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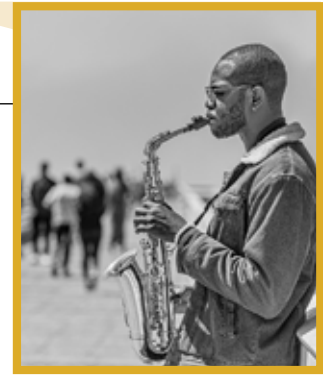

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Political Watch

• Gov. **Gavin Newsom** and Canadian Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** announced a new partnership on June 9 to advance bold climate action, according to Newsom's office. California and Canada signed a memorandum of cooperation (MOC)—a document that outlines shared objectives—to fight climate change, reduce pollution, cut back on plastic waste, advance zero-emission vehicles, protect the environment, and build climate resilience. "We can't fight the climate crisis on our own—we need to work together with partners all across the globe to achieve humanity's most important task: saving our planet," Newsom said in a statement. "This partnership with Canada is a vital step on California's path to a cleaner, greener future and is the latest expression of our shared values. Together, we are building a more sustainable and resilient future for millions and lighting the path for other nations and nation-states to follow our lead." Trudeau added that Canadians and Californians share a commitment to building clean energy resources in the future. "Today, as we launch a new partnership on climate action and nature protection, we're teaming up to deliver the clean air, healthy environment, and good jobs our citizens deserve. I look forward to everything we can do next to deepen our shared work," Trudeau said.

• On June 6, U.S. Rep. **Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) visited the Santa Maria Airport, touting the more than $8 million in funding that already made its way to the Central Coast thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed into law seven months ago. As part of the $9.7 billion already allocated to California for transportation, climate, energy, and environmental project, "These funds are just the beginning of what is to come," Carbajal said in a statement. "From improvements to Santa Maria's commercial and tourism capacities through its airport to upgrades and reliance projects from Paso Robles to Ventura, the investments that our landmark legislation will deliver over the next half decade will create jobs and grow our local economies for years to come." The Santa Maria Airport is receiving about $1 million to repair and upgrade taxilanes at the airport, according to the statement. About $6.73 million total was allocated to fund projects at airports across the Central Coast.

• U.S. Sen. **Alex Padilla** (D-California) and U.S. Rep. **Raul Ruiz** (D-Riverside) introduced legislation to create the César E. Chávez and Farmworker Movement National Historical Park, according to Padilla's office. This bill would preserve the nationally significant sites associated with César E. Chávez and the farmworker movement in Arizona and California. César E. Chávez is a Latino icon and civil rights leader, labor leader, and community organizer whose legacy is intricately connected to the story of California, the farmworker movement, and the push for worker and civil rights. Chávez empowered Latinos and farmworkers to fight for fair wages, health care coverage, pension benefits, housing improvements, and countless other protections for their well-being, the statement continued. "Our National Park System tells the story of our nation and preserves the people, ideas, and movements that we value as Americans," Padilla said in a statement. "Establishing the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park will pay proper homage to a Latino icon and civil rights leader who fought tirelessly for the dignity, respect, and equal treatment of farmworkers and to the movement he created that carries on today." Padilla partnered with the César Chávez Foundation to honor his work and provide efforts to ensure more Americans can see themselves in national parks and "be inspired by the leaders who came before them," he said.

Hart, Stoker head to general election for Assembly District 37

Candidate for the 37th District Assembly race Gregg Hart spoke with the *Sun* on June 8 after a morning hike to de-stress and get some fresh air in celebration of finishing the trail to the primary election.

Campaigning efforts in SLO and Santa Barbara county seemed to pay off as preliminary election results show Hart in the lead with 59 percent of the vote in Santa Barbara County, and 47.79 percent of the votes in SLO County. Votes are still being tallied, and official election results will be compiled by July 15, but Hart said he's very grateful for the support and is looking forward to the general election.

"I think my strong showing demonstrates voters appreciate the work I've been doing for three decades as a local elected official and want to see me as their representative," the current 2nd District Santa Barbara County Supervisor said. "I'm looking forward to continuing to have an aggressive campaign and get my message out there."

The 37th District looks a little different this year after the recent redistricting process—it now contains all of Santa Barbara County and southern SLO County as opposed to its old layout encompassing Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

Preliminary results also predict that Hart will likely go up against Republican candidate Mike Stoker in November—as third candidate Bruce Wallach earned just 3 percent of the votes in Santa Barbara and 5 percent in SLO.

Stoker had earned 37 percent of the votes in Santa Barbara County and was hot on Hart's trail in SLO County with 47.07 percent of the votes—34 votes shy of tying with Hart, according to initial vote counts. Stoker said he had been expecting to fall short of Hart by a larger margin, and he has high hopes for the November election.

"I think a lot of voters that don't like the direction for California will get out to vote and make a change in the general election," Stoker said. "We're ready to go, and the campaign starts now."

The primary was plagued by low voter turnout across the state, including in the 37th District, with only 21 percent of registered voters voting in SLO County and 25 percent in Santa Barbara County, according to preliminary counts.

Both Stoker and Hart said in separate interviews that, historically, primary elections have lower numbers than general elections, but Hart added that Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent recall election in September might have thrown some voters "off their rhythms."

"[However], people care about our community and want their voices heard, and my campaign will do everything we can to get voters to the polls," Hart said.

—Taylor O'Connor

Incumbents reelected for county offices

Santa Barbara County will likely have the same superintendent of schools and the same sheriff in the coming four years, as it did in the last, according to preliminary vote counts from the primary election.

Current county Superintendent Susan Salcido holds 64 percent of the vote—with 28,877 votes thus far—and candidate Christy Lozano earned 35 percent of the votes—16,093 votes—according to unofficial results from election night. The county was planning to release an updated count after the *Sun* went to press on June 14.

Preliminary vote totals show Sheriff Bill Brown leading his race with 56 percent, while candidate and Sheriff's Office Lt. Juan Camarena trails with 42.96 percent of the vote—about 6,000 votes shy of tying with Brown.

Current county Clerk Recorder Assessor Joseph Holland has a large lead with 80.9 percent of the votes, with candidate Elrawd MacLearn receiving 18.8 percent of the tallies.

Only one candidate signed up to run for each of the 2nd and 5th District Board of Supervisor seats—Lara Capps and incumbent Steve Lavagnino, respectively. The race for county District Attorney and County Auditor Controller only had one candidate per race as well—current Deputy District Attorney John Savrnoch and incumbent Auditor-Controller Betsy Schaffer.

Capps will replace current 2nd District Supervisor Gregg Hart, who's running for the state's 37th Assembly District, and Savrnoch will replace current county District Attorney Joyce Dudley, who announced her retirement earlier this year.

Official results should be ready by mid-July. For updates, visit countyofsb.org/3294/Election-Results.

—Taylor O'Connor

BRIEFS

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CELEBRATION: Gregg Hart celebrates with Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools Susan Salcido on election night.

Carbajal secures lead in congressional primary race

As soon as polls closed on the night of June 7, U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara) emerged as the lead candidate for the 24th Congressional District election.

According to the June 10 ballot count, the incumbent congressman had won 62.7 percent of the votes counted so far in southern San Luis Obispo County and 61.9 percent of the votes from the district's section of Ventura County. Santa Barbara County hadn't updated its numbers by the *Sun*'s press time, but preliminary election night counts showed Carbajal had 61.9 percent of the votes.

Initial polls showed low voter turnout for the primary election, with only 25 percent, 26 percent, and 21 percent of registered voters casting votes in SLO, Ventura, and Santa Barbara County, respectively. Carbajal will face Republican Brad Allen in the November general election.

Results for the primary elections won't be certified until July 15. But the morning after election night, Carbajal was already tackling his next issue: safer gun laws at the federal level.

"This week the House [of Representatives] is going to vote on two separate gun bills. One of them is my bill that has been enjoined with a similar bill. Together, it's called the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act [ERPO]," Carbajal told the *Sun* on June 7, ahead of the polls closing.

Carbajal's specific bill—HR 34AD—is a grant program that would make funds available for states to develop red flag laws that allow family members or law enforcement to petition a court to prevent a person from acquiring firearms if it's proven that they pose a threat to themself or others. Currently, 19 states including California have their own red flag laws. But Carbajal hopes his bill will incentivize more states to join. The bills passed the House on June 9 and moved on to the Senate.

"Gun violence laws have regrettably become too polarized politically, and it's unfortunate. Now, after this mass shooting [in Uvalde, Texas], I think it finally seems like my bill can make it over the finish line, get bipartisan support, and get to the president's desk, and be signed into law," Carbajal told the *Sun* on June 7.

But the Central Coast is still on his mind too. He told the *Sun* that he's gearing up for November's general election, and hopes to boost economic opportunities for residents.

"I represent the values of the Central Coast. I've been working to reduce the costs that families are experiencing right now, when it comes to gas, baby formula, housing, child care, health care. I'm moving legislation forward to address those issues," he said on June 7.

–Bulbul Rajagopal

Santa Maria seeks solutions for mobile home rent challenges

After a heated debate, more than 20 public comments, cheering, scoffing, and shaking heads, the Santa Maria City Council voted 3-2 (with Mayor Alice Patino and Councilmember Etta Waterfield dissenting) to re-analyze the city's enforceable model lease for mobile homes, hold community listening sessions, and see if there's room for improvement to help alleviate ever-increasing rent costs for mobile home residents.

"It's our job as elected officials to look at how we can improve the policies we've enacted

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when we hear that they're not working," Councilmember Gloria Soto said during the June 7 meeting.

The agenda item came after Gary Hall, president of a mobile home rent stabilization advocacy group, and fellow residents spoke up during general public comment at more than 27 City Council meetings to advocate for a rent stabilization ordinance that could limit the amount that landowners can increase rent each year. Residents advocated for the ordinance because landowners aren't required to use the enforceable model lease (created in 2019)—which has a 6 percent ceiling on annual rent increases—according to previous *Sun* reporting.

On June 7, Rancho Buena Vista resident Frank Thompson spoke during public comment on the model lease program, saying that he understands that park owners have to conduct their businesses, but there should be a better balance between the cost of living and income.

"When I first moved to the park, rent was a quarter of my income, now it's half of my income. I feel that there has to be a slowdown or a stop to the amount of rent that is increased every year," Thompson said

Although the City Council didn't move forward with an ordinance, its decision opens up an alleyway to explore solutions that satisfy both sides, Soto said.

"We have to try and think outside the box to support residents during a time when housing affordability becomes challenging," she said. "It's our role to listen to the needs of our residents. They come to us for policy solutions that could alleviate the burden and improve quality of life."

Currently, six of Santa Maria's 14 mobile home parks use the model lease—representing 79 percent of the total spaces within the city limit. Of those using the lease, there's been one reported incident in the last two years it's been in affect—which was resolved privately, city documents stated.

Mayor Alice Patino said the lease works well and the issues were already discussed in the 17 months prior to its creation.

"I'm not saying the model lease is perfect, but I don't think anything we decide would be perfect with everyone," Patino said. "I wouldn't mind looking at something for rental assistance, but I'm not interested in looking in the model lease at all."

Councilmember Etta Waterfield agreed and added that government officials should not be interfering with the way park owners conduct their businesses.

"I completely disagree with this motion because you'll never satisfy Gary Hall and his group with a deeper dive. It just gets deeper and deeper. ... You give a crack, and it's going to be 'boom,'" she said.

Councilmember Mike Cordero countered by saying this motion gives the council to the opportunity to find solutions to "boom."

"We can look at other options that would work toward a level of resolution, and not pigeonhole ourselves into just the model lease. We can look at rental assistance, federal government, and state government [programs]. I don't know if we are going to find anything, but it's a broader avenue to look at," he said. ❍

—*Taylor O'Connor*

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Garden to kitchen

Lompoc Library partners with CalFresh to provide food education for kids

BY TAYLOR O'CONNOR

Whether kids are the picky eaters who sniff at vegetables on their forks, or if they're always on the go and need something quick, it can be difficult for parents to get kids all the nutrients they need for their growing bodies.

That's why the Lompoc Library partnered with the CalFresh Healthy Living UC Cooperative Extension Education Programs to create the summer garden-to-kitchen workshops—a program that connects kids to Lompoc's community garden and teaches them to make recipes, said Lompoc Public Library Youth Services Manager Jessica Jackson.

"In developing a new program series, we wanted to bring in different avenues for thinking about plants, and stories are a great way to introduce kids to planting and eating," Jackson said.

Jackson selected books (written in both English and Spanish) based on food or gardening to read to kids ages 8 to 12, and after the story time the kids will make recipes based on the books they read as well as receive their own seedlings to take home and tend.

"My hope is that the children who participate will gain confidence in learning more skills and have a positive experience with learning these new skills," she said. "I want to add that life is all about lifelong learning and developing interests and hobbies. This brings an experience for [kids] that can act as a launching pad to explore more with cooking and gardening."

Each session focuses on a new book and recipe. The first class on June 15 followed *Alicia's Fruity Drinks* and kids made aguas frescas and got to take home watermelon seedlings.

Lola Plants a Garden will be the theme of the June 22 class where kids get to participate in a honey-related activity and learn about pollinators. Kids will make smoothies after reading *Sylvia's Spinach* on July 13 and they'll get to take home spinach seeds. Finally, the last class, held on July 27, will teach the kids about pickling vegetables after reading *Zora's Zucchini*.

CalFresh Garden Sustainability Community Education Specialist Abbi Marrs said this program is important because it also teaches kids about healthy eating and gives them easy, affordable recipes to make later at home.

"At CalFresh, we offer nutrition education, physical activity, and garden education to low-income community members within the county. It's hugely important just because of so many problems with obesity, not enough physical activity, and not a lot of [nutrition] education," Marrs said.

This program teaches kids about healthier food choices through easy recipes that are at low costs, she said. By adding the gardening element, kids will be more likely to eat the food they grow themselves.

"If they plant the seedlings, and watch it mature, they get to directly taste it or watch it go into the kitchen, and that has a big impact," Marrs said.

After practicing with sample amounts in the classroom, kids will get a copy of the book, the recipe used, and a gardening kit along with the seedlings. All materials sent home will be age appropriate for kids to make themselves with adults in the background, she said.

"I'd like to also [create] a handout with a QR code with an explainer and hoping to include a link to encourage them to check in and take pictures of their seedling and how it's doing," Marrs continued.

Eventually, Marrs said, she'd like to expand the program to include older kids to guide younger kids through recipes.

"We can bring [older kids] in and have them help, and make them mentors to empower the youth and give them some ownership," she said. "It's about life skills and building self-confidence."

The program allows 20 students per session, and registration details can be found cityoflompoc.com/government/departments/library. People with questions may contact (805) 875-8775.

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OUTSIDE FUN: A child plants new seedlings in the Lompoc community garden, which kids will get to explore during the Lompoc Library's ongoing garden-to-kitchen workshops.

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Highlight

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Another murder

Lompoc's recent shooting death raises the question: Will more meaningless gun laws help?

BY RON FINK

Last week there was another senseless shooting death in Lompoc, and over the last couple of weeks there have been scores of murders, all caused by irresponsible people using guns all over the country. Eventually the Lompoc suspect was found dead of a gunshot wound in another county.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution says, "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." It is the phrase "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed" that is currently being debated.

I think we can all agree that when this amendment was written, the authors could not have conceived of how this would be interpreted 200 years later by gun rights activists, politicians, courts, or folks opposed to gun ownership. At the time they were more concerned with protecting the nation they were forming and their families from marauders.

Some are advocating an amendment to the Constitution to eliminate or modify the Second Amendment; to do this, 35 of the states must ratify or agree to the change. That is a steep hill to climb considering that carrying firearms is needed in many places where very large wild animals are a hazard to humans and a large-caliber firearm is a must.

As a matter of full disclosure, I am a gun owner; they were purchased following a background check, I was originally trained in gun safety in the military and later went to a Sheriff's Department operated firing range for a firearm safety course. My guns are secured in my home, and although I had a concealed carry permit, I haven't carried a gun on my person in many years.

The National Rifle Association is a strong advocate of the right to bear arms; it is also a very strong advocate for firearm safety and provides regularly supervised classroom and practical gun safety instruction. It is doubtful that most of the people who use guns to kill people have ever taken a firearm safety course and most have acquired their guns without the benefit of a background check.

Many states, including California, have very strong gun laws; most political jurisdictions in our state have laws restricting the carrying and use of firearms. First, you must pass a background check, then wait while your information is vetted. If you pass this hurdle, you can purchase a firearm; if not, then you can't legally possess one.

This is where the political establishment begins to fail. In today's permissive world, local politicians have hampered the ability of police officers to seek out unregistered, illegal firearms, and often district attorneys refuse to punish offenders even when they have an extensive list of convictions. These illegal guns account for a large majority of gun related injuries and deaths.

I have written of the "broken window theory" in the past; in law enforcement this means that if you let minor crimes such as shoplifting, car theft, or vagrancy go unchecked, there will be a subsequent increase in other more serious crimes. Many in our society have no idea what gun laws are and frankly don't care. "Catch me if you can" seems to be their strategy, and even if they are caught, they will receive no meaningful punishment.

Guns aren't the only thing used to commit murders; others are cause by people using knives, hatchets, screwdrivers, hammers, signposts, bricks, and other objects without the need for a permit, background check, or a safety course.

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Or do we want to tell our politicians that before they add more restrictions to the use of legal weapons, perhaps they should support strong law enforcement efforts to use current laws and focus on taking illegal weapons and the criminals using them off the streets.

Let's try that before we add more meaningless laws that the average criminal won't be paying attention to anyway. Maybe that will reduce the number of killings in places like Lompoc, Santa Maria, and elsewhere around the country. ❍

Ron Fink writes to the Sun from Lompoc. Send a letter for publication to letters@santamariasun.com.

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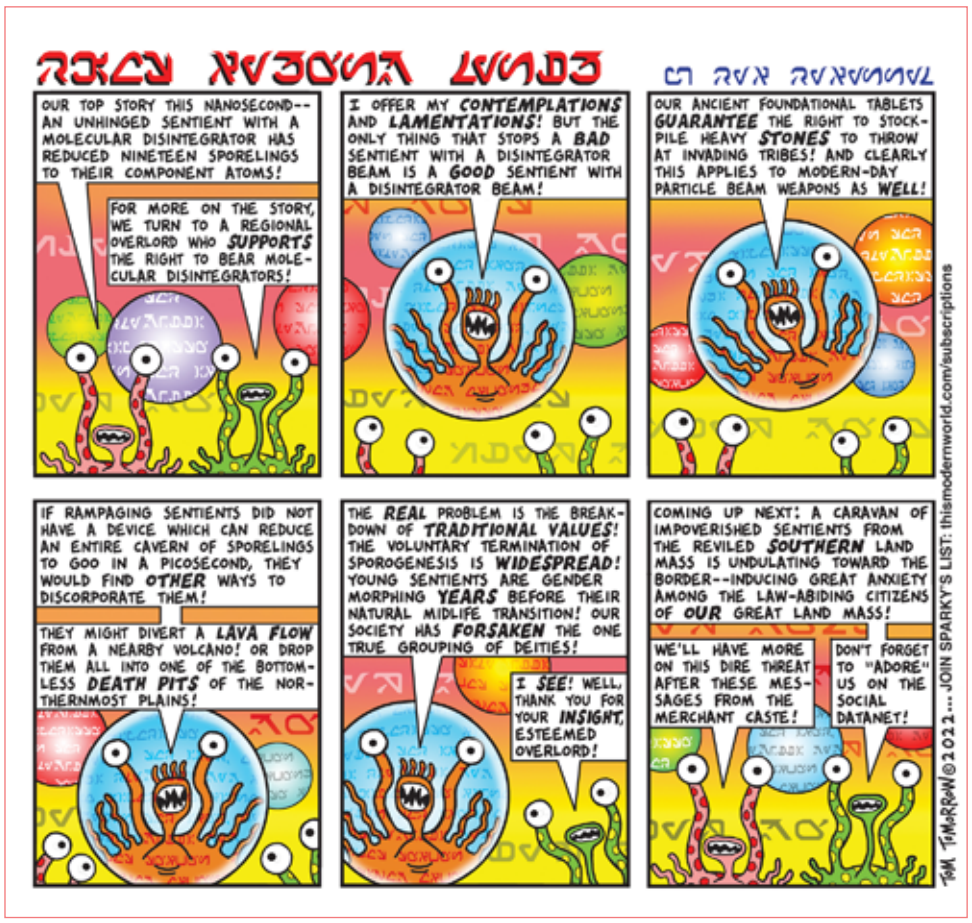

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A hundred percent renewable energy for how long?

There have been opinions written lately about the grid experiencing 100 percent renewable energy but no mention of when or how long this occurred. The grid needs reliable, sustainable energy, not just spotty, occasional renewables that cannot fulfill the need for consistency.

Renewable energy is not 100 percent unless it's 100 percent all the time, 24/7. Have you ever stayed up all night with the sun shining? Would you like to live with the wind blowing constantly. Not likely.

Renewables play an important part in the overall need for consistent reliability but they are not the total answer. Your gas tank holds so much then needs to be refilled. Your electric vehicle can go so far then needs recharging. The sun shines for so long, the wind blows now and then, but we need electricity 24/7. There's no place to turn on the sun or start the wind to blow.

Ellie Ripley
Diablo Canyon tour guide for 23 years, retired
Arroyo Grande

Squeaks and squawks

Santa Maria has some squeaky wheels, let me tell you. I can hear them all the way from my birdcage across town. These squeaks are coming from a group of people advocating for the city to step in and adopt an ordinance preventing mobile home park owners from jacking up their rents in an unreasonable fashion. Well, this group has attended more than 27 **Santa Maria City Council** meetings to speak up at public comment.

For the record, we need to hear out the squeaks and squawks from the community; these are the people our elected civil servants are serving. So, have the squeaky wheels gotten the grease they want?

Not quite. Well, sort of. At least there's an "alleyway" being created, if you ask **Councilmember Gloria Soto**. There's also a "broader avenue" to look at, as **Councilmember Mike Cordero** said. They were among the three who voted in favor or reexamining the city's enforceable model lease for mobile homes, which is optional for mobile home park owners to use when setting their rent increases.

Mayor Alice Patino said she's "not interested in looking at the model lease at all." Maybe she'd be interested in rent control on a broader scale, she said.

There were no maybes in **Councilmember Etta Waterfield**'s comments during the June 7 meeting. She was pretty fed up with the squeaky wheels and their spokesman, **Gary Hall**.

"A year and a half on this lease, we discussed this lease and we walked away with an agreement. A year later, you had your lawyer, representation, and something we agreed on. We sat at the same table, going on, and trying to figure out more—it will never be satisfied, ever. We don't need government intrusion into private matters at all. Government is the problem—so many people rely on the government and that's the problem."

One might counter with Soto's point of how it's the job of local policy makers to go back and make change when things aren't working. If people are showing up 27 times to advocate for a change, clearly there's an issue!

Yet, on Waterfield went: "One thing that perturbed me at the last meeting was when someone said we want to be able to open the books of the property owners and determine what kind of profit they can make. That's socialism right there, and there is no bloody way that I would agree on such a thing."

Um. Wow. Socialism, huh? You're going to play *that* card when discussing a measure that would prevent unrestricted rent increases from pricing fixed-income residents out of their homes?

Rancho Buena Vista mobile home park resident **Frank Thompson** spoke at the meeting, sharing that there needs to be a better balance between cost of living and income. Balance. Not socialism.

"When I first moved to the park, rent was a quarter of my income, now it's half of my income. I feel that there has to be a slowdown or a stop to the amount of rent that is increased every year," Thompson said.

That reasonable request got the 3-2 vote, even after Waterfield's squawks. And now there will be some "community listening sessions" to see if this alleyway can be better paved for our persistent squeaky wheels.

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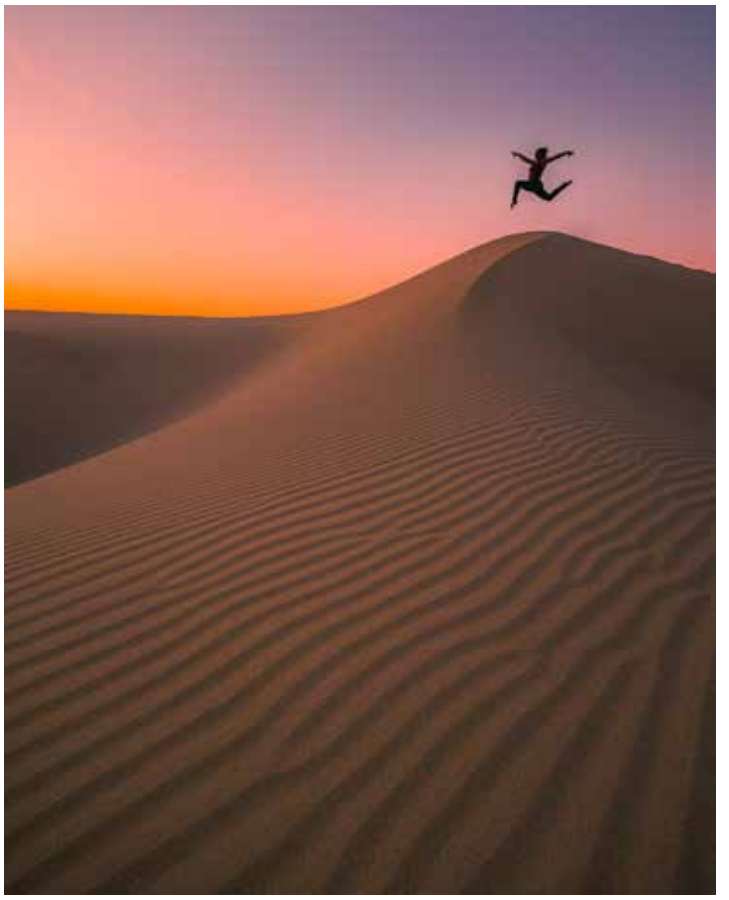

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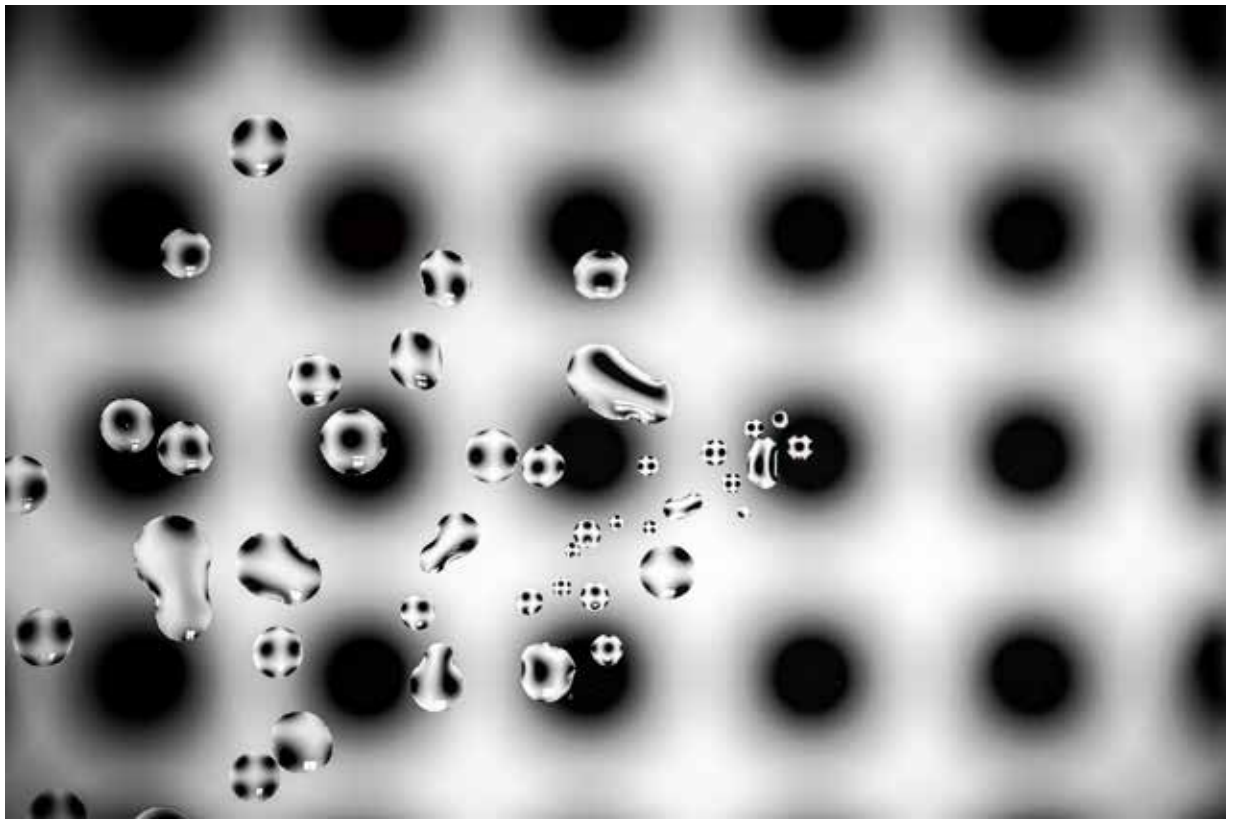

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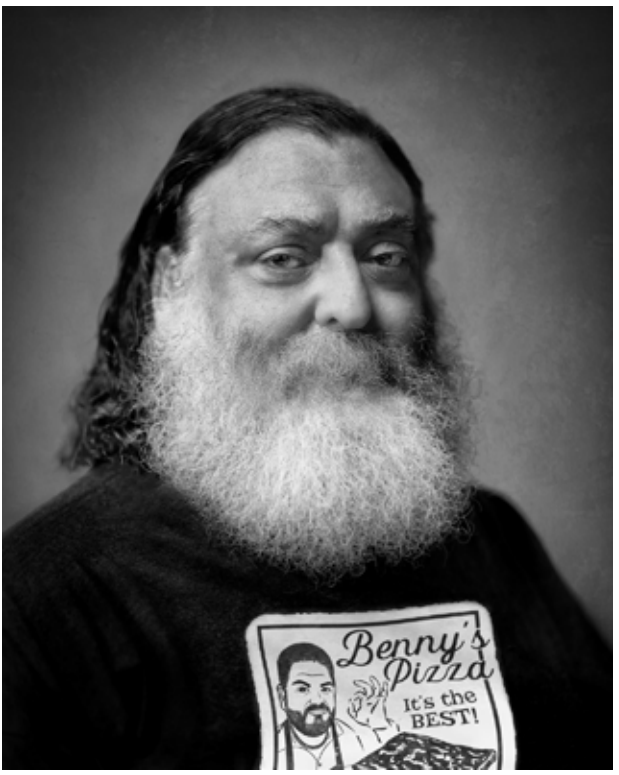

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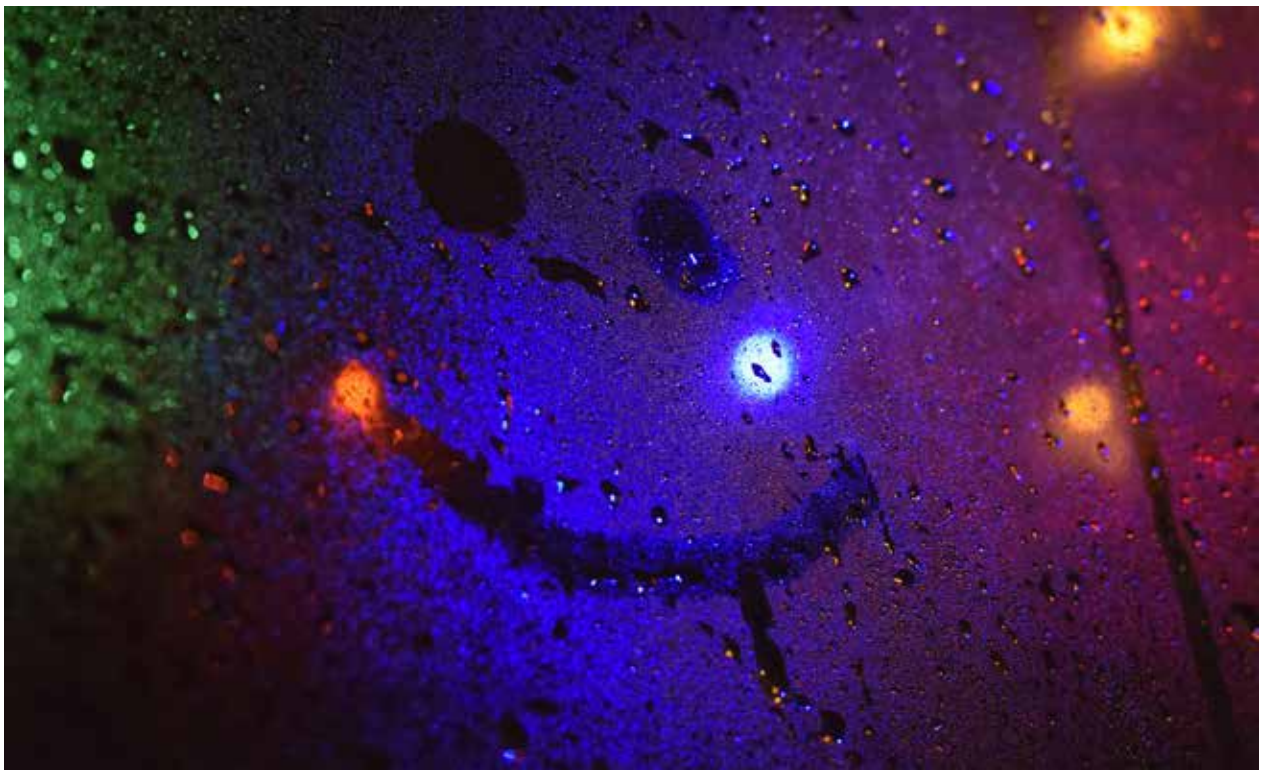

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MCCORMICK O'MEARA, Youth (under 18), Throop Playground, THIRD PLACE

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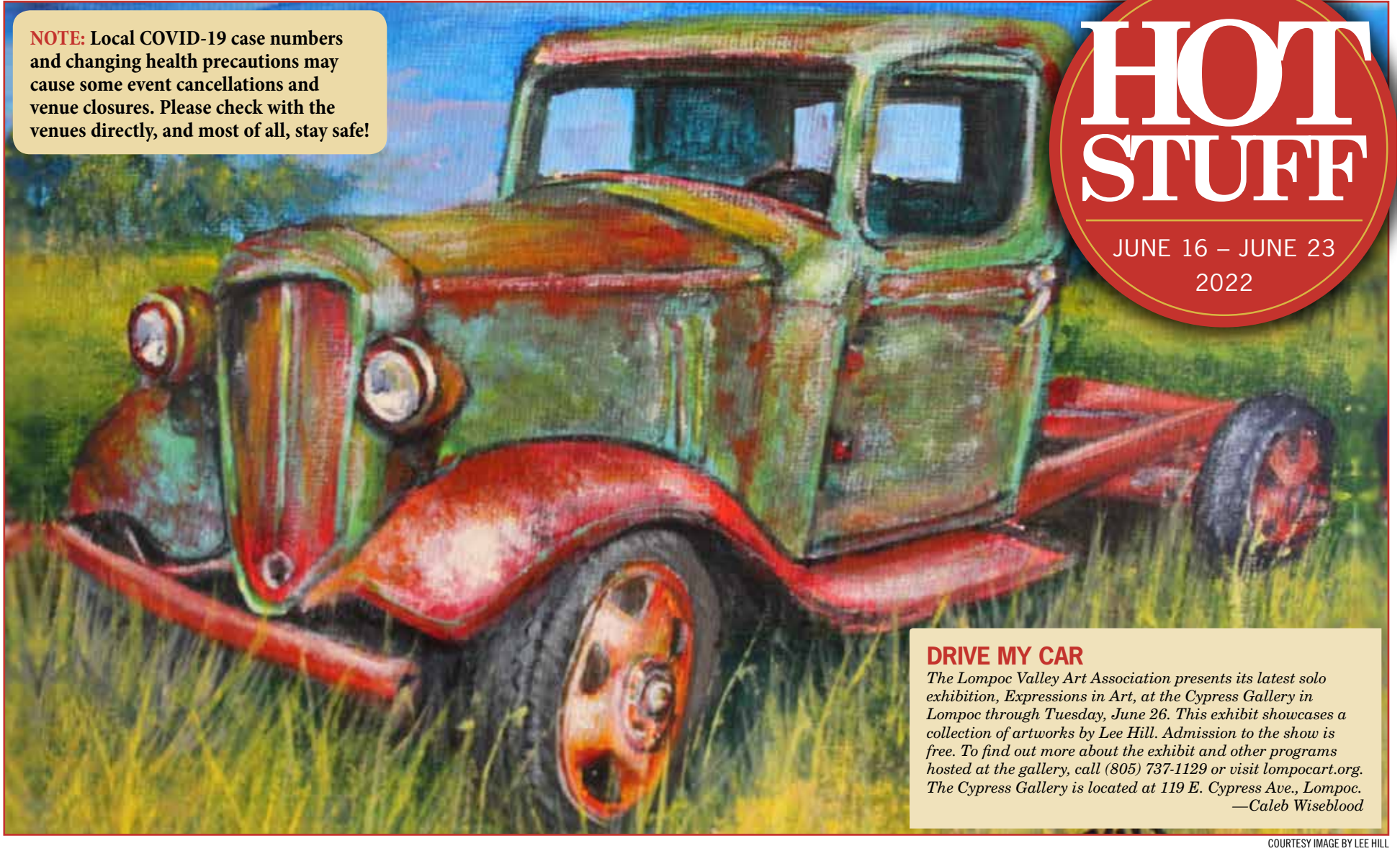

DRIVE MY CAR

The Lompoc Valley Art Association presents its latest solo exhibition, Expressions in Art, at the Cypress Gallery in Lompoc through Tuesday, June 26. This exhibit showcases a collection of artworks by Lee Hill. Admission to the show is free. To find out more about the exhibit and other programs hosted at the gallery, call (805) 737-1129 or visit lompocart.org. The Cypress Gallery is located at 119 E. Cypress Ave., Lompoc.
—Caleb Wiseblood

COURTESY IMAGE BY LEE HILL

ARTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

'DOODLES' AT CORDON TASTING ROOM AND GALLERY Cordon of Santa Barbara is excited to welcome filmmaker Jeffrey Chernov's premiere exhibit of Doodles with an Artist's Reception scheduled for June 16. What started as mindless doodles has evolved into fantastical compositions of movement, color and shape. Wine and appetizers will be served. **June 16**, 5-7:30 p.m. Free. cordonwine.com. Cordon Wine Tasting Room and Gallery, 1623 Mission Drive, Courtyard Suite I-J, Solvang, 323-356-6607.

FIRE AND ICE: OUR CHANGING LANDSCAPE Features a wide diversity of artwork, including video installations, photography, paintings, mixed media, and more, illustrating aspects of fire and ice. Through Sept. 26 Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

GREENLAND: LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN Features stunning photographs of Greenland's vast Arctic terrain, its people, and culture. Located in North America near Canada, Greenland is the world's largest island. Contrary to its name, it's not very green and covered in ice. Through Sept. 18 Elverhoj Museum of History and Art, 1624 Elverhoy Way, Solvang, 805-686-1211, elverhoj.org.

AN INVITATION TO DANCE Presented by the Santa Ynez Valley Performing Arts Company, housed at the Fossemalle Dance Studio. **June 16**-18, 7 p.m. 805-688-8494. Santa Ynez High School Little Theater, 2975 CA-246, Santa Ynez.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

EXPRESSIONS IN ART: FEATURED ARTIST LEE HILL The Lompoc Valley Art Association's Cypress Gallery will be featuring Expressions in Art, an artist show by Lee Hill. Check out the show and meet the artist at his reception on June 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Open to the public. Through June 26 Free. 805-737-1129. lompocart.org. Cypress Gallery, 119 E Cypress Ave., Lompoc.

LOMPOC MOVIES IN THE PARK Movies will be shown on a giant inflatable screen in the old section of Ryon Park. **June 24**, 8 p.m. cityoflompoc.com. Ryon Park, 800 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE Through July 31 Lompoc Public Library, 501 E. North Ave., Lompoc, 805-875-8786.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

THE 39 STEPS This comedy is a mix of Hitchcock, juicy spy novels, and a dash of Monty Python. **June 24**-**July 10** my805tix.com. Santa Maria Civic Theatre, 1660 N. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM A summer camp-themed reading adventure. Read or listen to books, participate in weekly activities, and earn raffle tickets, and fantastic prize baskets. Register at the library. Through July 30. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/library. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

DANCE CLASSES: EVERYBODY CAN DANCE Classes available for all skill levels. Class sizes limited. ongoing Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.

DIY FRIENDSHIP BRACELET An adult summer camp. Learn how to make a unique and colorful friendship bracelet using metal chain and embroidery thread. All materials are provided. Registration is required. **June 25**, 11 a.m.-noon. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

HOPE PRESENTS: THE SANTA MARIA PRIDE DRAG SHOW House of Pride and Equality is proud to present the fifth Annual Santa Maria Pride Drag Show, featuring eight Drag Queens. For ages 18 and over (attendees carded at the door). **June 18**, 6 p.m. my805tix.com. Presqu'ile Winery, 5391 Presqu'ile Dr., Santa Maria, 805-937-8110.

LIVE COMEDY AT THE SWISS Enjoy an evening of laughs from veteran touring comics every third Saturday of the month. A new lineup every show. Arrive early for optimum seating. For ages 21 and over. Third Saturday of every month, 9-11 p.m. through Aug. 21 Free. 805-347-7800. The Swiss Restaurant, 516 N. Broadway, Santa Maria.

LOCAL AND FEATURED ARTIST EXHIBITS Valley Art Gallery, located in the SM Airport, exhibits local and featured artist work. New exhibits are mounted the first Tuesday of even-numbered months. Wide variety of art available for purchase. ongoing, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. 805-922-0663. Santa Maria Airport, 3249 Terminal Dr., Santa Maria.

MUSIC LESSONS AT COELHO ACADEMY Check website for info on music classes offered at Coelho Academy. ongoing coelhomusic.com/index.html. Coelho Academy of Music, 325 E. Betteravia Rd., Santa Maria.

NEIL SIMON'S *LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR* This Neil Simon laugh machine is inspired by his youthful experience as a staff writer on Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows," as the writing staff frantically scrambles to top each other with gags. Fridays, Saturdays, 8-9:30 p.m. and Sundays, 1:30-3 p.m. through June 19 $15. 805-268-2993. orcuttcommunitytheater.org. KDA Studios, 3558 Skyway Dr., Santa Maria.

NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB Each month will feature a new chapter book. Talk about last month's book, and then read the first chapter of the new book together. Copies of the book will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Designed for youth, ages 8 through 12. **June 23**, 3:30 p.m. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library (Altrusa Theater), 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

OUTDOOR UKULELE LESSONS For individuals 50 years and up, at no charge. Participants will learn to play chords, melodies, and familiar songs. Five baritone ukuleles are available to borrow, or class members may bring one of their own. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. cityofsantamaria.org/register. Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria.

TEEN MANGA DRAWING Join former *Simpsons* and *King of the Hill* artist Carlos Nieto III as he teaches how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is. All materials are provided. **June 24**, 5 p.m. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Shepard Hall Art Gallery, Santa Maria Public Library, 421 South McClelland St., Santa Maria.

TWEEN AND TEEN MINIATURE ART PALETTE CREATION Do you enjoy nature and art? Learn to make a miniature watercolor palette. This pocket-sized palette will allow painting on the go when inspiration strikes. Whether at the beach or the park, this art palette can go anywhere. Designed for youth, ages 10 through 17. **June 20**, 4 p.m. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library (Altrusa Theater), 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

WINE AND DESIGN CLASSES Check Wine and Design's Orcutt website for the complete list of classes, for various ages. ongoing Varies. wineanddesign.com/orcutt. Wine and Design, 3420 Orcutt Road, suite 105, Orcutt.

YOUTH ARTS ALIVE: FREE ARTS CLASSES FOR KIDS Youth ARTS Alive is holding free arts classes to Santa Maria youth ages 8 to 18. Classes are held for three weeks in June and July. Includes classes in art, dance, drum, singing, poetry, guitar/ukulele, theater, screen printing, and pottery. Mondays-Fridays. through July 1 $20 refundable deposit. youthartsalive.org/register-here. Minami Community Center, 600 W. Enos Drive, Santa Maria.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNBURNT KID This gut-busting parody follows the adventures of Butch and Sundance as they change the course of history in the Old West. En route to Bolivia, the two outlaws find the perfect hideout in a town where nothing ever happens: Oceano. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m. and Sundays, 6 p.m. through Aug. 6 $30-$36. 805-489-2499. americanmelodrama.com. Great American Melodrama, 1863 Front St., Oceano.

THE MARK OF MORRO Mark loves nothing more than reading about his favorite comic book hero, the swashbuckling El Morro. He's the complete opposite of El Morro. But when the funding starts to disappear for all his friends' college activities, someone needs to step up. Can he do it? Wednesdays-Saturdays, 7 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m. through June 18 $30-$36. 805-489-2499. americanmelodrama.com. Great American Melodrama, 1863 Front St., Oceano.

MIXED MEDIA FOR AGES 5-6 AND 7-12 For ages 5-6 (Mondays) and 7-12 (Tuesdays). Mondays, Tuesdays, 3:15-4:15 p.m. 805-668-2125. lila.community/. LilA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

OPEN STUDIO FOR ADULTS Call to reserve. All materials included. Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. and Wednesdays,

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SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS

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

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12:30-3:30 p.m. $35. 805-668-2125. lila.community/. Guests can come in and decide what materials they would like to work with and create freely. Share your creative process with others and see how your work will flourish. Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. and Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. $40. 805-668-2125. Lila.community/. LilA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF RENEWAL On the last Saturday of every month, celebrate your own unique creative process. This month we will play a collective drawing game, leading us into some whimsical watercolor paintings. Come see how joyful art and community can be. Last Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-noon $35. 805-668-2125. lila.community/all-workshops/womens-morning-of-renewal-twwyl. LilA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

ACTOR'S EDGE: ACTING CLASSES Actor's Edge offers film and television acting training in San Luis Obispo, plus exposure to Los Angeles talent agents. All ages and skill levels welcome. Classes available in SLO, LA, and on zoom. ongoing $210 per month. actorsedge.com. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

ART EXHIBIT: OUT OF THE BLUE The GROUP, a collective group of talented women who share a passion for creative expression, join Art Central's Gallery this June and July in a dynamic exhibit, Out of the Blue. Meet the artists and mingle on June 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. through Aug. 1 Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/portfolio/out-of-the-blue/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

CAMILLE HOFFMAN: SEE AND MISSED Artist Camille Hoffman uses materials collected from childhood and her everyday life to craft imaginary landscapes that are grounded in accumulation, rehabilitation, personal narrative, and historical critique. Through Aug. 22 sloma.org. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo, 543-8562.

CERAMIC LESSONS AND MORE Now offering private one-on-one and group lessons in the ceramic arts. Both hand building and wheel throwing options. Beginners welcomed. ongoing 805-835-5893. hmcruceceramics.com/. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

FREE DOCENT TOURS AT SLOMA Gain a deeper understanding of the artwork on view with SLOMA's new docent tours. Saturdays, 11 a.m. Free. 805-543-8562. sloma.org. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

KIDS IMPROV CLASS Six week sessions for ages 9 to 12; a fun opportunity to learn about self-expression and gain confidence in a positive, uplifting small group setting. Classes led by credentialed, experienced theater teachers. Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m. through July 14 $225 for all six weeks. centralcoastcomedytheater.com. Central Coast Comedy Theater Training Center, 2078 Parker Street, Suite 200, San Luis Obispo, 803-487-4401.

LEARN TO WEAVE MONDAYS An opportunity to learn how a four-shaft loom works. You will get acquainted as a new weaver or as a refresher with lots of tips and tricks. This class includes getting to know a loom, how to prepare/dress a loom, and much much more. Mondays, 1-4 p.m. $75 monthly. 805-441-8257. Patricia Martin: Whispering Vista Studios, 224 Squire Canyon Rd, San Luis Obispo, patriciamartinartist.com.

MASK MAKING AND HAT MAKING Geared for children and adults. ongoing Spirits of Africa Gallery, 570 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, spiritsofafricagallery.com/.

MIX IT UP Ardella (Jo) Swanberg's specialty is watercolor but she is interested in how other media interact. So in this class, she proposes to "mix it up." Each media has unique characteristics. Some play well with others and some don't. Third Tuesday of every month, 1:30-4:30 p.m. $40. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

MOBA 101: AN INTRO TO THE MUSEUM OF BAD ART Join us online or in-person for a presentation from The Museum Of Bad Art. You can attend from home or attend the in-person watch party in the SLO Library Community Room. For adults. To register for the Zoom Meeting, visit slolibrary.org and click "Events." **June 18**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. 805-781-5184. slolibrary.org. San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

NEW ARTIST RIKI SCHUMACHER AT ART CENTRAL GALLERY Schumacher's work is pensive and introspective, inspiring one to take a solitary walk on a cloudy day. Wander in to reflect on her "delicious, wistful landscapes." Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/gallery-artists/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

OPEN STUDIOS ART TOUR: APPLICATIONS OPEN The SLO County Arts Council is seeking artists to join this year's event, scheduled to be held in October. Through Oct. 16 artsobispo.org/osat. SLO County, Countywide, San Luis Obispo.

PAINTING CLASSES Easels, brushes, and canvases provided. Limited to 20 students. ongoing Spirits of Africa Gallery, 570 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, spiritsofafricagallery.com/.

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A FESTIVE FIRST

The inaugural Santa Ynez Valley Pride Parade takes place on Saturday, June 25, starting at 11 a.m., in downtown Solvang. A variety of family-friendly festivities will be held in Solvang Park after the parade. The event will include bounce houses, live music, food vendors, a beer garden, and more. To find out more, visit syvpride.org. Solvang Park is located at 1630 Mission Drive, Solvang.

—C.W.

SLO GALLERY: NEW COLLECTIONS SLO Gallery proudly features fine crafts, paintings, photography, and sculpture by top artists from California's Central Coast. Visit to see a variety of exceptional works of art. Thursdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through June 30 Free. 805-926-5050. slogallery.com. SLO Gallery, 1019 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo.

VIRGINIA MACK: BEGINNING WATERCOLOR This is a watercolor class designed to let you jump in and try out this engaging medium through experimentation. It's designed for beginners and those with watercolor experience who wish to expand their knowledge of painting in watercolors. To enroll please contact Mack via email: vbmack@charter.net Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. $35. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

VIRGINIA MACK: WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP (INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED) This is a class for those who love imagining ways to further their visual expressions. Explore composition, intention, and process. To register, contact Virginia Mack, at vbmack@charter.net Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. through

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June 29 $35. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

XANADU SLO REP presents this rollerskating musical comedy. Featuring a fabulous pop/rock score by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar. Thursdays-Saturdays, 7-9 p.m., Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. and Sundays, 2-4 p.m. through July 3 $20-$40. 805-786-2440. slorep.org/shows/xanadu/. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

YOUNG ADULT ART CLASS: DRAWING IN 3D This is a perfect class for anyone with a love for drawing. Focus on using one point perspective to make the artworks look more 3-dimensional. Email to enroll: spencerpoulter@yahoo.com Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon $25 per student or $40 for two students. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

NORTH SLO COUNTY

BRUSH, NEEDLE, CAMERA, KILN ART EXHIBITION The Atascadero Art Association's annual Brush, Needle, Camera, Kiln art showcase is back. Hosted at The ARTery on Traffic Way, this exhibition features a diverse display of art styles, themes, and media. View the work in person during business hours or online. Through June 30 Free. 805-464-0533. thelartery.com/gallery. The ARTery, 5890 Traffic Way, Atascadero.

DEPRISE BRESCIA ART GALLERY: OPEN DAILY Features a large selection of encaustic art, sculpted paintings, art installations, acrylic palette knife paintings, digital art, glass, jewelry, stones, fossils, and a butterfly sculpture garden. DepriseBrescia.com. Deprise Brescia Art Gallery, 829 10th St., Paso Robles, 310-621-7543.

FUSED GLASS PLATE OR BOWL Learn the basics of fusing and slumping in this introductory class. Make a fused glass plate or bowl. All materials included. **June 22**, 6-8 p.m. $100. 805-464-2633. glassheadstudio.com. Glasshead Studio, 8793 Plata Lane, Suite H, Atascadero.

LIFE REFURBISHED Artists used reclaimed materials (such as recycled woods, metals, glass, ceramics, and fabrics) to create new pieces of artwork. Through June 27 studiosonthepark.org. Studios on the Park, 1130 Pine St., Paso Robles, 805-238-9800.

LOVE, LOSS AND WHAT I WORE: A COMEDIC PLAY This humorous and touching play explores the lives of women through 28 interwoven characters who share their memories of love and loss as framed through the clothes they wore. Through June 19 my805tix.com. Plymouth Congregational Church Hall, 1301 Oak St., Paso Robles.

STUDIOS ON THE PARK: CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS Check site for a variety of classes and workshops offered. studiosonthepark.org. Studios on the Park, 1130 Pine St., Paso Robles, 805-238-9800.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

ART AND ABOUT MORRO BAY Join us for Art and About Morro Bay, a self-guided art walk that gives the community an opportunity to experience visual, literary, and performing art in galleries and other venues. Visit site for a map of locations. (Events will not occur on major holidays). Fourth Saturday of every month, 1-4 p.m. Free. 805-544-9251. artsobispo.org/art-and-about. Morro Bay (participating artists), Townwide, Morro Bay.

BROKEN NATURE This exhibition addresses the critical state of the environment due to the impact of human presence, by thinking locally and globally, and confronting global warming, drought, wildfires, climate change, and more. Through June 27 Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay, 805-772-2504, artcentermorrobay.org.

FINE ART PAINTING BY JI LI Ji is impressed and inspired by Central Coast scenery. She paints landscapes, seascapes, birds, flowers, and more. Her work ranges from the realistic to the abstract in her preferred mediums of watercolor, pastel, and acrylic. Through June 29 Free. 805-772-1068. galleryatmarinasquare.com. Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, Morro Bay.

FOREVER STOKED PAINT PARTY Join us at the gallery, for a few hours to travel on a creative paint journey guided by a member of the fun loving FS crew. You will receive as much or as little instruction as you prefer. No artistic experience is necessary. Saturdays, 7-9 p.m. $45. 805-772-9095. Forever Stoked, 1164 Quintana Rd., Morro Bay.

GALLERY AT MARINA SQUARE PRESENTS FINE ART CRAFTS BY STEVIE CHUN Stevie is a self-taught artist and, while exploring different mediums, she found her love for watercolor. Her work has been displayed in group shows around Southern California. Stevie creates jewelry, paintings, stickers, and more. Opening reception on June 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. Through June 29 Free. 805-772-1068. galleryatmarinasquare.com. Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, Morro Bay.

METAL ART BY TRUDI GILLIAM Gilliam creates her sculptures using copper, brass, nickel/silver, and found objects. This new series of whales and birds uses copper and sea glass. ongoing 805-772-9955. Seven Sisters Gallery, 601 Embarcadero Ste. 8, Morro Bay, sevensistersgalleryca.com.

NEEDLE FELTING BY DEBBIE GEDAYLOO Debbie Gedayloo is a self-taught fiber artist. "It is a wonderful to sit with the fibers and create every day and the added level of joy experienced by sharing with others heightens the creative process." Through June 29 Free. 805-772-1068. galleryatmarinasquare.com. Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, Morro Bay.

PLEIN AIR PAINTERS OF THE CENTRAL COAST A self-directed fun group of dynamic artists who enjoy painting and sketching outdoors. Meet at the Art Center Morro Bay and then the group decides on the location to go paint. Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-noon Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay, 805-772-2504, artcentermorrobay.org.

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DON'T STOP ME NOW

FLEX Performing Arts presents its upcoming student showcase, titled Unstoppable, at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts in Arroyo Grande on Saturday, June 25, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Sunday, June 26, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are $25 each. For more info, call (805) 489-9444 or visit flexperformingarts.com. The Clark Center for the Performing Arts is located at 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

—C.W.

SOCIAL SECURITY This fast-paced, light-hearted comedy reminds us all we're never too old to redefine ourselves. **June 17-July 10** my805tix.com. By The Sea Productions, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay, 805-776-3287.

CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

OLD SANTA YNEZ DAY AND RODEO Celebratory events will be held in town. Historical Museum will offer free admission during Old Santa Ynez Day. Two-day rodeo held at corner of Meadowvale Road and Highway 246. **June 25** and **June 26** syvrodeo.com. Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum, 3596 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-688-7889.

OPEN WEEKEND AT ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE The Arroyo Hondo Preserve is again open to the public on the first and third full weekends of each month, advanced reservations required. Explore the trails and enjoy the sun-drenched vistas or stay cool along the shady creek at this historic nature preserve. Every other Saturday, Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through June 19 Free. 805-966-4520. eventbrite.com. Arroyo Hondo Preserve, CA-1, Santa Ynez.

SYV PRIDE New Santa Barbara County nonprofit, SYV Pride, will host the first Pride celebration to grace the Santa Ynez Valley's various wine country towns. A multi-day event. Expect parties, a parade and festival, DJs, and Drag Brunch. **June 22**-26 Varies. 510-996-2212. syvpride.org/. Downtown Solvang, Citywide, Solvang.

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. partnersincaring.org. 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.

GOOD MORNING STORY TIME Story time is designed to build literacy skills and school readiness, all while having a great time. This fun story time will have songs and stories. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. through Aug. 4 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library (Altrusa Theater), 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

PRESCHOOL YOGA STORY TIME Drop in for a morning of yoga with stories and breathing exercises. Children are introduced to mindfulness and will learn exercises to help regulate emotions. Space and supplies are limited. Yoga mats will be provided. Open to children ages 3 to 5 with caregivers. **June 24**, 11 a.m. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library (Altrusa Theater), 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY RAILWAY HISTORICAL MUSEUM TOURS The collection includes late 1800's-early 1900's Engine used by the Betteravia Union Sugar Company, a 1930's Sacramento Northern box car, and more. Fourth Saturday of every month, 12-4 p.m. smvrhm.com. Santa Maria Transit Center, Miller and Boone Streets, Santa Maria.

SMVGS MEETING Visitors welcome. Contact smvgs.org for program and location info. Third Thursday of every month, 2:15-4 p.m. smvgs.org. Santa Maria Valley Genealogical Society, 908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria.

STORY TIME FOR FAMILIES Songs, activities, and stories in English and Spanish. Story time is designed to build literacy skills and school readiness, all while having a great time. Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. through Aug. 3 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library (Altrusa Theater), 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

STUFFED ANIMAL CAMP OUT Registration required. Choose one buddy to stay over for one night in the library, and sleep in sleeping bags or use pillows that you help decorate. **June 17** 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library (Altrusa Theater), 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

TECH HELP SATURDAYS Schedule a one-on-one appointment for instruction on technology topics like setting-up new devices, installing apps, privacy best practices, and enjoying library e-resources at home. **June 25**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. cityofsantamaria.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

ADULT AND KID CAMP AND RIDE Offerings include horse boarding/people camping, trail riding, and a lot more. **June 22**, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., **June 23**, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., **June 24**, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and **June 25**, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. $25 per corral per night. 805-481-1665. facebook.com/groups/blackbearriders. Black Bear Equestrian Center, Lopez Drive, Arroyo Grande.

ARROYO GRANDE'S CIVIL WAR GENERATION Nearly sixty Civil War veterans are buried in Arroyo Grande. This tour, which repeats each Sunday in June, details their wartime experiences. Four fought at Gettysburg, one earned a Medal of Honor in 1864. Sundays, 2-3 p.m. through June 26 $15. 805-546-3132. cuesta.edu/communityprograms. Arroyo Grande District Cemetery, 895 El Camino Real, Arroyo Grande.

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Live Oak Music Festival
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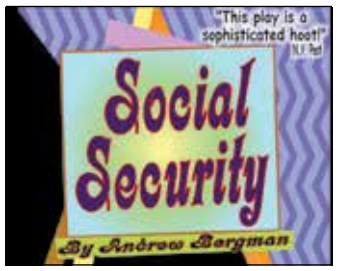
El Chorro Regional Park, San Luis Obispo



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545 Shasta Ave, Morro Bay

"Love, Loss and What I Wore" A Comedic Play
FRI, SAT, SUN, JUNE 17, 18, 19
Plymouth Congregational, Paso

Orcutt Community Theater: Laughter on the 23rd Floor
FRI, SAT, SUN, JUNE 17, 18, 19
Klein Dance Arts, Orcutt

vs. Conejo Oaks FRI, JUNE 17
vs. Arroyo Seco Saints
SAT, JUNE 18
Sinsheimer Park, San Luis Obispo

Point San Luis Lighthouse Tours
In-Person WED & SAT
Virtual ON DEMAND
Avila Beach

HOPE Presents: Santa Maria Pride Drag Show
SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Presqu'ile Winery, Santa Maria

The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center Guided Photography Hike
SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Pacific Dunes Ranch RV Resort, Oceano

Cambria Community Chorale: Sing for Joy
SUNDAY, JUNE 19
Cambria Community Presbyterian

Season Pass: All 8 Concerts "Live at the Lighthouse"
JUNE 25 – OCTOBER 8
Point San Luis Lighthouse, Avila Beach

vs. SB Foresters SUN, JUNE 19
vs. MLB Academy Barons
TUES & WED, JUNE 21 & 22
Sinsheimer Park, San Luis Obispo

Santa Maria Civic Theatre 2022-2023 Membership
JULY 1 2022–JUNE 30, 2023
Octagon Barn, SLO

SMCT Presents: The 39 Steps
FRI, SAT, SUN, JUNE 24–JULY 10
Santa Maria Civic Theatre

SLOFunny Comedy Show
SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Veterans Memorial Building, Morro Bay

Live at the Lighthouse: Jill Knight Trio
SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Point San Luis Lighthouse, Avila Beach

Tied+True: Knot & Sip: Macramé Plant Hanger Workshop
SUNDAY, JUNE 26
Timshel Vineyards, Paso Robles

vs. Orange County Riptide
WED, JUNE 29
vs. Conejo Oaks FRI, JULY 1
Sinsheimer Park, San Luis Obispo

Slow Money SLO 10th Anniversary Celebration
THURSDAY, JUNE 30
Octagon Barn, SLO

46 West Wineries Block Party
SATURDAY, JULY 2
Dark Star Cellars, Paso Robles

Camp Cass: Paint & Sip with Art Social
SUN, JULY 3 & FRI, JULY 15
Cass Winery, Paso Robles

4th of July Pancake Breakfast and Doggie Parade
MONDAY, JULY 4
Avila Beach

Cass Winery 4th of July Bash with Joy Bonner Band
MONDAY, JULY 4
Cass Winery, Paso Robles

Live at the Lighthouse: Upside Ska
SATURDAY, JULY 9
Point San Luis Lighthouse, Avila Beach

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SATURDAY, JULY 9
Bliss Restaurant, San Luis Obispo

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CAMPS Lessons and camp packages available daily. All equipment included. ongoing Starts at $70. 805-835-7873. sandbarsurf.com/. Sandbar Surf School Meetup Spot, 110 Park Ave., Pismo Beach.

FREE YOGA FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, EMS, AND COMMUNITY CARETAKERS Join for some well-deserved self-care. Anyone including fire, EMS, police, hospital workers, medical staff, assisted living caretakers, etc. is welcome. All yoga abilities are encouraged to attend. Please email empoweryoga805@gmail.com in advance to enroll. Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. 805-619-0989. Empower Yoga Studio and Community Boutique, 775 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach, empoweryoga805.com.

GUADALUPE-NIPOMO DUNES CENTER GUIDED PHOTOGRAPHY HIKE Enjoy an afternoon with dunes photographer Chuck Jennings, as he shares tips and tricks to dunes photography. Bring a jacket, water, and your camera, and explore the open dunes of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex. **June 18**, 5-7 p.m. my805tix.com. Pacific Dunes Ranch RV Resort, 1205 Silver Spur Pl., Oceano.

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SOCIAL HOUR

By the Sea Productions presents Social Security, which premieres on Friday, June 17, at St. Peter's By The Sea Episcopal Church in Morro Bay. The cast of this fast-paced, lighthearted comedy includes David Rousseve (left) and Sholly Von Stein (right). Performances of the show are scheduled to run through Sunday, July 10. Tickets are available in advance at my805tix.com. St. Peter's By the Sea Episcopal Church is located at 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay.

—C.W.

POINT SAN LUIS LIGHTHOUSE TOURS Tours will give you a glimpse into the lives of Lighthouse Keepers and their families, while helping keep our jewel of the Central Coast preserved and protected. In-person and virtual tours offered. Check website for more details. Wednesdays, Saturdays pointsanluislighthouse.org/. Point San Luis Lighthouse, 1 Lighthouse Rd., Avila Beach.

WEEKLY WATER SAFETY LESSONS Facility advertised as open and safe. Give the office a call to register over the phone. Mondays-Fridays $160-$190. 805-481-6399. 5 Cities Swim School, 425 Traffic Way, Arroyo Grande, 5citiesswimschool.com.

WOMEN'S CANCER SURVIVOR SUMMIT A free event in Pismo Beach. Includes surfing, yoga, lunch, and more. In recognition of National Cancer Survivor Month. Hosted by Surfing for Hope, a local non-profit foundation. **June 18** surfingforhope.org. SeaCrest OceanFront Hotel, 2241 Price St., San Luis Obispo, (805) 773-4608.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

ATTRACTING POLLINATORS TO YOUR GARDEN Come to a free workshop and learn about who they are, how to attract them, and what they can do for your garden. A pollinator insect collection will be on display along with a demo on honey bee hive equipment. **June 18**, 10-midnight Free. 805-781-5939. ucanr.edu/sites/mgslo/. Garden of the Seven Sisters Demonstration Garden, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo.

BEYOND MINDFULNESS Realize your potential through individualized meditation instruction with an experienced teacher via Zoom. This class is for those who wish to begin a practice or seek to deepen an existing one. Flexible days and times. Certified with IMTA. Email or text for information. Mondays-Sundays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sliding scale. 559-905-9274. theartofsilence.net. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

CAL HOPE SLO GROUPS AT TMHA Visit website for full list of weekly Zoom groups available. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays calhopeconnect.org. Transitions Mental Health Warehouse, 784 High Street, San Luis Obispo, 805-270-3346.

GALA PRIDE AND DIVERSITY CENTER BOARD MEETING (VIA ZOOM) Monthly meeting of the Gala Pride and Diversity Center Board of Directors. Meets virtually via Zoom and is open to members of the public. Visit galacc.org/events to fill out the form to request meeting access. Third Tuesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. No admission fee. galacc.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

HEALING DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP A safe place for anyone suffering from the pain of depression. We do not criticize but do share our journey, feelings, and what works for us. We can meet in person or use Zoom if needed. Mondays, 6-7 p.m. Free. 805-528-3194. Hope House Wellness Center, 1306 Nipomo St., San Luis Obispo.

JUNETEENTH SLO 2022 2022 Theme: Emotional Competency, "The Next Frontier in Human Development." Features several events and live music performances. Keynote Speaker: Deborah Newmark, Executive Director of The Children's Project. **June 18** and **June 19** juneteenthslo.com/. Mission Plaza, Downtown, San Luis Obispo.

MENTAL HEALTH MENAGERIE: A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE Debby Do Good and The Cheeky Cheesecakes are throwing a massive fundraiser for Transitions Mental Health. Goal is to raise $10,000. The theme is Candy Land. All profits from ticket sales, raffles, and auctions will go directly to TMHA. "Donut" miss this. **June 17**, 7-9:30 p.m. $10. 805-270-6168. t-mha.org. Central Coast Brewing, 6 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo.

THE METAPHYSICAL ASSOCIATION Meet to discuss metaphysical books and ideas, and their practical significance for the individual and society. **June 16**, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-235-2022. The Metaphysical Association, To be determined, San Luis Obispo.

MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION (ONLINE MEETING) Zoom series hosted by TMHA. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon Transitions Mental Health Warehouse, 784 High Street, San Luis Obispo, 805-270-3346.

MOVING MEDITATION WITH JEVON ROWDEN Enjoy a morning of mindful movement and yoga in SLOMA's Gray Wing surrounded by Camille Hoffman's exhibition, See and Missed. Rowden has been teaching movement and meditation for more than seven years now. Register online. **June 18**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. $10. 805-543-8562. sloma.org/moving-meditation/. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

PRAY, EAT, LOVE: LUNCHTIME WORSHIP AND BROWN BAG LUNCH Feel free to bring your lunch and worship for 15 to 25 minutes, then enjoy some dining and chatting on the patio. No reservation or previous experience required. Masks during worship. Vaccination card is required. Doors will be wide open. Wednesdays, 12:15-1:30 p.m. through June 29 Free. 805-543-7212. ststephensslo.org. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1344 Nipomo St., San Luis Obispo.

Q YOUTH GROUP (VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM) This is a social support group for LGBTQ+ and questioning youth between the ages of 11-18. Each week the group explores personal, cultural, and social identity. Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Free. galacc.org/events/. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

QI GONG FOR MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT Learn and practice qi gong, a Chinese system for physical, mental and spiritual development. This class is conducted outdoors in a beautiful setting, which is the best place to do qi gong, as its inspiration is drawn from nature. Certified instructor: Devin Wallace. Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. $10. 805-709-2227. Crows End Retreat Center, 6340 Squire Ct., San Luis Obispo.

RUN FOR UKRAINE A 5K fun run benefiting Eastern Ukraine. All funds raised will go directly to on the ground volunteers. Family-friendly. All ages welcome.

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June 18, 8:30 a.m.-noon $10-$100. 310-633-4563. RunforUkraineSLO.org. Laguna Lake Park, 504 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo.

SLO BLUES BASEBALL The Blues will compete against some of the highest-caliber teams and most sought after players in the country. Visit site for full schedule. Through Aug. 6 bluesbaseball.com. Sinsheimer Park, 900 Southwood Dr., San Luis Obispo, 805-781-7222.

SLO LEZ B FRIENDS (VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM) A good core group of friends who gather to discuss topics we love/ care about from movies, outings, music, or being new to the area. We come from all walks of life and most importantly support each other. Transgender and Nonbinary folks welcome. Third Friday of every month, 6:30-9 p.m. Free. sloqueer.groups.io/g/lezbfriends. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

SLO RAM MONTHLY LUNCEHONS San Luis Obispo Retired Active Men (SLO RAM) is a group of retirees that get together just for fun, fellowship, and to enjoy programs which enhance the enjoyment, dignity and independence of retirement. Third Tuesday of every month retiredactivemen.org/. Madonna Inn Garden Room, 100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo.

SUMMER BREAK SPORTS CAMP Participants will learn and play a variety of different traditional and non-traditional sports throughout the five-week camp. Sports will include but not limited to soccer, volleyball, t-ball, softball, basketball, orienteering and pickleball. Through Aug. 11 $120 per week. slocity.org. Laguna Middle School, 11050 Los Osos Valley Rd., San Luis Obispo, 805-596-4055.

SUMMER CELEBRATION AT SLO PUBLIC MARKET Mark your calendars because SLO Public Market is kicking off the season with a Summer Celebration on June 18. Live Music and activities for the whole family. Learn more on the SLO Public Market website. **June 18**, 2-8 p.m. Free. 805-215-3669. slopublicmarket.com/events/summer-celebration. SLO Public Market, Bonetti Ranch, San Luis Obispo.

SUNDAY EVENING RAP LGBTQ+ AA GROUP (VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM) Alcoholics Anonymous is a voluntary, worldwide fellowship of folks from all walks of life who together, attain and maintain sobriety. Requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Email aarapgroup@gmail.com for password access. Sundays, 7-8 p.m. No fee. galacc.org/events/. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

TRANS* TUESDAY A safe space providing peer-to-peer support for trans, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and questioning people. In-person and Zoom meetings held. Contact tranzcentralcoast@gmail.com for more details. Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Free. GALA Pride and Diversity Center, 1060 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, 805-541-4252.

WOMEN INVESTING IN REAL ESTATE (WIIRE) A collaboration of minds to help you start investing today. Third Friday of every month, noon my805tix.com. Granada Hotel and Bistro, 1126 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

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FOOD & DRINK

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

KALYRA: PURCHASES AND PICK-UPS Offering varietals 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

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Wine Stone Inn, 255 W. Clark Ave., Orcutt, 805-332-3532, winestoneinn.com/.

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. ongoing presquilewine.com/club/. Presqu'ile Winery, 5391 Presqu'ile Dr., Santa Maria, 805-937-8110.

TACO TUESDAY Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wine Stone Inn, 255 W. Clark Ave., Orcutt, 805-332-3532, winestoneinn.com/.

MUSIC

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

BUELLTON IN THE PARK A free music festival that celebrates Buellton's 30th anniversary as an incorporated city. The event will include a wide array of live music, food, vendors, kids activities, and a wine and beer garden. **June 18**, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. muffinmusic.org/buellton-in-the-park. River View Park, 151 Sycamore Dr., Buellton.

FLANNEL 101 LIVE Playing '90s covers. **June 18**, 9 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

GHOST/MONSTER LIVE June 18, 2-6 p.m. Brick Barn Wine Estate, 795 W. Hwy 246, Buellton, 805-686-1208, brickbarnwineestate.com.

LIVE MUSIC AT ZACA MESA ON FATHER'S DAY Come on out and enjoy a wine tasting with live music by Cary Park. Grab your friends and enjoy the weekend with delicious wines and groovy music. **June 19**, 12-3 p.m. 805-688-9339. zacamesa.com/upcoming-events/. Zaca Mesa Winery, 6905 Foxen Canyon Road, Los Olivos.

LIVE MUSIC SUNDAYS Sundays, 2-5 p.m. Brick Barn Wine Estate, 795 W. Hwy 246, Buellton, 805-686-1208, brickbarnwineestate.com.

LOWDOWN DUDES LIVE June 25, 2-6 p.m. Brick Barn Wine Estate, 795 W. Hwy 246, Buellton, 805-686-1208, brickbarnwineestate.com.

THE MOLLY RINGWALD PROJECT LIVE Playing '80s covers. **June 17**, 9 p.m. $10. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

SOFIA GUERRA WITH THE TIME TRAVELERS BAND June 25, 12-2 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. Brick Barn Wine Estate, 795 W. Hwy 246, Buellton, 805-686-1208, brickbarnwineestate.com.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

LIVE BRAZILIAN MUSIC Come and enjoy Brazilian music, live every Saturday night this summer. Saturdays, 5:45-8 p.m. through Sept. 10 Aly's Grill from Brazil, 205 E. Highway 246, Buellton, 805-697-7944.

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THE HOMESTEAD: LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO Check the Homestead's Facebook page for details on live music events. Fridays, Saturdays The Homestead, 105 W. Clark Ave, Old Orcutt, 805-287-9891, thehomesteadoldorcutt.com.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE SHIFT Check the Shift's social media for updates on live music happenings. Fridays, Saturdays theshiftrestaurant.com. The Shift, 205 E Clark Ave., Orcutt, 805-264-7871.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

27: THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE This musical adventure honors six legendary music icons who all left the world at the age of 27: Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Robert Johnson, Jim Morrison, and Amy Winehouse. Experience two hours of authentic outstanding performances that will take you back in time. **June 18**, 8-10 p.m. $25-$55. 805-489-9444. clarkcenter.org/shows/27-the-ultimate-tribute/. Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

DJ DRUMS Fridays, 9-10 p.m. Mongo's Saloon, 359 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach, 805-489-3639.

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Arts Briefs

Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center holds guided hike with photographer Chuck Jennings

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On Saturday, June 18, the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center will host a guided photography hike through the open dunes, from 5 to 7 p.m. Prolific dunes photographer Chuck Jennings will share photography tips throughout the hike. Participants can register for the event at my805tix.com (registration is required to attend).

Attendees are asked to bring water and their own camera. Jackets are recommended. For more info on the hike and other programs hosted by the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center, call (805) 343-2455 or visit dunescenter.org.

PCPA presents *The Sound of Music* in Santa Maria

The Pacific Conservatory Theatre (PCPA) presents its production of *The Sound of Music*, which will debut at the Marian Theatre in Santa Maria on Thursday, June 30. Performances of the show will run through Sunday, July 31. This iteration of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical features Emily Trask as Maria Rainer, who is dispatched to serve as a governess for seven children of a widow, Captain von Trapp, played by George Walker.

Other cast members include Christen Celaya as Elsa von Schraeder, Andrew Philpot as Max Detweiler, Don Stewart as Herr Zeller, Garrett Haven as Baron Elberfeld, Lexi Rhoades as Mother Abbess, Erik Stein as Admiral von Schreiber, Brett Mollard as Franz, and Anna Magri-Moore as Frau Schmidt.

The roles of the von Trapp children are played by Sierra Anastasi, as Liesl, Nicolas Lo as Friedrich, Sophia Robertson, as Louisa, Joss Robertson as Brigitta, Alex Robertson as Kurt, Kiera McGehee as Marta, and Camila Papincak as Gretl.

Tickets to PCPA's *The Sound of Music* range from $15 to $46. To find out more about the show and other upcoming PCPA productions, call (805) 922-8313 or visit pcpa.org. The Marian Theatre is located at 800 S. College Drive, Santa Maria.

Riptide Big Band headlines Tribute to America dance in July

PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDY LINDQUIST

The Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department and the Santa Maria Valley Senior Club are co-hosting the Tribute to America dance at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center in Santa Maria on Sunday, July 10, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Riptide Big Band and accompanying vocalists Bob Nations and Mitch Latting during the dance.

Patriotic attire is encouraged. Admission to the event is free, thanks to funding from the Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County. For more info, visit riptidebb.com. The Elwin Mussell Senior Center is located at 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria. ❍

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

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Showtime! Send gallery, stage, and cultural festivities to cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.

SET SAIL: A handful of featured photos in the Elverhoj Museum's latest exhibit, Greenland—Land of the Midnight Sun, capture some of the country's recreational activities.

Island in the midnight sun

Elverhoj Museum of History and Art celebrates all things Greenland with a majestic photography showcase

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

A new exhibition in Solvang highlighting photographs of Earth's largest island, which is also "the least populated place in the world," will be on display through the summer, explained the show's curator, Esther Jacobsen Bates.

The Elverhoj Museum's latest attraction, titled Greenland—Land of the Midnight Sun, includes scenic landscapes and intimate portraits from several different photographers, whose images have captured various aspects of the icy country.

"The larger photographs are printed on aluminum and create a sense of immersion in the environment," said Bates, who described Greenland as a "land of contrasts."

"The midnight sun bathes the island in daylight for months on end," the curator said. "Extended periods of summer daylight are followed by a long, dark, cold winter when the sky is regularly illuminated by the colorful glow of the aurora borealis."

The museum is hosting the Greenland exhibit as part of a joint venture with the Environmental Alliance of Santa Barbara County. The 14 institutions included in the group have mutually set out to "creatively explore the impacts of climate change," through their respective programming, Bates said.

"Greenland has long piqued our visitors' curiosity, and, as part of the Kingdom of Denmark, this island nation in the Arctic Circle was my first choice for our part in this collective effort," said Bates, who visited Greenland briefly as a young child.

"It left a lasting impression. I was on a flight from LA to Denmark—my first trip on a plane and first trip to meet my grandparents—that flew the 'polar route,' stopping in Greenland to refuel," she recalled. "I remember looking out the plane window at a vast white expanse and seeing a polar bear as we descended."

Two polar bears are the subjects of one photo, *Ice Bear and Cub*, by photographer Magnus Elander, that immediately stuck out to Bates while she was organizing the Greenland exhibition, which debuted at the museum in May and is scheduled to remain on display through September.

Among the exhibit's wide variety of subjects, a handful of the show's featured photos capture recreational activities in Greenland, Bates said.

"The idea of recreation in this vast, remote environment is especially inviting in *Red Sails Greenland*, with the sailboats dwarfed by the spectacular iceberg floating in the blue sea, and in *Hiking a Glacier*, where hikers appear as dots alongside the beautiful turquoise-colored ponds on the surface of the ice sheet," the curator commented.

One photo that quickly caught Bates' eye was *Tradition and Technology*, by photographer David Trood, whose photo captured a group of three girls, all wearing traditional beaded yokes and boots, hovering over a smartphone during a summer solstice celebration.

The Elverhoj Museum is hosting a solstice celebration of its own on June 18, in the form of the venue's annual Solstice Sundowner Benefit Party. Proceeds of this festive fundraiser—which is held in a lakeside, vineyard setting and includes food, wine, and other refreshments—support the museum's variety of programming.

Over the past few weeks since the Greenland exhibit's premiere, Bates has observed various responses from visitors, but one bittersweet reaction continues to stand out.

"A visitor came out of the gallery in tears and shared how the exhibition made her homesick for her native Greenland. It had been 10 years since her last visit," Bates said. "The photographs evoked a longing that caught her by surprise." ❍

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BEAR NECESSITIES: Two polar bears are the subjects of one photo, *Ice Bear and Cub*, by photographer Magnus Elander, that immediately stuck out to Esther Jacobsen Bates while she was organizing the Greenland exhibit, which debuted at the museum in May and is scheduled to remain on display through September.

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SNOW, DON'T TELL: Exhibit curator Esther Jacobsen Bates, who is also Elverhoj Museum's executive director, described Greenland as a "land of contrasts," as the midnight sun-bathed summer months are followed by a long, dark, cold winter.

GALLERY

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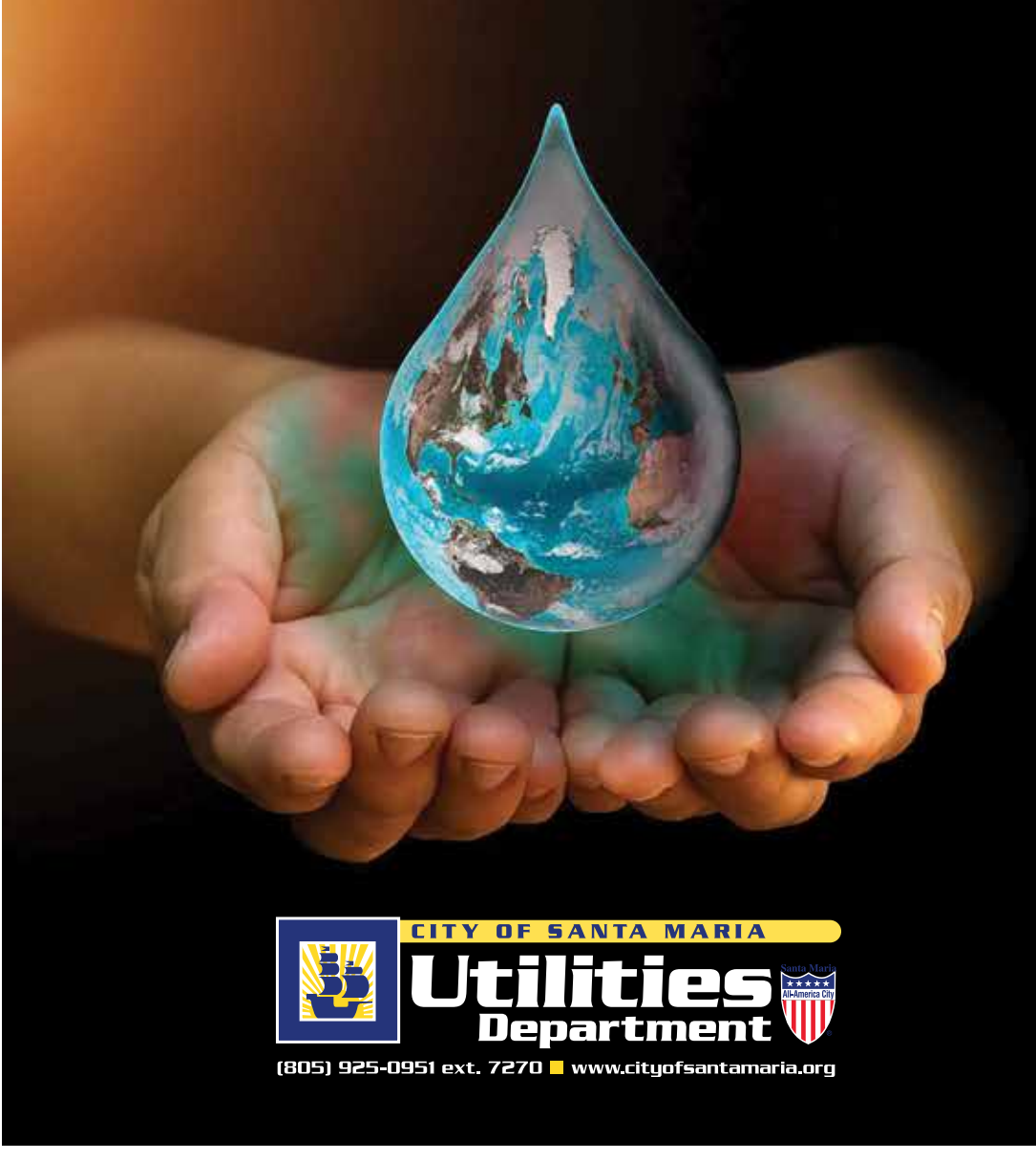
POLAR PORTRAITS: The Elverhoj Museum's latest exhibit, Greenland—Land of the Midnight Sun, includes both scenic landscapes and intimate portraits (including *Girl from Sisimiut*, by Mads Pihl), from several different photographers.

Midnight at the museum

For more info on the Elverhoj Museum's current exhibition, Greenland—Land of the Midnight Sun, call (805) 686-1211 visit elverhoj.org. The show premiered in May and is scheduled to remain on display through September. The Elverhoj Museum is located at 1624 Elverhoy Way, Solvang.



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SUN SCREEN

In what's being billed as the final installment of the Jurassic Park/World franchise, co-writer/director Colin Trevorrow (Jurassic World) depicts a world set four years after the destruction of Isla Nublar where dinosaurs populate the planet, competing alongside humans for resources. Can humans remain the world's apex predator? (146 min.)

Glen: Considering the many bad reviews this film has garnered—its critics Rotten Tomatoes score is 30 percent—I went in with low expectations, so I'm happy to report that this is a crowd pleaser. Don't get me wrong: It's no *Top Gun: Maverick*. But it's a fitting end to the franchise and brings together stars from the early and latter trilogies. Laura Dern returns as Ellie Sattler and Sam Neill as Alan Grant, and Chris Pratt is back as Owen Grady and Bryce Dallas Howard as Claire Dearing. You also get Jeff Goldblum as Ian Malcolm and BD Wong as Dr. Henry Wu. At the heart of the story is Maisie Lockwood (Isabella Sermon), clone of Benjamin Lockwood's daughter, Charlotte Lockwood (Elva Trill), who Owen and Claire have adopted as their own, hiding her away from antagonist Lewis Dodgson (Campbell Scott) and his malevolent company Biosyn, which developed a giant locust that's eating all crops not grown with Biosyn seeds. Fans will no doubt recognize the familiar themes of using science for greedy and pernicious reasons and the hubris of humans thinking they can control nature. Also, and this is important, there are a bunch of BADASS DINOSAURS!!!

Anna: There will never be the magic of the first *Jurassic Park* in any of the follow-up films for me because it was such a huge deal when it came out in 1993. I was a wee kid who fell hook, line, and sinker for the universe Spielberg brought to the screen, where even the possibility of petting a dinosaur came to life. That said, I've also enjoyed the sequels and additions to the Jurassic universe—some more than others. My fear with this being the final film is that it wouldn't be able to button things up nicely. After all, how do you put the dinosaurs back in the box after they've been spilled all over the world? I'm happy to say that while this film reaches toward ridiculousness in many ways, the nostalgia of Grant, Sattler, and Malcolm back in the mix was a total win for me. The Jurassic world has gotten so much bigger and messier since the first film; what started as a lesson that "just because you can do something doesn't mean you should" has morphed into a world war against the monsters man himself brought back to life. It's big and loud and heart-pumping in intensity. It will never be my favorite film of the series, but I'm definitely happy with it as an end cap.

Glen: Heart-pumping is right! When Dodgson's operatives come after Maisie and Beta (velociraptor Blue's offspring), the subsequent chase is an amazing sequence. This entire series raised the bar on computer-generated images, and this final installment is another technical achievement. The cast is terrific, too. The stars shine bright, but I was floored by Mamoudou Athie as Biosyn employee Ramsay Cole, whose loyalties are unclear. I was also wowed by DeWanda Wise, who stars as mercenary pilot-for-hire Kayla Watts who has a conscience after all. Scott is terrific as the villain who tries to come off as a concerned and ethical beacon of science. It's such an inventive story. When novelist Michael Crichton wrote *Jurassic Park* in 1990 and followed it with *The Lost World* in 1995, I'm sure he had no idea where his cautionary tale would be taken. He died in 2008, but I bet he'd be proud of this franchise.

Anna: I have both *Jurassic Park* and *The Lost World* as audiobooks and listen to them frequently. Needless to say, Crichton created this world, and we're all just lucky it's continued on for us to enjoy. When *Jurassic World* hit in 2015, it brought new life and new blood to the series with Pratt and Howard. They're once again used well here and offer great chemistry. I'm happy to report that while critics may be above this film, audiences are digging it, and I'm one of them. It's good family fun if your kids are the right age to handle some monsters. All good things must come to an end, and I'm sad to see the *Jurassic* universe go.

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

JURASSIC WORLD: DOMINION

What's it rated? **PG-13**
What's it worth, Anna? **Full price**
What's it worth, Glen? **Full price**
Where's it showing? **Regal Edwards Santa Maria & RPX, Movies Lompoc, Regal Arroyo Grande**

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THE GANG'S ALL HERE: Stars of the *Jurassic Park* trilogy joins the stars of the *Jurassic World* trilogy in its final installment, *Jurassic World: Dominion*, screening at local theaters.

TV Reviews

THE BABY

What's it rated? **TV-MA**
When? **2022**
Where's it showing? **HBO Max**

Everywhere Natasha (Michelle de Swarte) looks there are babies. Whether it's poker night with her girlfriends suddenly infiltrated by their infants, pregnancy announcements, or her sister Bobbi's (Amber Grappy) desperation to become an adoptive mother, Natasha can't escape.

When she goes to unwind at an AirBnB in an odd seaside cabin at the bottom of a steep cliff, she's suddenly thrust into motherhood when a cute little baby literally lands in her arms. It's soon clear that as darling as the little munchkin may be, there's something sinister about him. Every time he's separated from Natasha, something terrible happens to those around him, and that makes escaping his tiny little grip impossible for her.

In a flashback, we learn the child's dark origin story after Natasha meets up with Mrs. Eaves (Amira Ghazalla), who has a special knowledge of why and how the baby gained his sinister powers. Witness rituals, groups of murderous youngsters, battles of good vs. evil, and the mental uncoiling of all who surround the boy. I'm excited for another season. It's funny and dark, and its short episodes flew by. (eight 23- to 35-min. episodes)

—*Anna*

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INNOCENT? When Natasha (Michelle de Swarte) suddenly becomes responsible for the one thing she didn't want—a baby—things get weird, and maybe even cursed, in *The Baby*, streaming on HBO Max.

BINGEABLE

UNDER THE BANNER OF HEAVEN

What's it rated? **TV-MA**
When? **2022**
Where's it showing? **Hulu**

Created by Dustin Lance Black (*Milk, J. Edgar*) and based on Jon Krakauer's 2003 nonfiction book of the same name, *Under the Banner of Heaven* unravels the mystery of the 1984 murders of Brenda Lafferty (Daisy Edgar-Jones) and her infant daughter while also offering a history lesson on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its modern-day fundamentalist LDS splinter group School of the Prophets, which sought to reinstate polygamy.

Detective Jeb Pyre (Andrew Garfield), a devout Mormon and family man, is shocked when he's called to a horrible crime scene, but he quickly apprehends a suspect: the husband and father Allen Lafferty (Billy Howle), who's covered in blood. As Pyre and his decidedly non-LDS partner Detective Bill Taba (Gil Birmingham) begin to question Allen, they slowly uncover the mystery behind the Lafferty clan headed by stern patriarch Ammon Lafferty (Christopher Heyerdahl).

This is a cracking good mystery that shows the dark side of the Mormon Church and its complicated history, which I'd wager can be a part of any religion. It's compelling to watch Pyre struggle with his conscience and faith as he learns about these fundamentalist ideas. High production values and terrific acting abound. (seven approximately one-hour episodes)

—*Glen*

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FINDING THE TRUTH: Salt Lake City Detectives Bill Taba (Gil Birmingham, left) and Jeb Pyre (Andrew Garfield) unravel a murder mystery regarding a fundamentalist Mormon splinter group, in *Under the Banner of Heaven*, streaming on Hulu.

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WHAT'S UP, DOC? Vegetables at Roblar Farm that are ripe now were planted in March, farm director Michael Vining explained, before listing off some examples of "cold weather crops," including carrots, beets, and broccoli.

STAND BY ME: Roblar Farm's new farm stand, which opened to the public at the end of May, is open seven days a week and offers several varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

Chervil chivalry

Roblar Farm celebrates the grand opening of its new market garden and farm stand

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BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

For Roblar Farm's patrons and lead farmer, the venue's new market garden is nothing less than a win-win.

"We're not just doing the traditional farm stand varieties, I'm putting some things out on the table that honestly don't sell all that great," said farm director Michael Vining, who has been enjoying the experimentation aspect of operating an intimate market garden.

Vining is using the new 3-acre garden to grow several kinds of vegetables, fruits, and herbs at once—for example, "three rows of broccoli, three rows of cabbage, three rows of lettuce," and so on, he said—rather than produce bulk amounts of fewer varieties.

This process allows patrons of Roblar's new farm stand—which opened at the end of May—to choose from a wide variety of offerings, and it simultaneously grants Vining the opportunity to grow a handful of rare items.

"I grew a bunch of chervil. … People don't know what chervil is. It's like a French parsley. It's unique, you know? And I just want to expose people to it," Vining said. "There's an education component to it. We're trying to expose people to heirloom and rare varieties and teach people a little bit about more diverse types of greens and vegetables they can have rather than just, you know, the standard corn, tomatoes, and zucchini, that kind of stuff."

Vining has worked as a contractor for Gleason Family Vineyards, which owns Roblar Farm, for about seven years. In 2021, he became Roblar's farm director and initiated the development of the venue's new permanent farm stand, which is now open to the public seven days a week.

Born and raised in Goleta, Vining briefly left the Central Coast during his college years to study agriculture at UC Santa Cruz. His background in organic farming prepared him for his role at Roblar Farm, where he has also spearheaded the community-supported agriculture (CSA) program.

Members of the CSA are invited to the farm every weekend to pick up a box of produce—about $25 worth of fruit, vegetables, farm eggs, honey, and more, with other options available. The 22-week program kicked off on June 4 and will run through Oct. 29.

Vining said he has a text thread with some CSA patrons and recently sent out a list of chervil-centric recipes to the group chat.

Vegetables at the farm stand that are ripe now were planted earlier this year, around March, Vining explained, before listing off some examples of "cold weather crops"—carrots, beets, and broccoli. Flowers and herbs also grow in the garden.

Vining has recently been observing the 18 different varieties of heirloom tomatoes growing at the farm.

"I'm tracking the results to see which ones are well adapted to our climate, and sharing those results with our community as well," said the farm director, who added that the tomatoes should be ripe in July.

"Any farm stand is always going to track the seasons more than the supermarket," Vining said.

While most grocery stores carry the same kinds of fruits and vegetables, imported from various areas, year-round, Roblar Farm's crop supply depends on the season.

"At the farm stand, I'm not going to have a tomato in December—unless I'm really lucky," Vining said with a laugh.

Vining and his family joined several other families and individuals in celebrating the farm stand's grand opening on May 28. The event included live entertainment, an outdoor barbecue, and a petting zoo-esque opportunity for guests to visit with Roblar Farm's babydoll sheep.

"We have babydoll sheep that we use for grazing in our vineyards. They're super, super sweet, perfect for kids to come in and pet and get close to," Vining said. "We had a bunch of families there [at the grand opening] with their children.

"We served food to at least 120 people, but there were never 120 people there at one time of course," Vining added, as guests trickled in and out throughout the event, which ran from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local artists provided live music during the celebration as well, which really helped amp up the festivities, Vining said.

"The music added a lot to it," the farmer said. "There were even people dancing there at one point. It was a great event." ❍

Send toe-tapping and grape-stomping comments to Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood at cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.

EGGCELLENT DEAL: Members of Roblar Farm's community-supported agriculture (CSA) program are invited to the farm stand every weekend to pick up a box of produce—about $25 worth of fruit, vegetables, farm eggs, honey, and more. The program kicked off on June 4 and will run through Oct. 29.

CHALK OF THE TOWN: Farm director Michael Vining is using Roblar's new 3-acre market garden to grow several kinds of vegetables at once—for example, "three rows of broccoli, three rows of cabbage, three rows of lettuce," he said—rather than produce bulk amounts of just a few varieties.

Veggie trail

Roblar Farm's farm stand is located on the corner of Refugio Road and Roblar Avenue, right outside Roblar Winery, in Santa Ynez. Visit roblarwinery.com to find out more about the farm stand, as well as Roblar Farm's community-supported agriculture (CSA) program.

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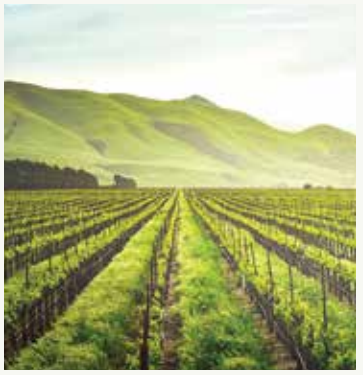

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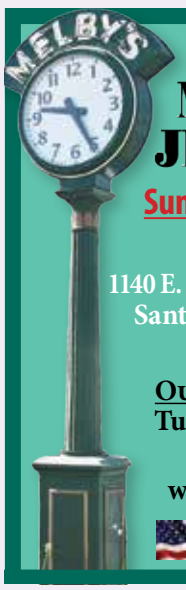

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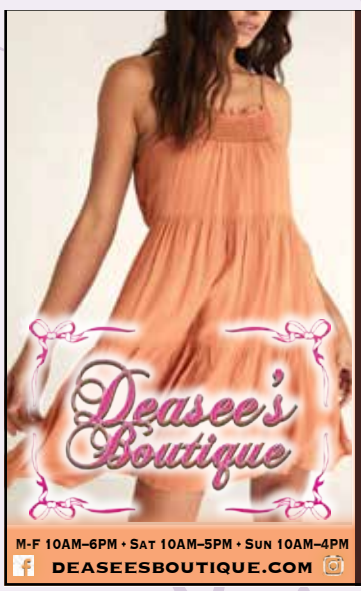

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