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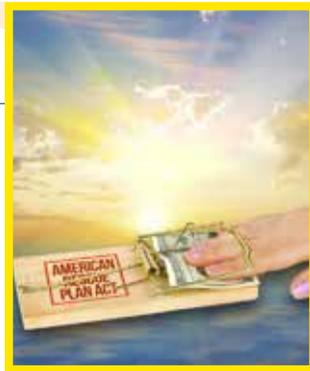
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Camillia Lanham
editor



STRINGS ATTACHED: Although cities like Lompoc know how much money the American Rescue Plan Act allocates to them, they are waiting for instructions on what they can spend it on.

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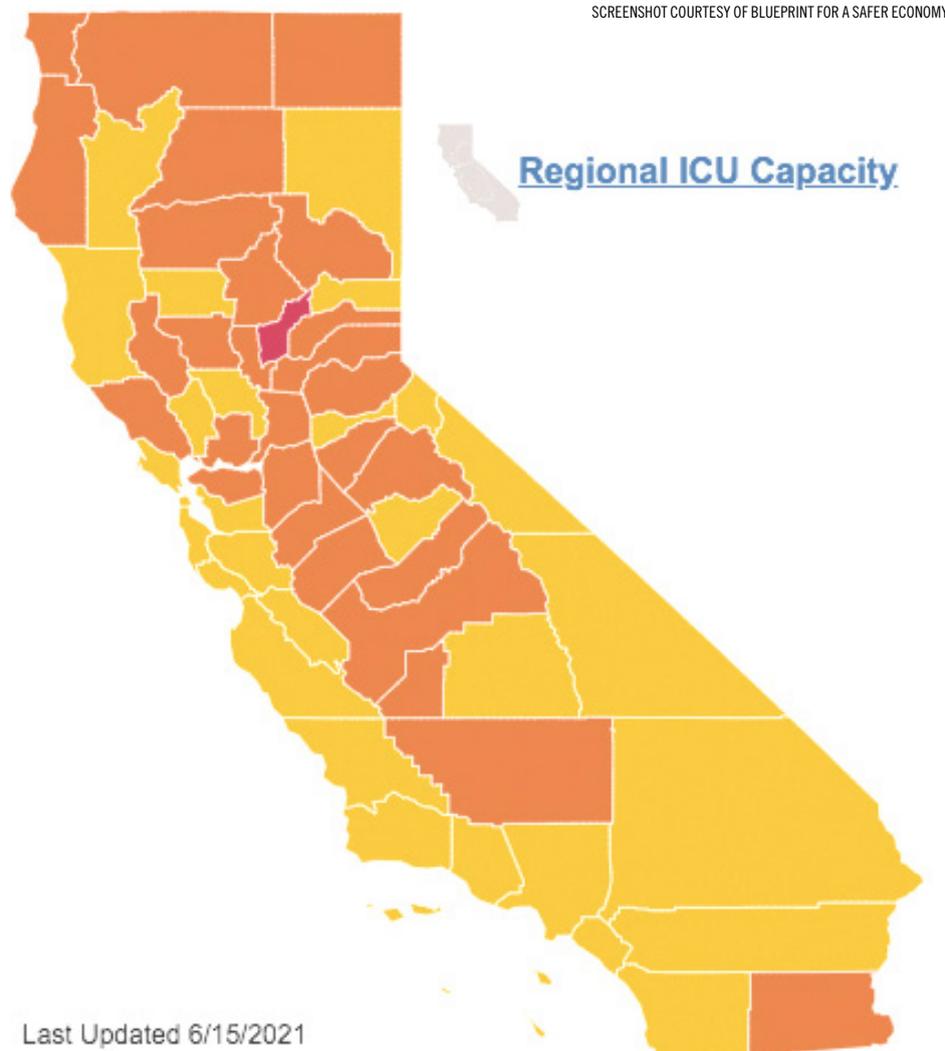
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Political Watch

• The U.S. Department of Transportation reached a settlement with the state of California to fund the high-speed rail project and will receive nearly a billion dollars in restored federal grant funding after that money was taken away during the **Trump administration**. “Tonight’s action by the federal government is further proof that California and the **Biden-Harris administration** share a common vision—clean, electrified transportation that will serve generations to come,” **Gov. Gavin Newsom** said in a June 10 statement. “Restoring nearly \$929 million in grant funding back to California’s high-speed rail project will continue to spur job creation, advance the project, and move the state one step closer to getting trains running in California as soon as possible.” The railway is projected to connect Los Angeles to San Francisco, and future extensions will connect San Diego and Sacramento. “The California high-speed rail project is under construction along 119 miles in the Central Valley with more than 35 active construction sites and an average of 1,100 workers a day on the various job sites,” according to the statement. “Restoration of the grant funding will aid the High-Speed Rail Authority in their effort to complete the initial operating segment of the nation’s first high-speed rail system.”

• On June 10, **U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) announced that he secured \$20 million in funding from the INVEST in America Act, a House transportation and infrastructure bill. If passed, the funding will help advance local priorities, according to a statement from Carbajal’s office. “I am proud to have secured vital resources to improve quality of life for every resident on the Central Coast, including funding for three key local infrastructure projects that were included in the bill. In addition to these direct funds, several pieces of legislation I authored to protect public safety, support local infrastructure projects, and preserve transit options have been included,” Carbajal said in the statement. “The transportation sector is America’s biggest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions. It is crucial that we look to the future and modernize this sector of our economy so it is part of the solution to the climate crisis, not part of the problem. I look forward to seeing this bipartisan bill through to the finish line and will continue to advocate for necessary investments in our infrastructure to revitalize our economy and prepare for the future.” **Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Executive Director Marjie Kirn** applauded Carbajal for his efforts to secure funding for the Central Coast. “Carbajal’s aggressive advocacy is just what we need to deliver Central Coast priorities like funding for the U.S. 101 Carpinteria to Santa Barbara project, protecting transit partners’ access to resources, and recognizing the seriousness of strong federal partnerships to build a climate resilient future,” Kirn said in the statement.

• In a June 14 Facebook post, **Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham** (R-San Luis Obispo) said he’s proud to be working “across the aisle” with **Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel** (D-San Fernando) on Assembly Bill 587, which would “require a social media company, as defined, to post their terms of service in a specified manner and with additional specified information,” the bill states. “A handful of companies exert an undeniable influence over all aspects of society, and operate with near total impunity in terms of the content they allow to be shared among users,” Cunningham wrote. If passed, his bill “would require social media companies to report what type of content they’re suppressing and what standard they’re using to suppress content,” he wrote. ○



BYE BYE, BLUEPRINT: The state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy reopening system ended Tuesday, just a week after Santa Barbara County made it into the yellow tier for the first time. The colors of each county in the map correspond with their tier designation—yellow, orange, and red.

With the tier system gone, public health officials talk about what comes next

June 15 marked the end of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, the color-coded reopening system that Santa Barbara County finally made its way through when it reached the yellow tier on June 8. Public health officials say the county is ready to reopen, but that the community shouldn’t let its guard down entirely: COVID-19 is still among us.

Though Santa Barbara County was only in the yellow tier for a week before the state’s reopening system ended, Public Health Director Dr. Van Do-Reynoso said reaching the least restrictive tier was emblematic of how far the county’s come.

“I think it’s symbolic that we are working well together toward decreasing disease transmission,” Do-Reynoso said. “It was a great moment to be finally assigned the yellow tier because of our lowering, decreasing case rates and testing positivity.”

Effective Tuesday, most restrictions set by the reopening system were lifted in California.

“We will join the state in going beyond the Blueprint,” Do-Reynoso said. “That means that June 15 marks the full reopening of businesses to normal operations. ... There will not be a capacity restriction or a [requirement for] social distancing.”

However, masks will still be required in certain settings.

“Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals, except a few settings. They are: public transportation, indoors K through 12, child care and other youth settings, health care settings, congregate living centers including correctional facilities and detention centers and ... homeless

shelters,” Do-Reynoso said.

Masks will also be required for all unvaccinated people in indoor public settings. Businesses have three choices for mask policies going forward.

“They can use a self-attestation compliance method to determine compliance, they can implement a vaccine verification, or they can require that all patrons wear a mask,” Do-Reynoso said. “The flip side to that, though, is that no person will be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry.”

In other words, a person can’t be denied entry for choosing to wear a mask, even if a business or event doesn’t require them.

“They cannot prevent you from participating just because you’re wearing a mask,” Do-Reynoso said. “The intent is to support people who are wearing masks.”

Do-Reynoso believes the county is ready to reopen: June 14 marked the first day since the start of the pandemic that Santa Barbara County registered zero new COVID-19 cases.

“Our case rates are going down, and conversely, our vaccination rates are steadily going up,” she said. “So as we are reaching community immunity, I’m confident that we will get to the place where we will see more and more people vaccinated.”

But, Do-Reynoso added, the pandemic is not over.

“As we are reopening to normal operations, Public Health is still going to be very vigilant,” she said. “We are still going to monitor our case rates, and we have the infrastructure in place to continue testing, to continue isolation and quarantine, to continue doing contract tracing, as well as to continue doing vaccination. ... I’m comfortable, because we have that infrastructure in place, that we can fully reopen.”

—Malea Martin

Redistricting Commission criticized for recent appointment of Kevin Kaseff

Some conservatives are criticizing the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission and the process it used to select a white Democrat to fill a recently vacated seat instead of a Latino Republican.

At a meeting on June 2, the Redistricting Commission voted 8-2 to appoint Santa Ynez Valley resident Kevin Kaseff to represent District 3, a seat that was left open after James “Chris” Hudley resigned from the position in April to accept a job outside of Santa Barbara County.

Hudley’s resignation left the Redistricting Commission short on Democrats and without its only Black member. With a pool of all Republicans and a single white Democrat available to take his place, the commission, which is supposed to reflect the demographics of Santa Barbara County, was once again faced with a difficult decision.

Andrea Sheridan Ordin, legal counsel for the Redistricting Commission, said commissioners would have to decide whether accurate racial or political representation is prioritized in Measure G, an ordinance Santa Barbara County voters passed in 2018 that enabled the creation of the Redistricting Commission.

“If I had to weigh it—because of the extent to which the people who drafted this ordinance were concerned about a balance of partisanship, thinking that might get to more impartiality—if there is a greater weight, it appears to be on the side of partisanship,” Sheridan Ordin said at the meeting. “But you cannot ignore either how important they thought it was to ensure that the commission reflects the county’s diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age, and gender diversity.”

The use of a redistricting commission is an attempt to create districts that will better represent the county’s current population based on new census data, but the Redistricting Commission selection process has been under fire since October 2020, when Registrar of Voters Joseph Holland released his list of the 45 most qualified candidates chosen from about 200 applicants. Community members from across the county, including 3rd District Supervisor Joan Hartmann, complained that Holland’s selection process had “created a skewed pool that is old, white, and male.”

The first five commissioners—four white men and one white woman—were randomly chosen from Holland’s pool of 45 and responsible for filling the commission’s remaining six seats.

To accurately parallel the county’s demographics, the first five members would have had to choose five women and one man to fill the remaining six seats, including five Latino members, one Asian, Black, or Native American member; one Republican; three members under the age of 45, and two over 75. The Redistricting Commission initially ended up with just one Republican and only two Latinos, leading to a legal threat from the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in December 2020.

When a vacancy occurs on the commission, Measure G requires commissioners to select a replacement member who will maintain the balance of district representation and political affiliation that existed prior to the vacancy.

But a replacement has to be chosen out of the already existing pool of 45 applicants, and in this case, the choice was ultimately between Lupe Alvarez, a Republican Latino from Guadalupe, and Kevin Kaseff, a white Democrat from the Santa Ynez Valley.



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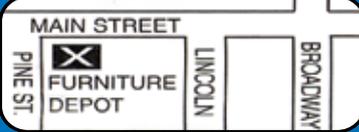
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Commissioner Cheryl Trosky, who voted against Kaseff's appointment to the commission along with Commissioner Amanda Ochoa, said that while she understands the need for partisan balance, ethnic demographics should be prioritized. She also added that Kaseff, who withdrew from consideration for the position in May only to change his mind again just before the June meeting, might not be the most consistent applicant. She called Alvarez "the only choice."

"How will this look to the Hispanic community if, once again, we overlook a qualified candidate that is Hispanic, that represents the North County, that speaks for people that don't have a voice?" Trosky said. "And how are we going to get these people to be involved—how will they want to be involved—when we yet again vote another white male to the commission?"

Other commissioners, however, questioned Alvarez's ability to make unbiased decisions. Several mentioned a 2010 *Sun* article detailing Alvarez's attendance and participation in an election night party for 5th District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, which several commissions said could be considered a conflict of interest.

"First and foremost, our qualifications need to be that we're impartial and I think that this is, in my opinion, one of the most direct lines to a connection to a current supervisor and that makes me very uncomfortable," Commissioner Megan Turley said.

But because Kaseff had originally withdrawn his application for the Redistricting Commission position, only to change his mind after the agenda for the June 2 meeting had been posted, commissioners selected Kaseff through a special meeting on the same night as the regular June 2 meeting.

Andy Caldwell, executive director of The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business (COLAB), took issue with that. He complained in a newsletter and a June 5 Facebook post that Kaseff was chosen through an illegal and "purely political" process aimed at avoiding the selection of another Republican.

"What to do?" Caldwell wrote in his newsletter. "They illegally called for an 'emergency meeting' within the regular meeting and a miracle occurred! A Democrat that had previously withdrawn from the applicant pool miraculously reappeared to reapply and surprise, surprise. The raised-from-the-dead applicant was subsequently appointed to fill the position! I wonder who made that happen?"

But Shalice Tilton, a senior consultant with National Demographics Corporation, which handles demography and administrative services for the Independent Redistricting Commission, said the joint special and regular meeting was completely lawful and adequately noticed.

—Kasey Bubnash

Promotores Network receives grant to train more volunteers

Santa Barbara County's Promotores Network will grow in the near future thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara.

The Promotores is a group of volunteers throughout Santa Barbara County who engage Spanish-speaking community members and bridge the gap to help them access resources. The organization operates as part of Children and Family Resource Services, a nonprofit under the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

"The Promotores has been around since 2002," Santa Barbara County Education Office Director of Communications Valerie Cantella said. "Three women who were working in the Health Program Center at [Santa Barbara] Neighborhood Clinics decided that they were going to help do some clinic outreach because there's so many health-related issues that tend to affect specific populations, and in this case, Spanish-speaking populations. They built from there, and it has become this robust community resource."

The Promotores has now grown to more than 200 members countywide, and with the recent Women's Fund grant, will soon be able to add 24 new volunteers to the network. Josefa Rios was one of the founders, and today she serves as the lead promotora.

"Our main focus is just to address and connect members in the community [who] lack resources or have trouble accessing assistance," Rios said. "It could be from education, to health advocacy—just make their lives better for themselves and their families."

Rios said the \$100,000 grant is one of the largest that the Promotores Network has ever received. The funds will be used to train and certify 24 new promotores as family health navigators.

"[They will] focus on health care and prevention with any disparities regarding mental health issues we might have in our community," Rios said. "The promotores will be the navigators to connect our members in the community to the resources."

Cantella said each member of the Promotores Network typically makes contact with 100 community members each year, so the addition of 24 promotores will lead to about 2,400 additional connections.

"The benefit of that is, once you have a relationship with a promotora, you then have another trusted leader to go back and ask for other support," Cantella said. "Right now, they're doing a lot of work with vaccine acceptance and trying to educate people and answer questions and help them to connect to vaccine appointments."

Cantella said the promotores helped tremendously with the county's census efforts.

"Calling people, setting up booths at different events back before COVID," Cantella recalled.



BRIDGING THE GAP: Promotores help connect Spanish-speaking Santa Barbara County residents with the resources they need. Here, a Promotores Network member works a community health education event.

"Basically, because these are people that are in the Spanish-speaking community, they're trusted resources for Spanish-speaking residents."

Rios said the pandemic has been challenging to navigate as an organization, but the new funding will help.

"We've been working so hard," Rios said. "It shows the wonderful work the promotores are doing out there. Their voices, their impact, and changing lives. ... To be able to have this opportunity with the Women's Fund, it's big for us. It's huge."

—Malea Martin

Solvang continues its work to create a unified brand for its tourism marketing

Solvang's City Council is taking steps toward a unifying its tourism marketing, overall brand, and direction for its visitor center.

Currently there are three different agencies—IDK Events, the Solvang Chamber of Commerce, and Central Coast Marketing—that helm the city's events, tourism, and marketing. All three use different websites and social media accounts to reach prospective visitors, which the city is hoping to consolidate in the future.

During a June 14 meeting, the council unanimously voted to direct staff to create

guidelines and bylaws for a five- to seven-person marketing committee. The goal of the committee would be to establish parameters for Solvang's future brand and a clear request for proposal for a new marketing contract.

Councilmember Mark Infanti said IDK Events established its own committee composed of local voices to support the production of their programming and marketing. He questioned why the city would create another committee.

City Manager Xenia Bradford said IDK's committee has nothing to do with the city. If Solvang were to create its own, the committee would work on behalf of the city and what's in the city's best interest.

"So you have a clear separation that defines what should be done and how it should be done versus the firm or organization that is actually performing the work," Bradford said.

Councilmember Robert Clarke said IDK Events or whatever agency the city awards a new contract to would "benefit from a boss and clear and defined direction" rather than having the agency figure that out.

While the city continues to work on creating a committee and a vision it can agree on, the council unanimously voted to extend its current marketing contract with IDK Events until Dec. 31 and extend the visitor center management contract with Central Coast Marketing through Sept. 30. ○

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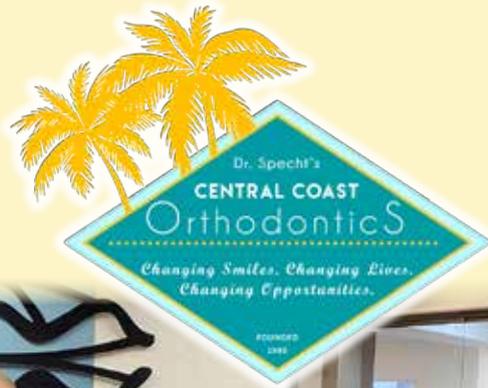
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FINDING FUNDING: The Lompoc Fire Department has a few critical needs that it hopes to get funded in the near future, but confusion around what's eligible for American Rescue Plan Act funds is causing uncertainty.

Funding the future

As cities await finalized American Rescue Plan Act guidelines, some funding decisions remain in limbo

BY MALEA MARTIN

Lompoc Interim Fire Chief Brian Federmann is well aware of the health risks that his job carries. But seeing those risks impact one of the Lompoc Fire Department's own made it all a bit more real.

"Cancer has become quickly one of the No. 1 killers in firefighting," Federmann said. "It used to be heart attacks, and cancer is growing with the carcinogens that we breathe."

Firefighters inhale carcinogens while putting out fires but also from diesel exhaust that comes from fire engines. It has become an industry standard to implement a diesel extraction system into fire stations, but Lompoc doesn't have one yet. In 2019, one of Lompoc's firefighters was diagnosed with work-related colon cancer.

"Diesel soot is a known carcinogen to cause cancer, and specifically colon cancer," Federmann said. "Having known that this is a growing concern in the fire service as a whole, but then seeing it impact one of our own brings it close to home. I think anybody in the community can relate to that, because we all know somebody who has been diagnosed with cancer."

This isn't the only instance of work-related cancer to come out of the Lompoc Fire Department: former Fire Chief Linual White died of cancer in 2017, which was believed to have been contracted on the job.

Federmann asked the City Council to consider funding diesel extraction systems for their fire stations at a May 20 special meeting. It was among a few key improvements that Federmann said the Fire Department desperately needs, such as additions to their vehicle fleet and a seismic evaluation of Fire Station 51.

He was hopeful that funding from one of the federal stimulus bills could be used to budget for these needs, but confusion around what American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money can be used for is creating more questions than answers. City officials want to find room in the general fund to get the extraction system in the budget, but this is just one of many capital projects identified as priorities by the city's public safety departments.

"When we first got the ARPA, we were told it was going to be, 'You can use it for whatever you want,'" Lompoc Management Services Director Dean Albro said at a second special meeting held on June 3. "And then when we got the guidance we

realized that that's not really the case. So there's a lot of capital improvements that we were planning on funding through the ARPA."

What adds to the uncertainty is that this guidance is only interim. The U.S. Treasury is currently collecting feedback from cities and other stakeholders, which can be submitted until July 16 and may change what's eligible in the final guidance. This leaves cities like Lompoc, which needs to pass a budget by the end of the month, in the lurch.

When the interim guidelines were released, city staff "were in the final throes of producing the budget book, and had hoped to just plug in this additional money to accomplish some things we haven't been able to accomplish for a while," Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne told the *Sun*. "So it created, unfortunately, instead of clarity, more confusion."

Santa Maria is in the middle of its two-year budget cycle. So although the city doesn't have to deal with passing an entire budget while also navigating the Rescue Plan, the lack of clarity is affecting Santa Maria, too.

"ARPA is not considered as part of the 2021-22 revenues because those are one-time funds and there is uncertainty about eligible projects," Santa Maria Public Information Manager Mark van de Kamp told the *Sun* via email. "Although ARPA legislation intends to address impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and bolster the economic recovery, the U.S. Treasury guidance on eligible uses is far more limiting than anticipated."

Luckily, van de Kamp noted, Santa Maria has resources to figure it out.

"City management staff are actively evaluating possible projects that will meet ARPA eligibility requirements," he said. "Back in May, the City Council approved receipt of the funds, as well as approving the hiring of temporary personnel to oversee some of the funded projects. As staff secures accurate guidance, updates will be brought back to the City Council."

Lompoc Mayor Osborne said that when the temporary ARPA guidance was released, it was overwhelming for the city's limited staff.

"In our finance department, we're down about 50 percent of our personnel," she said.

Plus, Lompoc doesn't have any reserves to fall back on, which Osborne said makes it difficult to commit to funding a public safety project with ARPA dollars: If it turns out the federal money can't be used for this, then the city would need

some extra money lying around to backfill the cost.

"If I had [money] sitting in a reserve fund, and we went out and bought a new fire truck with it, and they said, 'Oh no, the fire truck doesn't qualify [for ARPA],' then I wouldn't feel so bad because I could go to that reserve," Osborne said. "We unfortunately aren't one of those cities."

Lompoc Councilmember Gilda Cordova acknowledged that a lack of excess general funds isn't city staff's fault. But, she continued, Lompoc needs to find a way to bring in more revenue if it ever wants to fund everything in the capital improvement program report.

"At the end of the day, we are never going to solve any of these issues if we don't start bringing in more money," Cordova said. "The cannabis tax was one of the things that hopefully will pan out the way we all expect it to, and that can start coming in."

Lompoc City Council recently voted to hold a special election on Aug. 31, where residents will get to decide whether to increase taxes on the local cannabis industry. If it passes, Osborne said it would help tremendously with getting capital projects done.

"It would absolutely for me—and by the sounds of the rest of council—it would be a very high priority," she said, "to tackle a lot of the shortfalls in our public safety department."

At the end of the June 3 special meeting, Councilmember Dirk Starbuck made a motion to get the Fire Department's diesel extraction system in the budget.

"They have a lot of things they want in here, but this appears to me to be a safety issue, probably above the structure [earthquake evaluation] at this point," he said.

The motion passed 5-0. Chief Federmann said the vote was an encouraging start.

"Councilmember Starbuck brought up adding the diesel extraction systems ... so it looks like those are going to get into the proposed budget that will be brought forward on June 15," Federmann said. "We're very hopeful that they will be included and that they will be adopted. That will be a huge, huge improvement for the health and safety of our members."

As for some of the other capital improvement projects that the Fire Department and other divisions are hopeful for, the City Council will have to wait and see how the ARPA guidelines get hammered out.

"With respect to the ARPA funding, like every division in multiple communities, everybody's just trying to figure out what the rules of engagement are," Federmann said. "We understand there's a lot of needs throughout our community. Just hearing the council trying to address a couple of them to the best of their ability right now with a limited budget—we're encouraged." ○

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Filling a need

Area Agency on Aging runs senior meal delivery while seeking local organizations to take on the service

BY MALEA MARTIN

With CommUnify's Senior Nutrition Program set to end on June 30 because it's not financially sustainable, the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging will be taking over senior meal delivery starting July 1—at least for now.

"The Area Agency on Aging is a local entity that's responsible for bringing in federal funds to help seniors be safe and secure in their homes," Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens Executive Director Joyce Ellen Lippman told the *Sun*. "Our role is to assess the needs of seniors here locally, which we do through surveys and questionnaires, and then allocate the funds to try and meet those needs."

The agency's primary purpose is to allocate funds, so when it first heard that CommUnify could no longer provide its vital meal service to the hundreds of local seniors who rely on it, the agency put out what's called a "request for proposal" to see if any other community organizations could take on providing the resource. This process is a requirement for federal funds.

"We released it, and it had no applications," Lippman said of the request for proposals. She said the short notice probably played a role, as

the agency needed to find an organization to take over by the end of June.

"When that was unsuccessful, the board of directors had to look at what other options are allowable," Lippman explained. "Normally, it can take months to create and start a nutrition program."

The challenge is compounded by the pandemic, Lippman explained. Normally, only those seniors who are physically unable to go to a community center would get meals delivered directly to their homes, but COVID-19 changed that.

Before COVID-19, "seniors go to a community center and eat as a group, a nice, hot, nutritious meal," Lippman said. "Since the pandemic, those individuals had their meals delivered to their homes because the sites weren't open."

Despite the additional challenges of delivering meals to people's homes, the Area Agency on Aging found a temporary solution: Starting July 1, the agency will contract with a national meal provider, Mom's Meals, to deliver food to about 650 seniors who normally benefit from CommUnify's Senior Nutrition Program.

"That was the most expeditious, but not perfect, way to make sure seniors had meals on July 1," Lippman said. "We were not going to tell seniors, 'Well, we can't serve you because we need more time.'"

In the meantime, the agency will continue to look for community organizations and partners that can take over senior meal delivery for the long term. Lippman said it's likely that delivery will need to be divided up by city or region, rather than having one entity that serves the entire county, as CommUnify did historically.

"We'd look at the Santa Maria community, and we invite a bunch of people to a meeting, say, 'This is the problem, we need to find some entity... to provide elderly nutrition services in the Santa Maria Valley,'" Lippman said. "We may, by regionalizing, be

able to find interested parties. But that takes time."

Until those entities are secured, the agency will make sure seniors are fed.

"Everyone in Santa Barbara County who received a meal on June 30 will get a meal on July 1," Lippman said. "We're tentatively projecting that for two to three months, while we try and get everything else done."

At the root of Santa Barbara County's senior hunger issue, Lippman said, is poverty.

"When you retire, you're retiring on income and assets. And many people, through no fault of their own, have very limited income and very limited assets," she said. "What we see with the seniors that call us, who we meet in some of the programs that we fund... there's tremendous poverty among the elderly. Just look at housing costs in the state: If you choose to live here... you may not have anything left after that for good food."

Thanks to COVID-19 related stimulus bills, the Area Agency on Aging has been able to provide additional money to the local nutrition and mental health programs they fund. But this one-time funding isn't a long-term solution. Lippman wants the community to know that the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens is doing everything they can.

"We're doing our best to address, right now, this issue, and we will continue to try desperately to meet the needs of seniors in our community," she said. "It's what we're about."

Highlight

• The Buellton Visitors Bureau is continuing to reward residents for shopping locally with its promotion, "Shop Buellton, Get Rewarded." People who spend \$100 or more at Buellton-based businesses can bring their receipts into the Visitor's

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FILLING IN: CommUnify's Senior Nutrition Program is no longer sustainable for the organization, so the Area Agency on Aging will be filling in until it can find other community organizations to provide the vital service.

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BROUGH, MICHAEL V., 79, passed away 6/8/2021 arrangements with Marshall Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

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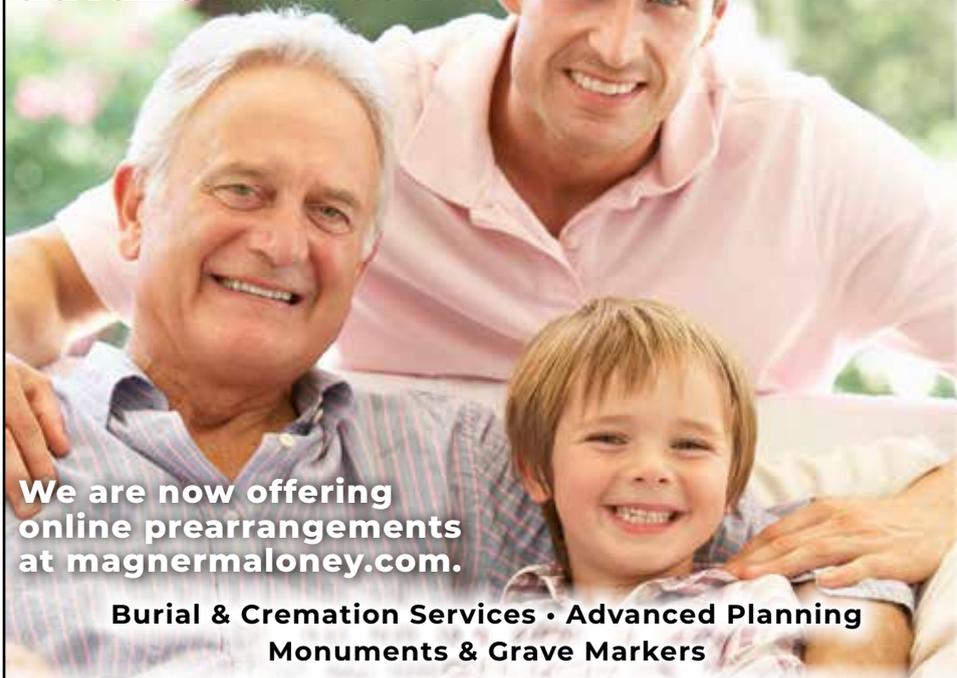
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Tax 'em if you got 'em?

Lompoc voters will finally get to decide whether to tax local cannabis manufacturing

BY RON FINK

On June 1, the Lompoc City Council decided on a rare 5-0 vote to allow voters to decide whether or not to tax manufacturers of cannabis products in Lompoc.

But first a brief history lesson. The council first considered this idea on March 20, 2018; here is how the discussion went according to the minutes of the meeting: "Councilmember [Jenelle] Osborne moved to direct staff to prepare a tax measure for the upcoming November 2018 general election ballot that would implement a 6 percent tax on retail businesses, a 2 percent tax on manufacturing businesses, a 1 percent tax on cultivation, no tax for testing businesses, and an aggregate total of 6 percent on microbusinesses. The motion was seconded by Mayor [Bob] Lingl.

"Councilmember [Jim] Mosby moved a substitute motion to direct staff not to move forward with any tax regarding commercial cannabis activities within the city. The motion was seconded by Councilmember [Dirk] Starbuck. With a vote of 3-2 (Councilmember Osborne and Mayor Lingl voted no), the council approved to place the substitution motion as the first motion."

Well, times have changed and so has the makeup of the council. Jim Mosby is no longer a member of the City Council. Furthermore, the current members of the City Council are united in their belief that the citizens of Lompoc should be allowed to vote on taxation matters that ultimately support the services they receive from the city.

Currently there is only one large cannabis manufacturer in the city, one of the top five producers based on gross revenue in the state.

During a Planning Commission hearing on April 14, 2021, the company requested a conditional use permit to install 200 refrigerated storage containers on the northwest side of town.

In a response given to a commissioner's question, a company spokesperson said the current manufacturer "employs 100 semi-skilled and 50 professional jobs at this time, and when the new campus is built, it will provide an additional 200 to 300 semi-skilled and 100 professional jobs." And the spokesperson said that "the ultimate goal is to build a new, approximately 400,000-square-foot campus for our administrative, operations, and research and development teams."

In addition to this operation, another company, also among the top five producers, plans to set up shop in town too.

The city currently taxes retail cannabis sales, and the only change would be to allow them to collect the tax based on the product cost, not the total after other taxes were collected. There were two new taxing alternatives on the table; the one chosen was a modified version of one of those proposals. The new tax would apply to manufacturing and be a graduated tax on a sliding scale based on gross income.

In a previous hearing on this matter, the staff provided a comparison of manufacturing taxes in several other cities in the region, and the modest tax structure being proposed would be lower than all other cities in the northern half of the state.

When the industry recovers those costs, it would likely be spread over their entire product line and distribution network; so the people of Lompoc would be somewhat supported by communities all over the state. Now that sounds like a good deal to me; our city needs revenue, and why not let other people in faraway places send it to us?

Councilmember Gilda Cordova was very vocal during the June 1 hearing and pointed out that "if the previous council had done their job" there would be no need to have the current discussion.

One dust-up occurred concerning a finding of fact in the resolution that was finally approved. The finding stated in part, "Whereas, the city is experiencing an existing and immediate funding crisis." Councilmember Starbuck said, "the fiscal emergency part is going to have to be convincing" and "if you declare a fiscal emergency, it sends out a notice

that the ship is sinking" to prospective investors.

Councilmember Cordova then said, "I do declare this a fiscal emergency because of the fact that we need to get this situated so that we can get revenue coming into our general fund so that we can get some of the things that intended to be funded." By this she is clearly referring to the increase in revenue needed so city leaders can start addressing many of the longstanding infrastructure issues that have been plaguing the city.

During the discussion, Councilmember Starbuck, who was initially opposed to the idea, also said, "I wanted to come up with something here that wouldn't fleece the industry," adding that he would compromise to accept a proposed graduated tax rate.

Starbuck also expressed concern about adding a tax after businesses have applied for permits, submitted deposits to the city, and made investments toward opening in Lompoc.

"The collection of it—I mean, just out of pure respect for people—you don't come in and say OK, three months from now we're going to impose this on you and four months we're going to tax you on it. A little give and take here," he said.

His concern was reasonable, so the rest of the council agreed. Mayor Osborne said after the unanimous votes, "Thank you all for the respectful discussion and the negotiation and the compromise. I know this is a difficult topic. I think that it is what's in the best interest for many in the community."

All but one of the 30-plus public comments supported the right of voters to determine the outcome of this proposal. The lone objection was by former Mayor John Linn.

Although this discussion lasted for more than two hours, it's the way government should function to create the best outcome. Now we'll have to wait and see if the community supports the new tax measure on Aug. 31 of this year during a special election. ○

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

LETTERS

Oceano should elect a new council

Dozens of county residents offered public comment at the June 8 Board of Supervisors meeting on the formation of a second Oceano Advisory Council (OAC) to be called Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano (VACO). It was approved.

Most VACO supporters sounded like this: "My name is, I support VACO, the current OAC doesn't represent me nor my community." No other reason given.

They were obviously staged. Many speakers openly said this issue is really about the recent California Coastal Commission's decision, supported by the current OAC, to phase out off-roading on Oceano beach and dunes. They are right: Local off-roaders and businesses who cater only to off-roaders resent the decision and are trying to undo it. They think undermining the current OAC will help their cause.

Supervisor Gibson tried to stop it. He suggested forming a completely new, properly elected council. The current council is not an elected body. This is a great solution. Indeed, if Supervisor Compton were a better leader, she would have come up with it herself. She would have attended the current OAC's meetings months ago and led it in the right direction. Instead, she ignored it while nursing the resentment of other residents. She claims she cannot interfere with the council's bylaws or tell it how to run the council! False. Supervisors have the authority to make Oceano start a new, elected body. We think this is the best way to proceed.

Let all residents of Oceano elect a new council.
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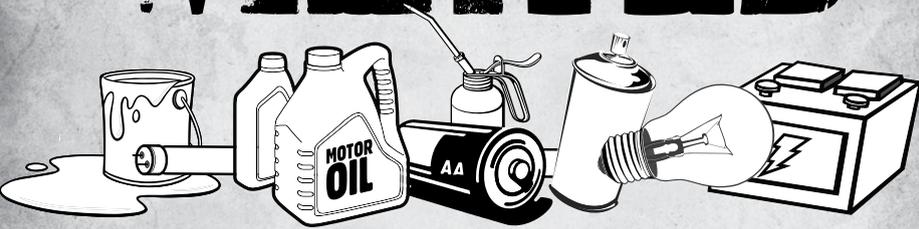


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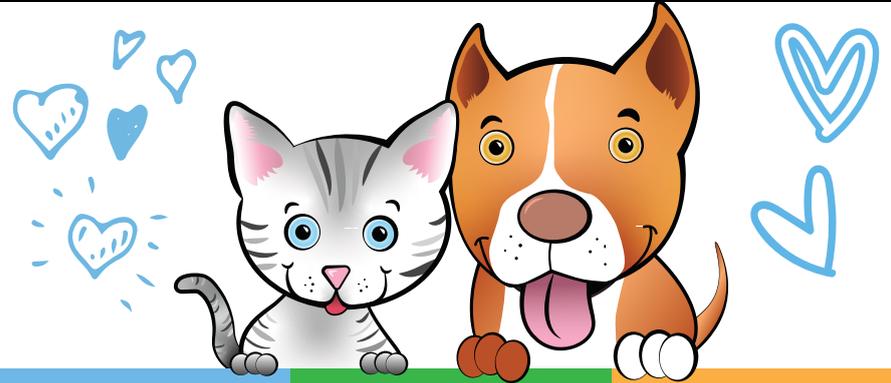
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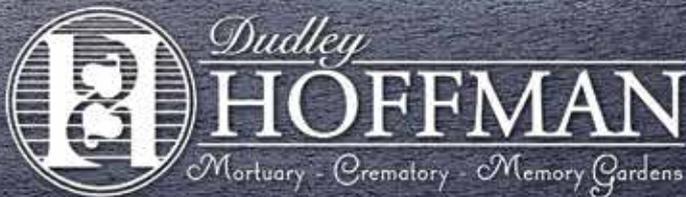


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And California Gov. Gavin Newsom is singing it high, singing it low to let everyone know how well the state did to get the COVID-19 pandemic to go.

Well, to almost go.
“California is turning the page on this pandemic, thanks to swift action by the state and the work of Californians who followed public health guidelines and got vaccinated to protect themselves and their communities,” Newsom said in a June 15 press release. “With nearly 40 million vaccines administered and among the lowest case rates in the nation, we are lifting the orders that impact Californians on a day-to-day basis while remaining vigilant to protect public health and safety as the pandemic persists.”



That “swift action” and “work of Californians” also included 3.8 million or so COVID-19 cases that swept through the state starting during the holiday season—when a lot of Californians were not following “public health guidelines . . . to protect themselves and their communities.”

Oddly, though, now that we’re on the other side of that mess, all of those COVID-19 infected people are helping prevent new infections . . . how’s that for some irony?

And along with the irony of confusing COVID-19 guidelines, the state’s new post-vaccine masking policy continues the trajectory.

“No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business,” according to **California Department of Public Health** guidelines. Basically, a business can’t force you to take your mask off.

And if a business feels like “remaining vigilant to protect public health and safety as the pandemic persists,” they’ve got three mask policy choices.

“They can use a self-attestation compliance method to determine compliance, they can implement a vaccine verification, or they can require that all patrons wear a mask,” **Santa Barbara County Public Health Director Dr. Van Do-Reynoso** said.

So they can do whatever they want, you know? And the truth of the matter is that they will, just like everyone has thus far throughout the pandemic.

People who refused to get vaccines for political reasons aren’t going to volunteer that fact or volunteer to wear a mask—because they don’t believe in masks, anyway! So get ready to forget about public safety!

Just like the **Democrats** forget about diversity, equity, and inclusion when it’s convenient for them—partisanship wins every time.

On June 2, members of the **Santa Barbara County Citizen’s Independent Redistricting Commission** had a choice to make. In one corner was a Latino **Republican** from an underserved community (Guadalupe). In the other, a white **Democrat**. The commission’s got a lot of, umm, identities it needs to balance when picking squad members. And if it picks the “wrong” squad members, somebody threatens to sue them.

Let’s face it, there’s no way for the commission to pick the “right” squad members because the requirements are so ridiculously specific.

So in the choice between a person of color or a Democrat, the **Santa Maria-Lompoc Chapter of the NAACP** told commissioners that color shouldn’t be more important than party representation.

Identity politics be damned. Party over POC! ○

The Canary regrets triggering you. Send comments to canary@santamariasun.com.

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All of us have been through a challenging 15 months, and look for the right kinds of support for ourselves and our family.

In these pages you will find some key community resources to help you and your loved ones practice self-care and build mental wellness.



WE SHARE THE JOURNEY

TMHA Family Services

Do you have a loved one with mental health needs? Our team of Family Support Specialists can give you the education and confidence you need to navigate public and private mental health systems. Our services are free, and available in both English and Spanish.

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One-on-one appointments

to cover what's important to you: a mental health challenge, assisting an adult relative on their wellness journey, gaining insights into the judicial system, helping your teenager through a tough time. Whatever your need, we are ready to help.

Family Support Groups

provide a chance to meet others dealing with challenges similar to your own. An opportunity to share and connect in a safe, openhearted environment.

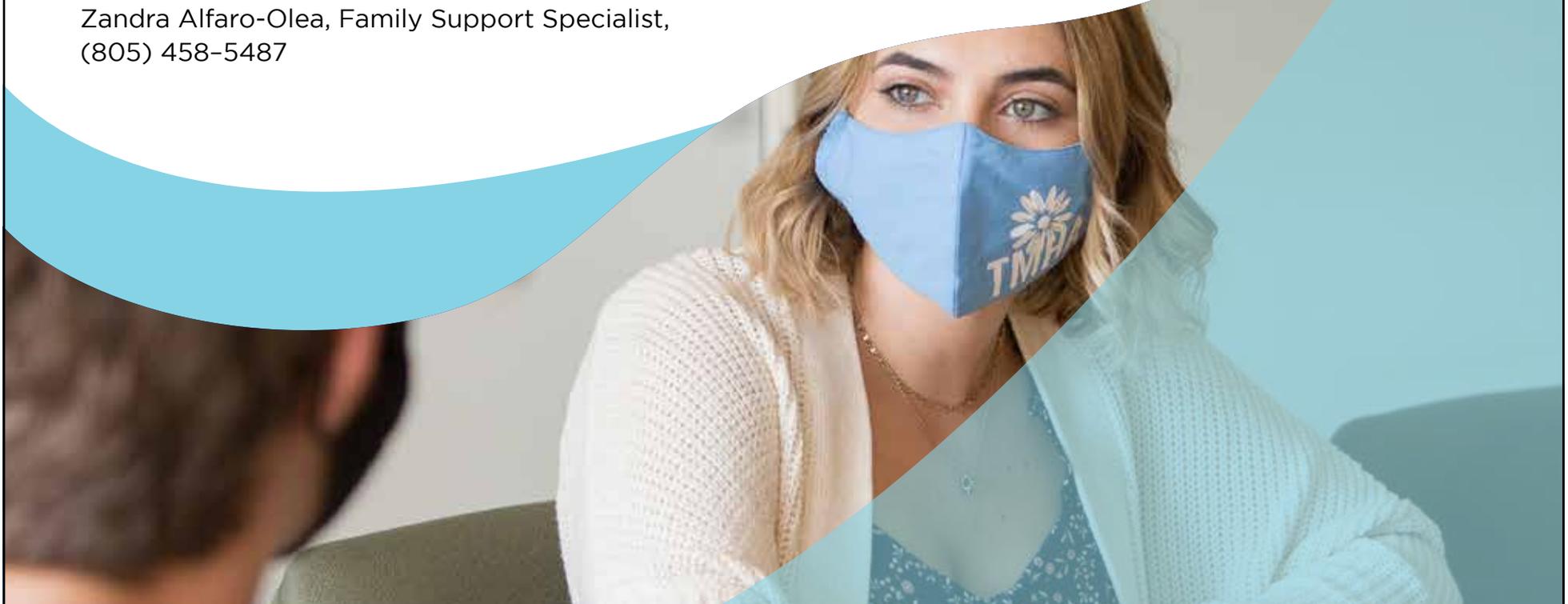
Positive Parenting Program

will give you the skills and confidence to be self-sufficient and manage family issues without ongoing support. Triple P provides a true solution, not a Band-Aid, empowering parents to get through these difficult times.

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Maria Perez, Family Support Specialist, (805) 441-3325

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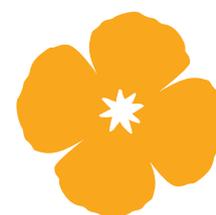
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California Peer-Run Warmline:
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Homeless Resources

Northern Santa Barbara
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Good Samaritan Shelter:
805-346-8185/
805-347-3338

Salvation Army:
805-349-2421

BeWell Homeless Outreach:
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Central Coast Rescue Mission:
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Coast Valley Substance Abuse
Treatment Centers:
Lompoc:
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Santa Maria:
805-739-1512

Lompoc Recovery Center:
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Protection Services:
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Lompoc Office:
805-736-8535

Department of
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To Report Child
Abuse: 800-367-0166
To Report Elder or
Dependent Adult
Abuse or Neglect:
844-751-6729

Family Service Agency:
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Oasis Senior Center:
805-937-9750

CA Friendship Line:
888-670-1360

Elder Advocacy
and Outreach Program:
805-568-2442

Adult Protection Services:
24-Hour Hotline:
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North County Rape
Crisis and Child
Protection Services:
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Lompoc Office:
805-736-8535

Domestic Violence Solutions:
(non-emergency calls):
805-963-4458
24-Hour Crisis Line:
805-964-5245
Lompoc:
805-736-0965
Santa Maria:
805-925-2160

Standing Together to End
Sexual Assault:
24-Hour Hotline:
805-564-3696

National Sexual Assault
Telephone Hotline:
800-656-4673

National Domestic
Violence Hotline:
800-799-7233

LGBTQ+ Crisis Lines

Trans Lifeline:
877-565-8860

Trevor Project Lifeline:
866-488-7386

Trevor Project Text Line:
Text START to 678678

Mental Health Guidance

Santa Barbara County
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HALL PASSION

The Santa Maria Public Library presents *Realism versus Abstract: What is Your Passion?*—a new art exhibition in the Shepard Hall Gallery, which is scheduled to remain on display through the end of July. This solo exhibit showcases artworks created by local artist Marilyn Dover Benson. Call (805) 925-0951 or visit cityofsantamaria.org for more details. The library is located at 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

—Caleb Wiseblood

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ARTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

ART FROM THE TRAIL: EXPLORING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY Celebrates the Central Coast with 38 artworks by 27 local artists from the Oak Group, SLOPE (San Luis Outdoor Painters for the Environment) and SCAPE (Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment). Saturdays, Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through Oct. 3 \$5 General Admission; ages 17 and under are free. 805-688-1082. wildlingmuseum.org/news/art-from-the-trail. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

ART IN THE GARDEN Painters, photographers, poets, and other practitioners of the arts are welcome to gather once a month for a free, self-directed happening described by art therapist Stacey Thompson as “an outlet for people during this difficult time.” Last Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. santaynezvalleybotanicgarden.org/. Santa Ynez Botanic Garden, 151 Sycamore Drive, Buellton.

BIO/MASS: CONTEMPORARY MEDITATIONS ON NATURE Invites viewers to engage with art through the eyes of the artists as observers and interpreters of the world around them. The exhibition highlights eleven contemporary artists who create work in series, exploring some element of nature. Saturdays, Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through Sept. 5 \$5 General Admission; ages 17 and under are free. 805-688-1082. wildlingmuseum.org/news/biomass. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

HOLLI HARMON: THE NATURE OF CLOUDS Chandelier crystals, spider plants, and various succulents are among the items suspended by invisible threads, all under a ceiling designed to resemble a cumulus-cloud-filled sky, in artist Holli Harmon's window installation inspired by the water cycle. Through Nov. 1 wildlingmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082.

SOLVANG SCHOOL: BIRD STUDIES A collaboration with educator Erin Dunkle and middle school students enrolled in Solvang School's Art and Science elective class to explore birding and the art of John James Audubon. Through Sept. 12 Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

WINTERING: A FOX TALE Local artist Nicole Strasburg's illuminated paper-cut silhouette series, *Wintering: A Fox Tale*, is one of two new window installations, easily viewable from outside the Wildling Museum. Through June 20 wildlingmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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FEATURED ARTIST: MARILYN DOVER BENSON On display now through the end of July, at the Shepard Hall Gallery at the Santa Maria Public Library. Exhibiting the works of Central Coast artist Marilyn Dover Benson. Through July 29 Free. cityofsantamaria.org. Shepard Hall Art Gallery - Santa Maria Public Library, 421 South McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-925-0994.

JUNE CAMPS: WINE AND DESIGN Check website for more info. Through June 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Through **June 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** Admission varies. Wine and Design, 3420 Orcutt Road, suite 105, Orcutt, wineanddesign.com/orcutt-ca/.

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PAINTING IN THE VINEYARD Spend the afternoon sipping delicious wine and

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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.

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SUMMER CAMPS AT WINE AND DESIGN Offered during various weeks of June and July (check site for full list of camps). Through July 23 Wine and Design, 3420 Orcutt Road, suite 105, Orcutt, wineanddesign.com/orcutt-ca/.

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VALLEY ART GALLERY: FEATURED ARTIST DENISE GIMBEL The Valley Art Gallery's new art exhibit at the Santa Maria Airport opens June 8 and runs through July. Featured artist Denise Gimbel displays her recent collection of contemporary, colorful, abstract paintings of giant kelp, manzanita and mushrooms. Other local artists' work on view also. Through July 1 Free. 805 550-8449. valleygallery.org. Santa Maria Airport, 3249 Terminal Dr., Santa Maria.

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.

YOUTH ART PACKS: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Pick up an art pack to create a masterpiece at home. Art packs include projects that guide students in learning basic principles of art. These packs are geared towards aged 6 to 12. **June 17, June 18 and June 19** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

YOUTH ARTS ALIVE CLASSES The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department and Youth Arts Alive will be offering youth arts classes, at no charge, for youth and teens ages 8 to 18 years of age. Classes held outdoors. Through July 2 Free. youthartsalive.org. Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, 600 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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**SLO Blues Baseball vs.
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Sinsheimer Park, SLO



**SLO Blues Baseball vs.
Coastal Cubs**
TUESDAY, JUNE 22
Sinsheimer Park, SLO



**SLO Blues Baseball vs.
Humboldt Crabs**
FRI, SAT, SUN, JUNE 25, 26, 27
Sinsheimer Park, SLO



Benefit Drag Show
SATURDAY, JUNE 26
Santa Maria Civic Theatre,
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**SLO Blues Baseball vs.
Conejo Oaks**
FRIDAY, JULY 2
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**SLO Blues Baseball vs.
Arroyo Seco Saints**
SATURDAY, JULY 3
Sinsheimer Park, SLO



The Mother Corn Shuckers
SATURDAY, JULY 10
Point San Luis Lighthouse,
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Patriot Cruise of San Luis Bay
SUNDAY, JULY 18
Point San Luis Lighthouse,
Avila Beach



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SATURDAY, JULY 24
Point San Luis Lighthouse,
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week of theatrical fun in a safe, welcoming environment. Students (ages 5-18) will learn a variety of theater skills, including improvisation, movement, character exploration, and acting basics. Camps conclude with a performance for family and friends. Scholarships available. Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through July 30 \$150-\$300. 805-781-3889. slorep.org/education/act-theatre-camps/. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

ATMOSPHERES DEEP SLOMA presents a multimedia exhibition exploring themes of ecology and environmentalism. Through Aug. 1 sloma.org/exhibition/atmospheres-deep/. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

THE COLOR OF HEALTH: SPECIAL SCREENING Screening of *Judas and the Black Messiah*. Reservations required online. **June 18**, 7 p.m. facebook.com/naacpslo. Liquid Gravity, 675 Clarion Court, San Luis Obispo.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) SLO REP returns with a madcap comedy, which features 3 actors who wear their wicked way through all of Shakespeare's comedies, histories, and tragedies in one wild ride that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter. Fridays, Saturdays, 7 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m. through Aug. 8 \$20-\$35. 805-781-3889. slorep.org. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

CONTROLLED CHAOS Art Central is proud to present Judy Maynard in a solo exhibit featuring her latest alcohol ink paintings. Please stop by the gallery to view this colorful exhibit during store hours. Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. through June 28 Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

GRAY HAIRS AND GOLD GRILLS: DIGITAL INSTALLATION A digital installation that visualizes the upcoming Lorde Sanctus single of the same name. One purchase unlocks a minidisc player and a minidisc with a recording of the single, a custom 18-karat six piece bottom gold grill, and a 10% streaming royalty from the Tidal, Spotify, and Apple Music revenue. Visit site for bidding info. **June 25** lordesanctus.com. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

MY NAME IS: A STAGED READING Features a discussion panel on trauma abuse, a silent auction, and more. **June 18**, 6 p.m. and **June 19**, 6 p.m. resilientsouls.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

OBJECTIFYING SLOMA presents a showcase of contemporary sculpture by Elisa Ortega Montilla. Through June 27 sloma.org/exhibition/objectifying/. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

PAINT YOUR PET Have a favorite pet? Come paint with us to immortalize your buddy by creating your own acrylic painting on canvas. Ticket price includes all materials. **June 19**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$40. 805-550-2181. blackrabbitstudioslo.com/classes. Black Rabbit Studio SLO, 1154 Mill St., San Luis Obispo.

SNAIL MAIL PRINTS: THE CENTRAL COAST PRINTMAKERS The Central Coast Printmakers started an art project during quarantine to stay connected, they took inspiration from the Exquisite Corpse Project popularized by 1920's surrealists. In their version, each began an original print and mailed it to the next member to add to it. Sundays, 12-4 p.m. through Aug. 30 Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/portfolio/central-coast-printmakers/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

SPIRITUAL MOVIE DISCUSSION (VIRTUAL) Supported by Unity 5 Cities, this weekly virtual group discusses popular movies with spiritual themes (please watch movies in advance). Contact Melissa at meliss.crist@gmail.com to be added to the email list and receive the link. Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. 805-440-9461. unity5cities.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

SUMMER CAMP: VIDEO GAME CODING, CARTOONING, CLAYMATION, AND MORE Ray Mullikin (of Raytoons Cartoons) will be teaching his online classes through Outschool this year instead of Cuesta College For Kids. He will be teaching classes in Cartooning, Claymation, 2-D Animation, Video Game Coding, Comic Book Making, and much more. Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through Aug. 6 \$40. 805-590-7334. outschool.com. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

TEEN ART CLASSES WITH AMY WICKS Get artsy with art instructor Amy Wicks via Zoom (for teens). Materials available while supplies last (contact your local branch). See website for registration. Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. through June 17 Free. 805-781-5775. slolibrary.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

VIRTUAL ART GALLERY Every Friday, we publish our Virtual Art Gallery to our blog and newsletter. Featuring artworks from customers and the community. Fridays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.wordpress.com/category/gallery-exhibits/virtual-gallery/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

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

NORTH SLO COUNTY

BEGINNING BLOCK PRINTING Carve a design of your choice into a printing block and print your design

required to establish your skill set in the art of block printing. All supplies are provided. **June 19**, 12-3 p.m. \$75. 805-464-0533. the1artery.com. The ARTery, 5890 Traffic Way, Atascadero.

COASTAL ATTITUDES The ocean batters the land in endless waves; no apologies, no letup. The land is stubborn and hangs on, then throws a handful of scenic highway right back at the ocean. Through June 30 Paso Robles Art Association Gallery, 1130 Pine St., Paso Robles, pasoroblesartassociation.org.

EQUALITY MURAL PROJECT FUNDRAISER: LIVE MUSIC AND FILM SCREENING An outdoor evening of live music by Wordsauce, a film screening, and a panel discussion. **June 18**, 6-9 p.m. 805-674-6817. equalitymuralproject.com. Atascadero Printery Building, 6351 Olmeda Ave., Atascadero.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE MIDDLE KINGDOM Go online for more info. Through June 28 Studios on the Park, 1130 Pine St., Paso Robles, 805-238-9800, studiosonthepark.org.

KIDS SUMMER CAMP (AGES 8-12) Students learn how to safely use the various tools needed to create unique designs in a working glass studio. Projects include a mosaic wall hanging and a fused glass plate. Limited to 6 campers. Masks required. Pre-registration required. Wear closed toe shoes. Every 4 days, 9 a.m.-noon \$375 for the week. 805-464-2633. glassheadstudio.com. Glasshead Studio, 8793 Plata Lane, Suite H, Atascadero.

THE RAINBOW LIZARD (VIRTUAL PERFORMANCES) Presented by the Traveling Lantern Theater Company and the Paso Robles City Library. **June 20-26** Paso Robles City Library, 1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, 237-3870.

READING ROCKS: A MUSIC, BUBBLE, AND COMEDY SHOW (VIRTUAL) Register for link. A live sensory/autism-friendly show that encourages reading. Appropriate for all ages. Part of the 2021 Summer Reading Program. **June 17**, 11 a.m.-noon Paso Robles City Library, 1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, 237-3870.

TEEN SUMMER CAMP (AGES 13-18) Students learn how to safely use the various tools needed to create unique designs in a working glass studio. Projects include a stained glass sun catcher and a fused glass plate or bowl. Limited to 6 campers. Masks required. Pre-registration required. Every 4 days, 9 a.m.-noon \$375. 805-464-2633. glassheadstudio.com. Glasshead Studio, 8793 Plata Lane, Suite H, Atascadero.

TONIC FOR THE SOUL: A HEALING ARTS EVENING SHOWCASING TRIUMPH OVER TRAUMA Hosted by Resilient Souls. Survivors will share their stories through a gallery of their art and an in-person play of one survivor's story. **June 18**, 6 p.m. and **June 19**, 6 p.m. resilientsouls.org. Vintage Community, 692 Petersen Ranch Road, Templeton.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

ARDELLA SWANBERG: FINE ART WATERCOLOR Ardeella's painting inspirations have been the subjects found in the many places she has lived—from living on a cattle ranch north of Cayucos to the beautiful harbor of Morro Bay. Through June 29 Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, Morro Bay.

CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

2021 SUMMER DROP-IN Features outdoor games, movie days, arts and crafts, sports, and more. For ages 6 to 12. Sibling discount offered. Presented by the City of Lompoc Recreation Division. Mondays-Fridays, 12:30-5:15 p.m. through Aug. 13 Admission varies. 805-875-8100. Anderson Recreation Center, 125 W. Walnut Ave., Lompoc, cityoflompoc.com/parks_rec/anderson.htm.

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.

BABY STORY TIME PACKS: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Register to pick up a pack with activity ideas, a list of suggested books, rhymes, and supplies to create a rainbow ribbon sensory toy. **June 17, June 18 and June 19** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (ONLINE) Join us for this Caregiver Support Group online. Sponsored by the Santa Maria Wisdom Center and Dignity Health Family Caregiver Support Program. Open to everyone. Call to have zoom link emailed, or for questions. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 1:30-2:30 p.m. through Dec. 31 Free. 805-354-5326. smwisdomcenter.org. Santa Maria, Citywide, Santa Maria.

FEEL GOOD YOGA Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. 805-937-9750. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

FUN IN THE SUN JUNE TEEN PROGRAM Local teens



EVERYBODY DANCE NOW

The Lompoc Recreation Division is currently hosting an in-person dance fitness program at the Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center, every Monday and Wednesday, from 6 to 7 p.m., through Wednesday, June 30. Admission to this program, open to ages 18 and older, ranges from \$35 to \$42. For more info, call (805) 875-8100 or visit cityoflompoc.com. The Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center is located at 1120 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

—C.W.

are invited to participate in a free outdoor event series with various activities to kick off a season of summer fun. The four-week program is open to all 7th through 12th grade students. Wednesdays, 4 & 5:15 p.m. through July 1 Free. cityofsantamaria.org/register. Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, 600 S. McClelland St., 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.

LINE DANCING Mondays, 6:30-9 p.m. 805-937-9750. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

REFLEXOLOGY AT OASIS Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 805-937-9750. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Sign up for the Summer Reading Program at your local library branch. There is a special reading program for every age level from toddlers to adults. Each program offers activities and challenges as well as prizes for reading, based on age level. Through July 31 Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.beanstack.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

TEEN ANIME CLUB PACKS: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Register to pick up a Teen Anime Club Pack, which will include something bookish, crafty, and of course, something yummy. When you register you will also be invited to a Zoom meeting on June 28 at 4 p.m. **June 19, June 21, June 22, June 23, June 24, June 25 and June 26** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

TEEN STEAM MAKER SPACE PACKS (KIT 2) Teens, get a free STEAM Pack from any SMPL branch. This project was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. **June 19, June 21, June 22, June 23, June 24, June 25 and June 26** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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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, unwindssantamaria.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

AMPSURF KIDS SUMMER SURF CAMP (WEEKLY JUNE TO SEPT) All children with all abilities invited to

participate. Early signups can use promo code KIDSURF21 for \$50 off. Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through Sept. 3 \$0-\$350. 805-441-5271. ampsurf.org. Addie Street Surfer Parking Lot, Addie Street, Pismo Beach.

AMPSURF LEARN TO SURF CLINIC Many believe that the ocean has the power to heal; surfing is one form used to help people with mental and physical disabilities. **June 26**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$50. 805-441-5271. ampsurf.org. Addie Street Surfer Parking Lot, Addie Street, Pismo Beach.

BRAIN AND BODY BOOTCAMP FOR KIDS For ages 9-15; attend 1 day; 3 days; or 9 days. 6/15-7/1; 7/27-8/12. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 1:15-2:45 p.m. through July 1 \$50. 805-295-9505. mpspost.wordpress.com/applied-neurology-2/. Central Core, 1160 Price Street, Pismo Beach.

CATCH OF THE CENTRAL COAST: 27TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER All proceeds will directly support the aquarium and local marine science education. Features multi course dinner, live music, and more. **June 26**, 4:30 p.m. Central Coast Aquarium, 50 San Juan St., Avila Beach, 805-595-7280, centralcoastaquarium.org.

POINT SAN LUIS LIGHTHOUSE VIRTUAL TOUR Join a live docent via Zoom for an interactive virtual tour of the Point San Luis Lighthouse. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. \$10. pointsanluislighthouse.org/. Point San Luis Lighthouse, 1 Lighthouse Rd., Avila Beach.

SUMMER CAMP (GRADES 1-6) Held at different elementary schools in Nipomo. Camps feature games, arts and crafts, movies, STEAM activities, and more. Through Aug. 13 805-929-5437. nipomorecreation.org. Nipomo, Citywide, Nipomo.

VAIRFEST A car show and benefit raffle in the Village of Arroyo Grande. All net proceeds will be donated to SLO Food Bank. To enter your car, please visit our website. Spectators welcomed at no charge. **June 26**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 805-481-5757. centralcoastcorsa.org. Heritage Square Park, 201 Nelson St., Arroyo Grande.

WEEKLY DROWNING RESCUE COURSES Facility advertised as open and safe. Give the office a call to register over the phone. Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Members \$130; Non-members \$160. 805-481-6399. 5 Cities Swim School, 425 Traffic Way, Arroyo Grande, Scitiessswimschool.com.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

BIRDS AND BOTANY MONTHLY WALK AT SLO BOTANICAL GARDEN The Garden is excited to present a monthly bird walk series on the fourth Thursday of every month which explores the intersection of birds and botany. Fourth Thursday of every month, 8-11 a.m. \$10 for Garden Members; \$40 for general public. 805-541-1400. slobg.org. San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo.

CIRCUS VARGAS: MR. V'S BIG TOP DREAM A must-see, show-stopping spectacular certain to spark the imagination and indulge the senses. Described as two unforgettable hours of nonstop action, thrills, excitement, and adventure. **June 17-July 5** Admission varies. CircusVargas.com. Madonna Inn, 100 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo, 877-468-3861.

GENEALOGY PRESENTATION (ONLINE) The Santa Maria Public Library and Santa Maria Valley Genealogical Society are hosting a video conference presentation on genealogy research. The presentation is designed

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Where is our energy going?



Over the last decade, cannabis cultivation was responsible for more than one percent of the nation's entire electricity use. That is six times the amount of power the entire U.S. pharmaceutical industry uses, and can be expected to rise if cultivation continues to escalate due to Santa Barbara County's failed cannabis ordinance.¹

This vast consumption of energy derives from both the quantity of marijuana grown and the energy-intensiveness of the crop. It is almost four times more energy-intensive than the coal or petroleum industries, and six times as energy-intensive as the industry average.¹

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join the fight at:
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1 Mills, Evan. "The Carbon Footprint of Indoor Cannabis Production." Energy Policy 46. (2012): 58-67.



Welcome New Members!

The Santa Maria Valley Chamber is pleased to welcome the following new members who joined our growing organization in May 2021.

Cottage Health Urgent Care

(805) 354-5562 (Orcutt Hills Plaza)
(805) 354-5563 (Skyway Drive Santa Maria)
www.cottagehealth.org/urgentcare

One Capital Management LLC

(805) 601-6014
onecapital.com

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(805) 680-5016
www.dogslifecoffee.com

Touchstone Central Coast

(805) 610-9010
touchstonecc.com

Gibbs Truck Centers

(805) 922-5778
gibbstucks.com

Pacific Employers

(559) 733-4256
PacificEmployers.com

The Santa Maria Valley Chamber is here for business. Join our organization by calling (805) 925-2403 or visit www.santamaria.com.

Catalyst. Convener. Champion.



for beginner genealogists, and will cover topics such as researching family history, genealogy resources, and organizing and documenting information. **June 19**, 10 a.m.-noon 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

HEARST CASTLE VIRTUAL TOURS Enjoy a virtual tour with a State Park tour guide and learn fascinating stories behind the art (6/18) and architecture (6/25) of Hearst Castle. Great for all ages. Registration required (see link). Part of the 2021 Summer Reading Program. **June 18**, 11:15 a.m.-noon and **June 25**, 11:15 a.m.-noon Free. 805-781-5775. slolibrary.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION HOSTED BY BLMCA SLO BLMCA is throwing a Juneteenth Celebration with live performances by Connect the Coast artists Lorde Sanctus, Cav, and Central Coast G.I.A. Other local artists will be performing. **June 19**, 12:4:30 p.m. linktr.ee/blmcaslo. Mitchell Park, 1445 Santa Rosa St., San Luis Obispo.

MEET AN AMAZING ANIMAL EACH WEEK (LIVE VIA ZOOM) Each Tuesday, meet a different animal through Zoom, and learn about the people who work with them. Part of the 2021 Summer Reading Program. Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. through July 27 Free. 805-781-5775. slolibrary.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

MODERN DANCE FITNESS CLASS FOR ADULTS Rhythmic and exploratory movement rooted in expressive modern dance style. This class is suitable for all levels. Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m. World Rhythm and Motion Studio, 3422 Miguelito Ct., Studio #3, San Luis Obispo, 805-596-0609, worldrhythmandmotion.com.

NAACP JUNETEENTH LIVESTREAM Livestreamed on Facebook. Keynote Speaker: Linda Janet Holmes (writer, scholar, activist). Spoken Word Artist: Andrew Gottlieb. Musical Act: Dante Marsh and the Vibe Setters. **June 19**, 6:30 p.m. facebook.com/naacpslo. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

ONE COOL EARTH'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY Features booths, live music, workshops, and more. **June 25**, 4-7 p.m. bigbig5lo.com. San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo.

RENEWING THE PROCESS OF CREATION (ZOOM) John Horsley will be leading four week on-line book study based on "Renewing the Process of Creation" by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson. This book draws on process theology, Judaism, and science to consider the meaning of Creation, and humanity's role. Thursdays, 10-11:15 a.m. through June 24 Free. 805-528-0652. stbenslososos.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

THE SECRET OF LIVING WALLS AT SAN LUIS OBISPO BOTANICAL GARDEN Discover how living walls are made. Curator of Cal Poly's Plant Conservancy, Gage Willey, will give a live demonstration and talk about the construction of a new living plant wall. **June 19**, 1-2 p.m. \$5 Garden members; \$10 General. 805-541-1400. slobg.org/calendar/livingwalls. San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo.

SLO BLUES BASEBALL Come see the Blues take on various teams at the ballpark. Tickets are limited; early purchases recommended. Visit site for more details. **June 22**, 6 p.m. and **June 25**, 6 p.m. my805tix.com. Sinsheimer Park, 900 Southwood Dr., San Luis Obispo, 805-781-7222.

STEAM EXPERIMENTS LIVE As part of the SLO County Library's Summer Reading Program, join a Zoom STEAM class on making slime, kitchen science, and more. Pick up a free science kit at your local library the week before (while supplies last). Registration required. Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. through June 30 slolibrary.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

SUMMER SUPER CAMP-A-PALOOZA Summer camps for ages 4 and up. Each week has a different theme with special guests and fun activities. **June 21-Aug. 18** 805-549-8408. iflipforccg.com. Central Coast Gymnastics Sports Center, 21 Zaca Lane, San Luis Obispo.

NORTH SLO COUNTY

CHAKRA MEDITATION AND BREATH-WORK ON THE BEACH Group meditation limited to 10 participants. Guided by Dawn Feuerberg, certified classical ashtanga yoga and tantra meditation instructor, and founder of Aurora Adventures. **June 17** and **June 24** my805tix.com. Beach Access Parking Lot, 102 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay.

FOOD & DRINK

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

KALYRA: PURCHASES AND PICK-UPS Offering varieties from all over the world. Tuesdays-Sundays, 12-5 p.m. 805-693-8864. kalyrawinery.com. Kalyra Winery, 343 N. Refugio Rd., Santa Ynez.

STANDING SUN: CELLAR CLUB 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.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

PRESQU'ILE WINERY: WINE CLUB Call or go online to make a reservation to taste at the winery or find more info on the winery's Wine Club offerings. ongoingpresquilewine.com/club/. Presqu'ile Winery, 5391 Presqu'ile Dr., Santa Maria, 805-937-8110.

WINE AND DESIGN VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CLASSES Check Wine and Design's Orcutt website for the complete list of virtual and in-person classes, for various ages. Also offering kids camps for summer. ongoingVaries. wineanddesign.com/orcutt. Wine and Design, 3420 Orcutt Road, suite 105, Orcutt.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

SLO GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL Community members and visitors are encouraged to visit participating restaurants, try the grilled cheese sandwich, take a pic, post a Yelp review, then go to the website to vote: Best SLO Grilled Cheese 2021. Through June 30 Prices vary. slogrilledcheese.com. San Luis Obispo, Citywide, SLO.

NORTH SLO COUNTY

BREAKFAST AT THE VFW: FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION The VFW Auxiliary 2814 is hosting a special breakfast at the VFW to celebrate dad. Dads eat free and have a chance to win a free prize basket. Details online. **June 19**, 9-11 a.m. \$8. 805-466-3305. vfwpost2814.org/special-events.html. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) 2814, 9555 Morro Road, Atascadero.

CENTRAL COAST RESERVE WEEKEND: LAKESIDE WINE FESTIVAL Escape into the magic of the Central Coast Reserve Experience with a full weekend to enjoy various festivities in Atascadero. **June 25**, 5-8 p.m., **June 26**, 8 a.m.-noon and **June 27**, 3-8 p.m. Varies based on event. atascaderochamber.org. Atascadero Lake Park, 9305 Pismo Ave., Atascadero, 461-5000.

MID-STATE FAIR MARKET The Paso Robles Event Center is pleased to announce the Mid-State Fair Market, a monthly one-day shopping experience to find antiques, new and used items, plus handmade items from local artisans and crafters. Featuring free admission and parking. **June 18**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. midstatefair.com. Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles, 805-239-0655.

TWILIGHT RESERVE TASTING Semi-private sunset rooftop tasting experience. Includes a flight of limited release and reserve wines paired with a complimentary cheese and charcuterie board. Advanced 48-hour booking required. Fridays, Saturdays, 6 p.m. through Oct. 30 \$120 per person. 805-369-6100. toothandnailwine.com/. Tooth and Nail Winery, 3090 Anderson Rd., Paso Robles.

MUSIC

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

JAZZ AND BEYOND: SITARASON Concert held in the Patron Garden. Visit site for more details. **June 20** solvangfestivaltheater.org. Solvang Festival Theater, 420 2nd St., Solvang, 805-686-1789.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

CENTRAL COAST BEAT SOCIAL: COURTYARD CULTURE An ongoing series of outdoor music events at different venues in Santa Maria, Guadalupe, and other cities along the Central Coast. Hosted by Central Coast Beat Social. ongoingcentralcoastbeatsocial.com/. Santa Maria, Citywide, Santa Maria.

THE LONGEST DAY ALZHEIMER'S BENEFIT CONCERT (DRIVE-IN) The Santa Maria Valley Sr. Club, the City of Santa Maria, and the Alzheimer's Association present "The Longest Day" a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association featuring Riptide Big Band and vocalist, Bob Nations. Funded by the Community Foundation of SLO County. **June 21**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free with \$10 suggested donation. 805-925-0951. RiptideBB.com. Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria.

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Arts Briefs

Santa Barbara Bowl recognizes Orcutt music instructor Josie Coburn as Performing Arts Teacher of the Year

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The Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation, in association with the Santa Barbara County Education Office, recently selected Josie Coburn as the Santa Barbara Bowl Performing Arts Teacher of the Year. Coburn is a music and band instructor in the Orcutt Union School District, where she has taught for more than eight years at five different schools in the district. She currently teaches band at Orcutt Academy High School (OAH), Orcutt Junior High School, and Lakeview Junior High School, and classroom music at Joe Nightingale Elementary School and Patterson Road Elementary School.

“Josie encourages creativity and is regarded by her students as someone willing to brainstorm ideas with them for new and exciting solos, riffs, and performances,” Holly Edds, superintendent of the Orcutt school district, said in a press release from the county Education Office. “Under Josie’s direction, the [district] band program has tripled in size, and the OAH band has quadrupled in size, and have both become points of pride in our community.”

Coburn will be formally recognized later this year, with other award-winning educators throughout the county during A Salute to Teachers, scheduled for Nov. 6.

“[The county Education Office] is honored to recognize Ms. Coburn for inspiring her students through music and band. The arts are essential, and Ms. Coburn and her students prove that every day through music,” Susan Salcido, superintendent of schools for Santa Barbara County, said in the release. “We are grateful for our partnership with the Santa Barbara Bowl, which continues to prioritize education through sponsorships like the Performing Arts Teacher of the Year award.”

Rick Boller, executive director of the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation, added that the foundation is “thrilled to honor incredible teachers like Josie Coburn” through support programs and annual grants, “which provide access for all to the amazing world of performing arts.”

Santa Ynez Chamber hosts Artisan Market event in lieu of traditional Old Santa Ynez Day festivities

In the place of the annual Old Santa Ynez Day celebration, which is traditionally held every June but is canceled this year, the Santa Ynez Chamber is hosting a special Artisan Market event on June 19, from about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature a variety of arts and crafts vendors, as well as live music.

The main market area will be located at the corner of Meadowvale Road and Highway 246, while live, pop-up concerts in conjunction with the market will take place throughout downtown Santa Ynez. Violinists from the Solvang Conservatory will be performing that day, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., at 1090 Edison St., while the Agin Brothers and the Territorial Law Band will perform from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in the parking lot at 3539 Sagunto St.

For more info on the Artisan Market, visit santaynezchamber.org.

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

Easel rider

Art Spot on Wheels hosts pop-up painting events in outdoor settings throughout Santa Barbara County

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Whether you’re Michelangelo the late artist, Michelangelo the Ninja Turtle, or any Michelangelo in between, painters of all skill levels (including first-timers) are invited to attend Painting in the Vineyard, a mobile plein-air workshop offered by Art Spot on Wheels.

The next class takes place on Saturday, June 26, at Ca’ Del Greveno Estate Winery in Santa Maria. And more pop-up dates are on the way, after a pandemic-long hiatus from hosting events, explained Christi Belle Art Spot on Wheels owner and founder.

“We plan to add more to the calendar soon. The last couple of months we’ve been able to restart private events and have hosted one or two public events,” Belle said. “The pandemic pretty much wiped us out for a year. We had a couple Skype classes, but those didn’t work very well. It’s really challenging to teach art from a screen.”

Although the company is best known for bringing its mobile services to various venues, Art Spot on Wheels formerly occupied a brick-and-mortar location in Solvang. But circumstances of the COVID-19 crisis forced Belle to close and vacate the studio space.

“We’d love to reopen, but the location has been filled, so we’d need to find another spot,” Belle said. “At this point in time, we don’t have plans to reopen a studio. We’ll have to wait until we find a place that’s just right.”

But with summer gatherings back on the rise along the Central Coast, things are looking bright for Art Spot on Wheels in the outdoor, in-person workshop arena. During the company’s Painting in the Vineyard events, participants create their own plein air landscape based on the scenic views surrounding them, all while enjoying complimentary wine tasting courtesy of the venue.

Described as “not just another paint and sip class,” each 3 1/2 hour course is designed to suit experienced and novice artists alike, as an on-site instructor is available to guide students through the entire painting process, step-by-step.

While Art Spot on Wheels marks its transition



BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER: Formerly known as Gypsy Studios, Art Spot on Wheels brings mobile painting workshops to various venues along the Central Coast, and also offers private lessons and customizable group events for nearly any occasion.



See spot paint

Art Spot on Wheels hosts its next Painting in the Vineyard event at Ca’ Del Greveno Estate Winery on Saturday, June 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$75, which includes art supplies and complimentary wine tasting. Visit artspotonwheels.com for more info. The winery is located at 2510 E. Clark Ave., Santa Maria.

VINE INTERVENTION: During the Art Spot on Wheels’ Painting in the Vineyard events, participants create their own plein air landscape based on the scenic views surrounding them, all while enjoying a complimentary wine tasting courtesy of the venue.

back to in-person events, the studio still offers a few virtual resources for the public to take advantage of, free of charge.

“We created some free online content throughout the year for kids and adults. They’re still available on our website and YouTube,” Belle said. “We also sent out art prompts and activities for parents to do with their kids to keep them busy and creative during the lockdown that didn’t involve a lot of supplies.”

Formerly known as Gypsy Studios, Art Spot on Wheels was founded seven years ago, during an uneasy time in Belle’s life, she explained.

“I had just been let go from a job, back in early 2014, and moved home—with my parents—at the age of 30,” Belle said. “I was super depressed, as you might imagine, and thought that I probably just would never be able to get another job.”

Belle had wanted to jump into an art-related career for a long time, trying a variety of different fields, none of which clicked.

“I had tried, at different times in my life, to start a creative business—jewelry making, painting, etc.—and it just never worked for me,” Belle said.

But once Belle decided to incorporate teaching into the mix, the mobile art studio concept became her next venture, and Art Spot on Wheels was born.

“I come from a long line of teachers; I think it’s in my blood,” Belle said, who began to host her first painting workshops while working as the tasting room manager at Kalyra Winery in Santa Ynez.

“The owners at Kalyra were incredibly generous and kind in helping me launch my business while working there—even offering the location as a venue for my first few events,” Belle said.

During six of the next seven years, Belle wheeled her outdoor workshops from venue to venue throughout Santa Barbara County, while also offering private lessons and customizable group events for nearly any occasion.

“We can bring our studio to you,” Belle said. “If a group has a nice place they’d like to paint at, or a pretty view, or they’ve rented an Airbnb for a group, we can come to their location and they can paint the view from there.”

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood is grabbing a brush. Send comments to cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.



LIFE’S A BEACH: “We can bring our studio to you,” Art Spot on Wheels founder Christi Belle said. She added that groups with a particularly nice view or a rented Airbnb can paint where they are.

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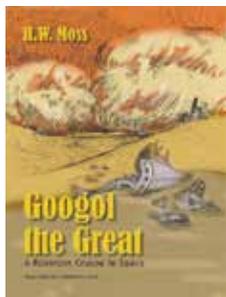


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Triumphant!

Jon M. Chu (*Crazy Rich Asians*) directs this screenplay by **Quiara Alegria Hudes** based on **Hamilton** creator **Lin-Manuel Miranda's** Tony-winning musical stage play about **Usnavi de la Vega** (**Anthony Ramos**), a **Washington Heights** bodega owner who dreams—and sings—about a better life, and the various residents of the neighborhood around him. (143 min.)

Glen: I can't even express how much I loved this musical! It's so emotive and entertaining—I felt like I wept for joy almost throughout. It's a terrific story about a young man who was brought to America at age 8, eventually lost his parents, and constantly dreams of returning to the Dominican Republic, where he spent "the best days of my life." His neighborhood is a real community, but one constantly under threat of disappearing through gentrification. When the local hair salon decides to move, when the local taxi company finds it has to sell part of its building, and when Usnavi decides to leave his bodega and return to his native country—these are serious erosions of a rich Latino community that may spell its doom. The only thing that's making Usnavi question his move is his worry for his little cousin, **Sonny** (**Gregory Diaz IV**), and his unrequited love for beautiful **Vanessa** (**Melissa Barrera**), who has her own dream of being a fashion designer. The songs are terrific, the direction is splashy and fun, the big dance numbers are thrilling, but what really makes this film sing—literally and figuratively—is its amazing cast. I'm in love with this film.

Anna: The word I think of when reliving this movie-watching experience is "magical." It's bright and beautiful, catchy and endearing, and I too had a

steady stream of tears throughout the film. I'm glad that this is available through HBO Max to watch at home, but if at all possible, I encourage you to see it in the theater. They're reopened and safe, and this film seems to be playing everywhere—and for good reason! It may be a gap in my knowledge base, but one thing I loved seeing in this film is a lot of fresh faces that were relatively unknown to me. Most of the cast seems to have some film credits, but I suspect this group has spent a lot of time in the live theater world. The dancing is phenomenal and full of life, the singing sincere and beautiful, and the storyline is sweet without straying into sappy. I will be watching this one over and over again. I can already tell! Ramos as Usnavi is a fantastic lead, and in the setup he's telling a tale of Washington Heights to a group of young children on the beach in front of his dad's Dominican bar **Sueñito**, or "Little Dream." Props to **Diaz IV** as **Sonny**, too. He's funny and so sweet and has been raised mostly by Usnavi and matriarch of the neighborhood, **Abuela Claudia** (**Olga Merediz**). But soon enough we learn that his immigration status is going to cause major problems for his big dreams. I just am so in love with this movie—do yourself a favor and give it a watch!

Glen: You're absolutely right about this demanding to be seen in the theater. I don't care how big your flat-screen is or how badass your surround sound system, the experience won't be the same as on the big screen in a dark theater surrounded by other film lovers. We went to **Downtown Centre** in SLO where we sat in super comfy recliners close to the screen, and were fully immersed in this story of people who believe in the American Dream, even those who know it's often impossible to attain. Aside from Usnavi and Vanessa, the other two leads are Usnavi's best friend, **Benny** (**Corey Hawkins**), and Benny's love interest, **Nina Rosario** (**Leslie Grace**), the smartest girl in the

IN THE HEIGHTS

What's it rated? **PG-13**
When? **2021**
Where's it showing? **Regal Santa Maria RPX, Regal Arroyo Grande, Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc, Fair Oaks in Arroyo Grande, HBO Max**
What's it worth, Anna? **Full price**
What's it worth, Glen? **Full price**



LA DANZA DE LA VIDA: Usnavi (**Anthony Ramos**, left foreground) and **Vanessa** (**Melissa Barrera**, right foreground) take to the streets and dance with their neighbors, in the wildly entertaining and emotionally resonant musical, *In the Heights*, screening at most local theaters.

neighborhood who moved away to attend Stanford. Benny is a dispatcher for the local cab company run by **Kevin Rosario** (**Jimmy Smits**), Nina's proud father. When Nina comes home to say she's leaving Stanford, her father is crushed while Benny sees an opportunity to rekindle their romance. All of these various storylines interweave into a rich tapestry of immigrants and their dreams of what they can achieve in America. They're strivers, hard workers, and contributors to what makes America such an amazing country. Usnavi may think his Dominican Republic childhood contained the best days of his life, but only because he's looking backward. *In the Heights* is a film about learning to look forward.

Anna: Nina is a great character—the whole neighborhood is so proud of how smart she is, how she got out of the neighborhood and is attending a prestigious school across the country. But Nina is homesick and unhappy, and the bright shiny dream life she imagined isn't happening. Plus, she has major guilt about the financial burden her education is placing on her father. She tries to tell him the deadline to pay for the next quarter is closed, but when he

investigates further, he learns that isn't true—she is lying to try to protect him. The fact is she misses her friends and her block. It's where her comfort is. It's a well thought out, well rounded storyline, and in the end we see Nina find the guiding light she has been searching for when it comes to her future. Lin-Manuel Miranda's brief but joyous time on-screen is as **Piragüero**, a shaved ice cart owner in a feud with a rival ice cream truck driver. This movie is full of fun little moments like that, like when the block finds out someone bought a winning lotto ticket at Usnavi's bodega and they all sing and dance in the neighborhood pool about what they would do with that \$96,000. I can't sing praises high enough here—this is exactly the feel-good uplift we can all use, and unless you absolutely can't stand musicals, this is a must-see. ○

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

Film Reviews

LIMBO

What's it rated? **R** When? **2020**
Where's it showing? **The Palm Theatre in SLO**

Writer-director **Ben Sharrock** (*Pikadero*) helms this story about **Omar** (**Amir El-Masry**), a promising young Syrian musician separated from his family and stuck on a remote Scottish island awaiting the fate of his asylum request. There, he's housed with other immigrants awaiting their fate.

The film is a tragic but comically wry poem about displacement and the absurdity of immigration policies. Omar truly is in limbo: "an uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution." His closest friends are his government-assigned flatmates—especially **Farhad** (**Vikash Bhai**), who appoints himself Omar's manager and wants him to enter a talent show so they can win a mini-fridge.

This is a slow-moving, elegiac film about estrangement and isolation. We often see Omar make the trek through the desolate island to a remote phone booth, from which he phones his parents, also in exile in another unnamed country. Omar is losing hope, and it doesn't help that his Scottish neighbors are



WHAT IN THE OOD? Promising young Syrian musician **Omar** (**Amir El-Masry**, right) finds himself stuck on a Scottish island as he awaits a ruling on his asylum request, in *Limbo*, screening exclusively at The Palm Theatre.

less than hospitable. Compared to the over-the-top spectacle of *In the Heights*, also playing at The Palm, *Limbo* is a slight film, but if you invest in the experience, it offers a payoff that celebrates the indomitability of the human spirit. (104 min.)

—Glen

THE CONJURING: THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT

What's it rated? **R** When? **2021**
Where's it showing? **Regal Santa Maria RPX, Regal Arroyo Grande, Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc, HBO Max**

Michael Chaves directs this threequel in The Conjuring franchise, which is based on real-life paranormal investigators **Ed** (**Patrick Wilson**) and **Lorraine Warren** (**Vera Farmiga**), who in 1968 gained widespread notoriety for investigating the possessed **Annabelle** doll and again in 1975 for the **Amityville** haunting.

In this third in The Conjuring series and ninth in the franchise, it's 1981 and the Warrens are documenting the exorcism of 8-year-old **David Glatzel** (**Julian Hilliard**), whose sister's boyfriend, **Arne Johnson** (**Ruairi O'Connor**), invites the demon to take him instead. The story is the basis for the first American murder trial to claim demonic possession as a defense. Along the way, the Warrens discover that a curse might be the basis for the tragedy.

Fans of the franchise know what to expect, and judging by the 84 percent rottentomatoes.com audience score, they got what they came for. For the most part, this is more of the same. Wilson and Farmiga keep the audience invested, but it's only mildly scary. In an era of films such as *Midsommar*, *Hereditary*,



THE POWER OF CHRIST COMPELS YOU: **Ed Warren** (**Patrick Wilson**) uses his trusty cross to clear the way, in the middling horror threequel *The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It*.

and *Get Out*, this is pretty pedestrian stuff. Go if you love the franchise or characters. Otherwise, wait for streaming or skip it entirely. (112 min.) ○

—Glen

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PASTRY PERFECTION: Among Golden Opal Baking's variety of custom cake and pastry options, the Santa Maria-based bakery offers a special pastry box every other Saturday, filled with an assortment of fresh baked goods.

LET THEM EAT CAKE: If one whole four-layer cake sounds like too big of an order from Golden Opal Baking in Santa Maria, you can opt to grab a single piece instead at peasants FEAST in downtown Solvang, which sells Golden Opal's cakes by the slice every weekend.

All that glitters is gold

From Santa Maria to Solvang, Golden Opal Baking has the sweet beat covered with cakes and pastries made with locally sourced ingredients

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

While the opal in Golden Opal Baking is a reference to founder Taylor Tate's birthstone, the gold exterior also serves as a loving nod to her lineage.

"I chose golden because my grandparents have had many loved golden retrievers over the years, and it just felt fitting to have a little piece of them in the name too, without it being too obvious," said Tate, who credits her grandmother for nurturing her interest in baking early in childhood.

"I have memories of baking from a very young age," Tate said. "I spent a lot of my childhood baking cookies and cakes with my grandmother, so baking has always been something I've loved."

Tate also gave a shout-out to her late great-grandmother, who was a professional baker and wedding cake decorator.

"I inherited some of the baking and cake decorating items that she used and they will always be so special," Tate said.

A lifelong Central Coast resident, Tate, 29, has spent the last six months running a new baking platform of her own. While offering a variety of pickup options (including custom cake and pastry orders, and pastry variety boxes every

other Saturday) in Santa Maria, Golden Opal Baking also supplies cakes to peasants FEAST in downtown Solvang, which are available to order from the restaurant every weekend.

"Every week, I make a four-layer cake that they sell by the slice. The flavor combos are always changing, and so far I've been able to create a unique flavor combination for each week," said Tate, who uses locally sourced ingredients in each cake, including a variety of fresh fruit fillings from Rutiz Family Farms in Arroyo Grande.

"Rutiz Farm is the closest, local organic farm to Santa Maria, so I knew right away they were the perfect place to get beautiful and fresh fruits and veggies," Tate said. "I am currently using any and all fresh fruits I can get. It's a great time of year, with lots of things starting to come into season, like strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries, and stone fruit—peaches, apricots, plums, nectarines, and cherries."

Tate's focus on local, farm-driven ingredients extends into the unique flourishes she uses to decorate her baked goods as well, including fresh, edible flowers from Good Witch Farm in Lompoc.

"I began collaborating with Good Witch Farm after seeing some local restaurants use their flowers, and I just knew I had to use them, too," said Tate, who attributes her decorative tendencies as carrying over from a former job.

Up until the end of 2019, Tate worked as the head pastry chef at The Bear and Star in Los Olivos, where she specialized in elaborate plated desserts, "which were very organic and abstract, and I like to apply that still, in the things I make now," she said.

Tate was pregnant at the time and decided to



FLOWER POWER: Golden Opal founder Taylor Tate's focus on local, farm-driven ingredients extends into the unique flourishes she uses to decorate her cakes as well, including fresh, edible flowers from Good Witch Farm in Lompoc.

pause her culinary career. But by the time her son, now 1 year old, was born, there were few job opportunities waiting for her, Tate explained, thanks to COVID-19.

"The pandemic hit soon after giving birth to my son. I had no job to go back to and missed being able to create food for others," Tate said. "That led to me deciding to start Golden Opal as a way to put my creative energy into something I love and to be able to share my creations with others."

As the start of summer approaches, those who choose to partake of Golden Opal Baking's multifaceted, confectionery creations are catching Tate during her favorite time to bake.

"Late spring and early summer have always been my favorite seasons to bake because of all the amazing fruits and veggies that are available," Tate said. "There's so much to choose from, and it really sparks my creativity."

For Tate, the transition from baking as a hobby to baking career-wise began with Allan Hancock College's culinary program, which she described

as "the best place to start." This period also coincided with her first professional pastry job.

During her time at Hancock in Santa Maria, Tate was hired as an assistant pastry chef at the Brothers Restaurant at the Red Barn in Santa Ynez, where she worked for about three years before becoming the head pastry chef at the aforementioned Bear and Star, while still taking classes and honing her baking craft.

"They [Hancock] really try to teach you everything they can in every class, and the instructors truly care about the students and making sure they are getting the most from every lesson," Tate said. "It's a great starting point for anyone interested in learning the basics and having a good foundation of knowledge—it really does help once you start working in the culinary field." ○

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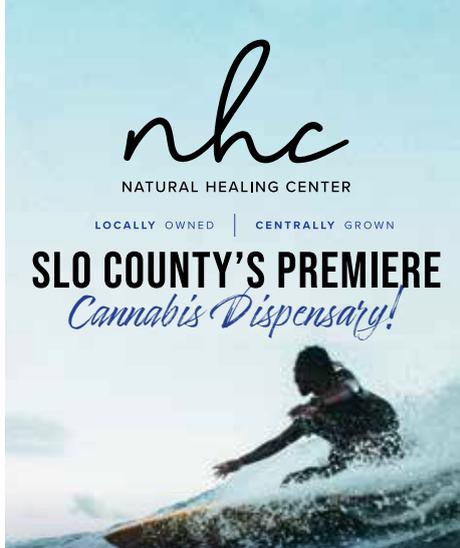
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