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As we gaze back at what 2022 brought with it, the big issues that stick out include homelessness, opioid overdoses, and rural crime—all of which were exacerbated in the wake of the pandemic and are still waiting for solutions from public officials. As we head into 2023, expect those conversations to stay on the agendas at public meetings as well as continuing discussions about the cannabis industry and the future of downtown Santa Maria. You can refresh your memory about these things and more by checking out our year-in-review [6].

You can also read about who's skating the unfinished bowls at the Nipomo skate park [4]; the year in arts [18]; and the pop-up kitchen rounding out the Cuyama Buckhorn's New Year's Eve celebrations [21].

Camillia Lanham
editor

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Political Watch

• U.S. Sens. **Alex Padilla** (D-California), **Sherrod Brown** (D-Ohio), and **Cory Booker** (D-New Jersey) reintroduced a Senate resolution to declare racism a public health crisis, according to a Dec. 21 statement from Padilla's office. The senators previously introduced the resolution in April 2021. Their resolution acknowledges the history of racism and discrimination within health care and the systemic barriers that people of color continue to face when seeking care. The resolution also highlights the effects of systemic racism on the health and wellness of communities of color, resulting in shorter life expectancy, worsened health outcomes, and enhanced exposure to harmful or dangerous environments. The resolution encourages concrete action to address health disparities and inequity across all sectors in society. "Over generations, racism and its compounding impacts have harmed the health and well-being in communities of color across America," Padilla said in the statement. "Our resolution declaring that racism is a public health crisis is a first step toward bringing more attention to these deep-rooted inequities. And it must also serve as a catalyst in the urgent work to address these health disparities and deliver justice for millions of Americans."

• U.S. Rep. **Salud Carbajal** joined Central Coast health officials to announce four new federal grants, totaling more than \$1.6 million, aimed at raising the number of Central Coast residents who have received the new bivalent COVID-19 booster, which is designed to combat more recent variants of COVID-19, according to a Dec. 20 statement from the congressman's office. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services allocated \$1.04 million for **Community Health Centers of the Central Coast**, \$265,765 for **Santa Barbara County**, \$214,258 for **Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics**, and \$112,702 for **American Indian Health and Services**. "While we have made great strides at reducing COVID-19's control over our lives on the Central Coast, the constantly improving tools that we have to keep this virus at bay won't help anyone if people fail to take the time to use them," Carbajal said in the statement. "In order to keep our communities and front-line workers protected from newer strains of COVID-19 and keep our hospitals from being overrun in this perfect storm of multiple infectious illnesses this winter, we need more people to get these boosters. I'm proud that the federal funding that I've supported for our federal health departments are coming back to help our local health departments get these shots in arms as quickly as possible."

• Gov. **Gavin Newsom**, joined by state leaders, issued a statement on Proposition 1—overwhelmingly approved by voters in November—as it took effect on Dec. 21. Introduced as SCA 10, Proposition 1 amends the state constitution to enshrine protection for reproductive freedom, including abortion care and contraception. "Californians stood up to the rollback of fundamental rights this year, ensuring women have a right to abortions and reproductive freedoms," Newsom said in the statement. "No other state responded as comprehensively as California in the wake of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* nearly six months ago. These fundamental rights are now protected in our state for generations to come." California's constitutional amendment comes as politicians in other states continue their efforts to limit or ban access to abortion and other sexual and reproductive health care. ○

SLO County urges skaters to wait to skate Nipomo's new skate park

Excitement is building for Nipomo's skaters anxiously awaiting the opening of the town's long discussed skate park.

The San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Department issued an alert on Dec. 21 declaring that the not-yet-completed skate park is being damaged by local skaters who were using it before the site was ready. Parks and Rec urged the public to wait.

"I'm glad they're super excited, and I remember being a kid, so I get it," Parks and Rec Director Nick Franco told the *Sun*. "But they should hold off for a few weeks."

Roughly a week before Christmas, the contractor assigned to build the new skate park noticed changes to the bottom of the finished skate bowl. The rocks and gravel placed there to discourage skaters from using it until the project was complete were gone in the mornings and skating marks were left behind.

Parks and Rec officials are concerned that continued premature use will impact the expansion drainages and grout edges. While the concrete must cure, grout edges have to stay vacant and clear for a while too, in order to avoid erosion in the future, Franco explained.

"The issue is that the expansion joints are not yet cured or grouted and skating on them at this point will damage the edges leading to weak grouting in the joints when the bowls are completed," the Parks and Rec statement read. "This will lead to spalling and quicker deterioration of the surfacing of the bowls and shorten the life and condition of the bowl."

Originally expected to open this winter, the revamped skatepark is expected to make its debut in February. Construction plans aren't delayed yet, but Franco said it could happen if the skating continues.

Nipomo's residents have been waiting for an official skate park for more than a decade, advocating for the project at county meetings and raising money to help fund it. The town's youth used to freewheel at "the Rec"—a makeshift skate park built on the remains of the old recreation center, which burned down in 2008. In April 2021, the DIY skate park was torn down to pave the way for a shopping center housing Grocery Outlet and



ONGOING WORK: The county-appointed contractor recently noticed that the finished skate bowl had skating marks and cleared gravel that was meant to discourage skaters from using it prematurely.

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Community members sympathized with both skaters and Parks and Rec when the department posted the damage alert on Facebook.

"Skaters are constantly searching for spots. They should let this finish, but it should have been something that was expected. Those fences aren't too hard to get into right now," Nipomo resident Rocky Logue commented. "Also, Nipomo skaters had their natural skate park sold and demolished ... no place else to go. But hopefully they can hold back until the job is done. So far it looks fantastic."

—*Bulbul Rajagopal*

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Lompoc Police Chief

Joseph Mariani retires

Dec. 31 marks Lompoc Police Chief Joseph Mariani's last day in office. The soon-to-be retiree gave a formal farewell speech during the Lompoc City Council's last meeting of 2022.

"One of the things I told my immediate staff was I did not want a farewell," Mariani said during the Dec. 20 meeting. "I wanted to go quietly into the night, and I failed, again."

Mariani had retired from a career with the Los Angeles Police Department when he joined the Lompoc Police Department as a captain in 2015. His tenure as the city's police chief started in 2019.

"I spent 37 years with the Los Angeles Police Department, and I'm extremely proud of that. I have a love for that city and that department as

nights, and with only one person or two people from that shift, four other people had picked up an overtime shift to make sure that we would carry on without having to get assistance from anyone else.

"There were times when we had incidents and bare bone minimums, and people would come in on their days off," Mariani added. "So I ask you, as you look to the future, to please take care of this police department—they're not perfect, but they're amazing people that do amazing things that I was able to witness on a daily basis."

According to a statement from the city of Lompoc, after Mariani's last day, Police Capt. Kevin Martin will serve as the Lompoc Police Department's interim police chief until the position is permanently filled.

Mayor Jenelle Osborne laid down one ground rule before commenting on Mariani's retirement during the Lompoc City Council's Dec. 20 meeting.

"The rule is none of you can start crying until we're done with this," Osborne said. "I've got to get through this."

"It's been a really difficult few years. You have led with such positivity, despite it all, and have given me such amazing support, and I thank you for that," Osborne told Mariani. "I don't know how I would have gotten through these last few years without your partnership and leadership. So I am going to miss you dearly, as I know the entire community will." ○

—*Caleb Wiseblood*

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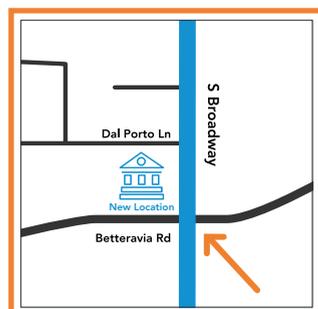
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A look back

In 2022, COVID-19 took a back seat to long-simmering issues

BY SUN STAFF

Although COVID-19 is still infecting people, it's not the news story it was in 2020 and 2021: The virus isn't as virulent as it once was, people are vaxxed and boosted, and hospitals know how to mobilize. Instead, in 2022, Santa Barbara County dealt with increases in opioid deaths, rural crimes, and homelessness. The county's legacy oil industry faces an uncertain future while the Board of Supervisors made moves to improve things for the cannabis industry, and Santa Maria heads down a path that could finally revitalize its downtown. Read about that and more as the year comes to a close and we head into 2023.

—Camillia Lanham



Record-breaking opioid deaths

In 2021, Santa Barbara County experienced a record-breaking 133 opioid-related deaths, nearly doubling since 2017. Fentanyl—a lethal opiate 50 times more potent than heroin—was cited as the leading cause of that increase. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office launched Project Opioid to get naloxone—a medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose—at more locations across the county and bring together behavioral health leaders, school teachers, administrators, and elected officials to collaborate, find solutions, and reduce stigma. At the state level, the California Legislature passed AB 1598 to remove drug testing strips from the paraphernalia category, allowing for their distribution and use to test substances for fentanyl and ketamine. Project Opioid still has no direct source of funding and no full-time staff dedicated to the project. The county was on track to beat its overdose death record in 2022.

—Taylor O'Connor



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LIFE SAVER: Santa Barbara County officials want to distribute more Naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan)—an opioid overdose reversal medication—in order to prevent overdoses.

Cannabis county

Santa Barbara County holds 30 percent of all cannabis licenses in California, but processing—which adds value to cannabis products—is limited in the county. The Board of Supervisors voted to change its cannabis rules to make it easier for processing facilities to apply for a permit in hopes of having more processing facilities and generating higher revenues. The city of Guadalupe approved three cannabis projects—two dispensaries and one processing facility—to generate more general fund dollars as the city tries to get out of a major economic deficit. Lompoc continues to be a cannabis industry leader in the county. Its City Council passed a smoking ordinance that would allow for temporary cannabis smoking during large permitted events in public parks. Santa Maria, on the other hand, proposed an ordinance that would restrict both public marijuana and tobacco use. The proposed ban covers outdoor service and dining areas, public event areas, and any other outdoor spaces.

—Taylor

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VANDALISM AND THEFT: Santa Barbara County farmers dealt with more than \$2 million in loss and damage from crimes committed in rural areas over the last two and a half years.

Rural crime and trail equity

Farmers and trail advocates debated at county Board of Supervisors meetings about outdoor access for Santa Maria residents and the impacts of rural crime. Students and youth from the Central Coast Alliance United for a Stable Economy (CAUSE) advocated for a 6.7-mile Santa Maria River Levee Trail expansion to add more trail options to Santa Maria—which only has 8 miles of trails and two options as opposed to Santa Barbara's 130 miles and 53 options. Farmers and agricultural workers protested the expansion due to concerns about an increase in thefts and other incidents on rural properties. Since 2020, rural crime has increased by more than 60 percent and the total property losses are worth more than \$2 million. From January to July 2022, the Sheriff's Office reported 143 crime incidents with losses of more than \$500,000. With few law enforcement officers available to respond to these incidents, farmers believed the expansion would lead to even more incidents.

—Taylor



TRYING TO RESTART: After the county denied ExxonMobil trucking permits, the oil giant sued Santa Barbara County and is in the process of selling its offshore units.

ExxonMobil pulls out

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 along North/South County lines to deny an ExxonMobil trucking proposal that would have allowed the company to truck crude oil along Highways 101 and 166 from its Las Flores Canyon processing facility to the Santa Maria Pump Station or to the Plains Pentland Terminal in Kern County. It would have also allowed the company to resume operations at three idle platforms that have been shut down since the 2015 Refugio oil spill. In May, ExxonMobil sued the county, claiming that the supervisors' decision violated the company's U.S. constitutional rights, specifically the fifth and 14th amendments ensuring the rights to private property and its use. As the lawsuit moved forward, a federal judge ruled in November that conservation and indigenous groups could help legally defend the county in the suit. At the same time, Exxon began the process of selling its offshore units to Sable Offshore Corporation for \$643 million in an effort to restart oil operations.

—Taylor

Santa Maria's headed for change

In Etta Waterfield's last year as a Santa Maria City Council member, the city continued to debate capping mobile home park owners' ability to increase rents, gave the green light to start the planning process on redevelopment downtown, and decided against providing live translation services at City Council, commission, and committee meetings. After flooding City Council meetings with public comment, mobile homeowners managed to convince the city to agendize a discussion about stabilizing the rent they pay to park their mobile homes in mobile home parks. Activists also retained an attorney to work with the city on making adjustments to Santa Maria's existing enforceable model lease—a lease agreement that park owners aren't required to use that caps the yearly rent increase on mobile home park spaces at 6 percent. In

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July, the Planning Commission OK'd The Vernon Group's plans to transform the empty 72,000 square-foot building formerly occupied by Fallas Discount Store into a three-story housing complex with about 100 new units. In August, the City Council approved a development agreement with the same developer to construct a five-story mixed-use building on a city-owned parcel at the southeast corner of Main Street and Broadway. Both projects are part of a larger vision to revitalize downtown Santa Maria into a more pedestrian friendly, vibrant city center. In November Maribel Aguilera-Hernandez was elected to replace Waterfield on the City Council. Incumbent City Councilmember Gloria Soto managed to hold onto her seat by just 38 votes in a tight race against challenger Steven Funkhouser, whose campaign sent out a series of dirty mailers depicting Soto in altered photographs.

—Camillia Lanham

Addressing the homelessness crisis

When Santa Barbara County received state funding to open a new Project Homekey site—a program that renovates hotels and motels into permanent housing facilities for the homeless—the Board of Supervisors proposed the Motel 6 on East Main Street in Santa Maria. City officials rejected the proposal, citing concerns for the project's success after previous affordable housing projects resulted in eviction issues, criminal activity, and neighborhood disturbances. The county lost the funding, but 5th District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino and 4th District Supervisor Bob Nelson looked for a new space and landed on a county-owned vacant lot for a temporary housing development.

The proposed 90-unit facility will be designed by Dignity Moves and modeled after its Santa Barbara location. Although it's in its early stages, city and county officials seem to be optimistic about the proposal, and it's expected to go through a public comment period in January. The county also joined the state's new CalAIM program, which helps qualified organizations get Medical-Cal reimbursement for medical and mental health care and housing navigation services they provide to homeless individuals. ○

—Taylor

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FINDING SOLUTIONS: Santa Maria could potentially hold a new 90-unit temporary housing facility to help shelter homeless residents while they get back on their feet.



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Traveling through time

A Santa Maria-Bonita School District teacher completed his third young adult fiction book

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVEN WAITERS

BY TAYLOR O'CONNOR

Steven Waiters wanted to be a writer ever since he was in high school. As he went through life, raising a family and teaching at the Santa Maria-Bonita School District, he never let that dream go.

"Writing has given me an outlet to do something different that I actually can bring into the classroom and share with the students other than just the standard curriculum," Waiters said.

Waiters recently released his third young adult fiction book, *Time is FOR.E.V.E.R.*—a story that follows two siblings who discover a time machine hidden behind a secret door in their grandparents' basement, he said. However, things don't go as planned and the two end up stranded in the past.

In all three books, Waiters said he tried to capture kids' attention by making the characters around their age and creating journeys that would keep their interest throughout the story.

"All three of these books are accidental adventures, so the characters accidentally stumble through the plot experiencing different adventures. I tried to leave at the end of each chapter a hook so the reader will want to figure out what happens next," Waiters said.

It took a while for Waiters to grasp a strong writing process that worked with his teaching schedule and balanced with his family life. He said it took him years to complete his first book, *The Lost Treasure of Grandpa Jingle Wingle*, because he ran into several plot holes along the way.

"I knew what this kind of story was going to be about, but I had no backstory so I would run into dead ends and have to go back a couple of chapters to fix things," he said.

Alongside writing, Waiters said he acted as the cover designer, editor, and found the right publisher for his work. He wants to find a new literary agent to help with the workload after his first agent passed away.

"It's all on me now. It's a lot, but when it's something you want to do or accomplish, it's like, let's get it done," he said.

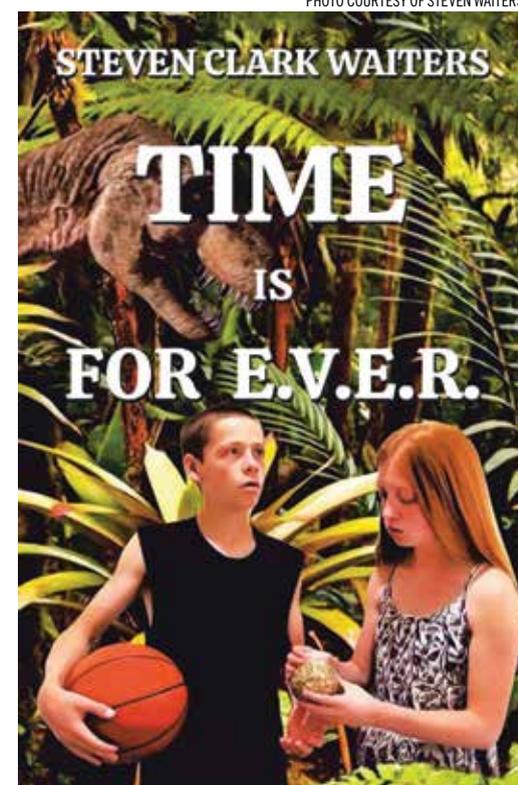
His books also grew up alongside his son and daughter, Stevie and Amber, who star as the main characters in each book and are featured in the cover art, he said. In *Time is FOR.E.V.E.R.*, Stevie and Amber are 12 and 14.

"It was fun including my son and daughter's personalities in the books," Waiters said. "My fourth book will be more of an adult mystery because they are now both grown up. Stevie's 18 and Amber's 21."

He hopes to have that book done in three years when he plans on retiring, he said. Throughout his 31 years of teaching in the Santa Maria-Bonita district—currently at Battles Elementary—Waiters brought manuscripts into the classroom to have his students read a few chapters at a time, he said.

"All of my students have always known I've been a writer, and I've done that to hopefully inspire some of them to be a writer. There have been a couple who have shown interest and shared their stories with me," Waiters said. "I think that's part of what makes teaching worthwhile, is taking something positive that you are interested in and trying to ignite that same spark in your students."

Time is FOR.E.V.E.R. and his other books, *The*



GROWING UP IN NOVELS: Steven Waiter's children Amber and Stevie are featured as the main characters in his young adult fiction books, including his most recent release *Time is FOR.E.V.E.R.*

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Highlights

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- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and The PG&E Corporation Foundation (The Foundation) are expanding PG&E's Better Together: Investing in California's Youth initiative. This new commitment will directly benefit Central Coast students with \$50,000 for the Cuesta College Promise program in San Luis Obispo and \$50,000 for the Allan Hancock College Promise program in Santa Maria. The Hancock Promise provides Santa Barbara County high school graduates with a year of free tuition at Allan Hancock College. For more information on Hancock's program, visit hancockcollege.edu/promise. ○

Staff Writer Taylor O'Connor wrote this week's spotlight. Reach her at toconnor@santamariasun.com.

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- 40% I like the idea, but I need more information.
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Think it through

New laws are being enacted without state lawmakers thinking 'what could go wrong?'

BY RON FINK

Our legislators in Sacramento have been busy "helping us" again; they have passed—and Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed—several new laws that will impact people in Lompoc and everywhere else in the once Golden State. Some may have an adverse impact on traffic safety, others your pocketbook.

Two important changes go into effect in January that could have a serious impact on traffic safety. It's already challenging to navigate crowded roadways, but these new laws will only add to pedestrians' and car or truck drivers' worries while traveling.

Existing law currently "prohibits pedestrians from entering roadways and crosswalks, except under specified circumstances. Under existing law, a violation of these provisions is an infraction."

Assembly Bill 2147 will now "prohibit a peace officer, as defined, from stopping a pedestrian for specified traffic infractions unless a reasonably careful person would realize there is an immediate danger of collision with a moving vehicle or other device moving exclusively by human power." (openstates.org/ca/bills/20212022/AB2147)

We all know that we are required to yield to pedestrians at intersections even if there is no marked crosswalk. The current law, the one being changed, was enacted as a means of preventing injury accidents.

We don't expect to have to watch out for jaywalkers in the middle of the block; now the jaywalkers appear to have the upper hand. Since police will no longer be able to keep folks

from running out in traffic if they think they can beat passing cars, the number of injury/fatal accidents will increase.

Just a few days ago, a jaywalker was struck in a traffic lane on H Street (Highway 1) near Pine Street in Lompoc and seriously injured. Apparently, he/she thought it was

OK to cross in traffic, but they guessed wrong.

Another is Assembly Bill 1909 the "bicycle omnibus bill"; this bill would additionally require a vehicle that is passing or overtaking a bicycle to "move over to an adjacent lane of traffic, as specified, if one is available, before passing or overtaking the bicycle." Yet another thing to add to the list of things motor vehicle operators must contend with while trying to get from one place to another. (leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1909)

Two other bills will impact the cost of your hamburgers and will do nothing to help service industry workers. Assembly Bill 257 is "to establish sector-wide minimum standards on wages, working hours, and other working conditions related to the health, safety, and welfare of, and supplying the necessary cost of proper living to, fast food restaurant workers, as well as effecting interagency coordination and prompt agency responses in this regard."

In effect, government appointees will be imposing unionization of fast-food workers on corporations and individual franchise owners. You can be sure that the cost of your Happy Meal is going up.

Another is Senate Bill 3 which was passed in 2017; it provided for periodic increases in the minimum wage. Next week all employers will be required to pay \$15.50 no matter how many people they employ. Expect to see new menus

early next year; there won't be any new items, just price increases.

Will either of these two actions by our elected officials help the workers? Just consider how the past increases

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

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Prompt: write a holiday-themed Tom Tomorrow cartoon starring Sparky the Penguin, a superhero called Invisible Hand of the Free Market Man, and a mad scientist named Dr. Von Philbert.

A group of penguins approach Sparky and tell him they are organizing a protest against capitalism.

"It's a destructive and exploitative system that hurts the working class and benefits the wealthy elite."

Suddenly, a superhero called Invisible Hand of the Free Market Man appears, flying through the air and holding a glowing ball of energy.

"Fear not, citizens! The Invisible Hand will save the day! I'm here to help you all by ensuring that the economy runs smoothly and efficiently."

The first panel shows Sparky the Penguin standing in front of a Christmas tree, holding a present and looking confused.

The penguins look skeptical and ask—"But how do we know the Invisible Hand will work for the common good, and not just for the rich and powerful?"

The final panel shows Dr. Von Philbert cackling maniacally and holding a remote control.

"Hahaha! The Invisible Hand is mine to command, and I will use him to rule the world and crush all opposition to capitalism! The holiday season is just a chance for the rich to get richer and the poor to suffer!"

WOW, TOTALLY NAILED IT. MY WORK HERE IS DONE. HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!

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impacted the cost of your burger; the employees who will be earning a couple of dollars more will be spending them to buy things that cost more because of increased labor costs. Businesses will react by changing the way they deliver services, such as changing from having servers take your order to making their restaurants self-serve, or self-checkout instead of having a checker to help you.

Politicians just don't understand how some of their "helpful" lawmaking can impact your pocketbook; take it from someone who earned less than a dollar an hour when he was young and only paid 15 cents for a burger; now it's more than \$10 for an a la carte order (no fries and no drink).

Every time the minimum wage is increased, the cost of everything you use goes up and the folks who work at these jobs can never get ahead. Keep that in mind the next time you vote for these fools; their minds can't comprehend how the world works or what adverse impact their "help" will have—and you will suffer the consequences of their actions. ○

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

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LETTERS

Thank you, Central Coast

My last day as the Assembly member for the 35th District was Dec. 1. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the Central Coast these past six years.

Together we accomplished great things for the Central Coast, California, and beyond. Some of the highlights: We passed a bill (SB 846) to pave the way for extending operations at Diablo Canyon Power Plant until 2030. We secured funding to fix the dangerous Highway 41/46 "Wye." We passed the first bill (AB 525) requiring California to set targets for offshore wind power development. We passed numerous bills to fight human trafficking and support victims. We bolstered the state's commitment to funding Career Technical Education. We fought for small businesses and constituents impacted by COVID-19. We passed a first-in-the-nation law to protect kids online (AB 2273), as well as fought to stop Big Tech companies from experimenting on children using social media.

My sincerest thanks to my constituents of AD35, and to you, as my supporter in these endeavors! Quite obviously, I would not have had this opportunity to serve without your continued support and trust.

Our work is not done, and I will not stop fighting for these issues in the private sector. I look forward to partnering with anyone and everyone that shares a passion for these issues and wants to build a better world. In the near future, I look forward to announcing some exciting new ventures directed toward these ends.

For now, I am grateful to be home full-time, spending quality time with Shauna and our four awesome kids, coaching high school soccer, and practicing more law. The Central Coast truly is the greatest place to live, work, and raise a family.

Jordan Cunningham
former 35th District Assembly member

Patience is a virtue

Nipomo's \$3-million and many-years-in-the-making skate park is two months away from completion, but some skaters just can't wait.

The SLO County Parks and Recreation Department had to send out a warning to the public before Christmas because skateboard tracks are already appearing in the bottom of the recently poured skate bowls.

"Waiting just the few more weeks for the park to open will mean many more years of good condition of the bowls for many skaters to come for many years," the warning stated. "Continuing to skate on them before they are grouted will mean skaters will have to wait longer for the site to open and may be unhappy with the bowl conditions in just a short time after the park opens, all because they couldn't wait just a few more weeks."

See, the concrete needs to cure before your little wheels tear it up. And then, it will need grout, which will also take time to cure. So just hang tight—keep skating in those local parking lots, dealing with rocks, pebbles, cars, and people.

Hey, Nipomo skaters: You've waited your *whole* life for your town to get a skate park. What's a few more weeks to make sure it sticks around for longer? We all know that the county won't likely be keeping up with the maintenance of the park. And if it all starts to fall apart, you could be waiting the rest of your life to see it get fixed.

So chill out! It sucks, but it will also be worth it in the long run. Promise.

You know what else will be worth it in the long run? Hopefully the decisions that the **Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors** made in 2022. These include denying the **ExxonMobil** plan to truck oil along Highways 101 and 166 and amending county cannabis regulations to generate more tax revenue by encouraging cannabis processing facilities to open.

Perhaps as one legacy industry dies out—and we all know that's exactly what's happening with oil—another will continue taking root (see what I did there?).

Meanwhile, the long run is looking a little daunting on some fronts.

County department heads, city officials, law enforcement, and elected folks finally pulled together to talk about the local opioid crisis. The county was on track in 2022 to beat the record it set in 2021 for opioid-related overdose deaths, 133. And while the members of **Project Opioid** have managed to chat once a month and get naloxone into more locations across the county, its work is unfunded and has no full-time staff dedicated to it.

As I mentioned last week, the homelessness crisis is in full swing and it's about time North County (ahem, Santa Maria) got its act together to try and actually come up with some manageable solutions. Rather than rebelling against projects meant to help—such as the **Motel 6** housing conversion proposed earlier this year—it's time to work together to provide some services. I guess we'll see if the county and the city of **Santa Maria** can manage to collaborate on the temporary shelter proposed for an empty lot next to the **Betteravia Government Center**.

Neither the opioid crisis nor the homelessness crisis are issues where patience is a virtue. Save that for the Nipomo skate park. Δ

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—Caleb Wiseblood

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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.

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

DUNES: VISIONS OF SAND, LIGHT, AND SHADOW Traverse the sand dunes with Central Coast photographer Bob Canepa in the Wildling Museum's new Valley Oak Gallery exhibition. Receptions: Sept. 11 and Oct. 9. Through March 23, 2023, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-1082, wildlingmuseum.org.

WILDLIFE ON THE EDGE: HILARY BAKER New and recent acrylic paintings from Baker's Predators series alongside a new series of animal portraits on birch wood. From a group of common pigeons to an elusive cougar, Baker's subjects make themselves at home in urban

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WINTER SALON In honor of the holiday season and celebration of the gallery's 30th anniversary. All fine art media hung "salon style", floor to ceiling. Mondays, Thursdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 30 805-688-7517. GalleryLosOlivos.com. Gallery Los Olivos, 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos.

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ART AND ABOUT SLO Join us for Art and About SLO, 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 an updated map of locations. Events will not occur on major holidays. First Friday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Free. 805-544-9251. artsobispo.org/art-and-about. Citywide, San Luis Obispo.

ARTIST RIKI SCHUMACHER AT ART CENTRAL GALLERY Schumacher's work is pensive and

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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. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/gallery-artists/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

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HILDA KILPATRICK-FREYRE: ART SHOW Hilda is influenced by California paintings, as well as impressionists. Her work is vibrant and she paints local nature scenes. Through Feb. 14, 2023 805-545-5401. bigskycafe.com. Big Sky Cafe, 1121 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo.

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LITTLE TREASURES HOLIDAY EXHIBIT Artwork in this exhibit is priced \$100 or less. Everything is handcrafted and made with love by local artists. Find that one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. through Jan. 30 Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

THE MONDAY CLUBHOUSE CONSERVANCY FINE ARTS AWARDS APPLICATIONS Open to high school juniors and seniors. Categories: classical music, jazz music, and visual art. Submit online application. Finalists in all categories compete in a live competition at The Monday Club on Feb. 26. Through Jan. 30, 2023 Free. 805-242-1076. themondayclubslo.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

PLEIN AIR PAINTERS OF THE CENTRAL COAST A self-directed fun group of dynamic artists who enjoy painting and sketching outdoors. Artists meet on site at various locations. Weekly plein air destinations are provided by Kirsti Wothe via email (mrswothe@yahoo.com). Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-noon SLO County, Various locations, San Luis Obispo.

POTTERY: BEGINNING WHEEL CLASS This series is a great intro to the pottery wheel. Students learn to throw various shapes, surface decorate, and glaze. Clay and firing included with admission. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$180. anamcre.com. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

SCULPTURE CLASS WITH ROD PEREZ This weekly sculpture drop-in class gives an opportunity for potters to take on new projects and learn new techniques relating to sculptural work. Additionally, every first Friday of the month, a new project will be taught by Rod Perez for beginners. Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon \$40. anamcre.com. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

SENIOR CLAY CLASS Offered to the senior community as an outlet to explore the beauty of clay. For ages 60 and over. Caretakers welcome for an additional \$20. Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon \$40. anamcre.com. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

VIRGINIA MACK: BEGINNING WATERCOLOR This is a watercolor class designed to let you jump in and



AT THE STROKE OF NOON

The Riptide Big Band will perform during the Noon Year's Dance, which will be held at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center in Santa Maria on Saturday, Dec. 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission to the dance party is free, thanks to grant funding from the Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County. Visit riptidebb.com for more info. The Elwin Mussell Senior Center is located at 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria.

—C.W.

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.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

ANNUAL WINTER FAIRE AND CRAFT EXHIBIT

This special holiday event offers a collection of exceptional paintings, photography, and fine crafts, spanning a variety of artistic media from traditional to contemporary. Crafts include fiber, wood, glass, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, and more. Through Jan. 1, 2023, 12-4 p.m. Free. 805-772-2504. artcentermorrobay.org/. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay.

COLLAGES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF LOS OSOS

Collages and photographs featuring Sweet Springs Nature Preserve and the Elfin Forest by Los Osos photographer Kelly Hayes are for sale online and on display at Los Osos Pop-up Gallery (1056 Los Osos Valley Road). Photo prints on metal, paper, acrylic, and greeting cards. ongoing Free. centralcoasty.com. Los Osos, Townwide, Los Osos.

COSTA GALLERY: ELLEN JEWETT Gallery hours are expected to be extended beginning in October or November for the holidays. Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. Costa Gallery, 2087 10th St., Los Osos, 559-799-9632.

COSTA GALLERY HOLIDAY SEASON: GIFTY UNDER FIFTY Costa Gallery will feature Holiday gifts \$50 and under by more than 20 regional artists. Explore affordable original art cards, fiber art, glass, jewelry, paintings, photography, prints, and sculpture. Mondays, Thursdays-Sundays. through Dec. 31 Free admission. 559-799-9632. Costa Gallery, 2087 10th St., Los Osos.

FINE ART JEWELRY AND CRAFTS BY LISA KANOFSKY: GALLERY AT MARINA SQUARE Lisa's jewelry encompasses a mix of pendants and beaded necklaces with a variety of metals and other textures. Her small creative abstract paintings feature various paints and inks to form incredible shapes and textures. Through Dec. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-772-1068. galleryatmarinasquare.com. Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, Morro Bay.

MARCIE BEGLEITER: WHAT WILL REMAIN EXHIBIT This California-based artist is showing a dynamic solo exhibit of painting, drawing, ceramics, and tapestry, along with "Small Gems" at the CCA Gallery. Through Dec. 31 805-927-8190. cambriaarts.org/gallery-exhibits/. Cambria Center for the Arts, 1350 Main St., Cambria.

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, sevenistersgallery.com.

THE PLEIN AIR TEAM Acrylic artist, Nancy Lynn, and husband, watercolorist, Robert Fleming, have a show of originals and giclee prints of Morro Bay and local birds. 805-772-9955. Seven Sisters Gallery, 601 Embarcadero Ste. 8, Morro Bay, sevenistersgallery.com.

SLOFUNNY NEW YEAR'S EVE COMEDY SHOW This New Year's Eve, join the SLOFunny Comedy Show for the last laugh with host Thomas Connolly and comedians Ron Swallow, Jonas Gavin, Jen Murphy, and headliner Adam Yenser. Dec. 31, 6:30-8 & 9-10:30 p.m. \$30. 805-

534-3129. facebook.com/slofunny. Morro Bay Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay.

CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

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.

ANDROID PHONE CLASS First Thursday of every month Oasis Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

CENTRAL COAST CORVETTE CLUB Open to Corvette owners and enthusiasts. First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. Free. 805-934-3948. Home Motors, 1313 E. Main St., Santa Maria.

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

FIRST FRIDAY First Friday of every month facebook.com/firstfridayoldtownorcutt/. Historic Old Town Orcutt, S. Broadway and Union Ave., Orcutt.

GROUP WALKS AND HIKES Check website for the remainder of this year's group hike dates and private hike offerings. ongoing 805-343-2455. dunescenter.org. Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center, 1065 Guadalupe St., Guadalupe.

NOON-YEAR'S EVE PARTY: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Celebrate New Year's Eve at noon to ring in the 2023 year. Can't stay up until midnight? Come count down the New Year with us. Make sparkly crafts, hear popping stories, and enjoy delicious refreshments. Festive attire is welcome. Dec. 31 Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

TEEN NOON YEAR PARTY Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. activekids.com/santa-maria-ca. Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, 600 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, unwind santamaria.com.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

AVILA BEACH POLAR BEAR PLUNGE A celebration of fitness, nature, a New Year, camaraderie, and still having dessert. Dessert can be a cup of coffee or something to eat at one of the local Avila Beach establishments after the plunge. Jan. 1, noon slolug.com/polar. Avila Beach Promenade, 404 Front St., Avila 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.

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ADOPT!

Adoptable Pets of the Week



Dave
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Breed: Domestic Shorthair
Sex: Male
Weight: 6 lbs.

Bethany
Age: 2 years
11 months
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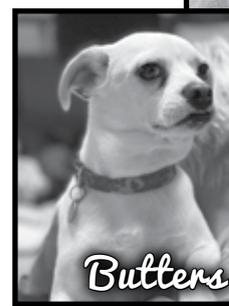
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POINT SAN LUIS LIGHTHOUSE TOURS Tours will give you a glimpse into the lives of Lighthouse Keepers and their families, while helping keep our jewel of the Central Coast preserved and protected. Check website for more details. Wednesdays, Saturdays pointsanluislighthouse.org/. Point San Luis Lighthouse, 1 Lighthouse Rd., Avila Beach.

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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.

CITY FARM SLO'S YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM Check site for more info on programming and summer camps. cityfarmslo.org. Citywide, SLO.

FREE GUIDED MEDITATION GROUP A free guided meditation group held every Friday morning. Call for more info. Fridays, 10-10:45 a.m. through Jan. 27 Free. 805-439-2757. RuthCherryPhD.com. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

GARDEN FOUNDER WALK AND TALK Walk and talk with Eve Vigil in the Botanical Garden each month on the first Tuesday. Free garden tour with paid admission to the Garden. Free for members. No need to RSVP, just show up and enjoy. First Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m.-noon Free with \$5 Garden Entry. 805-541-1400. slobg.org/calendar. Walk and talk with Eve Vigil in the Botanical Garden each month on the first Wednesday. Free garden tour with paid admission to the Garden. Free for members. No need to RSVP, just show up and enjoy.

First Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m.-noon Free with \$5 Garden Entry. 805-541-1400. slobg.org. San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., 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.

LGBTQ+ FED THERAPIST LEAD SUPPORT GROUP (VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM) A pro-recovery group offering space to those seeking peer support, all stages of ED recovery. We understand recovery isn't linear and judgment-free support is crucial. Share, listen, and be part of a community building up each other. First Wednesday of every month, 7-8 p.m. Free. galacc.org/events/. Online, See website, 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.

NATURE NIGHTS An immersive outdoor holiday light and art exhibition. Features large format light projections, illuminated sculptures, and artistic lighting of garden areas throughout the garden. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thursdays-Sundays, 5, 6 & 7 p.m. through Jan. 8 my805tix.com. San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo, 8055411400.

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.

SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR SANTA EVENT Community members are encouraged to adopt a wish list for a senior to help ensure they have a happy holiday.



NIGHT LIGHTS

The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden presents Nature Nights, an immersive outdoor holiday light and art display, through Sunday, Jan. 8. The event features large-format light projections, illuminated sculptures, and more. Tickets to Nature Nights are available online in advance at my805tix.com. The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden is located at 3450 Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo. —C.W.

Hosted by the Senior Angels of the Central Coast. Through Jan. 1, 2023 seniorangelsofthecentralcoast.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

SLO BOTANICAL GARDEN PRESENTS YOGA ON THE TERRACE WITH CHERYL WAKEFIELD An immersive yoga experience led by Cheryl Wakefield, a yoga instructor of 15 years. The event will take place on the terrace in a serene outdoor setting that promotes a relaxed and tranquil mind. Saturdays, through Jan. 29 San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, 3450 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo, 8055411400.

SLO NOONTIME TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETINGS Want to improve speaking and leadership skills in a supportive and positive environment? During COVID, we are meeting virtually. Contact us to get a meeting link for info. Tuesdays, 12-1 p.m. Free. slonoontime.toastmastersclubs.org. Zoom, Online, Inquire for Zoom ID.

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.

WINTER GYMNASTICS CAMP Gain extra time to rejuvenate, while your child enjoys hours of active fitness and gymnastics fun. For ages 4 to 13. Dec. 29, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$55-\$135 depending on which days/options chosen. 805-547-1496. performanceathleticslo.com/camps. Performance Athletics Gymnastics, 4484 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

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Nature Nights: Immersive Outdoor Holiday Light & Art Exhibition
THURS, DEC. 29 – SUN, MARCH 19
 SLO Botanical Garden



Before the Ball Drops Drag Show
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
 Flower City Ballroom, Lompoc



Yoga on the Terrace with Cheryl Wakefield
SATURDAYS: DEC. 31 – FEB. 25
 SLO Botanical Garden



New Year's Eve Bash Centennial Celebration
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
 SpringHill Suites, Atascadero



SLO Funny New Year's Eve Comedy Show
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
 Veterans Memorial Bldg, Morro Bay



'60s Rock and Roll New Year's Eve Bash w/ Unfinished Business
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
 Camp Arroyo Grande



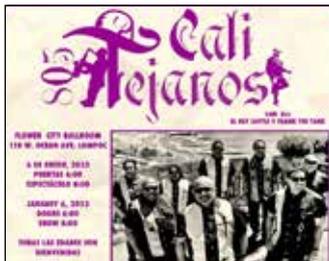
New Year's Eve Black Tie Masquerade Ball
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
 Flower City Ballroom, Lompoc



2022 New Year's Eve CASSino Party!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
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Full Moon Ceremony & 2023 Intention Setting
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
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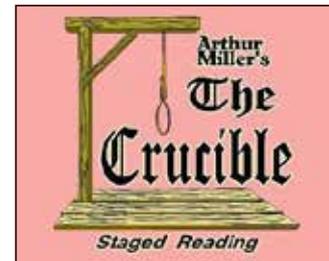


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Santa Maria Civic Theatre: The Red Velvet Cake War
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 1660 N. McClelland, Santa Maria



Anomaly House Presents: Friday the 13th Techno Massacre Rave
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
 Flower City Ballroom, Lompoc



Songwriters At Play: Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson Tribute
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
 Unity of Santa Maria



The Deveros, Hostile Takedown, Dirt Fight, Radiation Invasion
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
 Flower City Ballroom, Lompoc



Symphony of the Vines: Classical Artistry
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
 Mission San Miguel Arcángel



Songwriters At Play: Severin Browne
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
 Moonstone Cellars, Cambria



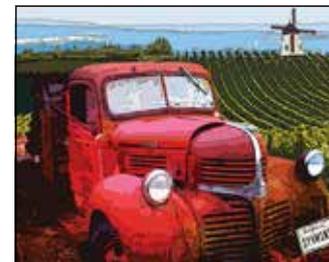
Stand-Up Comedy hosted by Justin Bournonville
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
 Flower City Ballroom, Lompoc



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FOOD & DRINK

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AT COSTA DE ORO

Featured vendors in the series include Cali Coast Tacos, Cubanissimo, Danny's Pizza Co., Chef Ricks, and more. Call venue for monthly schedules. Fridays 805-922-1468. costadeorowines.com. Costa De Oro Winery, 1331 S. Nicholson Ave., Santa Maria.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AT WINE STONE INN

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE: A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

There will be drinks, live music from the Paypals, stargazing, and plenty of food and drink. Admission to the party is free and open to all. Acclaimed Chefs Andy Doubrava and Tiffani Ortiz of Slow Burn are taking over the kitchen. **Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-1 a.m.** Free. 661-766-2825. cuyamabuckhorn.com. Cuyama Buckhorn, 4923 Primero St, New Cuyama.



PRESQU'ILE WINERY: WINE CLUB

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

SIMPLY SOURDOUGH First Thursday of every month Oasis Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

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

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

NEW YEAR'S EVE RACLETTE PARTY

Features dinner. Visit site for more info. **Dec. 31, 6-7 p.m.** caillouxcheeseshop.com. Cailloux Cheese Shop, 1623 Mission Drive, Solvang.

NYE PARTY FUNDRAISER FOR ANIMALS ASIA

Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter at Arrowsmith's beautiful European bar. Cover includes buffet as well as a free glass of Prosecco for the East Coast 9 p.m. NYE toast. Call for tickets. **Dec. 31, 7-11 p.m.** \$25. 805-626-9126. arrowsmithwine.com. Arrowsmith's, 1539 Mission Drive, Solvang.

LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

HEAD GAMES TRIVIA AND TACO TUESDAYS

CLASH Don't miss Head Games Trivia at COLD Coast Brewing Company every Tuesday night. Teams can be up to 6 members. Earn prizes and bragging rights. Kekas will be serving their delicious local fare. Fun for all ages. Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-819-0723. coldcoastbrewing.com. COLD Coast Brewing Company, 118 W Ocean Ave, Lompoc.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

CLIFFSMAS: HOLIDAY BRUNCH AT MARISOL

Enjoy a holiday brunch at Marisol with specialties including lobster benedict, hot chocolate French toast, and much more. Saturdays, Sundays, through Dec. 805-773-5000. cliffshotelandspa.com/cliffsmas/. The Cliffs Hotel and Spa, 2757 Shell Beach Rd, Pismo Beach.

PISMO BEACH FARMERS MARKET Features various vendors selling their goods. Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. Pismo Beach Farmers Market, Pismo Pier.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join BrainStew Trivia for a hilariously witty evening of trivia in Pismo. Teams of 1 to 4 people. Prizes awarded to the first and second place teams. Kitchen is open until 7:30 p.m. for brain fuel. Beer, cider, wine, and non-alcoholic options available. First Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. Free to play. 805-295-6171. kulturhausbrewing.com. Kulturhaus Brewing Company, 779 Price St., Pismo Beach.

MUSIC

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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.

NOON YEAR'S EVE DANCE

The Santa Maria Valley Senior Citizens Club presents a Noon Year's Dance with the Riptide Big Band, vocalists Bob Nations, Mitch Latting, and guest vocalist Liz Douglas. Grant funded by Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County. **Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Free. 775-813-5186. RiptideBB.com. Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 Park Ave., Santa Maria.

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SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

LIVE MUSIC SUNDAYS Sundays, 2-6 p.m. Brick Barn Wine Estate, 795 W. Hwy 246, Buellton, 805-686-1208, brickbarnwineestate.com.

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CONCERT SERIES: 42ND SEASON The SYV Concert Series' 2022-23 season includes five upcoming concerts, between October and May. Through May 13, 2023 smitv.org/syv-concert-series.html. St. Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 2901 Nojoqui Ave., Los Olivos.

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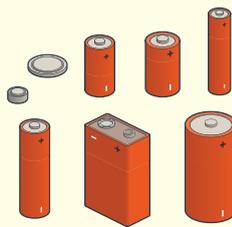
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Home is where the art is

2022 was full of diverse outlets for local painters, musicians, comedians

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MUSEUM MILESTONES: Photographers. Quilters. Scenic designers. The Wildling Museum of Art and Nature showcased a diverse range of media from various artists during the year, including Santa Barbara local Kerrie Smith, whose multimedia installation, *Portals and Pathways*, debuted in April and will remain on display through February, 2023. This past year also marked a major milestone for the Solvang-based nonprofit, as the museum was able to pay off its mortgage, five years ahead of schedule. In 2017, the museum used a \$1.6 million loan to purchase its current facility on Mission Drive, with a 10-year timetable for repayment. The loan was paid off in full during the fall of 2022.

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RENEWED ROYALTY: During the summer of 2022, the Solvang Festival Theater completed its \$5 million rebuilding project, which commenced during the summer of 2021. The renovated theater celebrated its grand reopening this July with a live concert from Nashville musician Mat Kearney. The Pacific Conservatory Theatre (PCPA) hosted its first outdoor performances at the venue post-renovations starting in August with *Into the Woods*. The cast of PCPA's iteration of the classic Stephen Sondheim musical included Yusef Seevers (left) and Garret Haven (right) as two princes. The show first opened in April at the Marian Theatre in Santa Maria, where it ran through mid-May.

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

It's hard to sum up my experience covering northern Santa Barbara County's art scene over the past 12 months with broad generalizations, but one I've definitely noticed is this: In-person exhibits, concerts, and other events came back in a big way during 2022.

I can't remember the last time I wrote about a virtual showcase or music performance or online art class, all of which were the dominating topics in the *Sun's* Arts section during 2020 and 2021.

Without further ado, here's a rundown of some of my favorite moments that expanded the local art scene's horizons this year. ○

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



PLANES, TRAINS, AND . . . : Thanks to the Valley Art Gallery, the walls within the Santa Maria Public Airport's lobby were rarely vacant during 2022. The gallery has an ongoing program that showcases works by local artists at the airport. I had the pleasure of viewing two exhibitions at the airport this year. In August, I met with artist and children's art teacher Lynnae Lane to discuss the floral paintings in her solo exhibit. Lane's show ran through the end of September. In October, the airport's featured artist was Stephanie Palomarez (pictured, in front of her piece, *Time Travel*, inspired by one of her train trips), whose paintings remained on display through early December.

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SHOW AND TELL: New books from local novelists were not in short supply during 2022. In March, Santa Ynez-based author Lida Sideris released *Gambling With Murder*, the fifth book in her ongoing mystery series that follows a private investigator. In June, Orcutt local H.W. Portland debuted his first sci-fi novel, *Explorer's End*. Each chapter of Portland's space epic is accompanied with unique illustrations by artist Raven Osse (whose illustration of a creature found on a distant planet is pictured). In November, local author Tony Piazza celebrated the release of his murder mystery novel, *A Murder, Well-Scripted*, at the Book Loft in Solvang. The book mark's Piazza's eighth installment in his Tom Logan series.



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(NOTHING BUT) FLOWERS: In August, a family of local entrepreneurs achieved their dream of developing a new major event center in Lompoc. The Flower City Ballroom, located at 110 W. Ocean Ave., was co-founded by Dominick Balsamo and his parents, Dennis and Sandi, and brought several live concerts and comedy events to Lompoc during the latter half of 2022. "Ultimately, my goal is to make the Flower City Ballroom a hub for the arts on the Central Coast," Balsamo told the *Sun* in September. He described the new venue as "a place where up-and-coming artists and performers of all kinds can share the stage with more established performers in a safe environment that fosters creativity."

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HOMETOWN HEROES: In October, Netflix premiered a new animated children's show, *Spirit Rangers*, which was created by Santa Ynez Chumash tribal member Karissa Valencia. The show debuted on Indigenous Peoples' Day and follows three Native American junior park rangers, Kodi, Summer, and Eddy, who transform into animal spirits to protect the national park they call home. Valencia described the show—which marks the television writer's first outing as creator and showrunner—as a love letter to Indigenous youth, and a celebration of the rich heritage of Native American storytelling, with elements inspired by tribal stories she grew up with.



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Whodunit?

Writer-director Rian Johnson cooks up this thorny sequel to his 2019 film about astute detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig), who this time finds himself on a private Greek island at a murder mystery party hosted by tech billionaire Miles Bron (Edward Norton) with all his old “friends,” each of whom seems to have a reason to want Miles dead. (139 min.)

Glen: Rian Johnson is a wildly inventive writer-director who’s responsible for films such as *Brick* (2005), a clever film noir about a high school detective solving a disappearance; *The Brothers Bloom* (2008), about two clever conmen out for one last swindle; *Looper* (2012), a complex sci-fi thriller about a time-traveling assassin; and *Star Wars: Episode VIII: The Last Jedi* (2017), which needs no description. The man knows how to put together a thriller script, and his direction is showy without being distracting. In Benoit Blanc, he’s created a compelling character who’s such a master detective that it’s almost unfair. In *Glass Onion*, Blanc has a diverse cast of characters to interact with, and each one has a motive for revenge against Miles, who’s invented a new hydrogen-based alternative energy source called “Klear,” which promises to make him even more obscenely wealthy than he already is. The question is did Miles invent “Klear” or steal the idea? And who’s going to have to die to find out?

Anna: Craig is a great Benoit Blanc. The start of this film finds him sullen and desperate for a new mystery to solve when along



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DEDUCTION: Master detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) must once again suss out a killer, in *The Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*, streaming on Netflix.

comes a mysterious box and an invitation to Miles’ private island alongside Miles’ old college pals: ditsy Birdie (Kate Hudson) and her assistant Peg (Jessica Henwick), strongman influencer Duke Cody (Dave Bautista) and his girlfriend Whiskey (Madelyn Cline), Gov. Claire Debella (Kathryn Hahn), reluctant ex Andi Brand (Janelle Monáe), and scientist Lionel Toussaint (Leslie Odom Jr.). Promised a lavish and carefree weekend solving Miles’ faked death, this group of people with too much power and too many secrets

has no idea what’s in store. In my opinion, this film shouldn’t be seen in comparison to the first *Knives Out*, which I absolutely adored. It should have a chance to stand on its own, and it does. While it gets a little wild and crazy (as murder mysteries tend to do), it keeps on doling out fun, intrigue, and surprises. I know there’s another *Knives Out* film in the future, to which I say, bravo! If it packs the same amount of over the top twisty-turny fun, I’m here for it.

Glen: Even more than the first, the premise here is a bit hard to swallow. Elon Musk-like Miles has an unbelievable island home made of glass in the shape of an onion. What’s that old canard about glass houses? Displayed in the home is Leonardo da Vinci’s *Mona Lisa*—as in *the Mona Lisa* on loan from the Louvre to über-rich Miles by a cash-strapped France. Yes, the whole affair is outlandish. You can either cross your arms and scowl about how preposterous it is, or you can go with it, which I did. In a bit of a cop-out, prepare yourself for a long flashback as the mystery is unraveled. That aside, it’s quick-witted fun that skewers the “rich and famous.”

Anna: It’s definitely a roll-your-eyes ridiculous set up, but it doesn’t hurt too much to watch wealthy elites get their comeuppance. Both the *Knives Out* films have had jaw-dropping cast lists—these must be fun movies to make if you can lure this many big names into a project. There are plenty of “a-ha” moments throughout, and the backstory we learn as we watch ups the stakes. You just have to be willing to believe the impossible for a bit. Will I be telling everyone they simply *must* watch this film? No, but if you enjoyed the first one and don’t mind a dash of frivolity alongside your mystery, this is definitely worth a watch, especially now that it is available on Netflix. ○

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

GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY
 What’s it rated? **PG-13**
 What’s it worth, Glen? **Full price**
 What’s it worth, Anna? **Matinee**
 Where’s it showing? **Netflix**

TV Reviews

THE WHITE LOTUS (SEASON 2)

What’s it rated? **TV-MA**
 When? **2022**
 Where’s it showing? **HBO Max**
 If you’re worried that your relationship has problems, you and your significant other should tune into *The White Lotus* and behold the psycho-social dysfunctions of the various characters in this delicious black comedy about upscale resort vacationers and the staff that serves them. What a bunch of loons! You’ll feel well-adjusted in no time.

The first season of *White Lotus* was amazing, and this second season is a worthy sequel. Moving from Hawaii in Season 1, this season brings viewers to picturesque Sicily where in the opening episode we learn someone has died. Who? That’s for creator Mike White to know and you to find out. There are certainly a lot of characters to choose from, some darker and more deviant than others.

The only cast members who appear in both seasons are Jennifer Coolidge as rich and insecure Tanya McQuoid-Hunt and Jon Gries as Greg Hunt, the man who courts and eventually wins Tanya in Season 1. There’s a lot of drama and cringy



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WORKING GIRLS: Lucia (Simona Tabasco) and Mia (Beatrice Grannó) are a couple of Italian sex workers who find themselves intertwined with a number of different guests at a Sicilian resort, in HBO’s second season of *White Lotus*.

comedy throughout, but always in the back of your mind is the question, who died? Waiting for the big reveal is half the fun. This series is wicked! (75- to 77-min. episodes)

—Glen **BINGEABLE**

WEDNESDAY

What’s it rated? **TV-14**
 When? **2022**
 Where’s it showing? **Netflix**
 Netflix is hitting us right in the nostalgia with *Wednesday*. While the whole Addams family is iconic, this series focuses on Wednesday (Jenna Ortega) and her new school—one she’s forced to go to after setting piranhas free in her former school’s pool. Take that, bullies! However, she’s less than pleased to be at her parents’ alma mater Nevermore Academy, and even more so when she meets her werewolf roommate, Enid (Emma Myers), who loves rainbow colors just as much as Wednesday loves black.

A mystery from her parents’ school days reappears—someone or something is out in the woods killing people, and Wednesday suddenly learns that she has growing psychic abilities just like her mother. Along with her is her trusty friend, Thing, though she’ll never admit to needing nor loving anything or anyone.

She forms a reluctant friendship with Enid, and Wednesday starts to find purpose at Nevermore. Part detective, part teenager, Wednesday has attitude along with ability, and she won’t stop



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CREEPY AND KOOKY: Wednesday Addams (Jenna Ortega, center) and her parents, Gomez (Luis Guzmán) and Morticia (Catherine Zeta-Jones), get a reimagining in Tim Burton’s Netflix series *Wednesday*.

until she cracks the case. I personally loved season one and can’t wait for more! Terrific production values and atmosphere makes this campy blast from the past feel new. (845-min. episodes) ○

—Anna

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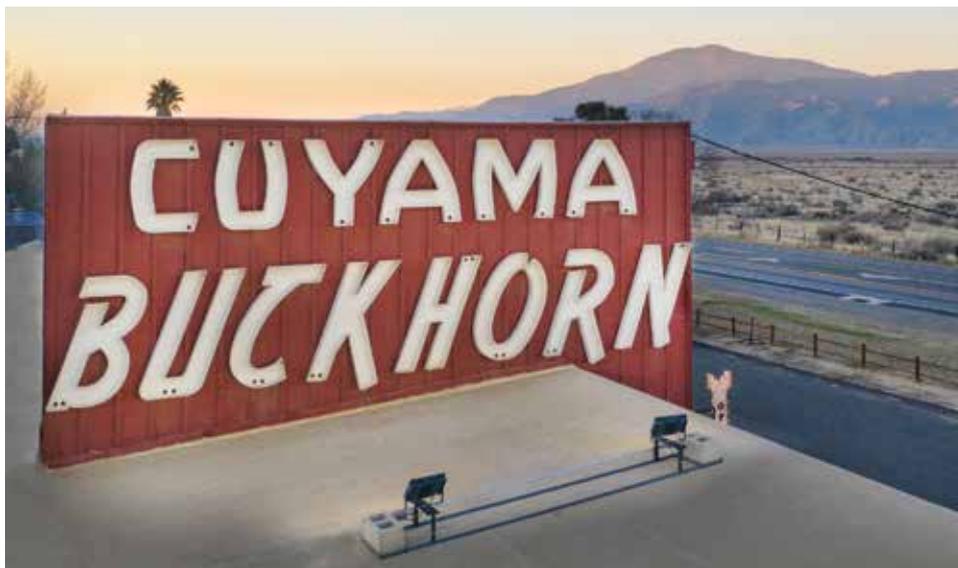
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WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN: Starting at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Slow Burn will call the Cuyama Buckhorn its home for the venue's special dinner event, A Night Under the Stars, to ring in 2023.

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Cuyama Buckhorn hosts New Year's pop-up dinner with traveling kitchen, Slow Burn

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

After spending more than a decade working for various restaurants, two prolific chefs recently pursued a mutual dream they had on the back burner for a while—to own and operate an eatery that prioritizes food waste reduction through sustainable cooking practices.

Rather than invest in a brick-and-mortar, work and life partners Tiffani Ortiz and Andy Doubrava decided to take a nomadic approach with Slow Burn, a new venture they've described as a roaming kitchen with a rotating menu.

In the same way that bands go on tour, Slow Burn travels from venue to venue, "except instead of playing shows, we play 'restaurant,'" the couple explained in a joint email to the *Sun*.

"We've spent a lot of time trying to put what we do into words, and I think that's the comparison we landed on that makes the most sense to

the general public," said Doubrava and Ortiz, who have called the open road their home since their first "California Tour" began in November.

The couple has held pop-up restaurant takeovers at venues in Beverly Hills, San Francisco, and other cities over the past several weeks. Earlier this December, the pair reached Santa Barbara County, where they hosted their first Central Coast-based dinner at Bar Le Côte in Los Olivos. The startup chefs described the event as their most successful to date.

"Bar Le Côte was our smoothest service for sure," Doubrava and Ortiz said. "I think we finally 'found our sound' by then."

The last scheduled stop on the duo's California Tour is the Cuyama Buckhorn in New Cuyama. On Dec. 31, Slow Burn will take over the Buckhorn's kitchen for the venue's New Year's Eve celebration, A Night Under the Stars. Admission to the event—which will feature live music,



DYNAMIC DUO: Husband-and-wife duo Andy Doubrava (left) and Tiffani Ortiz (right), co-founders of Slow Burn, have hosted pop-up dinner events in multiple cities over the past two months, including two in Santa Barbara County. "It's so beautiful up here," the LA-based couple said of the Central Coast.

dancing, and more—is free, while grub from Slow Burn will be available for purchase.

Doubrava and Ortiz will be preparing their offerings—which include sliders, skewers, grilled mushrooms and potatoes, and more—over an open fire during the party, which starts at 7 p.m. Food will be available for guests until about 10 p.m.

"We're going to be doing some fun live-fire snacks for the New Year's Eve event and also some party classics," the couple stated. "The food shouldn't be too stuffy for something like this. It's a part of a larger experience that the team at Cuyama worked super hard to curate. We want people to feel like they can mosey on over and grab a snack from us, and then head over to the dance floor, or grab a drink from the bar without much fuss."

For Doubrava and Ortiz, each venue that Slow Burn frequents becomes an outlet where the couple is able to explore nearly every kind of role

Buckhorn bash

To find out more about the Cuyama Buckhorn, located at 4923 Primero St., New Cuyama, call (661) 766-2825 or visit cuyamabuckhorn.com. The venue will host its New Year's Eve dinner, A Night Under the Stars, on Dec. 31, starting at 7 p.m. Food will be provided by Slow Burn. Visit weareslowburn.com for more details.

in the food and drink industry.

"Playing 'restaurant' for us isn't just cooking, it's also making each space our home for however long, and working every position in a restaurant you can imagine—executive chefs, dishwashers, general managers, sommeliers, you name it, we do it."

While promoting closed-loop cooking techniques, one of the ways Slow Burn practices sustainability is to make use of long-term misos,

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RAISING THE BAR: There will be plenty of live music and dancing during A Night Under the Stars at the Cuyama Buckhorn. Slow Burn will provide sliders, skewers, and other casual grilled items during the event. "We want people to feel like they can mosey on over and grab a snack from us, and then head over to the dance floor, or grab a drink from the bar without much fuss," the mobile kitchen's co-founders said.

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vinegars, charcuterie, and other items. Slow Burn also specializes in pickled vegetables and other foods.

So far, educating the public about reducing food waste in the restaurant industry has come easy to the pair, the couple explained.

"Luckily for us, our platform involves food, and everyone has to eat," Doubrava and Ortiz

said. "We consider ourselves as not being too preachy at the dinner table. The guest dictates their own experience, and we're always happy to expand on any questions they may have along the way." ○

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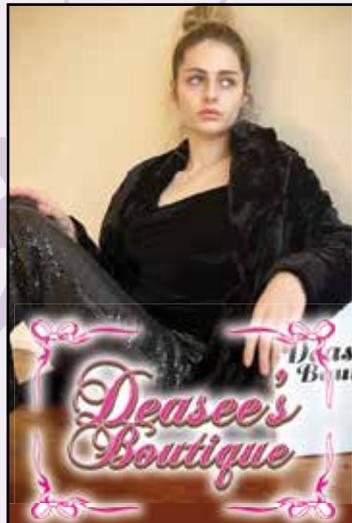
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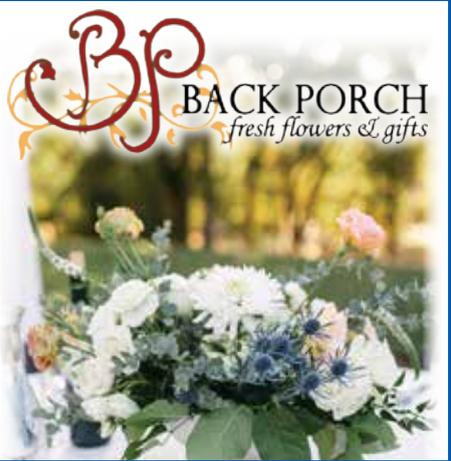
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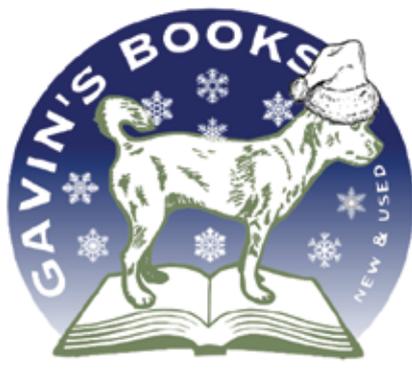


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