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This week, you can also read about what criminal justice reform means to some Santa Barbara County residents [4]; an artist's journey through 2020 [20]; and what the Coast Range will bring to Solvang's culinary scene [22].

Camillia Lanham
editor



WINDOW SHOPPING: Do more than just look at the cool displays in downtown Arroyo Grande. Shop in the Village and put your holiday dollars to work.

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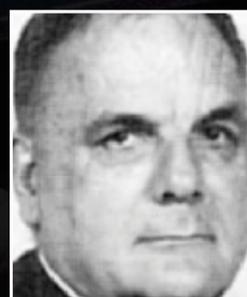
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Political Watch

• **U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) voted to pass the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act in the House on Dec. 4. According to a statement from Carbajal's office, it's the first time a chamber of Congress has voted to federally decriminalize marijuana. "For too long, our federal marijuana policy has lagged behind popular public opinion and the policies embraced by forward-thinking states like California," Carbajal said in the statement. "The MORE Act is a long overdue measure which decriminalizes marijuana at the federal level and expunges nonviolent federal drug convictions. Today, we voted to finally reverse decades of discriminatory marijuana policy, invest in the communities most affected by the failed war on drugs, and allow for a well-regulated industry to grow our economy." The MORE Act would remove cannabis from the federally controlled substances list, authorize a cannabis tax that would be used to address needs in communities impacted by the war on drugs, and would expunge low-level federal cannabis convictions and arrests.

• A state-imposed regional stay-at-home order for Santa Barbara County took effect at 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 6 and will remain in place for at least three weeks until the situation is reevaluated by the state the week after Christmas. Central Coast counties like San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara were placed into the Southern California region in the state's new regional framework, which requires a stay at home order for any region with less than 15 percent ICU bed capacity. According to a statement from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, the Southern California region as a whole had just more than 13 percent of ICU beds available on Dec. 4. "I am dismayed, but not surprised, that the ICU capacity decreased so drastically and quickly in the Southern California region," Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Director **Dr. Van Do-Reynoso** said in the statement. "The sharp decrease in ICU capacity is a consequence of the increasing case rates we have been seeing throughout the state and region." **Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham** (R-San Luis Obispo) released a statement on Dec. 3 criticizing **Gov. Gavin Newsom's** choice to lump Central Coast counties in with Southern California, calling it "arbitrary, irrational, and bordering on punitive." "As of now, we have plenty of hospital and ICU capacity here on the Central Coast," Cunningham said. "We cannot be shutting down local businesses—many of which have spent tens of thousands of dollars to retrofit their operation in order to comply with yesterday's public health orders—because of limited ICU capacity in counties hundreds of miles from our community." With the new order comes a multitude of closure requirements. Playgrounds, salons, personal care services, museums, movie theaters, wineries, bars, and more must close entirely. Recreational facilities and gyms must operate outdoors only, retail may only operate at 20 percent capacity, restaurants can only offer take-out (no dine-in service, even outdoors), and places of worship must hold services outdoors.

• On Dec. 4, **Reps. Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) and **Julia Brownley** (D-Ventura), and **U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein** released a statement announcing that the Small Passenger Vessel Safety Act was included in the final version of the annual National Defense Authorization Act. The bill requires new safety measures for small passenger vessels following the *Conception* boat fire that killed 34 people in 2019. "It was a preventable tragedy and, as legislators, we knew we needed to act right away to prevent future loss of life," Carbajal said in the statement. "Nothing can ever make up for the loss we experienced that day, but I'm proud to honor the memory of the 34 lives lost by working to make sure a similar tragedy never happens again. I look forward to seeing this crucial bill signed into law." ○

Community members call for county Sheriff's Office oversight

On Dec. 1, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors held its third hearing on criminal justice system changes since June, when the item was first introduced following the death of George Floyd and the protests that followed.

"The impacts of systemic racism can have dramatic consequences," 2nd District Supervisor Gregg Hart said as he introduced the item. "In our county, this looks like Black and Latino residents being arrested and incarcerated at higher rates, Latino residents and other people of color testing positive for COVID-19 at higher rates, and generational inequities fueling achievement gaps that exist in many of our local schools."

Assistant County Executive Officer Bernard Melekian told the board that the county's jail population was 932 inmates in April 2019. One year later, as the COVID-19 pandemic began to take hold, that number dropped to 692. Sheriff Bill Brown reported later in the meeting that as of Dec. 1, the population was at 569 after a number of inmates were transferred to state jails.

But Brown said that number could begin to creep back up in coming weeks, as an increase in COVID-19 outbreaks in the state jail system recently led the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to halt transfers once again. This means that inmates who would normally be moved from the county to the state jail will stay in local custody for the time being.

Following the staff report, 3rd District Supervisor Joan Hartmann said the board still needed to address "the elephant in the room": ongoing calls from the community to create a sheriff's oversight committee.

Much of the public comment that followed requested more transparency and oversight of the Sheriff's Office, just as Hartmann alluded to.

Connie Alexander, who identified herself as an African American community member, told the board during her comment that "progress is subjective."

"I don't really see a ton of progress here," Alexander said. "Before we pat ourselves on the back and go too far, I think there's a lot more work to be done."

County Counsel Michael Ghizzoni said that such committees can be only "advisory to the board, not directive to the sheriff." Only the California Attorney General has supervisory powers over sheriffs, he said.

Hartmann added that, as a supervisor, she has felt frustrated at times over the lack of agency the board has with the sheriff's department.

—Malea Martin

Solvang urgently responds to new state restrictions

The Solvang City Council created an emergency agenda item at its Dec. 7 meeting to respond to Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent stay-at-home order and its impacts on the community, ultimately stating that the city wouldn't be enforcing it.

During public comment, residents asked the council to go against the state's current stay-at-home restrictions, which are projected to last three weeks, or else face a tarnished legacy. Solvang resident Joan Clarke asked the council to write to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office requesting it not to enforce stay-at-home restrictions.

"The last six months have been filled with a lot of controversy for you as a council and for us as city residents. However, if you will do this thing, it will be what you'll be remembered for. Everything else will disappear and dissipate. You will be respected and appreciated for doing all you could to help



PUSHING FOR MORE: The Sheriff's Office, which runs the Santa Barbara County Jail (pictured), has been at the center of locals' recent calls for more accountability and oversight.

Solvang stay solvent," Clarke said.

City Councilmember Karen Waite said she didn't take kindly to the public speakers who said "if we don't do this or that, this council will leave a legacy behind of negative actions." Waite said the council is doing all it can to keep businesses open.

"This is not something we are doing because we have just been threatened by the general public to do it. We've been thinking about this for months and when this first happened back in March," Waite said.

The council authorized Mayor Ryan Toussaint to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors that strongly urged the creation of a new Central Coast Region on the state's regional COVID-19 map—consisting of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo counties.

The City Council had a lengthy discussion about what could tangibly be done for the business community and considered disregarding the state's newest stay-at-home orders altogether. Waite was the only member of the council who expressed concern over the legality of blatantly disregarding the state's orders, an idea most council members were on board with.

City Attorney Chip Wullbrandt advised council that the city's degree of liability would be determined by whatever action the council takes.

He recommended the council take a similar approach to the Southern California cities of Redondo and Manhattan Beach, which declared tables and chairs in front of restaurants as public spaces. The action enables customers to get their orders to-go and eat outside, keeping both parties—restaurants and customers—in compliance with state orders.

The council ultimately directed staff to research what "stay open" measures other cities are implementing while maintaining the status quo of safe, open outdoor dining and other current business practices.

—Karen Garcia

Tri-Counties ask to be separate in COVID-19 considerations

Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties are banding together in hopes of creating a separate region specifically for the Central Coast.

At a press conference on Dec. 3, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced another new system for tracking and slowing California's currently exploding cases of COVID-19, a process that splits the state up into five regions where stay-at-home

orders are triggered when the area's intensive care unit (ICU) availability drops to or below 15 percent. Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties were lumped into the Southern California region—which includes Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego counties—and the pushback was almost immediate.

In a Dec. 7 letter addressed to acting State Health Officer Erica Pan, public health officers and directors in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties wrote that while they agree with using a hospital-based metric to trigger safety regulations, "the utilization of such a large and diverse regional assignment is not reflective of the risks for our Central Coast area."

"Unlike the rest of the Southern California regional boundaries being utilized for COVID-19 mitigation, we strongly anticipate that the three weeks in [regional stay-at-home order] will allow us to rapidly reset our case rates and testing positivity, and further improve our ICU capacity," the letter reads.

A chart included in the letter shows that while the availability of adult ICU beds in the Southern California Health Officer Region dropped from about 20 percent on Nov. 27 to around 10 percent on Dec. 7, the Central Coast's availability has hovered at around 30 percent since Nov. 27, dropping to its lowest level at 25 percent availability on Dec. 4, but increasing again shortly after.

At a Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting on Dec. 8, Santa Barbara County Public Health Director Van Do-Reynoso presented a COVID-19 update and discussed the Tri-Counties letter. Santa Barbara County has seen an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations—as of Dec. 8, there were 643 active cases, 54 hospitalizations, and 138 deaths recorded in the county—but Do Reynoso said ICU availability remains adequate.

Roughly 45 Santa Barbara County residents called in to the Dec. 8 meeting and called on the supervisors to write their own letter to the state in support of a separate Central Coast region, saying that another shutdown without much government assistance would slaughter struggling local businesses throughout the area.

The board unanimously voted to officially request that the Tri-Counties be separated from the Southern California region.

"Other rural areas didn't have much and then they had a big surge," 3rd District Supervisor Joan Hartmann said at the meeting, "but we've had compliance and support by our population and it's as if we're being punished for having behaved well." ○

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There's nothing like the holiday spirit to pull you out of your COVID-19 shutdown depression! Christmas is still coming, whether you're ready or not, and there are plenty of local shops that could use a little extra love this winter season. The latest round of COVID-19 restrictions do allow retail operations to stay up and running, albeit at 20 percent capacity, and plenty have adjusted since March to offer online ordering, curbside pickup, and delivery. But they could use your help! And we figured they could use ours too. In this year's annual Last Minute Gift Guide, we found some Central Coast shops selling locally made goods to give your gift-buying dollars extra local impact. There are so many out there, we couldn't keep track.

—Camillia Lanham



JOLLY AND BRIGHT: Pick up a hand-carved Santa spool by local wood carver Bill Rodgers from Old Town Quilt Shop in Orcutt for a festive one-of-a-kind gift.

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—Malea Martin

Santa Maria Valley

Shopping locally is something you can feel good about year round, but the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce is layering on some extra incentives for the holiday season this year. The Shop on Us! holiday receipt campaign encourages residents to check off that gift list at Santa Maria Valley businesses and submit the receipts for a chance to be reimbursed. Shoppers must spend a minimum of \$50 to qualify for entry, but that total can be cumulative from multiple stores. Receipts must be dated between Nov. 28 and Dec. 21. Those receipts are due by Dec. 21, and winners will be drawn the week of Christmas on Facebook live. Find entry info at santamaria.com/shop-local-win, as well as a list of businesses with holiday deals compiled by the chamber. Here are a couple of our favorite spots:

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Introduce the crafty creative in your life to a new hobby by shopping for them at Old Town Quilt Shop. If you know a seamstress, a quilt would be perfect for their next quarantine project. You can find everything they'll need—from books that teach the basics, to quilting patterns, to seasonal holiday fabrics—at Old Town Quilt Shop, which was named one of *Better Home & Gardens'* top quilting shops in the nation. If you're looking for a stocking stuffer, pick up a festive Santa spool, hand carved and painted by local artist Bill Rodgers. You can also give the gift of creative freedom with a gift card to Old Town Quilt Shop, which will be sold at a discount the week before Christmas. Shop in-store, curbside, or online.

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Rasmussen's

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If you know someone who is missing international travel during the pandemic, find them a taste of the Danish spirit Solvang is known for at Rasmussen's. Here you can purchase Scandinavian collectibles, glassware, jewelry, chocolates, and so much more from a family-owned business that's been selling goods since 1946. Or, for the foodies in your life, check out the store's wide selection of specialty kitchenware to whip up some classic Scandinavian treats. If holiday spirit is what you're after, Rasmussen's also boasts a large selection of Christmas ornaments.

—Malea Martin

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—Malea Martin

Lompoc

Despite new regulations that require retail stores to stay under 20 percent capacity, the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce is determined to keep business flowing in the city during the busiest shopping season of the year. The organization is encouraging shoppers to celebrate Small Business Saturday by spending, their dollars locally every weekend, and it's helping "pivot our local businesses when they need assistance setting up online shopping options," Chamber President Amber Wilson said. Pop in to **A Little Something Special and More** for local, handmade goods; stroll into **Certain Sparks Music** for the melodious-minded person on your list; or check out these options:

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Nipomo

You can do more than just get a Christmas tree from **Holloway's Farm** (which is now open for business with COVID-19 safe measures in place) in Nipomo this year. There's no real Main Street to cruise for quick and easy shopping, but everybody knows that the best treasures are worth the hunt. So head out to **Delicias de Mi Tierra Bakery** to get a box of delicious Mexican holiday-themed pastries. Or hit up the **Willow Lights** fundraiser every weekend until Christmas to see some gorgeous and holly jolly displays. And, if you'd rather play it safe and shop from the comfort of your own home, here are a couple of options:

Truly Gifted

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After decades in the retail industry, Nipomo resident Marina Garcia-Endert launched her own professional gifting company, Truly Gifted, in September 2019, where she offers a variety of the usual gift baskets, boxes, and packages with a personal twist. "It's kind of more like a custom gift," Garcia-Endert said, "instead of something that's just thrown together." Using Central Coast products like 805 BBQ sauce, Ray's Own Brand jerky, and Jocko's steak seasoning, Truly Gifted baskets offer a taste of home and help support other local businesses too. And with a plethora of customizable options—guests can include engraved cutting boards or monogrammed ribbons—each gift feels unique. Garcia-Endert delivers locally and ships everywhere. Order a Truly Gifted basket by calling Garcia-Endert or visiting her online. "I'll work with any budget," she said.

Waqaq Art

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As one of the few Chumash artisans out there, Rosemary Castillo takes seriously her mission to use traditional materials and methods in her work. The contemporary and traditional Native American jewelry artist cuts and hand polishes her own beads, and uses everything from abalone, shells, seeds, and bones in her jewelry. "There's more to Native American jewelry than silver and turquoise," Castillo said. She makes sure to bring her own modern style to every piece, using designs that she sees in her dreams and often including unconventional products. "To show that we evolve as a people like everybody else," she said. "We are not a stagnant people. And we are not an invisible people." Castillo takes orders through her Facebook page, over the phone, and via text. She prefers to meet her customers somewhere in Nipomo for pickups, but she also ships!

—Kasey Bunash



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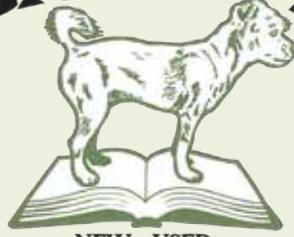


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You all know about Nan's. It's been around for 34 years, after all. But in August of this year, Nan herself retired and passed the beloved used bookstore down to her granddaughter, Kassi Dee. "I was pretty much raised in this bookstore. So this is just like my home," Dee said. Whether you're looking for used books to stuff into stockings, or something more specific, the staff at Nan's can help you find it. And from a safe distance! Just call in or email your requests, and Dee said she'll go on the hunt for your books. If she doesn't have it, she can order you a new copy to pick up at the curb. Amazon might be more convenient, but when you order through Nan's, you're helping a local, family-owned business stay afloat, Dee said.

Central Coast Beauties

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While hairdressers have been able to reopen on some level during the COVID-19 pandemic, Central Coast Beauties owner Jessica Blanco said aestheticians haven't really had that opportunity, and she just recently had to vacate her commercial lease. Her storefront will be closing sometime around January. But Blanco is making the best of an unfortunate situation. She's long had a line of locally made, clean skincare products, dubbed SLO Vibes. Body butter, hydrating face and body mist, hand lotion, diffuser oil, and perfume—Blanco makes it all! With all natural products that are all under \$50, SLO Vibes offers an affordable way to treat yo' self or someone you love. You can order SLO Vibes products through the Central Coast Beauties website or give Blanco a call. She ships and delivers anywhere in the Five Cities area.

—Kasey Bubnash

While Arroyo Grande's much-anticipated holiday shopping event, *Elegant Christmas*, typically falls on one night in December each year, this year's will run all month in an effort to reduce crowds. Shoppers who make purchases at local shops in the Village throughout the month can post a photo to Instagram or Facebook with the hashtag #Love4Local and tags @VisitArroyoGrande, @SouthCountyChambers, and the business they're supporting to be eligible for various prizes, including a staycation package. Don't forget to check out **Lady Di's Boutique**, a fairly new women's clothing store that sells some clothing and jewelry made by local artists, and **Posies**, a retailer with all kinds of goodies you can find in the store or online. Here are some others with goodies you might like:

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Arroyo Grande resident Carol Chenot used to get frustrated every time she had to dig through her purse to find her sunglasses. So she invented Lookie Loops, hand-sewn pouches for sunglasses with straps that loop around the handles of other bags. Eventually she added similar pouches for phones, keys, and books. But she never imagined that one day her best seller would be a pandemic-safe face mask. Here we are in 2020, and Chenot has made more than 4,000 masks, which she's sold and donated. With free delivery through the month of December, Lookie Loops make for cute and useful stocking stuffers or gifts. Plus, Chenot has an established online presence. Order through her website or on Facebook, and most orders will be shipped out the following day.



LOOKIE LOOPS: Arroyo Grande resident Carol Chenot has been hand crafting and selling pouches for glasses and phones from her home for about four years now, but this year, with the sudden need for masks, her world got a whole lot busier.

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Pismo Beach

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HOLIDAY GIFT PACK: Pismo Beach's Tastes of the Valleys has a Central Coast wines gift pack on sale for the holiday season—plus more than 700 different wines to choose from.

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Holiday gifts don't always have to be tangible. You can also give a memory brought to you by local guides in local waters. There's nothing better than being outdoors while everything else is on lockdown due to COVID-19. The Pismo Beach Surf Shop offers kayak tours of the Pismo caves; kayak fishing; surf lessons; and surfboard, kayak, stand-up paddleboard, boogie board, and skim board rentals. They even have beach cruisers and electric bikes for rent. Plus it's the oldest surf shop on the Central Coast (founded in 1962), is connected with the Pismo Beach Dive Shop (think scuba diving), and comes complete with a surf shop and museum with a large collection of vintage surf boards. You can book a lesson, tour, or rental online. Call for details. *

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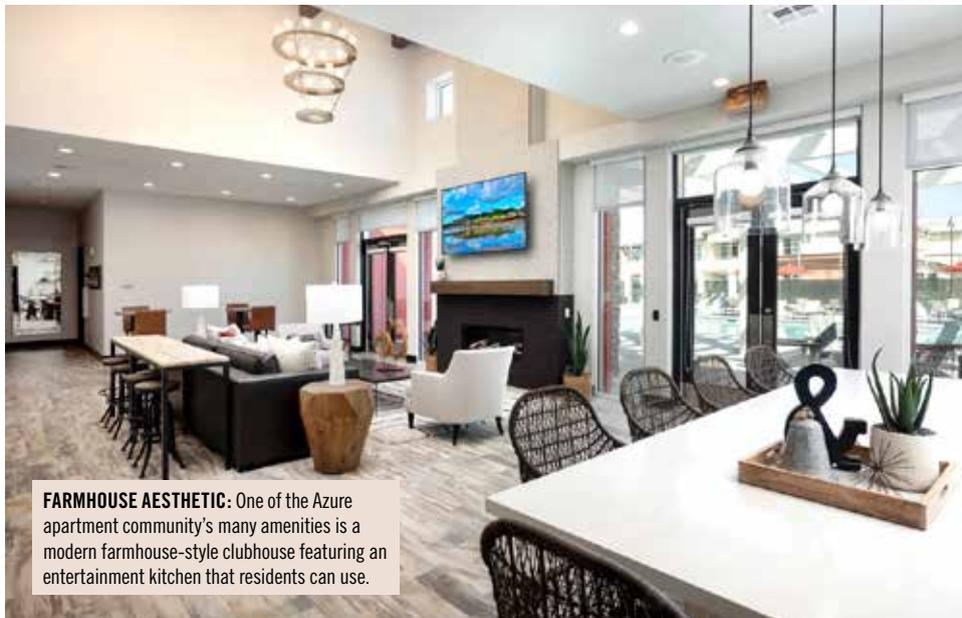
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FARMHOUSE AESTHETIC: One of the Azure apartment community's many amenities is a modern farmhouse-style clubhouse featuring an entertainment kitchen that residents can use.

It's a lifestyle

New apartment community keeps life grounded in Santa Maria roots

BY MALEA MARTIN

Santa Maria-style barbecue grills. A modern farmhouse design that pays homage to local agricultural roots. A brand new elementary school and shopping center just steps away.

These amenities and benefits come with living at Azure, a recently unveiled apartment rental community in Santa Maria that sits at the heart of the Enos Ranchos development and adjacent to the new William "Bill" Libbon Elementary School.

"We were really attracted to the agrarian roots of Santa Maria," Craig Jones, president of Azure's developer, MBK Rental Living, told the Sun. "We thought it was a good fit, and with a modern and warm neighborhood feel."

Jones calls it a "lifestyle rental community." "What I mean by that is the homes feel like home," Jones said. "You have an open floor plan, kitchen islands, and other residential qualities."

The apartments also come with raised planter bed gardens where residents can plant vegetables; a pool; and an outdoor basketball court that give the development a community feel.

"The indoor and outdoor amenities provide—especially during the times of a pandemic—a safe, recreational opportunity for families and those looking to meet with their neighbors or find a peaceful retreat for themselves," Jones said. "We really wanted to create a neighborhood where people could interact with each other and really feel like they had a lifestyle."

With studios and one-, two-, and three-bedroom residences, the 318-unit development will have the capacity to house around 600 people once it's completed. So far, 112 units are ready for occupancy. Jones said those are already nearly full, but more apartments will be ready for move-in come February. He encouraged anyone interested to head to liveatazure.com.

"You can actually go from A to Z on our website: from looking at the project all the way to signing a lease," Jones said. "You can also stop by the community. We have a beautiful, welcoming leasing office with a team of people that are happy to help."

Given California's ever-present housing shortage, MBK Rental Living hopes that Azure can provide "much needed relief and relative affordability to other home and housing opportunities."

"Our project, while it's new and highly

amenitized, provides an array of floor plans that are really designed with this in mind," Jones said. "From studio units, where you can have an all-in affordable rent with a great lifestyle, to a three bedroom unit where you can accommodate your family and be across the street from a brand new elementary school."

As far as new apartment developments go, Jones said Santa Maria doesn't have an abundance of options.

"We would love to see more because, if I look at the market, average occupancy is above 95 percent," Jones said. "That usually means that there's a lack of supply."

Given that need in the Santa Maria market, Jones said it's a perfect opportunity to assist the city in providing housing.

"We think that Santa Maria is the destination of the future, so being able to provide housing in a market like Santa Maria is something that is really satisfying for us," he said.

Highlights

- Mi Gente, Nuestra Salud, a new program "designed to combat systemic racism and advocate for health as a fundamental human right," is kicking off with virtual events from Dec. 10 to 12 and a few in-person resource booths around Santa Maria on Dec. 12, according to Cal Poly's Center for Health Research. The event will be held in both Spanish and English and will feature live and pre-recorded appearances from participating local elected officials, medical personnel, and representatives from the Latino, Indigenous, and farmworker communities. Virtual activities include "poetry, short films, and art to elevate the voices of minoritized groups," according to the Center for Health Research. For a schedule of activities and links to the virtual event, visit migtentuenuestrasalud.org.

- The Workforce Development Board of Santa Barbara County offers financial assistance to qualifying workers and job seekers, as well as subsidization of training costs for qualified businesses, through its various workforce programs. In a Dec. 2 newsletter, the board wrote that qualified job seekers can receive financial assistance ranging from \$400 to \$800 to pay for rent, utility bills, and technology needed to telework. But anyone interested should act quickly, because the program ends Dec. 31. The board can also help businesses and employers subsidize the cost of training a new or existing worker in exchange for helping a COVID-19 laid-off worker get back on their feet. Find out more at sbcwdb.org.

Staff Writer Malea Martin wrote this week's Spotlight. Send hot tips about businesses, nonprofits, and good samaritans to spotlight@santamariasun.com.



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Reflections on the 'New World'

America should now own and turn from its brutal past

ARMANDO VAZQUEZ

Anthropology teaches us that our earliest ancestors were in constant migration on the hunt and search for food in order to survive. About 30,000 years ago, our early ancestors began migrating across the Bering Strait. Between 15,000 to 20,000 years ago, these first migrants continued their journey into what's now the Americas.

Fast forward to about the early 1400s, and the Norseman Leif Erikson is credited by anthropologists to have been the first European to land in North America. In 1492 the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus, financed by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, landed on a small island of what is known today as the Bahamas. In 1607, the English pilgrims founded the first colony, in Jamestown, off the Atlantic coast.

In 1621, the English settlers of Plymouth were helped to survive the hostilities of the new world by the Wampanoag nation. Then according to popular folklore, these Plymouth colonizers and the Wampanoag natives shared an autumn feast that revisionist historians claim was the first Thanksgiving celebrated in the colonies. It was literally lifesaving help to the settlers that the Wampanoag nation gave, and they would eternally regret.

In 1619, the first African slaves were brought to Virginia, thus began the brutal and genocidal slave trade, conducted by the European immigrant/colonizers that would decimate the African continent and continue unabated for about 250 years. An estimated 12.5 million Africans were captured, enslaved and shipped to the "New World" during this brutal genocidal period.

A group of well-respected anthropologists and historian researchers concluded that about 90 percent of the entire Indigenous population of the "New

World" was killed by the European colonizers. As the colonizers spread their land grab war across the "New World," the Mexicans fell victim to the continued genocidal and insatiable appetite of the European colonizers for territory and land.

The history and creation of the United States of America is one of systemic and continued genocidal war waged on the Indigenous, Black, Mexican, and Asian populations of this country for more than 500 years. This is a horrific murderous history that any nation would instinctively (to keep from going into collective insanity) want to revise, alter, change, or forget. And that is of course why this nation's history is replete with fairy tale revisionist fiction, like the first peaceful Thanksgiving gathering between the colonizers and the Indigenous Wampanoag natives.

Contextual historical logic and common sense tell us that this fantasy Thanksgiving could not have happened that way! But we Americans love our folklore and hide our guilt and shame in our historical lies.

We have witnessed firsthand for the past four years under the current administration what malicious lies, hate mongering, and evil revisionist history will do to a nation. The current president tells this country that immigrants (of all the people to demonize and scapegoat) are ruining this country, and pathetically half the country of 300 million believe this despicable lie.

We go to war against immigrant families and have snatched children from their parents and put these traumatized kids in cages. We sterilize some of the immigrant women so that they cannot produce more "enemies" to attack and subvert this nation. We send immigrant men by the plane load back to their countries to certain death.

We are currently a nation divided, history tells us we have always been a divided nation, and our current president has ripped away the hypocritical veil once and for all so that all the world to see us: naked, fearful, and polarized.

We can pretend with the installation of the new administration that the horrors of the Trump years never happened, once again revising, burying, or conveniently forgetting our sins of the past that have led to our current polarized and dysfunctional national paralysis. Or we can work as a collective

nation to shed light on our horrifically painful past and commit to a national effort of historical remembrance, atonement, and reparation.

In 2021, the U.S. has a unique opportunity to acknowledge and remember our true, horrific, and painful past and a continued racist present, while simultaneously committing as a nation to work with honest and heartfelt remembrance to wipe out the scourge of racism from our country.

We can atone, in words and actions, for our many transgression of the past and all of the people who we have harmed in our tumultuous history. And finally we can begin to truly heal our nation by making the appropriate reparations to the African American and Indigenous nations. These simple yet courageous acts will go a long way in helping to heal our current national wounds that have festered for so long.

With these doable national acts of atonement and reparation, we can help this nation finally and permanently realize its long-deferred aspirational commitment to equality and justice for all.

Our immigrant story goes back thousands of years, and it will continue, so long as humans are driven by hunger, violence, and war to migrate and seek food, shelter, safety, and sustenance to survive and prosper.

As a proud and blessed immigrant, I can tell you that we—every single immigrant woman, man, or child who lives in this country—are eternally grateful for the opportunity to work, live, and contribute to the health and prosperity of this nation. So that the United States of American can once again be the world's beacon and refuge for the hungry, persecuted, and tired immigrant masses of the world who yearn for freedom. ○

Armando Vazquez writes from Orcutt. Send a response to letters@santamariasun.com.

LETTERS

The Canary doesn't get to make up its own facts

Where do I start with the Canary's Nov. 26 rant, "Way out there"? While this tweety bird is entitled to its opinion, it's not entitled to its own facts.

First there is the fowl's assertion that the 24th Congressional District "has been blue for its entire existence"; that is patently false (see the 24th District's Wikipedia page). Elton Gallegly (R) served 10 years—that's five terms from 2003 to 2013 as he handily beat each of his opponents.

Maybe the Canary should read some of those papers in the bottom of the cage before going out on a limb.

The canary's observation that Democrat voters have outnumbered Republicans for decades is accurate, and that's why this state is in the condition it is today. With the central cores of the two largest cities, San Francisco and Los Angeles, turning in to vast homeless camps, it is a testimony to a failure of liberal governance. And Democrat-dominated Santa Barbara isn't far behind.

Democrat environmental and business regulation, and taxation policies have chased major corporations out of the state, and the latest "science driven" rounds of restrictions on businesses in the name of an emergency that has no end in sight has managed to ruin thousands of small businesses, create vast unemployment, close large commercial chains, segregate families from their loved ones, and create restrictions on freedom of movement and religious gatherings without justification.

I was born and raised in California, and in my nearly eight decades of existence, I have witnessed what was once the "Golden State" become tarnished by the stain of incompetent political leadership.

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Santa Barbara Oct 1 - Dec 15:
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SoCal-ish

I guess now's the time for the **Central Coast** to really come into its own. While Northern Californians like **Gov. Gavin Newsom** obviously think **Santa Barbara and SLO counties** are so SoCal, rebellion is brewing.

All thanks to the most recent iteration of California's last-minute COVID-19 guidelines. While the state was split into counties for most of the pandemic's duration, Newsom announced an emergency upgrade at the beginning of December. Five regions! So all of that work that went into keeping the counties separate, doing their own data tracking, COVID-19 testing, public health outreach, and hospital bed coordination—it's moot.



Why is the **Southern California region** the largest in the state, by volume *and* population? It's about 350 miles long and 250 miles wide, with the **San Joaquin Valley region** plopped squarely in the middle of its north end.

You know what it reminds me of? **Santa Barbara County's 3rd District**, which stretches from almost the county's eastern border to **Solvang to Guadalupe**, with **District 4** plopped squarely in the middle of its north end.

And people on the Central Coast are pissed! Because Los Angeles is dragging us down. The COVID-19 numbers down there are not good at all, and we've just entered a regional stay-at-home order because of it.

"It's as if we're being punished for having behaved well," **Santa Barbara County 3rd District Joan Hartmann** said during the Dec. 8 meeting.

"The governor's most recent order, which will lead to a lockdown of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, is arbitrary, irrational, and bordering on punitive," **Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham** (R-San Luis Obispo) wrote in a statement released shortly after the governor's Dec. 3 pronouncement.

Well, Ventura, SLO, and Santa Barbara counties are trying to get the governor to change his mind, recently penning a letter requesting California create a sixth region made up of them.

"The utilization of such a large and diverse regional assignment is not reflective of the risks for our Central Coast," the letter states.

Assert that independence!
I mean, I guess, we could also go the way that **4th District Supervisor Peter Adam** seems to favor: Outright defiance of the state's recent order. It sounds very **Orange County!**

It also sounds very Solvang! Those renegades. There, a loud but vocal minority of the usual suspects threatened the **Solvang City Council** to basically secede from the SoCal region.

"If you do not, your legacy will have a black spot in our history," **Lammy "Recall-Ready" Johnstone** told the council on Dec. 7.

Oh no, a black spot. Shudder!
While **City Councilmember Karen Waite** pushed back against the tone of renegade residents, **City Attorney Chip Wullbrandt** and his buddy **Mayor Ryan Toussaint** seemed to be all for defiance!

"How, oh how, can we defy state orders and not be held liable for it?" the council asked. Well, Wullbrandt was ready with some helpful suggestions!

Follow the lead of **Redondo and Manhattan Beach**. These cities declared that tables and chairs in front of restaurants are public spaces: So you can purchase to-go food, eat outdoors in front of your favorite restaurant, and still be in total compliance with state law.

Just spray those chairs down and schedule extra trash pickup, Solvang. Boom! COVID-19 problem solved. ○

The canary thinks aerial disinfectant might solve it all. Send thoughts to canary@santamariasun.com.

What's Your Take?

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This week's online poll 12/10-12/17

Should Santa Barbara County remove itself from the Southern California region on the state's new map for COVID-19?

- Yes, we shouldn't be lumped in with LA.
- It's only for three weeks; everyone needs to calm down.
- The county should just disregard the state's restrictions.
- This too shall pass; support small business!

Enter your choice online at: SantaMariaSun.com





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NOTE: Most venues are canceling or postponing events due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19. Please check with venues to make sure that scheduled events are still, in fact, happening and most of all, stay safe!

REINDEER CROSSING

The Santa Maria Civic Theatre presents its next Drive Up Theatre event, *Christmas in Your Car*, on Saturday, Dec. 19. Ticket holders receive a map to different destinations where they can view live comedy skits, dance routines, and more. Admission is \$25 per vehicle, and tickets are available in advance at my805tix.com. The Santa Maria Civic Theatre is located at 1660 McClelland St., Santa Maria. Visit smct.org for more info.
—Caleb Wiseblood

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ARTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

THE ART OF FACE MASKS: VIRTUAL EXHIBIT This group show reunites several artists from the museum's 2019 exhibit, *The Art of Dress*, including Georganne Alex, Carole Coduti, Gwen Samuels, and others. ongoing Free. artoffacemasks.com. Elverhøj Museum of History and Art, 1624 Elverhøj Way, Solvang, 805-686-1211.

A MIGHTY OAK: PERMANENT EXHIBIT ONLINE Depicts the habitat around a Valley oak—one of the largest and old trees found in our area. View the artwork online. ongoing Free. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

SB COUNTY AND BEYOND Photographic landscapes by George Rose. View online. ongoing Free. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

SOLVANG SCHOOL: INSPIRED BY NATURE View the exhibit online. Features photography by 29 Solvang School Yearbook and Media students. The students, grades 7 – 8, were inspired by philosopher Henry David Thoreau's quote: "All good things are wild and free." ongoing Free. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

WINTER SALON: ANNUAL GROUP SHOW Over 50 artists display all fine art mediums hung floor to ceiling, "salon style". Features all sizes, all subjects, framed, unframed, etc. Through Jan. 31. GalleryLosOlivos.com. Gallery Los Olivos, 2920 Grand Ave., 805-688-7517.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

KATHY BADRAK: LVAA FEATURED GOURD ARTIST Kathy Badrak will be showcasing her gourd art in many different ways; from gourd bowls and vases to wall hangings and lamps. Giftable items from Badrak will be on display at the show. Saturdays, Sundays, 10 a.m. through Dec. 27 Free. 805-737-1129. lompocart.org. Lompoc Valley Art Association, 119 E. Cypress, Lompoc.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS: A VIRTUAL CABARET A streaming holiday cabaret production. Features music, dance, and surprise acts. Registration required. Hosted and directed by Erik Stein. Performers include Kitty Balay, Yusef Seevers, Emily Trask, and others. Dec. 12, 6 p.m. Free admission; donations accepted. pcpa.org. PCPA: The Pacific Conservatory Theatre, 800 S. College, Santa Maria, 805-922-8313.

MUSIC LESSONS AT COELHO Call or go online for the Academy's current offerings. The Academy offers private lessons by the hour or half hour for all age groups and ability. ongoing 805-925-0464. coelhomusic.com. Coelho Academy of Music, 325 E. Betteravia Rd., Santa Maria.

PCPA: ACTORS TALKBACK Streams live on PCPA's Instagram every Thursday and spotlights a different thespian guest each week. Hosted by Erik Stein. Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. Free. pcpa.org. PCPA: The Pacific Conservatory Theatre, Santa Maria, 805-922-8313.

PCPA READS AT HOME A literacy project that uses our students' learning to serve children and parents who are learning at home. Co-hosted by Allan Hancock College and the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to bring a love of stories and language to people right in their homes. ongoing PCPA: The Pacific Conservatory Theatre, Santa Maria, 805-922-8313, pcpa.org.

TECH TALKS: LIVE ON INSTAGRAM Every Tuesday sit down with one of our technical staff and learn about the ins and outs of their craft. Get the exclusive with our host Erik Stein. Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. PCPA: The Pacific Conservatory Theatre, Santa Maria, 805-922-8313, pcpa.org.

WINE AND DESIGN VIRTUAL CLASSES Check Wine and Design's Orcutt website for the complete list of virtual classes online, for various ages. Also offering kids camps for summer. ongoing Varies. wineanddesign.com/orcutt. Wine & Design, 3420 Orcutt Road, suite 105, Orcutt.

WORKSHOPS VIA ZOOM Sara Curran Ice, PCPA's Technical Theatre Program Coordinator/Designer, is conducting Workshops via Zoom for local high school drama students. Check site or call for more info. ongoing PCPA: The Pacific Conservatory Theatre, Santa Maria, 805-922-8313, pcpa.org.

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will work with watercolor, acrylic, ink, pastels, charcoal, as well as various printmaking techniques in the course of a month. Maximum of 5 guests. Pre-registration and masks required. Mondays, Wednesdays, 1:30-3 p.m. \$25. 805-541-1400. lila.community. LILA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

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ART IN THE GARDEN: GALLERY AND FUNDRAISER AT SLOBG Local artists will display and sell handmade items to benefit the SLO Botanical Garden. Get your holiday shopping done in one spot. Thursdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Dec. 27 805-747-4200. artcentral.slo.wordpress.com/blog/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: ART CENTRAL'S VIRTUAL GALLERY Central Coast artists to submit artwork to Virtual Gallery Exhibit every Friday. Free to join, all you have to do is email image(s) of artwork created since COVID-19 with name, title, medium, and a positive message. Fridays, 5-11 p.m. through Dec. 18 Varies. 805-747-4200. artcentral.slo.wordpress.com/blog/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

FUN DIY HOLIDAY PLUSHIE KITS Make your own Holiday Plushies. Comes with all materials needed and instructions. Mondays-Sundays. through Dec. 18 sломakerspace.com/making-home. SLOMakerSpace, 81 Higuera, suite 160, San Luis Obispo, 805-225-4783.

HOLIDAY MOVIE SCREENING HOSTED BY PISMO BEACH/5 CITIES ROTARY A benefit screening of *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*, starring Charles Bronson. Ed Asner, and Richard Thomas. Food donations benefit St. Patrick's Outreach Program. Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m. Admission: non-perishable food item. 805-234-7796. Sunset Drive In Theatre, 255 Elks Lane, San Luis Obispo.

AN IRISH CHRISTMAS Features an award-winning cast of world champion dancers in a celebration of the great traditions of Christmas in Ireland. Enjoy spectacular dance, song, and music. An online replay of the 2015

PBS television show. Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m. Free; donation requested. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org/event/and-irish-christmas-5/. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

SLO CAMERA CLUB Online Zoom meetings and competitions. Everyone is welcome. Visit site for meeting links. Second Thursday of every month Free to guest. slocamerclub.org/home.shtml. SLO Guild Hall, 2880 Broad St., San Luis Obispo, 805-543-0639.

SLOMA: WEEKLY ART PROJECTS Kids can enjoy new activities from home (posted online every Monday). Mondays slooma.org. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo, 543-8562.

VIRTUAL OPEN STUDIOS ART TOUR Visit ARTS Obispo's Facebook page to view works from several local artists and artisans. Free. facebook.com/artsobispo. Downtown SLO, Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo.

WINTER SNOWFLAKE CERAMIC CLASS A socially distanced hand-building ceramic, snowflake class. Ceramic artist Heather Cruce guides this workshop. Through Jan. 31, 2021 sломakerspace.com/. SLOMakerSpace, 81 Higuera, suite 160, San Luis Obispo, 805-225-4783.

NORTH SLO COUNTY

ATELIER 708 FACEBOOK DISCUSSION SERIES Hosts and artists Kim Snyder, Janice Pluma, and David Butz have been colleagues for the last 8 years. View the show on the gallery's Facebook page. Second Saturday of every month, 10-11 a.m. through Feb. 13 Atelier 708, 708 Paso Robles St., D, Paso Robles.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

THE REBOOT: STORYTELLING REIMAGINED ON ZOOM Now live on Zoom. A curated mix of invited storytellers and open mic for novice storytellers. Spoken word, improv, character sketches and interactive games. Third Friday of every month, 7-8 p.m. Free. 805-772-9225. facebook.com/topdogcoffeebar/. Morro Bay.

CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

SOLVANG JULEFEST 2020 The 2020 holiday season event, which has been modified as per Santa Barbara County COVID guidelines, will entail multiple holiday happenings all located within the town. Through Jan. 1. SolvangJulefest.org. Downtown Solvang, Mission Dr., Solvang.



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

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SOLVANG NISSE ADVENTURE Participants join in a city-wide hunt for the mysterious Solvang Nisse (Christmas elves) which will have hidden themselves throughout downtown Solvang. Elf-trackers can visit site where clues will be provided to the various hiding spots which the Nisse frequents. Prizes awarded. Through Jan. 1, 2021 NisseAdventure.com. Downtown Solvang, Mission Dr., Solvang.

SOLVANG TREE DECORATING CONTEST More than 100 Christmas trees will line Solvang's lanes as the town's businesses hold a tree decorating contest, similar to Solvang's fall season Scarecrow Fest. Solvang's shops, Danish bakeries, restaurants, wine tasting rooms, wine and beer bars, and hotels will join the friendly competition. Through Jan. 1, 2021 SolvangJulefest.org. Downtown Solvang, Mission Dr., Solvang.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

GOOD MORNING LOMPOC The show is hosted by Lompoc locals Michelle and Jeremy Ball, who aim to keep the community connected while staying home at the same time. Episodes are also available to watch on YouTube after they're streamed live. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Facebook, Online, Inquire for Facebook address.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

30 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SANTA MARIA/ ORCUTT Community Partners in Caring is seeking volunteers to help support dependent older adults and seniors. ongoing partnersincaring.org. Santa Maria, Citywide, Santa Maria.

BIZ MASTERS TOASTMASTERS TUESDAYS: ZOOM Learn more about Toastmasters, prepare for 'Your Competitive Future', and improve your communication and leadership skills. Zoom Meeting ID: 317 198 472 (Password: 630). Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. through Dec. 15 Free. 805-570-0620. Santa Maria Airport, 3249 Terminal Dr., Santa Maria.

CHILDREN'S CHAPTER BOOK GRAB AND GO BOOK PACKS: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY The library will have a limited number of children's chapter bags available for pick up at the Sidewalk Service Pick-Up window. The Grab-and-Go packs are pre-packaged paper bags containing three books. Grab-and-Go Book Bags are not checked out and have no due date. **Dec. 14, Dec. 15, Dec. 16, Dec. 17, Dec. 18 and Dec. 19** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY: DRIVE-THRU EVENT A holiday light display to bring you all the warmth of the holidays. Drive through the gleaming light displays created by local organizations and families. Through Jan. 3, 2021, 7-10 a.m. \$40. 805-925-4125. elksrec.com. Elks Unocal Event Center, 4040 Highway 101, Santa Maria.

COMIC BOOK GRAB AND GO: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Kids can stop by the Sidewalk Pickup window for a free comic book pack. Each kit will include a free comic book, some inspirational tools for aspiring comic book artists, and other awesome loot. Available while supplies last. **Dec. 10, Dec. 11 and Dec. 12** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

DRIVE-IN HOLIDAY BINGO AND FAMILY BINGO Features a variety of festive holiday prizes and a few yuletide surprises. Both bingo events are designed to encourage community members to safely celebrate the holiday season from the comfort and convenience of their cars. **Dec. 11, 10-11:30 a.m.** 805-925-0951, Ext. 2260. Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria.

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

LEGO PACK PROGRAM: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SMPL is offering a take home Lego program for children aged 6 to 17. Register to pick up your Lego Pack at the Sidewalk Window. All Lego Packs must be returned to the Book Drop by December 22. **Dec. 10, Dec. 11 and Dec. 12** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY: MOVIE TALK DISCUSSION GROUP A video conference movie discussion group; meets on the second Thursday of each month. For more information email sstarnaud@cityofsantamaria.org or call 805-925-0994. Second Thursday of every month, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-925-0994.

STORY TIME LIVE FOR FAMILIES: VIRTUAL EVENT FROM SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Join us for a live story time for families; bilingual on alternating weeks. Includes songs, finger plays, and a few stories. Tune in for a fun story time the whole family will enjoy. Registration is required for a Zoom link. Wednesdays, 4-4:30 p.m. through Feb. 24 Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS OVER ZOOM Visit site or call to learn about various virtual workshop offerings. ongoing Varies. Unwind Studio, 130 N. Broadway, suite B, Santa Maria, 805-748-2539, unwindstamaria.com.

YOGA FOR MANKIND: ZOOM CLASSES Offering a variety of virtual yoga and pilates classes over the summer. Check site for class schedule. ongoing Starts at \$10. yoga4mankind.org. Yoga for Mankind, 130 N Broadway, suite B, Orcutt.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

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INFANT DROWNING RESCUE COURSES Join twice a week classes on Tuesday/Thursday or the once a week class on Friday and receive \$10 off. Drowning Rescue Courses are a great way to learn water safety in a fun, loving way. Fridays, 2-6 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. Members \$130; Non-members \$160. 5 Cities Swim School, 425 Traffic Way, Arroyo Grande, 805-481-6399, 5citysswimschool.com.



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Docent-led virtual tours of the Point San Luis Lighthouse run via Zoom every Wednesday and Saturday, at 2 p.m., through the end of December. Completed in 1890 near Avila Beach, this Victorian lighthouse remains largely as it did from its original construction. Admission to each tour is \$10, and tickets are available in advance at my805tix.com. To find out more about the tours, call (805) 540-5571 or visit pointsanluislighthouse.org.

—C.W.

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ACORN AND WILDFLOWER SEEDING PARTY Installation will be on a slope, so agility is necessary. Proper sun protection, work shoes, and masks required. **Dec. 12, 10 a.m.** 8905-541-1400. slob.org/. San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo.

ARTIST TALK WITH ZALIKA AZIM Join the Harold J. Miossi art gallery for our sixth event in our Laboratory Series, a conversation series with Black-identified artists in collaboration with R.A.C.E. Matters San Luis Obispo. A Zoom webinar and artist talk with New York based artist Zalika Azim. **Dec. 17, 5-7 p.m.** cccconfer.zoom.us. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY STROLL Walk through Downtown San Luis Obispo to see businesses, windows and parklets lit up for the Holidays. Visit site to get your Merry map and itinerary to see bright and cheery decorated windows and other surprises and visual delights. Through Jan. 1, 2021 SLOHolidays.com. Mission Plaza, 751 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

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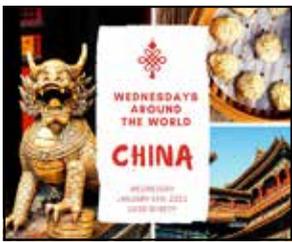


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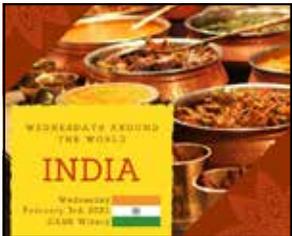
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HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING The socially distanced candle lighting ceremony, coordinated by the JCC-Federation, happens outside the steps of the Mission in San Luis Obispo each night of Hanukkah. **Dec. 10-17**, 5 p.m. Free. jccslo.com. Mission Plaza, 751 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

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LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN SLO 2020 Visit Mission Plaza, which will include Santa's House and the traditional Holiday Tree, which will be surrounded by creative and colorful light installations, a 20-foot rainbow light tunnel, a glammed-up Dine Out Downtown outdoor dining area, a lighted tree forest, and five interactive themed Memory Moment Pods. Through Jan. 1 sloholidays.com. Mission Plaza, 751 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

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NORTH SLO COUNTY

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SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

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SILVER LININGS

The San Luis Obispo Public Library hosts its next virtual Citizen Scientist program on Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants of this workshop will learn how to record sky and cloud observations and compare them with NASA satellite images. The program is open to all ages and is free to attend. Pre-registration is required online at slolibrary.org.

—C.W.

MUSIC

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

THE SIMPLY SAXES QUARTET: DRIVE-IN HOLIDAY CONCERT The quartet is led by Judy Lindquist and includes several members of the Riptide Big Band. The Quartet plans an audience sing-along for the finale. **Dec. 17**, 12-1 p.m. 805-925-0951 Ext. 2260. Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

DIRTY CELLO: HOLIDAY BLUES AND BLUEGRASS (VIRTUAL) Dirty Cello brings the world a high energy and unique spin on blues and bluegrass. Led by vivacious cross-over cellist, Rebecca Roudman, Dirty Cello is cello like you've never heard before. **Dec. 12**, 6-7 p.m. Free; donation requested. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org/event/dirty-cello-holiday-blues-bluegrass-concert/. Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

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Arts Briefs

Gallery Los Olivos showcases more than 50 artists in annual group show, Winter Salon

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Winter Salon premiered at Gallery Los Olivos on Thursday, Dec. 3, and is scheduled to remain on display through Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. This annual group exhibition showcases works of various media from more than 50 participating artists. The artworks are hung from floor to ceiling, or “salon style,” according to Gallery Los Olivos.

“It is a natural curatorial endeavor to display works of art from floor to ceiling in this hanging style,” a press release from the gallery stated. “Originating in Paris, the salon style crowds paintings together and mixes all sizes ... on the same wall.”

Martha Inman Lorch, Bill Friedman, and several other local painters are among the featured artists in the exhibit. The show includes both framed and unframed works of realism as well as abstract pieces. Aside from the paintings hung salon style, the eclectic exhibit also showcases handcrafted jewelry from local jewelry designers

Gallery Los Olivos is currently open each Thursday through Monday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call (805) 688-7517 or visit gallerylosolivos.com. The gallery is located at 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos.

The Wildling Museum of Art and Nature hosts its socially distanced Holiday Shopping Weekend

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WILDLING MUSEUM OF ART AND NATURE



From Friday, Dec. 11, and through Sunday, Dec. 13, the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang is hosting special socially distanced holiday shopping opportunities between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. While the museum itself will remain closed, due to current county and state mandates, the museum's store will be open for this event.

Guests are welcome to shop or browse through the museum's assortment of handcrafted ornaments, jewelry, and holiday gifts centered on themes of wildlife, nature, and the outdoors. Unique items in the sale include calendars for 2021, tote bags, and other giftable goodies. All proceeds from the sale will help benefit the Wildling Museum during its closure.

The museum's store is also offering private shopping appointments, for which reservations are required by calling (805) 688-1082 or emailing julie@wildlingmuseum.org. The store is also online, at wildlingmuseum.org/store, which features store pickup and delivery options for buyers.

The Wildling Museum of Art and Nature and the museum's store are both located at 1511 Mission Drive, unit B, Solvang. Visit wildlingmuseum.org for more info on the Holiday Shopping Weekend and other updates from the Wildling Museum. ○

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATHY BADRAK

Light makes right

Lompoc Valley Art Association presents *Into the Light* at Cypress Gallery

MATERIAL WORLD: “Into the Light is the result of my journey to reclaim my hope and creativity,” said featured artist Kathy Badrak, who experimented with a variety of materials for her new multimedia works.

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

As 2020 gradually comes to a close, multimedia artist Kathy Badrak is using her latest exhibition to reflect on, and hopefully heal from, a turbulent year. Presented by the Lompoc Valley Art Association, *Into the Light* opened on Dec. 4 at the Cypress Gallery and is scheduled to remain on display through Dec. 27.

“Into the Light is the result of my journey to reclaim my hope and creativity,” said Badrak, who embraced some new techniques and art forms over the course of the pandemic, partly as a way to cope with anxiety.

Looking back at the first closures in March, Badrak recalled the frustration of observing those around her dismissing the crisis, she explained.

“I was surrounded by people who kept talking about getting back to ‘normal,’ but our normal has changed,” Badrak said. “For me, this time was really dark. I was scared to go to the grocery store. Many people just did not understand the new reality and were not wearing masks.”

Unable to shake her anxiety—among other stressors, including health issues affecting close family members—Badrak initially felt uninspired to create any new artworks over the spring. Her favorite gallery's closure didn't help either, she said.

“I couldn't get myself to work in my studio. My inner critic kept telling me, ‘What's the point?’” Badrak said. “My connections were gone. Gone was the Cypress Gallery, a wonderful place to get inspired each month by all the new work, our receptions where we could all gather and share our work with the community.”

Badrak's journey to reclaim her creativity began when she spotted an advertisement on her Facebook

feed for an online art journaling workshop. It was only \$10 for a five-day series, so Badrak thought, “Why not?”

From there, Badrak continued to take subsequent workshops in other concentrations and found further inspiration from YouTube and other online resources.

“I took more classes, mostly through free videos,” said Badrak, who also began using Zoom regularly to connect with other artists and peers virtually without having to leave the house.

Badrak referred to this period of renewed encouragement as rediscovering her “art language” and “what makes me happy in my work,” she said.

Inspired to step back into her studio, Badrak was most excited to experiment with different textures and materials. While she's probably best known locally for her functional and decorative gourd art, Badrak was already a big fan of embracing new art forms prior to the pandemic, she explained.

“For over 40 years, I've spent as much time as possible learning and experimenting with various forms of art,” Badrak said in an artist statement. “I love being a student; stretching myself to try new techniques and approaches.”

Alongside Badrak's traditional gourd items, including sculptures, bowls, lamps, etc., a variety of her acrylic pour works are also on display in Cypress Gallery's current exhibit. *Into the Light* also features one of Badrak's newest multimedia pieces, which she ranks high among her personal favorites—a mask.

Inspired by mask art she saw online, Badrak constructed a mask of her own using paint and recycled materials, including paper and empty cereal boxes. Creating the mask was therapeutic in more ways than one, the artist explained.

“It was so much fun to make. It

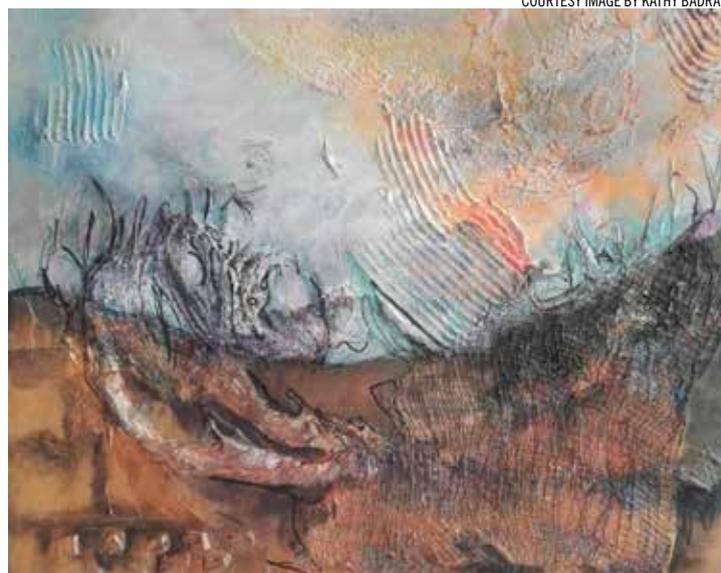
Out of the dark

Into the Light runs through Dec. 27 at Cypress Gallery, located at 119 E. Cypress Ave., Lompoc. Visit lompocart.org for more info.



MAGIC LAMP: Artist Kathy Badrak is probably best known locally for her decorative and functional gourd art, from sculptures and hanging art pieces to bowls, lamps, and vases.

COURTESY IMAGE BY KATHY BADRAK



BURNING FOR YOU: Into the Light, Kathy Badrak's new exhibit at Cypress Gallery, showcases some of her acrylic pour pieces, including *After the Fire* (pictured).



EMBRACING EXPERIMENTATION: “For over 40 years, I've spent as much time as possible learning and experimenting with various forms of art,” Kathy Badrak said in an artist statement. “I love being a student; stretching myself to try new techniques and approaches.”

is probably one of my most favorite pieces that I have created,” Badrak said. “Its facial expression mirrored the way I was feeling.”

Badrak is thankful to be exhibiting at Cypress Gallery once again, which celebrated its reopening back in August—with COVID-19 safety protocols enacted, including reduced capacity limits. *Into the Light* marks the venue's fifth onsite exhibit since its reopening date.

For now, Badrak will continue creating art as a way to deal with loss, change, and uncertainty, she said.

“I am making art daily now, creating new pieces, reworking old ones,” Badrak said.

“I am more at peace now,” she added. “But I do miss being able to hug.” ○

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood misses hugs too. Send comments to cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.

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Twisty thriller!

Based on Jean Hanff Korelitz's 2014 novel *You Should Have Known*, this tale of betrayal written for television by David E. Kelley and directed by Susanne Bier follows successful New York therapist Grace Fraser (Nicole Kidman), whose life begins to unravel after her husband, pediatric oncologist Jonathan Fraser (Hugh Grant), is accused of murdering Elena Alves (Matilda De Angelis), the mother of one of Jonathan's young cancer patients, Miguel (Edan Alexander), who happens to be a classmate of Jonathan and Grace's son, Henry (Noah Jupe). With Detective Joe Mendoza (Edgar Ramirez) in hot pursuit, and the other potential suspect—Elena's mercurial husband, Fernando (Ismael Cruz Cordova)—with an alibi, Jonathan's only hope is his astute attorney, Hailey Fitzgerald (Noma Dumezweni), hired under the largesse of Grace's wealthy father, Franklin Reinhardt (Donald Sutherland), who doesn't think well of Jonathan. (six 50- to 67-min. episodes)

Glen: The synopsis above makes this story sound very convoluted, but it's so well written, directed, and acted that the only thing that isn't clear is whodunit! Jonathan seems the obvious choice. After all, his semen was found in the victim. But as this carefully and thoughtfully told story unfolds, you'll find yourself wildly speculating throughout. Was it Elena's husband? Was it Grace? What about Grace's son, Henry? Or did Grace's father, Franklin, have something to do with it? At one time or another through these six episodes, all were on my list of suspects. It's a delicious mystery, with plenty of twists and turns, double-backs, and red herrings to

send you into mental knots as you try to work it out. It's also about the fallout of such a horrible event on the families of those involved. We so want to believe Jonathan, a man who heals children of cancer, and Grace's sense of betrayal from his affair with Elena is palpable. Likewise, Henry is torn by the thought of his father being a murderer and his parents' marriage dissolving. And Franklin? He's cutthroat in the way only the 1 percent can be—knowing your money can buy your way out of anything. It might not be quite as good as *Big Little Lies*, but *The Undoing* will keep you riveted nonetheless.

Anna: This series does a fantastic job of keeping its audience from knowing which way is up. Jonathan is charming and clever, a seemingly good husband and father until the murder brings his affair to light. He shows up at Franklin's beach house where Grace and Henry have retreated in hopes of avoiding the media's prying eyes, and when he does, Grace is scared out of her mind, and you can feel the fear through her performance. Kidman is just amazing here—her character is both methodical and emotional, torn between what she wants the truth to be and what it actually is. Jonathan's dogged insistence at his innocence has her second-guessing the narrative she is being told by investigators, and her fierce protection of Henry has her like a cornered mother lion. The costuming of Kidman is particularly wonderful, an upper-crust portrait of a woman coming apart at the seams in some really, really nice coats. Franklin's apartment overlooks Central Park with ceilings so high you have to squint to see them; the sheer opulence is breathtaking. It's just a beautifully rich world the creators have given us a peephole into. I didn't know what to think up until the very end, and that's pretty impressive.

Glen: The performances really do shine. Grant

THE UNDOING

What's it rated? **TV-MA**
What's it worth, Anna? **Full price**
What's it worth, Glen? **Full price**
Where's it showing? **HBO**

often plays lovable and kind characters, so this casting against type really works to keep us wondering. I was particularly impressed with Sutherland, whose patrician air can turn into menace on a dime. And young Jupe delivers a performance beyond his years. David E. Kelley is the writer behind a long list of successful TV shows, from *L.A. Law* to *Doogie Howser, M.D.*, to *Chicago Hope* to *Ally McBeal*. He also wrote seven of the *Big Little Lies* episodes. He's reliably good. And Susanne Bier is a wonderful director for this story that's crying out of a woman's sensibilities. She also directed *Bird Box* (2018) and *The Night Manager* TV miniseries (2016). She knows how to move the camera and get compelling performances out of her actors. This is worth the watch, and now that all six episodes are out, you're free to binge your weekend away!

Anna: We watched over the six weeks as opposed to a binge, which in a way lets you appreciate the story more. I love a binge, but sometimes it's good to be reminded what it feels like to actually have anticipation week to week instead of immediate answers. That said, if I were coming to this show when all episodes were out, I most certainly would have watched them one after the other. Kelley has



FAKE IT OR BREAK IT: Jonathan Fraser (Hugh Grant) and his wife, Grace (Nicole Kidman), struggle to hang on to their relationship after he's accused of a brutal murder, in the TV miniseries *The Undoing*, screening on HBO.

shown his talents in the past with all the shows you mentioned, and his brilliance continues here; it's just a solid piece of work forward and back. As soon as you start to feel confident in what you think the real story is, a new twisty turn happens, and we're right back where we started. The crux of the story comes when Jonathan goes to trial. He goes on the stand and pleads his case—he was simply a man in love who fell into a bad circumstance. But what comes after is the shocker of the series, and it keeps you on your toes until the very last scene. This series is more than worth a watch. In fact, I may even give it a second viewing. ○

New Times Senior Staff Writer Glen Starkey and freelancer Anna Starkey write Sun Screen. Glen compiles streaming listings. Comment at gstarkey@newtimeslo.com.

TV & Film Reviews

THE GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW (SEASON 11)

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

When? **2020**

Where's it showing? **Netflix**

Don your apron and dust off the springform pan because the 11th season of *The Great British Baking Show* is on Netflix, and the winner has been chosen—so you have 10 delectable episodes full of baking triumphs and heartbreaks ready to go.

From seemingly simple tasks to unheard-of pastries to full-on showstoppers, this season has some of the best and brightest of Great Britain's amateur bakers with dreams of winning it all—or at least getting a handshake from Paul Hollywood. From technical challenges to signature bakes, the 12 contestants range from university student Peter to waistcoat fanatic Rowan to pantomime producer Lottie, whose dark sense of humor is priceless.

We all need some feel-good content right now, and these masters of their craft will have you laughing, crying,



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DAZZLING DOZEN: Twelve new contestants face off in the charming reality TV program *The Great British Baking Show*, now in its 11th season and available on Netflix.

and yelling at the TV that the choux lost way too much volume in the oven. I watch this series every year, and with plenty of collections on Netflix—including holiday ones—there is a ton of content and a myriad of completely lovable contestants ready to share their baking journeys with you. Prepare to be utterly charmed. (10 60-min. episodes)

—Anna

A VIGILANTE

What's it rated? **R**

When? **2018**

Where's it showing? **Amazon Prime**

Writer-director Sarah Daggar-Nickson helms this tale about domestic violence, revenge, and—as the title promised—vigilantism. Olivia Wilde stars as mysterious Sadie, who we discover helps women and children get out of abusive situations. Jumping back and forth through time, we learn Sadie's own troubling history and what set her on the path of saving others.

Wilde is terrific in the role. Her Sadie might mete out punishment like a badass, but she's also dealing with her own PTSD and personal losses. Watching Wilde's crazed face as she prepares for battle or seeing her breakdown at the sight of the abuse she stops is very affecting. Wilde's Sadie is haunted by her past and determined to save others from her fate.

It's certainly a lot of fun watching the bad guys, and in one case bad woman, get what they deserve. The story doesn't bother to humanize the victimizers. They're horrible and wholly unsympathetic. Hence, there's



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DETERMINED: Sadie (Olivia Wilde), a former victim of domestic abuse, dedicates her life to helping others escape the kind of violence she experienced, in *A Vigilante*, streaming on Amazon Prime.

not a lot of nuance or subtly to the story—but there is revenge, and it's satisfying. (91 min.) ○

—Glen

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FROM 800 TO 805: Santa Ynez restaurateur and chef Anthony Carron (pictured) described his next venture, Coast Range in downtown Solvang, as a passion project. Carron is also a founder of two Los Angeles-based dining chains, 800 Degrees Pizza and Top Round.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BON TEMPS



PASTRY POET: Lincoln Carson (pictured) earned high praise from *Esquire*, *Food & Wine*, and other publications for his work as chef and owner of Bon Temps in downtown Los Angeles. Carson will be in charge of Coast Range's daytime pastry cafe.

Love is range

Coast Range in downtown Solvang employs an all-star team of culinary artists

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Drilling and hammering noises bled into my Zoom call with Santa Ynez chef Anthony Carron before prompting a change of scenery.

"It's hard to find a quiet place at a construction site," Carron said while stepping outside of a vacant building in downtown Solvang. The large space, currently being remodeled, was once home to The Mandarin Touch Chinese Restaurant, which closed its doors last year.

"The building has great bones, a beautiful layout," Carron said. "When this site became available, I knew right away this was the perfect place."

The perfect place for Coast Range, that is—an upcoming steakhouse and seafood eatery, which will also house a full cocktail bar and daytime pastry cafe. The restaurant is expected to open in 2021.

"The bar and the patio would open around February if we're allowed to have outdoor seating," Carron, one of the restaurant's co-founders, said. "When restrictions ease up and we can go back to indoor dining, we'll open the steakhouse proper. Who knows what the restrictions are going to be when the time comes."

As part of the restaurant's first phase, in terms of opening to the public, the Vaquero Bar will offer a wide selection of cocktails, craft beer, and local wine from producers throughout the region. The bar will also have its own food menu, separate from the restaurant's dinner selection, which is described as "elevated yet casual."

The philosophy behind both menus is to showcase simple, approachable cuisine, "but made with the best ingredients," Carron said.

"We don't want to do that kind of tweezer food, that over-manipulated stuff you see in a lot of fine dining restaurants," the restaurateur explained.

But at the same time, guests will sense something heightened about even the most casual dishes, he added.

"You don't need to be a connoisseur to know that this tastes different and fresh and sweet and delicious, versus the inside of a can," Carron said. "It's all coming down to ingredients."

Raising the bar

Keep up with the development of Coast Range on Instagram at @coastrangerestaurant. This upcoming steakhouse and seafood restaurant plans to open its Vaquero Bar to the public in February 2021. Coast Range will be located at 1635 Mission Drive, Solvang.

Keeping it local, Coast Range will rely on Central Coast ranches for steak and will serve seafood taken directly from the Santa Barbara wharves.

As a founder of two Los Angeles-based casual dining chains, 800 Degrees Pizza and Top Round, Carron said the Coast Range means much more to him than simply making ends meet.

"Those two are my day jobs, this is my passion project," he said of the new venture.

"We're doing this out of love for this place and this community and a desire to work together," added Carron, describing Coast Range as a long-awaited collaboration between him and two longtime colleagues—Lincoln Carson and Steven Fretz.

Carron first met Carson and Fretz more than a decade ago, while all were working for celebrity chef Michael Mina out of San Francisco. At the time, Carron was Mina's executive chef, while Carson was Mina's corporate pastry chef, and Fretz ran a handful of Mina's restaurants.

And it's no coincidence, Carron added, that each of them ended up living in the Santa Ynez Valley.

"I moved here with my wife five years ago, and I've been recruiting these guys to come up here ever since," he said. "It's a friendship first and foremost, we've all just been great friends for so long."

Camaraderie outside of the kitchen aside, what keeps these three chefs from spoiling the broth when it comes to strictly business?

"It's that shared history I think," Carron said. "We came up working for the same people, so we have kind of the same vocabulary and the same vernacular; similar approaches to cooking amongst each other. We've all been working together for 15 years, off and on."

In 2013, Carron and Fretz co-founded the aforementioned sandwich chain, Top Round, which branched off from its original Los Angeles location to other cities in California, Texas, and Florida.

"There's a million 'better' burger places, but there was no 'better' Arby's, that just didn't exist," Carron said, reflecting on why he and Fretz opted to take the roast beef sandwich route rather than start a burger chain.

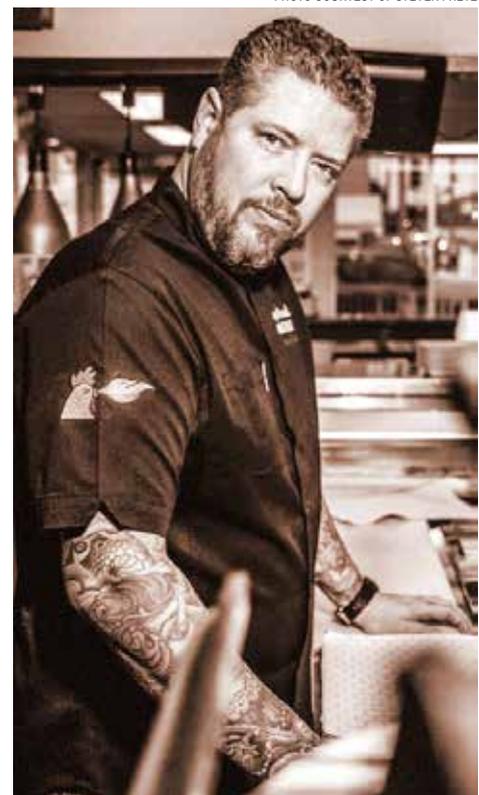
Meanwhile, Carson was making waves of his own as the chef and owner of Bon Temps

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THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE: Central Coast resident and James Beard Award-winning winemaker and sommelier Rajat Parr (pictured) will curate Coast Range's wine program, which will include a variety of steak- and seafood-friendly wines.

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TEAMWORK IS DREAMWORK: Coast Range chef and Top Round co-founder Steven Fretz (pictured) first met collaborators Anthony Carron and Lincoln Carson more than a decade ago, while all were working for celebrity chef Michael Mina in San Francisco.

in downtown Los Angeles, earning the pastry specialist high praise from *Esquire*, *Food & Wine*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and other publications.

With Carson headlining Coast Range's daytime pastry and lunch cafe, Carron and Fretz will collaborate on the dinner-only restaurant and Vaquero Bar food offerings.

To curate the perfect list of wines to pair with their dishes, the Coast Range chefs are teaming up with fellow Central Coast resident and James Beard Award-winning winemaker Rajat Parr. The renowned sommelier is planning to highlight a variety of steak- and seafood-friendly wines, including many from regional producers in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Other members of the Coast Range team include Joseph Sabato, the restaurant's general manager and mixologist, and Hillary Calhoun, who will oversee marketing and catering.

If there was one positive thing to come out of this year, Carron said, it was assembling this group of passionate professionals.

"They say there's always a silver lining. While 2020 brought challenges, it also allowed us to assemble a world-class team," Carron said. "And find the perfect space to showcase our talents in a part of the world we love."

"As soon as I moved here, I knew I wanted to open a restaurant at some point," added Carron, who daydreamed of becoming a chef as a child, specifically as soon as he was "tall enough to see over the stove."

Would you believe me if I told you he learned how to cook from the CIA?

"The Culinary Institute of America," he clarified.

Rather than enroll in the school though, Carron purchased one of the CIA's textbooks and studied it independently. He ended up cooking every recipe in the book, from cover to cover, for dinner, night after night after night. His roommates at the time had little to complain about.

"They ate very well. And that's how I got my training," Carron said. "It was a lot cheaper than going to culinary school."

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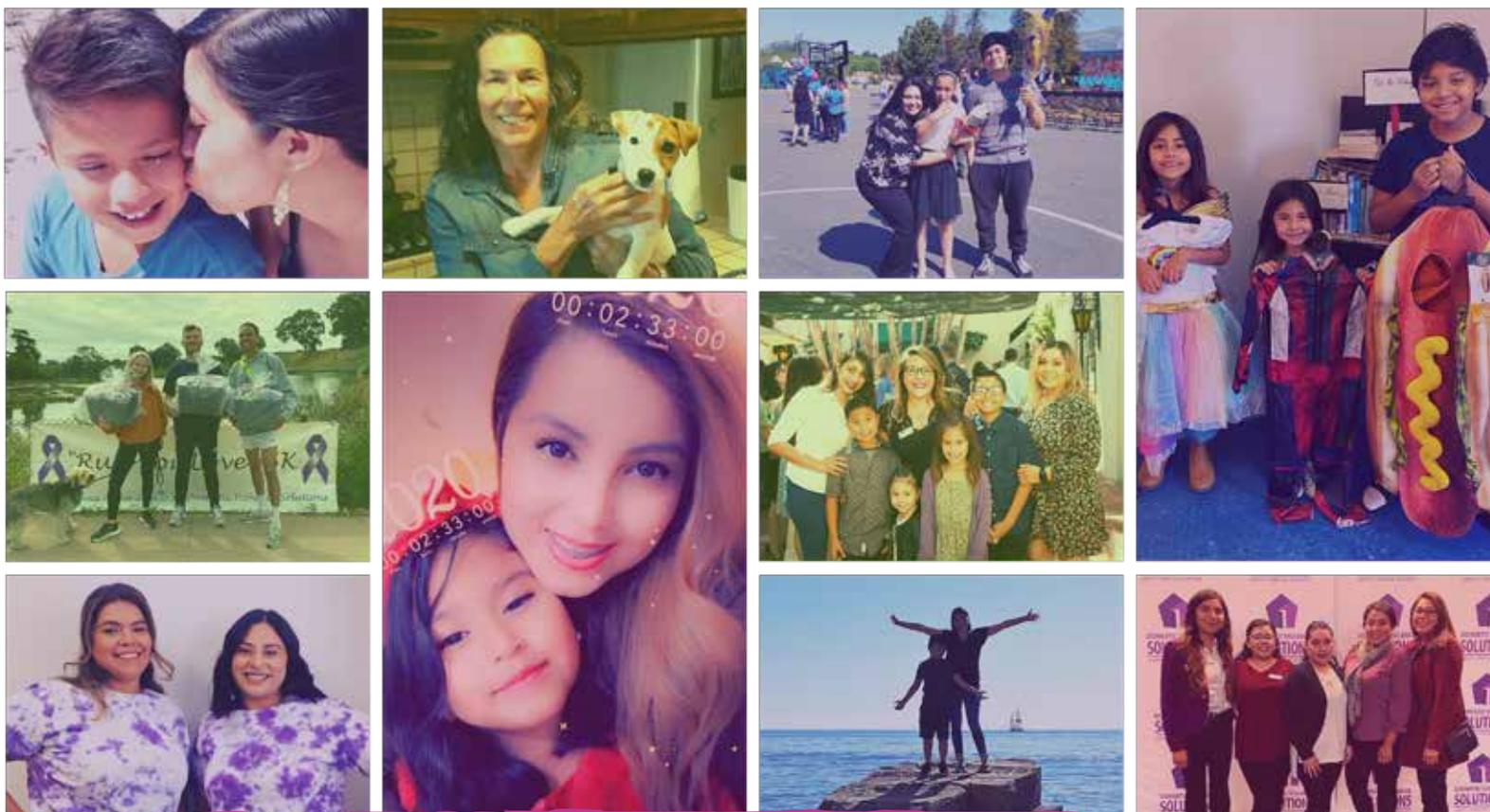
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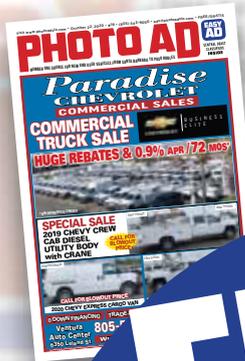
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