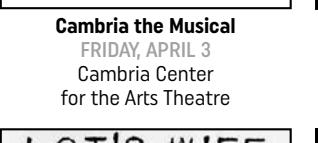
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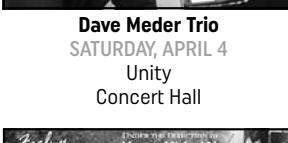
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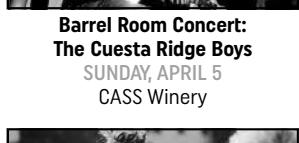
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**Soaring Masterpieces:
Fate and Destiny**
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**Women's Only
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SATURDAY, APRIL 18
SleepingTiger Fitness



**Rolling Stones Tribute
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Wines, Pines and Felines
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INDIVIDUAL PAINTERS No instructor. Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon \$1. Oasis Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

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

INTRODUCTORY BALLET 2 Wednesdays, 6 p.m. and Fridays. everybodycandance.webs.com. Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.

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—C.W.

academy offers private lessons by the hour or half hour for all age groups and ability. ongoing 805-925-0464. Coelho Academy of Music, 325 E. Betteravia Rd., Santa Maria.

PRESCHOOL CRAFT TIME EXPRESS Come to the library for a craft time designed for preschoolers aged 3-5. With a little help from a caregiver, create a craft to help develop fine motor skills. **March 12**, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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 Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

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Each session will cover different mediums and subjects. Registration is required prior to attendance. Mondays, 3:15-4:45 p.m. \$100. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

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2-5 week sessions available. Register online,

call, or email to reserve. Tuesdays, 3:15-4:45 p.m. \$50-\$120 per session. 805-668-2125. lila.community/lilacreativecommunityworkshops/schedules/new-after-school-workshops. LiA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

LET'S GO 3D! MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE Explore the four sculpture types: molded, cast, carved and assembled. Guests will work with clay, plaster, and found objects. Tuesdays, 3:15-4:45 p.m. through March 17 \$100 for all 5 weeks. 805-668-2125. LiA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande, lila.community.

LI LI CLEVER JEWELRY Learn from someone with 25 years of experience designing intricate, highly professional, and exceptionally individualized artisan jewelry. All ages welcome. ongoing \$50 per person. 805-545-9689. Li Li Clever Jewelry, Location varies, Shell Beach.

MOBILE MADNESS Guests will explore simple, yet satisfying ways to create movement in their sculptures. For ages 5 to 6. Mondays, 3:15-4:45 p.m. through April 6 \$100 for all five sessions. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

OPEN STUDIO FOR HOMESCHOoled CHILDREN Includes drawing, painting, sewing, weaving, mixed media, printmaking, and 3-dimensional building in a safe, non-competitive environment. Fridays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. \$20 per hour. 805-668-2125. LiA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande, lila.community.

PLAY EXPLORE CREATE 2 Includes drawing, pastel, watercolor, tempera, collage, printmaking, sewing, and building. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m. & 1:30-3 p.m. \$20. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

TEEN'S OPEN STUDIO: TEEN COMIC CREATION GROUP Teens will collaborate on developing characters, comic strips, backdrops, or 3D models. Thursdays, 3:15-4:45 p.m. \$20. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

SPECIAL ART EVENTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

DEBORAH KALAS: AUTHOR PRESENTATION

A special presentation by acclaimed equine author and photographer Deborah Kalas as she shares her background and highlights from her new book, *The Wild Herd: A Vanishing American Treasure*. **March 15**, 3-4:30 p.m. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. 805-688-1082. wildlilmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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 Campononico and 7th Ave., Guadalupe.

EXHIBITS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

COLOR AND LIGHT Artists Vicki Andersen and Neil Andersson present two artistic visions of the world around us in the featured show at Gallery Los Olivos the month of March. Mondays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through March 31 805-688-7517. Gallery Los Olivos, 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos, gallerylosolivos.com.

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

LEGACY OF DECENCY A new art exhibition showcasing rare prints by Rembrandt. Through May 24 elverhoj.org. Elverhoj Museum of History and Art, 1624 Elverhoj Way, Solvang, 805-686-1211.

NEIL ANDERSSON Andersson is the gallery's featured artist for the month of March. Through March 31 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. wildlilmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION: SECOND SATURDAY ARTISANS Applications to be

a featured artist will be accepted throughout the series. Second Saturday of every month, 12-5 p.m. Free. 805-688-7338. santaynezvalleyarts.org. Santa Ynez Valley Grange Hall, 2374 Alamo Pintado, Los Olivos.

STARRY NIGHTS: VISIONS OF THE NIGHT SKY

Celebrates the awe-inspiring beauty and mystery of the night across a range of media, including painting and photography, as well as poetry curated by Dan Gerber. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through June 15 Free-\$5. 805-688-1082. wildlilmuseum.org/news/starry-nights-vision-of-the-night-sky. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

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: PHOTOGRAPHER ANDREW KLEIN

The Santa Maria Public Library will be exhibiting the photography of Central Coast photographer, Andrew Klein. 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 April 30 Free. 805-925-0994. 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

College Dr., Santa Maria, 805-928-7731, pcpa.org.

THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR In this riotously funny Southern-fried comedy, the three Verdeen cousins—Gaynelle, Peaches, and Jimmie Wyvette—could not have picked a worse time to throw their family reunion. **March 13-29** my805tix.com. Santa Maria Civic Theatre, 1660 N. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY? 90 minutes of hilarious improvised comedy and song all based on audience suggestions. **March 14**, 8-9:30 p.m. \$47-\$77. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org/event/whose-live-anyway/. Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

AUDITIONS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

AUDITIONS: LOT'S WIFE For Orcutt Community Theater's staged reading of an original play by Dixie Arthur. Needed: 3 women, 4 men. Performance dates: April 17, 18, 19. **March 16**, 7-9 p.m. and **March 17**, 7-9 p.m. 805-937-3738. Orcutt Community Theater (Klein Dance Arts), 3546 Skyway Dr., Bldg. 1, Suite A, Orcutt, orcuttcommunitytheater.com.

IMAGE COURTESY OF GALLERY LOS OLIVOS



LET THE SUNSHINE IN

Gallery Los Olivos presents *Color and Light*, a new duo exhibition, through Monday, March 30. This exhibit showcases a variety of landscapes and other paintings by local artists Vicki Andersen and Neil Andersson. The gallery is located at 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos. Call (805) 688-7517 or visit gallerylosolivos.com for more details.

—C.W.

Dworaczyk, to spotlight local art and artists. Each show includes an artist reception. ongoing Ameriprise Financial, 2605 S Miller St., suite 104, Santa Maria.

CALLS FOR ARTISTS

SAN LUIS OBISPO

CALL FOR ARTISTS: HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

IS Accepting art for Art Central's open exhibit this May and June. Seeking interpretations of what inspires you about your home, whether that is near or far. This show is open to all mediums. Through April 29, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Cost dependent on artwork size. 805-747-4200. artcentralartsupply.com/Gallery.php. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: ROMANCING THE ADOBES

This California-wide juried exhibition features artworks celebrating the historic California Adobes and the California lifestyle. Artists are welcome to explore whatever subject matter they wish in regards to the Adobes. All 2D media is eligible. Through May 3, noon 805-543-8562. artist.calforentry.org. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

STAGE

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

GROUND OPERATIONS: SCREENING AND Q-AND-A

This film follows an ensemble of young veterans and their transition from the military, to life in sustainable farming. After the screening, patrons will be to talk to the director, Dulanie Ellis. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult to attend films.

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CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

LECTURES & LEARNING

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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

LOMPOC/VANDEMBERG

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

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Festival Passes, Special Event Tickets and our Festival Guide are available at the Festival HQ and online at:

SLOFILMFEST.ORG
AND FESTIVAL HQ – HOTEL SLO
(entrance on Morro St.)

Pass holders receive priority entry to all screenings.

Rush tickets may be purchased at each venue before showtime based on availability.

Please check slofilmfest.org for updates and announcements.

EVENT SCHEDULE | MARCH 17-22



TUESDAY, MARCH 17 OPENING NIGHT

Nashville Comes to SLO with a screening of **IT ALL BEGINS WITH A SONG: THE STORY OF THE NASHVILLE SONGWRITER**, followed by Q&A and live performances by Jade Jackson and Jude Johnson. Fremont Theatre. 7pm. Pre-Party at Luna Red at 5pm for Full Access Passholders.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 CENTRAL COAST FILMMAKER SHOWCASE

We are very proud to showcase this eclectic mix of films written, directed and produced by residents of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Monterey Counties. Awards will be presented to winning films on Sunday, March 22 at the Fremont Theatre. Most Central Coast films screen on Wednesday, and filmmakers are celebrated at a Red Carpet mixer at the Festival Lounge.

HOLLYWOOD & VINES EVENT: THE CHEF AND BREAKING BREAD

BREAKING BREAD is a visually beautiful film offers a recipe for tolerance and hope. Combine Arab and Jewish chefs and ask them to collaborate on mouthwatering local dishes. This is what the first Muslim Arab to wine Israel's MasterChef competition did, on a quest to effect social change. Short film **THE CHEF** screens first. The Rock. 7pm. Also screens at The Rock on Thursday at 1pm. Both screenings offer complimentary Middle East themed appetizers too! More Hollywood & Vines Events can be found at slofilmfest.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 THE GEORGE SIDNEY INDEPENDENT FILM COMPETITION

This is the main fare of the Festival and although some screen on Wednesday, most screen Thursday through Sunday and are eligible for juried awards, presented on Saturday evening, and Audience Choice Awards presented at Closing Night. Screening schedule and descriptions for all films in competition available at slofilmfest.org and in printed Festival Guides.

THE COASTAL AWAKENING: A TRIBUTE TO PHILIP GLASS

The Coast Awakening celebrates the indigenous counter-culture of the central coast and this year's focus is on three films featuring the life and art of avant-garde "classical" composer and pianist Philip Glass. **GLASS: A PORTRAIT OF PHILIP IN TWELVE PARTS** – 1:15pm followed by **KOYAANISQATSI** at 4:15pm and **KUNDUN** at 7:15pm. All movies screen at the Palm Theatre.



OCTAGON BARN MOVIE NIGHT

Come and see the newly renovated historic dairy barn on the edge of SLO, and enjoy great wines, beer and an Old San Luis BBQ dinner, followed by **WALKIN' CALIFORNIA: PISMO PRESERVE** and the highly acclaimed **THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM**. Event begins at 5:30pm.

STRAIGHT FROM SUNDANCE...

We grabbed two exciting new films from the recent Sundance Film Festival! **DISCLOSURE: TRANS LIVES ON SCREEN** is an unprecedented look at transgender depictions in film and TV, featuring Laverne Cox and many other notable trans personalities. Downtown Cinemas. 7pm. Also don't miss **DINNER IN AMERICA**, a nihilist punk comedy, screening at the Rock on Friday at 9pm and the Fremont on Sunday at 4pm.



MOVIE NIGHT IN PASO

Three new indie movies of varying lengths, all filmed in the Paso Robles area are the focus for this event at the Park Cinemas, starting at 7pm. After-party hosted by Jeffry's Wine Country BBQ

FRIDAY, MARCH 20



FRIDAY NIGHT IN PASO

At the Justin Downtown Tasting Room on the park, a pre-movie reception will include their incredible wines and Mexican-themed appetizers. A short walk from there, the Park Cinemas will screen **NOTHING FANCY: DIANA KENNEDY**, a wonderful whirlwind tour through the life and work of the 97-year-old cookbook author and environmental activist who has spent her life mastering Mexican cuisine. Pre-party at 5:30pm, movie at 7pm.



SURF NITE IN SLO

Brent Storm's award winning **WHITE RHINO** is the focus of this year's 15th annual Surf Nite, with North Shore surfer Dave Wassel, surf photographer Brian Bielmann, and the filmmakers in attendance. Opening film, **93: LETTERS FROM MARGE** will be introduced by pioneer surfer Linda Benson. Fremont Theater. 7pm.

RED-EYE CINEMA

Our new addition to SLO Film Fest 2020 is a late-night series of genre films that push the envelope a bit. If you're into edgy cinema, come out to The Rock on Thursday and Friday nights for some great films and special guests. SLO Brew Rock's restaurant, bar and new distillery will be open for drinks and nibbles. 9pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

SURF & SWIM FILMS AT THE BAY THEATRE

Start your day by diving in to two films about water sports in Morro Bay. **WATERPROOF** chronicles highly respected lifeguards who ensure the safety of residents and tourists on Long Island, NY. **SPOONS: A SANTA BARBARA STORY** focuses on the surfers, filmmakers and surf board shapers in Santa Barbara. Bay Theatre. 11am.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

From cinematography to acting to how to make a movie in SLO County, there are a variety of ways you can learn more about the finer points of making a film, besides what you'll learn from Q&A's at almost all festival screenings. Panels begin at 9am at the Odd Fellow's Hall. Check schedule for full details on weekend offerings.



CLASSIC MEXICAN CINEMA – ENAMORADA

This newly remastered classic from the UCLA Archives can be seen on the Big Screen at the Fremont Theatre. Featuring 1930's Cal Poly grad Pedro Armendariz in the leading role, this is the story of a revolutionary soldier who falls into a difficult love affair in the town of Cholula. After the movie, he will receive a posthumous award presented to LA's Mexican Consulate by Cal Poly President Jeffrey Armstrong.



FILMMAKER AND KING VIDOR AWARDS NIGHT

Join us for our most festive evening as we celebrate independent filmmakers with awards presented by major festival sponsors, followed by our annual presentation of the 2020 King Vidor Award. This year's honoree is writer/director/producer Lawrence Kasdan, and he will sit down to talk about his impressive career with TCM host, Ben Mankiewicz. Kasdan's **STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK** will screen after that and the SLO Museum of Art will host the after-party. Fremont Theatre. 7pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

FILMMAKERS OF TOMORROW SHOWCASE

Featuring short films made by young people 18 years and under, both local and global, this special screening is free to all students. Downtown Cinemas. 1pm. *Cash awards will be presented at the Fremont Theatre later at 6pm.*

THE BIG PARADE

Directed by the namesake of our annual award, King Vidor's 1925 classic will remind you why the SLO Film Fest has been celebrating his long career for 26 years! Palm Theatre. 3pm.



CLOSING NIGHT

Awards and **BANANA SPLIT**

Awards will be presented to Central Coast and youth filmmakers, and Audience Award winners, followed by the Spotlight Award! Then 26 yr. old Hannah Marks, actress/writer/producer of **BANANA SPLIT**, will introduce her newest film **BANANA SPLIT**. Fremont Theater. 6pm.

**FESTIVAL PASSES
EVENT TICKETS
COMPLETE SCREENING SCHEDULE
AND INFORMATION**

SLOFILMFEST.ORG

MARCH 19, 2-4 p.m. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

SIMPLE SPANISH Instructor based Spanish class for beginners. Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. 805-937-9750. Oasis 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.

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.

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.

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FAMILY VALUES

The Santa Maria Valley Genealogical Society holds its next monthly meeting at the Santa Maria Family History Center on Thursday, March 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome to come and learn how they can find out more about their own family histories. The group meets every third Thursday. The History Center is located at 908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria. Visit smvgs.org for more details.

—C.W.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

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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, CA.

SCLERODERMA SUPPORT GROUP MEETING A support group for those who have Scleroderma or those

who love someone with Scleroderma. **NOV. 17**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. 805-878-6261. St. John's Lutheran Church, 959 Valley Rd., Arroyo Grande.

CREATE & LEARN

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

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

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.

CHI GONG Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. Unity Chapel of Light Church, 1165 Stubblefield Rd., Orcutt, 805-937-3025, unitysantamarria.net/.

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.

SPORTS

SAN LUIS OBISPO

CAL POLY BASEBALL VS OKLAHOMA The Mustangs take on a nationally ranked Oklahoma at Baggett Stadium. **MARCH 12**, 6 p.m. gopoly.com/. It's a Blackout game, so wear black and be one of the first 1500 fans at the game to receive a black rally towel. **MARCH 13**, 6 p.m. gopoly.com/. Celebrate Pi Day with Cal Poly Baseball at Baggett Stadium. **MARCH 14**, 4 p.m. gopoly.com/. It's Youth Day, so all kids 13 and under get in for free, and can run the bases and get autographs after the game. **MARCH 15**, 1 p.m. gopoly.com/. Baggett Stadium, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, 805-756-7297.

KIDS & FAMILY

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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.

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

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

PAWS TO READ Children aged 6 to 12 can read to book loving dogs. Registration begins one week before the program. **MARCH 16**, 3:30-5 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

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

SPIRITUAL

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

A COURSE IN MIRACLES Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon Unity Chapel of Light Church, 1165 Stubblefield Rd., Orcutt, 805-937-3025, unitysantamarria.net/.

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.

SUNDAY SERVICES Non-denominational. All are welcome. Sundays, 11 a.m.-noon Unity Chapel of Light Church, 1165 Stubblefield Rd., Orcutt, 805-937-3025, unitysantamarria.net/.

VOLUNTEERS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

SAN LUIS OBISPO

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT: MONTHLY VOLUNTEER TRAINING Help out in your neighborhood by connecting with older adults that need a little extra help. **MARCH 21**, 10 a.m.-noon 805-547-7025. Wilshire Community Services, 285 South St., suite J, San Luis Obispo, wilshirecommunityservices.org.



DANCE OFF

The fourth annual Dance Lompoc takes place at the Andersen Rec Center on Saturday, March 21, at 5 p.m. Five pairs of Lompoc locals will compete in a Dancing with the Stars-style competition to raise money for their respective charities. Guests can enjoy dinner, dessert, and a no-host wine and beer bar during the performances. Admission is \$65. Visit lompoc.com for more info.

—C.W.

QUARTERLY VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE WITH WILSHIRE

Learn about all the ways you can volunteer with Wilshire Health and Community Services. Become educated on the soulfulness of volunteering. **MARCH 20**, 10 a.m.-noon 805-547-7025. Wilshire Community Services, 285 South St., suite J, San Luis Obispo, wilshirecommunityservices.org.

FOOD & DRINK

FARMERS MARKETS

LOMPOC/VANDEBERG

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

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

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

Farmers Market, Bradley Road, Orcutt.

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

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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.

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.

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

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

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

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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

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

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Live Music

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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

March 14, 5-8 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

CHANCE MAKERS LIVE Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed.

March 13, 6-9 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

DANNY MILSAP AND THE ONLY CASH TRIBUTE BAND LIVE March 14, 8-11 p.m.

Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

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 A tribute to grunge, pop-punk, and alt-rock of the '90s, including Nirvana, Green Day, Pearl Jam, Sublime, No Doubt, Oasis, and other acts.

March 15, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

JOHN FOGERTY LIVE March 13 Chumash Casino Resort, 3400 E. Highway 246, Santa Ynez, 800-248-6274, chumashcasino.com/entertainment.

JOHN LYLE LIVE Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed.

March 21, 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.

March 22, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

ODDLY STRAIGHT LIVE Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed.

March 14, 1-4 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

PATRICK SWEANY LIVE Doors open at 7 p.m.

March 13, 7:30 p.m. \$20. Standing Sun Wines, 92 2nd St., Unit D, Buellton, 805-691-9413, standingsunwines.com.

RANDY DELUNE LIVE March 15, 1-5 p.m. 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. **March 21**, 5-8 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

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HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE RAIN? Rock 'n' roll legend John Fogerty performs at the Chumash Casino Resort on Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m.



'90S THROWBACK: 1990s grunge, punk, and alternative rock tribute band Flannel 101 performs at the Maverick Saloon on Friday, March 13, at 8:30 p.m., and at the Cold Spring Tavern on Sunday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m.

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SAINT PATRICK: Blues, folk, and soul artist Patrick Sweany performs at Standing Sun Winery on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Staying south

Take a chance, take a chance, take a chance on indie band **The Chance Makers**, who make their way to Cold Spring Tavern on **Friday, March 13**, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This folk-rock trio features Kevin McGarry on guitar and vocals, Casey McGarry on drums and vocals, and Clayton Doyle on bass. The tavern also hosts Americana

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STRING THEORY: Classic and contemporary rock cover band Different Strings performs at the Naughty Oak Brewing Company on Friday, March 13, at 7 p.m.

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group **Oddly Straight** on Saturday, March 14, from 1 to 4 p.m., followed by eclectic rock band **Back Pocket**, who take the stage from 5 to 8 p.m. Cold Spring's lineup concludes with blues, rags,

and good time duo **Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan**, who play their regular weekly set on Sunday, March 15, from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Then, 1990s tribute band **Flannel 101** follows with a show from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. This outfit (pun intended) covers everything from '90s grunge to alternative rock, playing hits from Nirvana, Green Day, Sublime, No Doubt, Oasis, and other artists. Admission to every show at the tavern is complimentary. The venue is located at 5995 Stagecoach Road, Santa Barbara. Call (805) 967-0066 or visit coldspringtavern.com for more info.

Where the tavern ends, the Maverick Saloon begins, as the aforementioned Flannel 101 kicks off the neighboring venue's weekend series on Friday, March 13, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The homage trend continues with **Danny Milsap and The Only Cash Tribute Band**, who cover Johnny Cash's

biggest hits at the saloon on Saturday, March 14, from 8 to 11 p.m. Solo artist **Randy LeDune** performs the following afternoon, Sunday, March 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. Entry to all three performances is complimentary. The Maverick is located at 3687 Sagunto St., suite D, Santa Ynez. To find out more about upcoming artists at the saloon, call (805) 686-6785 or visit themavsaloon.com.

Also in the Santa Ynez Valley, blues, folk, and soul artist **Patrick Sweany** performs at Standing Sun Winery in Buellton on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Described in press materials as "a musical omnivore," Sweany spent his early years "devouring" every popular music sound of the last 70 years. These components became the ingredients behind his own unique, eclectic blend of genres. Tickets to the concert range from \$20 to \$25 and doors open at 7 p.m. The winery is located at 92 Second St., unit D, Buellton. Call (805) 691-9413 or visit standingsunwines.com for more details.

More music

The Lompoc Concert Association is bringing internationally renowned flutist

Jeannine Goeckeritz to the Central Coast, for a performance at the First United Methodist Church on Friday, March 13. The acclaimed solo artist is currently the principal flutist with the Orchestra at Temple Square, in Salt Lake City. Tickets to the concert are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. To find out more about the show and other upcoming performances, call (805) 588-5971 or visit lompocconcert.org. The church is located at 925 N. F St., Lompoc.

Classic and contemporary rock cover band **Different Strings** performs at the Naughty Oak Brewing Company in Old Town Orcutt on Friday, March 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission to the show is free, but dinner from Barbecue in the Stix will be available for purchase starting at 5:30 p.m. Call the brewery at (805) 314-2368 or visit naughtyoak.com to find out more. Naughty Oak is located at 165 S. Broadway St., suite 102, Orcutt. ○

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purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **March 20**, 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.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

LOMPOC CONCERT ASSOCIATION: JEANNINE GOECKERITZ Renowned solo flutist Jeannine Goeckeritz graces the stage during this performance. Presented by the LCA. **March 13**, 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$25. 805-588-5971. lompocconcert.org. First United Methodist Church, 925 North F St., Lompoc.

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

DANTE MARSH AND THE VIBE SETTERS LIVE Musician-in-Residence at the winery for the month of March. Fridays, 4:30-7:30 p.m. through March 27 Complimentary. Presqu'ile Winery, 5391 Presqu'ile Dr., Santa Maria, 805-937-8110, presquilewine.com.

DIFFERENT STRINGS LIVE **March 13**, 7 p.m. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S Broadway St. suite 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663, naughtyoak.com.

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

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

LAS CAFETERAS: ROOTS, RHYTHM, AND RHYME FROM EAST LA Using traditional Son Jarocho instruments, Las Cafeteras sing in English, Spanish, and Spanglish while adding a remix of sounds, from rock to hip-hop to rancheras, using music as a vehicle to bridge cultures and communities. Their music tells modern day stories with a positive message. **March 14**, 7-8 p.m. Free. 805-343-2455. facebook.com/VivaelArteSB/. Guadalupe City Hall, 918 Obispo St., Guadalupe.

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 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, osullivanspub.net.

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

"The Duchess of the Blues" will be sitting in with The Jump Jax for this special show. **March 18**, 7-10 p.m. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach, puffersofpismo.com/.

DULCIE TAYLOR, GEORGE NAUFUL, AND TRACY MORGAN Dulcie Taylor will be bringing her amazing originals and covers to Puffers of Pismo. Accompanied by George Nauful, guitar and vocals, and Tracy Morgan on percussion. **March 15**, 6-9 p.m. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach, puffersofpismo.com/.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC Enjoy live music and food on the patio. Fridays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 805-489-9099. branchstreeetdeli.com. Branch Street Deli, 203 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA With timeless hits such as "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade" and many more, few bands have ever had a personality as well-known and well-loved as The Glenn Miller Orchestra. **March 14**, 3-5 p.m. \$39-\$52. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org. Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

NATALIE MORRELL LIVE Enjoy a stirring set of songs by Natalie Morrell. Her dulcet voice and plucky ukulele will have you enraptured. **March 13**, 4:30-6 p.m. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach, puffersofpismo.com/.

ROBERT HERRERA WITH BRENT WILLIAMS AND ZAC CORNEJO Robert Herrera combines soul musical influences with folk lyricism to create his own unique style. **March 13**, 7-10 p.m. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach, puffersofpismo.com/.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH AND ELVIS PRESLEY Honors the music and the legend of Johnny Cash. Starring Danny Millsap as Johnny Cash and his band, the Hennessee Three. Danny Memphis also truly captures the look, essence, dance moves and natural

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TRIOKAIT LIVE Kait Dunton brings her piano trio, genre-pushing super group, trioKAIT back to Puffer's of Pismo. **March 12**, 7-10 p.m. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach, puffersofpismo.com/.

THE WAVEBREAKERS BAND: LIVE AT BRANCH STREET DELI It's a sound party with all the best pop hits of the 1950s-'80s, featuring two groovy guys and their banjo-carrying gal sidekick. **March 13**, 5:30-8 p.m. Free. 805-489-9099. branchstreetdeli.com. Branch Street Deli, 203 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

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SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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Thursdays Free. Solvang Brewing Company, 1547 Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-2337.

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Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Anthony's, 859 Guadalupe St., Guadalupe, 805-219-0977.

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

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT KARAOKE

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



SPIRITED AWAY

Vino et Amicis Wine Bar in Orcutt presents local musician Nataly Lola on Friday, March 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. This solo artist is also well known for her work with pop group Ghost/Monster. Admission to the concert is free. The bar is located at 165 S. Broadway St., suite 101, Orcutt. Call (805) 631-0496 or visit vinoetamicis.com to find out more.

—Caleb Wiseblood

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BRIAN JEFFREY WITH BART GARDNER ON SAXOPHONE Shell Beach's own Brian Jeffrey with Bart Gardner on Saxophone will be bringing the good vibes in to PoP. **March 14**, 7-10 p.m. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach, puffersofpismo.com/.

BURNING, BAD AND COOL Enjoy southern fried soul, and blues dipped in thick, sweet harmony. **March 19**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach, puffersofpismo.com/.

DEE MILLER AND THE JUMP JAX Minnesota blues singer Dee Miller is frequently referred to as

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SJHS Community Theatre presents *Beauty and the Beast*

The St. Joseph High School (SJHS) Community Theatre opens its production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* Friday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. Performances are held in the school's gymnasium and run for one weekend only (other showings are on Saturday, March 21, at 1 and 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m.).

The plot of this popular stage musical follows Disney's take on the French fairy tale, and features the same songs from the acclaimed animated film (music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Howard Ashman).

Tickets to *Beauty and the Beast* can be purchased online in advance at the school's website: sjhsknights.com. Admission starts at \$15. SJHS is located at 4120 S. Bradley Road, Santa Maria.

David Spade brings stand-up tour to Santa Ynez

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Saturday Night Live alumnus David Spade will perform at the Chumash Casino Resort in Santa Ynez on Friday, March 27, at 8 p.m. The stand-up comedian is also well known for hosting Comedy Central's *Lights Out with David Spade* and his role as Dennis Finch on NBC's *Just Shoot Me*. His film credits include *Tommy Boy*, *Joe Dirt*, *Black Sheep*, and *Grown Ups*. Spade released his memoir, *Almost Interesting*, in 2015, which became a *New York Times* Bestseller.

Tickets to the show, which will be held in the resort's Samala Showroom, range from \$29 to \$59. Call (800) 248-6274 or visit chumashcasino.com for more details. The casino is located at 3400 E. Highway 246, Santa Ynez.

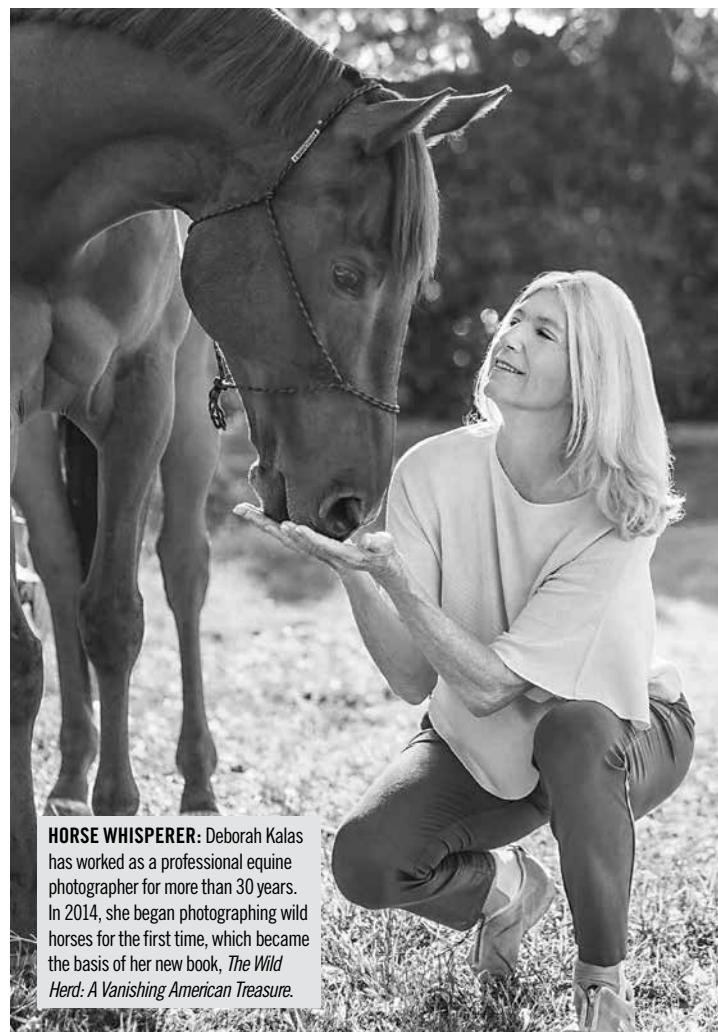
NatureTrack Film Festival returns to Los Olivos

The third annual NatureTrack Film Festival begins screening at multiple venues in Los Olivos on Friday, March 20, and will continue through Sunday, March 22. The festival features more than 60 films, which all explore themes of nature and the relationship between humans and the natural world. Organizers of the festival are planning to incorporate Q-and-A sessions with visiting filmmakers, after showings of their films.

Individual tickets to each screening are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, and \$7 for children (ages 12 and under). An all-access pass, which includes admission to every screening at the festival, is available for \$200. This pass also includes access to the VIP lounge, the opening and closing receptions, and all filmmaker panels.

Part of the proceeds of the festival will benefit the NatureTrack Foundation's outdoor educational field trips. For the full line-up of featured films and more info, call (805) 886-2047 or visit naturetrackfilmfestival.org. O

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HORSE WHISPERER: Deborah Kalas has worked as a professional equine photographer for more than 30 years. In 2014, she began photographing wild horses for the first time, which became the basis of her new book, *The Wild Herd: A Vanishing American Treasure*.

level of discussion. When a newborn foal wakes up from a long nap, it is going to nurse before doing anything else.

"Knowing horses and watching for predictable movement helped me to be in the right place at the right time," Kalas added.

The photographer recalled one specific instance during the project where she waited patiently and silently for one band of horses to awake from napping.

"One band was cooling off underneath an overhanging rock ledge for five hours. They had shade, I didn't," Kalas said. "It wasn't until early evening that they came out. Lots of patience is required."

An accomplished photojournalist, with credits including *LIFE*, *People*, and *New York magazine*, and professional equine photographer over the last three decades, Kalas had plenty of experience working with horses before her North Dakota expedition, just not with the untamed variety.

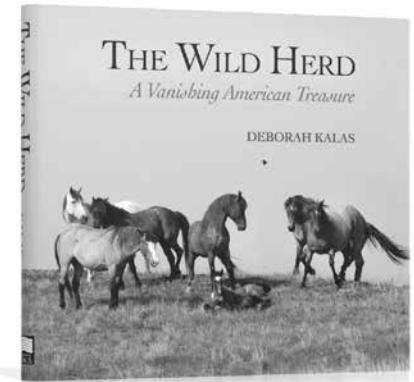
"Ever since I was a young girl, I loved horses. For 30 some years, my focus has always been about the relationships between horses and people," Kalas said. "In June 2014, it broadened to

include wild horses. I had been photographing the horses in North Dakota for over five years. I felt I had enough material to put together a book."

Her background in equine photography also helped Kalas ease into capturing the aforementioned decisive moments of movement and action between the wild horses.

"I spent years photographing show horses jumping over jumps. I am familiar with putting movement together," Kalas said.

Kalas's goal in North Dakota was to capture



AVAILABLE NOW: Hardcover copies of Deborah Kalas' new book, *The Wild Herd: A Vanishing American Treasure*, are available for \$65 each at the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang.

herds of wild horses during each season, to show their character and interactions through the changing weather. Her goal was also to observe wild horses at each stage of their life cycle, from the newborns to the maturing and eldest horses.

"I love watching the young foals play with their siblings," Kalas said, "and the way all the mares can be protective of the little ones."

One reason that inspired Kalas to take the seasonal approach, observing several herds rather than one specific band of horses, was the constant shift of horses within a group over time, she said.

"It's impossible to tell the story of each band since the members of that band are frequently shifting and changing," Kalas said. "No sooner would you publish a book and it would be outdated if categorized according to band stallions and their mares and foals. Horses die, mares are taken by other stallions, there is an ebb and flow."

"I liked the idea of the seasons as a way of observing them in their habitat and how each changing season affected them," Kalas added.

Winter was the most difficult season to shoot during, the photographer recalled, for a variety of reasons.

"Frigid temperature, biting wind, finding access to the horses where you won't freeze in the process," Kalas listed.

But even during the winter, as with the other three seasons, Kalas felt a sense of peace in the North Dakota wilderness. Photographing wild horses in open spaces without a single fence in sight made her feel like an explorer, she said. Kalas compared the feeling to something she imagines early 1900s photographer William Henry Jackson might have experienced, as he captured the American West through the lens of his view camera.

"It is a very calm sense of being home. Of feeling safe. Of feeling surrounded by love and nature," Kalas said. O

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EBB AND FLOW: Recognizing patterns in horse behavior was the key to capturing rare moments of specific interactions between the wild horses of North Dakota, photographer Deborah Kalas said.

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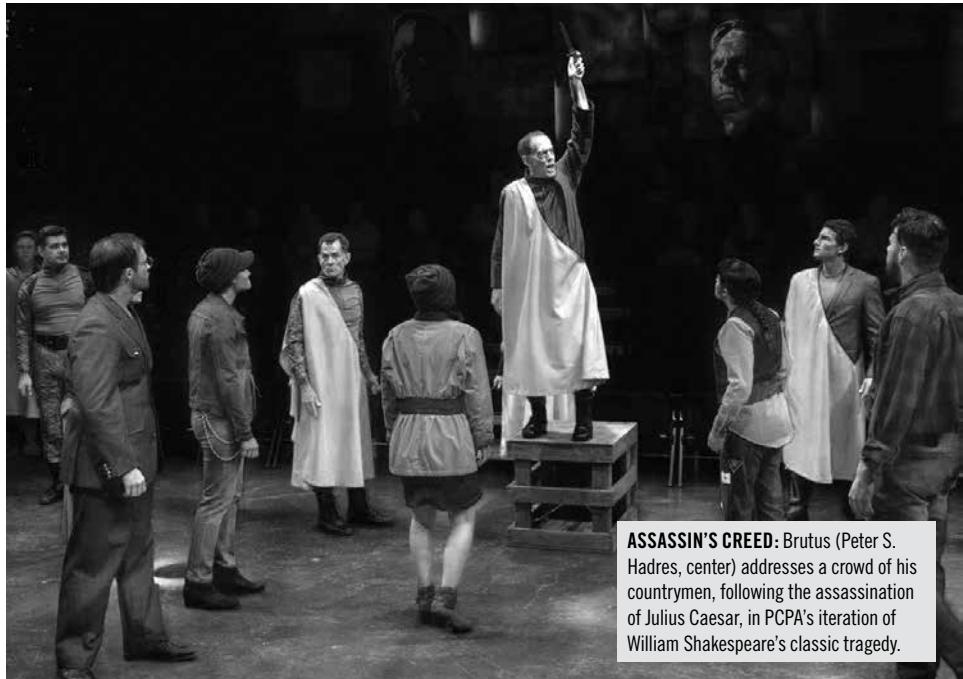
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ASSASSIN'S CREED: Brutus (Peter S. Hadres, center) addresses a crowd of his countrymen, following the assassination of Julius Caesar, in PCPA's iteration of William Shakespeare's classic tragedy.

Knives out

PCPA takes a fresh, thought-provoking stab at Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your fears—the Pacific Conservatory Theatre's (PCPA) production of *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* is here. What better way to spend this year's Ides of March (and through March 22) than with William Shakespeare's quintessential, historical tale of political upheaval?

One key factor I enjoyed about this iteration, helmed by director Mark Booher, is its brooding intimacy. Held in the Severson Theatre, the stage is surrounded on all four sides (unique compared to the thrust stage of the neighboring Marian Theatre, often PCPA's venue of choice). I can't speak for the whole audience, but I felt as if I was part of the crowd onlooking Caesar's (Michael Tremblay) triumphant return to Rome, after a military victory.

The visceral herd mentality feeling reaches its peak at Marc Antony's (Yusef Seavers) stirring funeral speech, presenting Caesar's bloody corpse to the masses; I felt genuinely moved, like most of the Roman commoners in attendance. Seavers is just so damn good, and his speech is all the more powerful when compared to the shared tenacity of his peers, whether they be friends or foes, onstage (the entire cast is brilliant). It's as if I'm truly part of the mob in those moments, ready to revolt against Brutus (Peter S. Hadres), Cassius (Andrew Philpot), Casca (Katie Fuchs-Wackowski), and the other conspirators.

March madness

The Pacific Conservatory Theatre (PCPA) presents its production of William Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* at the Severson Theatre through Sunday, March 22. Tickets to the show range from \$38 to \$50. Call (805) 922-8313 or visit pcpa.org for more info. The Severson is located at Allan Hancock College, 800 S. College Drive, Santa Maria.



RETRIBUTION: Loyal supporter Marc Antony (Yusef Seavers) mourns the death of Julius Caesar (Michael Tremblay) and vows vengeance on Caesar's behalf against the conspirators that assassinated him.

The set, thoughtfully arranged by scenic designer Abby Hogan, supports the timeless atmosphere. Before the show even began, I was immediately intrigued upon entering the theater, especially at the ceiling. At every corner of the venue hangs what appears to be a dead body wrapped in tarp (think the opening scene of *Sicario*), while a statue of Caesar faces us, upside down, attached to the ceiling's center. The walls are adorned with Caesar's image as well, in rectangular prints, which resemble political campaign posters.

In press materials, Booher reflects on the modern tone and refers to *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* as a "play for today."

"It serves as a springboard for us to think about big ideas: power, honor, love, and betrayal, sacrifice, and friendships on an epic scale. Even as someone who loves so many of [Shakespeare's] other plays this is incomparably powerful," Booher said. "You'll turn a page and read a passage and it's shocking how incredibly alive and contemporary this work is. You can't help but be amazed by it." □

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood uses a fork to stab Caesar (the salad). Reach him at cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.

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What's it rated? PG-13

Where's it showing? Stadium 14

NEW Dave Wilson directs this sci-fi action film with Vin Diesel starring as Ray Garrison, a slain soldier brought back to life and outfitted with powers of reanimation, making him indestructible. Unbeknownst to him, he's part of a secret project to carry out extrajudicial killings, though he believes he's avenging his murdered wife. (109 min.)

—Glen Starkey

THE CALL OF THE WILD

What's it rated? PG

What's it worth? Matinee

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

PICK Chris Sanders (*Lilo & Stitch, How to Train Your Dragon, The Croods*) directs screenwriter Michael Green's adaptation of Jack London's classic novel about Buck, a St. Bernard and Scotch shepherd mix that's stolen and sent north to Canada's Klondike during the gold rush, where he's forced to become a sled dog. After many adventures and terrible masters, Buck eventually teams up with John Thornton (Harrison Ford), to whom he develops a fierce loyalty. (100 min.)

—Glen

EMMA

What's it rated? PG

What's it worth? Matinee

Where's it showing? Parks Plaza

PICK Jane Austen's comedic romantic novel, *Emma*, gets adapted to the big screen for the seventh time with Autumn de Wilde directing Eleanor Catton's adaptation. It's 19th century England, and well-meaning but selfish 20-year-old Emma Woodhouse (Any Taylor-Joy), a self-styled matchmaker, goes about her days meddling in the affairs of those around her.

It turns out catching a catch and making the perfect match isn't as easy as it might seem.

Adorned with satin ribbons, corsets, and jewels, Taylor-Joy brings this generation's Emma Woodhouse, Jane Austen's humorously clueless 20-year-old who considers herself to be quite the matchmaker. And yes, in this 2020 adaptation of the classic novel, Emma Woodhouse is still just as handsome, clever, and rich as ever.

If you're old enough to read a book or watch a movie, you probably know how this old story goes. Emma lives with her father in an enormous English manor just a few miles outside London in the early 19th century. She, who tends to think a little too fondly of her own abilities, often finds herself bored by the usual goings on of the tiny town where she lives.

But she, a natural social butterfly, has a knack for manipulation through pure charm, and she entertains

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Looking for the light

Gavin O'Connor (*Warrior, The Accountant*) directs this sports drama written with Brad Ingelsby (*Out of the Furnace, Run All Night*) about an alcoholic former high school basketball star (Ben Affleck) who's offered a coaching job at his alma mater. Can he confront his old demons, redeem himself, and lead his squad to victory? (108 min.)

Glen: It's always tough watching someone self-destruct on film, and the early scenes of Jack Cunningham (Affleck) drinking his way through his days as a bridge construction worker and his nights erasing himself in his local dive bar are pretty depressing. We don't even find out until half way through the film what's driven him to such despair, and I won't ruin it for you, but he's got a pretty good reason to want to numb himself. When he's asked by Father Edward Devine (John Aylward) to take over coaching his old Catholic high school basketball team, Jack is trying to make a team out of a group of misfit players on a failing squad. If you're thinking, "I've seen this film before," you

absolutely have. It's a tried-and-true plot and a familiar character arc, but with O'Connor at the helm and a very committed performance by Affleck, the film overcomes its predictability and delivers an engaging cinematic experience. O'Connor has a facility with sports movies having directed *Miracle* (2004), about the 1980 U.S. Hockey team's victory over the unbeatable Soviets, and *Warrior* (2011), the family drama centered on two brothers facing each other in a mixed martial arts contest. He knows how to film compelling sports sequences as well as capture potent emotional moments. *The Way Back* delivers.

Anna: Affleck has had his own personal problems with alcohol, so Jack's darkness and struggles are ones the actor has shared to at least some degree. Jack's life is repetitive and sad; he hides booze in his coffee cup to get through the workday and pounds beers at night just to pass out. He isn't exactly a loner, but very much alone. He's got friends at the bar who shuffle him home every night, a sister who cares but is incredibly frustrated, and an ex-wife who still has love for him despite their separation. When Father Devine offers the coach position to Jack, he proceeds to get drunk and practice all the ways he can say no, but perhaps a bit of divine

intervention or residual Catholic guilt makes Jack take on the job in the end. His team is sad, too. In fact, the school hasn't made it to the playoffs since Jack was a star on the team. The boys are a bit directionless, unfocused, and embarrassed by their terrible record. It sucks to lose all of the time!

Assistant Coach Dan (Al Madrigal) is Jack's right-hand man, but soon he senses something is amiss with Jack, and even though the team is now winning because of him, Dan can't look away from the fact that the foulmouthed coach often smells like a distillery. When we learn the complicated truths of why Jack blacks the

world out night after night, the character turns from just broken to heartbreakingly devastated at what life has handed him. It's a sad film as well as triumphant, and instead of presenting some sort of a false tale of how basketball saved his life, we get a much more complicated, much more real look at what it truly takes to recover.

Glen: The film's less than happy ending does add realism to the tale, which is propelled along by the women in Jack's life. Their sympathy for him is palpable, as is their helplessness at inspiring him to be better. His sister, Beth (Michaela Watkins), is fed up with his drinking but understands it. She does all she can to keep him involved with her kids' lives. Likewise, his ex-wife Angela (Janina Gavankar) tries to keep in touch with him, but she's moving on with her life—something Jack's incapable of. Part of his path to redemption is working with his players, in particular Brandon Durrett (Brandon Wilson), whose mother has died and whose father is too busy with his two younger sons to pay much attention to Brandon's blooming basketball career, which is garnering interest from college scouts. Jack turns out to be an amazing coach who's able to capitalize on his team's weaknesses. They're small but they have hustle, and they're willing to work.



UNDERDOGS: An alcoholic former high school basketball star (Ben Affleck) is offered a coaching job at his alma mater, but he must overcome his personal demons in order to succeed.

As they begin winning, it's impossible not to be excited about their underdog charge. Of course, this wouldn't be much of a story if Jack simply redeemed himself and took his team to the championship. More setbacks are in store, but when the credits come to a close, you'll know this story of personal loss, alcoholic despair, and an imperfect path to redemption hit all the right notes. It's moving without being melodramatic or mawkish, and Affleck digs deep to make Jack a character worth rooting for.

Anna: Why Jack walked away from the game after high school also becomes more clear as he digs in deep with Brandon and we learn Jack's own complicated relationship with his father. Angela tries to be supportive, but like you said—she's moving on, and Jack doesn't seem to have any interest in helping himself. Beyond that, he can be downright mean, and his wounds are never more at the surface than in those moments. Coaching has managed to give him some purpose, but the devil inside of him still weighs on him every day and ends up casting a dark shadow over the sparse happy moments he has. While this is a sports movie, its focus is a lot more personal than that. Of course we want the boys to win and for Jack to turn his life and team around, but life is messier than all of that, and this film doesn't deny it. It isn't all low lows; there's some humor and tenderness as well. It's clear Jack cares about the kids on the team more than he does about the game or even himself. Affleck gives quite a performance here, and this redemption story is worth a watch. ◎

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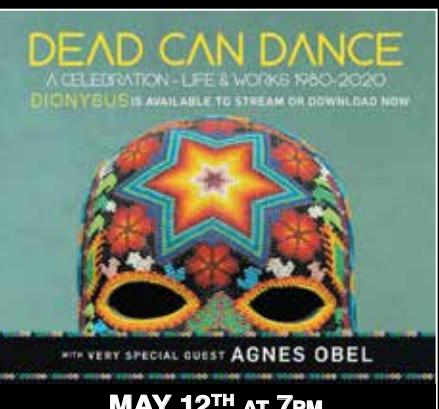
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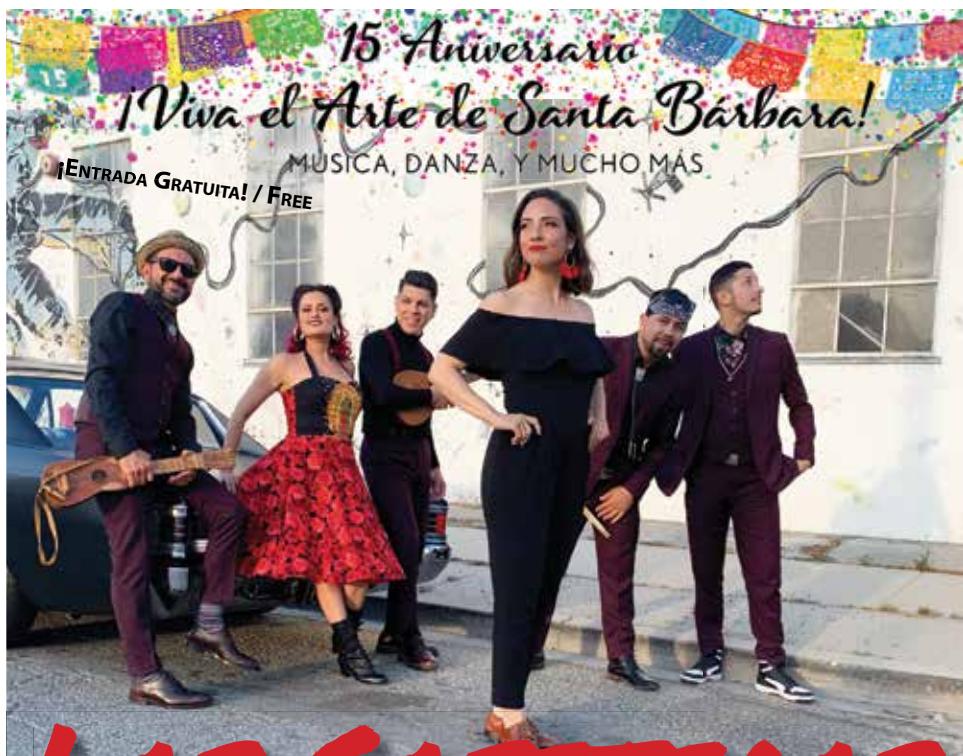
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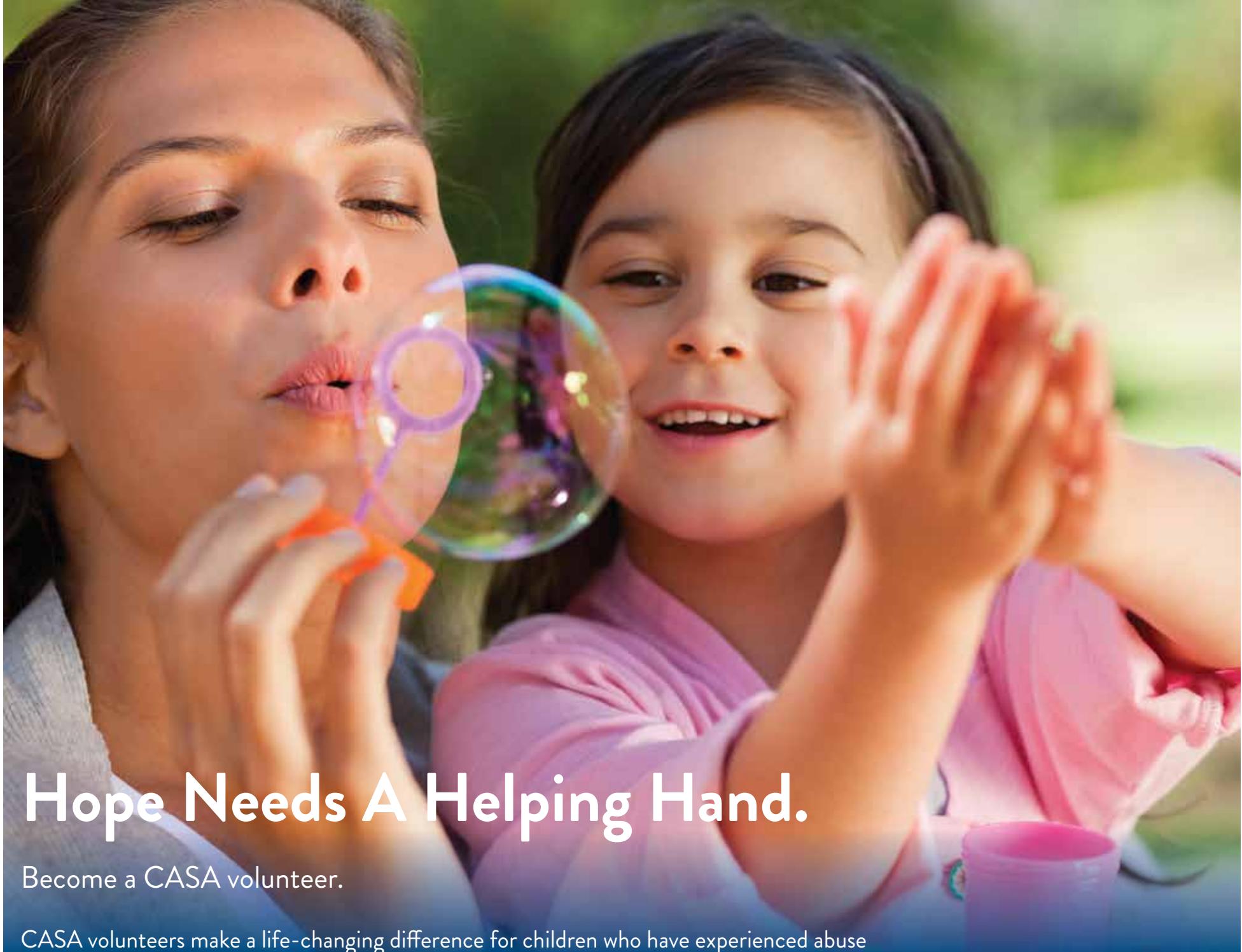
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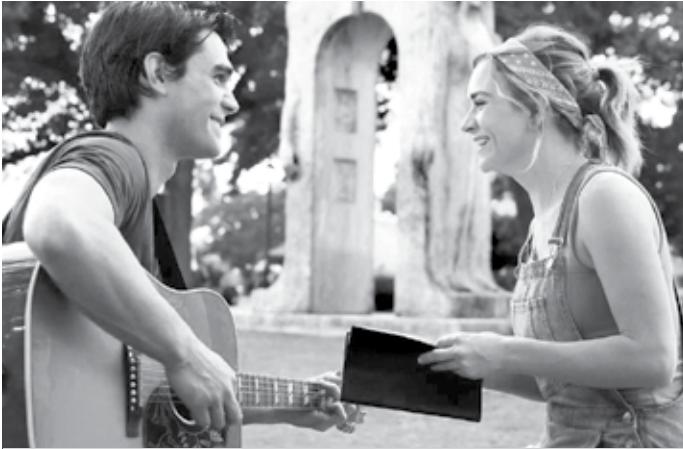
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LOVE AND DEATH: *I Still Believe* traces the true-life story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp (R.J. Apa, left) and his romance with Melissa Hennings (Britt Robertson), who is diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

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herself by pairing off her friends, family members, and acquaintances. When she befriends Harriet (Mia Goth), a young girl living in a nearby school who sits several pegs below Emma on the unforgiving social ladder of the olden days, Emma sees a way to improve Harriet's societal standing: marrying up.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

When? 1995
What's it rated? TV-PG
Where? Hulu, DVD, Blu-ray

It is a truth universally acknowledged that *Pride and Prejudice* is an unassailable classic.

While there is no enjoyment like reading, if I can't be reading the novel, the best way to traipse through Regency England is with Colin Firth. I ardently admire and love the 1995, six-hour BBC mini-series. It's all about the details—details in the casting (Firth is the only Mr. Darcy for me), the costumes, the sets, the actors' posture and delivery. Everything is thought out and executed with care and precision.

This version, unlike most of the

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FOOLS IN LOVE: In the 1995 BBC version of *Pride and Prejudice*, Colin Firth (left) is Mr. Darcy, a prideful bachelor in possession of a good fortune. He meets his match in Elizabeth Bennet (Jennifer Ehle, center), and wins the approval of Jane Bennet (Susannah Harker).

shorter adaptations, allows us to dwell in the narrative and ingest the nuances of Jane Austen's witty, astute jabs at society and humanity in general. Yes, the characters' manners are rather stiff to our modern eyes, but there is space to enjoy the palpable strength and authenticity of the female leads. There's ample time to feel the conflicts within a society based on inheritance and fortune—we're immersed in the Bennets' situation, as they face destitution if their daughters don't marry well.

Even so, Elizabeth (Jennifer Ehle)

has the strength of character to refuse insincere and unrequited marriage proposals—"... I had not known you a month before I felt that you were the last man in the world whom I could ever be prevailed on to marry"—and Jane (Susannah Harker)

doesn't simper or flirt to solicit such proposals, which would have benefited their parents.

I've seen the 1995 *Pride and Prejudice* at least four or five times; when I'm home sick, this is what I want to watch all day. So when my 10-year-old daughter recently finished the novel, we simply had to celebrate for six

hours with a few fellow Austen fans. One friend brought over her Blu-ray version, and I admit I was skeptical of the difference it would make. I'd been happy watching Elizabeth spar with Mr. Darcy and roll her eyes at her mother (Alison Steadman) in old-school levels of clarity. I was wrong to doubt.

We all commented at various times: "There's a pattern on his tie!" "I can see the newsprint on the paper he's reading!" "I never knew there was a floral design on her dress!"

With new eyes, I watched Jane smile softly at Mr. Bingley (Crispin Bonham-Carter) while his snobby sisters (Anna Chancellor and Lucy Robinson) snicker and approve of Mr. Darcy's effort to break up the innocent lovers. I could see the varying hues of indignation flush on Elizabeth's cheeks as she turns down Mr. Darcy and later as she stands up to Lady Catherine de Bourgh (Barbara Leigh-Hunt). And the subtle shades of Mr. Darcy's growing affection for Elizabeth were all the more evident.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

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In brightly colored manors and in equally ornamental dresses, we watch as Emma, between sips of tea, amusingly and repeatedly fails to force Harriet into a romantic relationship, while clumsily stumbling into love herself.

Director de Wilde adds to the comedic and quirky tone of the film with color palettes and symmetry reminiscent of Wes Anderson, and pokes fun at the upper classes of the era with many of the characters' strange eccentricities and silently annoyed servants peppered throughout.

Though *Emma* 2020 is generally engaging throughout, it's not like laugh-out-loud funny for the most part. It's certainly not as good as *Clueless*, the 1995 valley girl version of *Emma* that, as we all know, is a masterpiece that deserves to go down in

time of democratic decline and political polarization in America, what more could we as a nation really need? (124 min.)

—Kasey Bubnash

THE HUNT

What's it rated? R
Where's it showing? **Stadium 14**

NEW Craig Zobel (*Z is for Zachariah*) directs this horror thriller about 12 strangers who awaken in a field. They don't know where they are or how they got there, but it soon becomes clear they're part of a sick and twisted game. (89 min.)

—Glen

I STILL BELIEVE

What's it rated? PG
Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza, Stadium 14**

NEW Andrew and Jon Erwin (*I Can Only Imagine*) co-direct this true-life romantic drama about Christian music star Jeremy Camp (K.J. Apa) and his romance with Melissa Henning (Britt Robertson), who is diagnosed with ovarian cancer. (115 min.)

—Glen

THE INVISIBLE MAN

What's it rated? R
What's it worth? **Matinee**
Where's it showing? **Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**

PICK Writer-director Leigh Whannell (*Insidious 3, Upgrade*) helms this new iteration of the H.G. Wells 1897 horror novel about a brilliant but disturbed scientist who develops a technique to render himself invisible. In Whannell's version, the brilliant scientist is Adrian Griffin (Oliver Jackson-Cohen), abusive partner to Cecilia Kass (Elisabeth Moss). Cecilia—with the help of her sister, Alice (Harriet Dyer); their childhood friend, James Lanier (Aldis Hodge); and his teenage daughter, Sydney (Storm Reid)—escapes Adrian in the dead of night. Later, Adrian purportedly commits suicide and leaves Cecilia some of his fortune, but she begins to suspect his death was a hoax as strange events happen and lethal accidents befall those she loves most. Is she going insane, or is she being tormented by an invisible entity? (124 min.)

—Glen

ONWARD

What's it rated? PG
What's it worth? **Full price**
Where's it showing? **Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**

PICK Dan Scanlon (*Monsters University*) directs Tom Holland and Chris Pratt as Ian and Barley Lightfoot, respectively, two teenage brothers on a magical quest to completely bring their deceased father back to life for a day.

In true Disney Pixar fashion, the story isn't just about casting spells and bringing back a loved one; it's also about appreciating what you have. Sprinkle in a coming-of-age storyline, and *Onward* cohesively ties all of these morals together.

The concept of losing a loved one, in this case a parent, might be new to the younger audience, so I recommend having a conversation with your child before going to the theater. The story heavily focuses on the sensitive subject and could result in some tears. Who am I kidding? You might need to pack some tissues in your pocket just in case.

Onward takes place in a world inhabited by mythical creatures—pixies, centaurs, elves—but the world itself has

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UNKILLABLE: A soldier (Vin Diesel) with powers of reanimation is programmed to kill, in the sci-fi action film *Bloodshot*.

lost its enchantment. Instead of working hard and practicing a spell that will illuminate a home, the creatures eventually invent electricity. The technology might have made life easier, however, the magic that made these creatures so unique has faded.

Fast-forward to the modern-day version of this world, and in a suburb of New Mushroomton lives Ian; his brother, Barley (*Dungeons and Dragons*-esque role-player); and their mom, Laurel (Julia Louis-Dreyfus).

Ian is a gawky and shy teenager who's afraid of merging onto the freeway and asking his classmates to his birthday party. On top of your average teenage anxiety, Ian is also navigating life without a father figure—his dad, Wilden (Kyle Bornheimer), died of an illness before he was born. On Ian's 16th birthday, Laurel gives her sons a gift that was left by their father. The boys uncover a magical staff, a rare gem, and a letter that has a visitation spell. With the gift and spell in hand, the boys could potentially resurrect their father; Ian wants nothing more than to know his dad.

After repeated failed attempts to cast the spell by Barley, Ian picks up the staff and haphazardly casts the spell, but a combination of lack of confidence and the intensity of the magic only allows half of their father to come back, specifically his torso to his feet.

The Lightfoot brothers must embark on a historical quest to bring back the second half of their father before the spell wears off.

The story is lighthearted and funny, with plenty of room for tears, but the aspect of loss and appreciation for those who are still living is something that won't fly over the heads of most young audiences.

I read several reviews where critics felt the film didn't break any Pixar boundaries or surpass anything that's been done already. I think we could all learn something from *Onward* from one of the many morals of the story. Just because we have technology that makes things easier or visually advanced doesn't mean it's great overall. Why can't we appreciate the visual aspect of the story and the meaning behind it? Why are we always searching for more when we have something great right in front of us? (102 min.)

—Karen Garcia

THE WAY BACK

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

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HANDS-ON: Cal Poly student Karli McCarthy works with a participant of the ReCHARGE with Strawberries clinical study, which is taking a close look at whether and how strawberries positively impact health in postmenopausal women.

Berries on trial

Cal Poly study focuses on women and strawberries to look at impact on heart and gut health

BY KASEY BUBNASH

Women are often left out of clinical trials and studies in fields from medicine to city planning. The result is a world with buildings, cars, and medical procedures built with men in mind, making it generally less convenient for women to function in daily life.

One big reason for this, according to Kari Pilolla, an assistant professor in Cal Poly's Food Science and Nutrition Department, is that women's menstrual cycles add a somewhat unpredictable hormonal variable to consider when conducting a study, widening the margin of error and making reliable data more difficult to gather.

"It's so much easier to work with men," Pilolla told the *Sun*. "So that's why I'm particularly interested in women. There's not enough research into women."

Little by little, Pilolla is working to change that. In partnership with faculty and students at Humboldt State University, Pilolla is helping to lead a study into the effects of regular strawberry consumption on the health of postmenopausal women, primarily in the heart and gut.

During the ReCHARGE with Strawberries clinical trial, participants are given a powdered strawberry supplement to mix into a drink each day for six weeks, and then they're given a different supplement for another six weeks after that. One powder contains real strawberry compounds, Pilolla said, while the other is a placebo.

Researchers, including both staff and

roughly 20 Cal Poly students so far, track participants for nearly five months, and are involved in planning, budgeting, marketing, methods, testing—basically every piece of what it takes to run a research project, Pilolla said.

"These women who participate are impacting so many students," she said.

Once they've made it through the program, participants are given a comprehensive analysis of the study's impacts on their health, which Pilolla said could be incredibly helpful to their own journey post-menopause.

As women transition into and through menopause, their hormones change dramatically, and Pilolla said that can often lead to increased blood pressure and cholesterol. Menopause tends to be a confusing and turbulent time even without the heightened risk of serious health ailments, an experience that's marred by lacking information, hot flashes, and sometimes severe mood swings.

Strawberries contain compounds that Pilolla and her students think could lower cholesterol levels and improve gut health, both of which they think could work together to improve heart and liver health. Strawberries also just so happen to be one of the most commonly eaten berries in the U.S., and one of the most important crops on the Central Coast and in California.

Pilolla said that if she and her students can make even one small part of the transition through menopause easier, possibly through a fruit that most people love to eat, she'd be happy.

ReCHARGE your health

ReCHARGE with Strawberries researchers are still looking for several postmenopausal women willing to participate in this study. If you'd like to get involved, contact Kari Pilolla at kpiolla@calpoly.edu or the program at recharge@calpoly.edu. You can also call (805) 756-1175 or visit secureforms.calpoly.edu/recharge for more information.

"We want to give them a better quality of life," she said.

Research into the gut, and its connections and impacts on the rest of the body, is exploding right now, and nutrition in general is a field that's constantly changing. That's partially why Cal Poly senior Karli McCarthy has always been drawn to applied nutrition—her major—and that's why she wanted to get involved in this study. She likes the hands-on nature of clinical research and how scientific studies broaden the world's understanding of everything.

As an undergraduate student, McCarthy has played a key role in conducting the ReCHARGE with Strawberries study, and she plans to continue her work with the program as a grad student next year. She's learned a lot through this work, she said, and she hopes to use the study as her thesis project.

"It's really rewarding," she told the *Sun*. ☺

New Times Staff Writer Kasey Bubnash is all about strawberries. Send your food ideas to the editor clanham@santamariasun.com.

Nibbles & Bites

• **Nagy Wines** invites locals to sip a glass of wine and learn to paint a sunset scene on canvas, March 12 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the winery's Orcutt tasting room. **Laura Cherry** will give instructions on how to paint *Palms*, a



BERRY POWER: Do strawberries have the potential to make women healthier? A study at Cal Poly aims to find out, and they're looking for volunteers.



RECHARGED: Focusing on heart and gut health, a study at Cal Poly aims to determine the effects of strawberries on postmenopausal women.

landscape of palm trees set against a vibrant sky, on canvas. All instructions and materials are included, as well as a glass of wine to enjoy while you paint. The event costs \$40 per person, \$36 for wine club members. Purchase tickets at nagywines.com/events/paint-night-with-laura-cherry to reserve your spot—according to organizers, this is a popular event, and space is limited. Wine Club members should contact (805) 286-7228 or email info@nagywines.com to RSVP and get the discounted pricing. The tasting room is located at 145 S. Gray St., suite 103, Orcutt.

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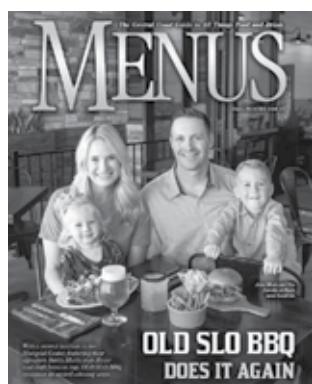
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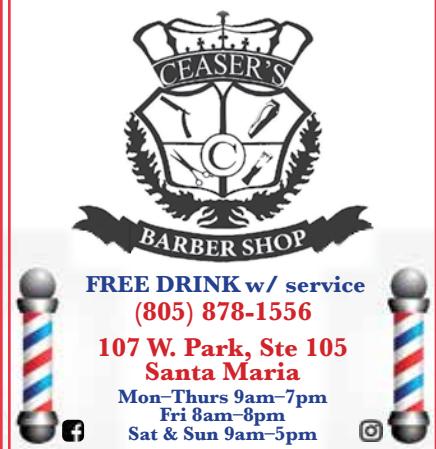


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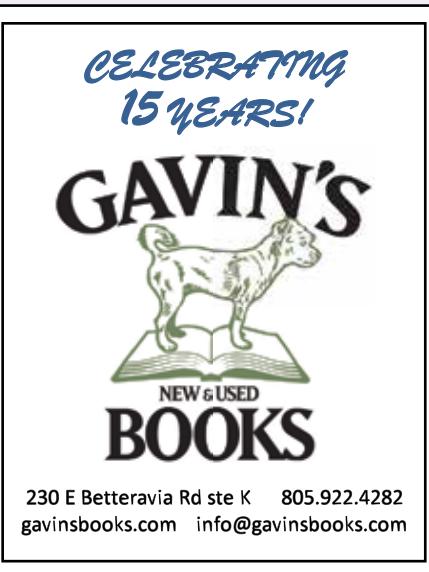
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