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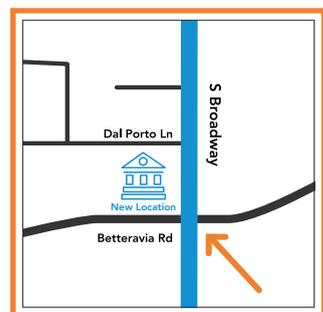
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Political Watch

Gov. **Gavin Newsom's** office is reprioritizing its groundwater recharge, stormwater capture, and reservoir storage efforts, along with water conveyance improvements and ambitious targets to build water resilience, according to a Jan. 19 statement from the governor's office. The state has committed more than \$8.6 million to build water resilience in the last two budgets, and the 2023-24 budget proposal includes an additional \$202 million for flood protection. "California isn't waiting to act—we're moving aggressively to modernize how we capture and store water to future-proof our state against more extreme cycles of wet and dry," Newsom said in the statement. "We're expediting projects across the state to maximize stormwater capture and storage above and below ground during times like these, reshaping our water systems for the 21st century and beyond." This budget funding includes \$500 million that will be provided in 2025-26 to help ensure strategic water storage projects can be completed. In the 2023-24 state budget, Newsom is proposing an additional \$202 million for flood protection and \$125 million for drought-related actions.

Santa Barbara County welcomed **Jose Chang** as the new agriculture commissioner/director of weights and measures, according to a Jan. 19 statement from the county. Chang will assume the duties from **Cathy Fisher**, who is retiring after 12 years as the commissioner. Chang worked in agriculture/weights and measures starting in 2006 for Napa County and, most recently, Monterey County. He is a proven leader in his previous role as assistant agriculture commissioner/sealer for Monterey County, handling a \$13 million budget and 80 staff members. He also served as president of the California Association of Standards and Agricultural Professionals in 2018 and 2019. "The experience, skill set, and education I have gathered over the past 18 years has led me to this position. I have worked in Napa where wine grapes are the primary crop and, as many in Santa Barbara County know, wine grapes are one of the top agricultural commodities here," Chang said in the statement. "In addition, working in Monterey County, I acquired knowledge and experience of the vegetable and fruit crops grown there, ranging from strawberries to broccoli, which have tremendous economic value in Santa Barbara County." The Agricultural Commissioner's Office enforces laws and regulations in the county's agricultural weights and measures programs. The department has a budget of more than \$7 million and has 37 full-time employees.

U.S. Sen. **Alex Padilla** (D-California) joined Vice President **Kamala Harris** at the Tujunga Spreading Grounds in Los Angeles to highlight federal efforts to increase drought and flood resilience, according to a Jan. 19 statement from the senator's office. Tujunga Spreading Grounds is one of 27 spreading grounds that provide water to Los Angeles County through groundwater recharge, enhancing the region's ability to take advantage of rainfall and store it underground. Padilla introduced the Water Reuse and Resiliency Act to authorize the EPA's Alternative Water Source Pilot Program for stormwater reuse and groundwater recharge and secured the inclusion of the Drought Resiliency Investment Act, which he co-sponsored, in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The legislation will help combat drought and protect the water supply of millions of Americans living in California and other western states. The law creates a grant program for large-scale water recycling projects in California and the other 16 western states and will allow federal funding to be used for an increased range of activities to plan for and mitigate drought. ○

Residents want better outreach for Santa Maria annexation project

Mooncrest Lane resident Susan Bryant left a project hearing about a proposed development in her neighborhood unsettled and confused.

"Overall I think it's fair to say that people were frustrated and angry," the Orcutt resident said. "I think the frustration was not knowing about [the hearing]. The anger was there were questions that didn't get answered when [the developers] were sitting there."

The Richards Ranch Annexation Project—proposed by SLO-based real estate investment and development company MD3 investments—asks Santa Maria to annex 43 acres in unincorporated Santa Barbara County southeast of the city to develop 495 housing units and a retail commercial center.

The Jan. 17 city hearing gave residents the chance to submit comments on the draft environmental impact report—which explores potential impacts the city could experience if it adds this property to city limits.

Traffic safety, overcrowding, parking, water use, and the property's location were some of the main concerns residents shared about the project, but many residents were also frustrated by the lack of communication from the city regarding the project, Bryant said. Although the hearing was added to Santa Maria's website calendar, residents wished they'd received an email when it was posted.

"I understand the process for notification, but it's really outdated and limited. Just by posting it doesn't mean people are notified. I was the only one in my neighborhood that got an email," she said. "They can say they posted it, but it doesn't mean anything because nobody knew about it. It's pretty outdated and not the best way to communicate."

In an audio recording of the Jan. 17 meeting, fellow Orcutt resident Maribel Lopez said that she believed she was supposed to be informed, per city regulations, since she lived within 300 feet of the proposed project, but she didn't receive any notification or outreach, Lopez said.

"I live basically right there, and I've had no contact. We found out through social media, and it was really disappointing and it doesn't show good faith in this project. [There's] a lack of respect to the community in how this has been approached, and that's reflected in the comments and the questions," Lopez said during the meeting. "This land is most likely to be developed, but including the community's input would be best."

Santa Maria Community Development Department Planning Manager Dana Eady told the *Sun* via email that she provided her email for residents to submit their comments to. Those will be addressed in the final environmental impact report, and anyone who submits a comment or requests further information will



LAYOUT: The Richards Ranch Annexation Project proposes 400 apartments, 95 townhomes, a retail commercial center, and a mini storage facility within a 43-acre parcel southeast of Santa Maria city limits

receive updates on future meetings.

"While there were many concerns raised with the project, I felt that everyone was respectful overall. I appreciate their participation and the questions and comments we received are helpful in reviewing this proposal," Eady said. "We answered the questions that we could at the time and took detailed notes of the comments mentioned."

Area residents also expressed a desire for more time to review the project documents, she added. The city and developer agreed to extend the draft environmental impact report's public comment period from Feb. 6 to March 7 at 5 p.m.

Once the period ends, the project will go to the Santa Maria Planning Commission, then City Council, and finally to the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission. MD3 Investments founder Michael Stotley said in a statement that the company is also working to establish a community forum to address questions and openly discuss the project with residents. No date had been set as of Jan. 23.

"As a local developer and former Orcutt resident, my priority is to create a development that enhances the community," Stotley said. "We look forward to further engaging with local residents as we move forward with this project."

In the meantime, Mooncrest Lane resident Bryant is still searching for answers by emailing her supervisor, 4th District's Bob Nelson; Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino; and other city and county officials with her concerns regarding the project in hopes of getting perspective, but she hasn't heard back from anyone, she said.

"The residents of Orcutt have no one to go to. I know that it's hard, all over the place, and things are going on. I've tried to reach out, share information, and learn about the process, [but] it doesn't seem to be helping," Bryant said. "I have to speculate for all my answers; I think there are so many different pieces converging and I don't think they all work together. There doesn't seem to be a focal point for us."

—Taylor O'Connor

Solvang City Council appointment divides public, elected officials

During its first meeting of 2023, the Solvang City Council discussed how to approach the seat left vacant by newly elected Mayor Mark Infanti, as two years remain on his City Council member term.

On Jan. 12, the council voted to appoint former City Councilmember Robert Clarke, who lost his 2022 reelection campaign, to fill the vacancy. That decision dominated public comment at the next meeting.

Five of the six public speakers at the Jan. 23 meeting denounced the decision. The only speaker not to address the vacant seat commented on the recent death of David Crosby.

"I find it hard to believe that a candidate who was not reelected to the council can be given a seat on the council," Solvang resident Lorrie Flannigan said during public comment. "It makes the people of this city feel like they don't really matter, so why vote?"

"The voters should have the right to vote for who fills that vacant seat," Flannigan added.

Solvang resident Sharon Price said she attended the Jan. 23 meeting to "express my complete dismay at your vote for putting Councilman Clarke back on the City Council."

Price argued that the City Council should have voted to hold a special election, rather than appoint who was going to fill the seat themselves.

"The citizens of Solvang had a right to vote on who the next city council person was going to be," Price said. "It was such an important decision; it wasn't treated as such."

Initially, during the Jan. 12 meeting, Infanti and Councilmember Elizabeth Orona, who beat Clarke for his seat in the 2022 election, wanted to appoint Solvang Planning Commissioner Jack Williams to fill the vacancy, while Councilmembers Claudia Orona and David Brown expressed their support for Clarke to return to the dais.

Infanti changed his mind to support Clarke, shortly after saying, "I keep getting interesting texts," while looking at his phone.

Solvang resident Mary Beth Lee questioned those circumstances during public comment at the Jan. 23 meeting.

"Mayor, when the council reached an impasse, you refused to open the topic back up to public comments. But, you took public comments via your phone, via text message. It was after these 'interesting texts' that you changed your vote," Lee said. "In changing your vote, you made your one vote count more than the 353 votes not only for Ms. Orona, but against Mr. Clarke."

After Infanti changed his vote at the Jan. 12 meeting, Elizabeth Orona turned to him and asked "Why?"

"I've got to go with this; I've got to get this over with," Infanti said.

The motion to appoint Clarke to fill the vacancy passed after a 3-1 vote, with Elizabeth Orona dissenting.

—Caleb Wiseblood

Lompoc still uncertain about continuing county Animal Services contract

Although the Lompoc City Council was thrilled to see an Animal Services facility reopened in the city, it still wanted more research into whether contracting with Santa Barbara County was the best option for service.

"I was really disheartened and disappointed when the shelter closed. There was no notification, and I do feel like the numbers matter," Councilmember Gilda Cordova said during the Jan. 17 meeting. "The city needs to

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look at a model where it runs its own service or something alternative to just partnering with the county."

The City Council voted 5-0 to have staff send out a community survey, ask Santa Maria to send its recent request for proposal to see a modern quote for a contract with non-government entities, and see if the county finance department could make a presentation breaking down the costs to provide animal services.

"I'm not in any way against going with the county, but I want to make sure we're getting a fair share and that we're getting the services we expect or we've been told we're going to get," Cordova said.

In June 2022, Lompoc reluctantly agreed to a five-year contract with the county that would cost the city about \$30,000 a month, but it had no operating shelter at the time. If the City Council didn't reach an agreement, Lompoc would have violated laws requiring the city to provide animal services to its communities, according to previous Sun reporting.

On Jan. 6, county Animal Services partially reopened its Lompoc location with weekend hours and the majority of services, except overnight stays since the kennels are still unusable.

Lompoc Senior Administrative Analyst Erin Keller presented four options on Jan. 17 that the city could choose instead of contracting with the county—including becoming a full, in-house provider; issuing a request for proposal from nonprofits or outside agencies; contracting out partially as a hybrid model; or using a consultant to research alternatives.

"It's a shift from budget to services because that's what I heard you wanted to talk about and hear more about," Keller said. "Our main concern was the closed shelter. We would prefer an open shelter with a variety of services even though the kennels need to be replaced."

Leading up to the meeting, staff met with experts in the industry, local animal nonprofit providers, veterinarians, and the county Animal Services Advisory Council to get a better understanding of unmet needs and learn best practices, Keller said.

"Staff will continue to work closely with the Animal Services Advisory Council and the county on current contract services, including requesting that the kennels be considered for capital improvements, and will continue to present alternative options to consider for animal services," Keller said.

Rather than make a hard decision on one of the options, Mayor Jenelle Osborne suggested the city continue its research by getting a better cost breakdown from the county, hearing from Santa Maria's experience with outside contracting, and getting some community insight.

"I think a survey is really important because we don't have enough data. We know what we're frustrated with, and that's the financial end, but hearing from the community itself I think is really important, and a survey gives people who can't come to a council meeting [a chance] to provide some feedback," Osborne said. "If we get a survey, a county finance breakdown, and an actual RFP that was put out and what the response was and what an example was, we'll be able to make a better decision on what a next step is."

—Taylor O'Connor

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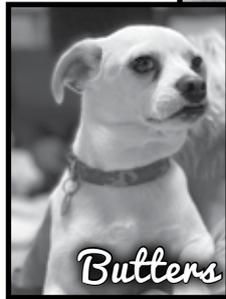
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Compassionate care

A new federal grant will help Marian Regional Medical Center build a new obstetrics and gynecology clinic

BY TAYLOR O'CONNOR

After moving to Santa Maria from Los Angeles to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor, Stephanie Zamora quickly fell in love with the community.

"It's very much a vulnerable population, and it's very unique because we do have a Mixteco community here, and we are their first encounter with a hospital system," Zamora said. "The people in the area, the support staff in the hospital, are all really great, and all of that made me fall in love with this area to the point where I continue being in attendance."

She's now the chief resident physician at Marian Regional Medical Center and completing her final year in residency to become a certified obstetrician-gynecologist (OB-GYN), a program Marian hopes to expand after receiving a \$1 million federal grant, with the help of U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-Santa Barbara), to create a new on-site clinic.

"I think it's going to be great for the community. It will hopefully increase the access to services and continue to build that bond [between] providers and the population that needs access to care," Zamora said. "This new money we are able to use will only improve their care and improve us as providers, and open doors for more opportunities to help better serve them."

The funding will cover a portion of the costs associated with medical equipment needs and construction fees for the 8,700-square-foot clinic. The total cost of building the new clinic is estimated at \$3 million, said Anne Kennard, associate program director of the OB-GYN residency program.

"OB-GYNs are not doctors for pregnancy. We are doctors for women that take care of women through adolescence and old age. We are often the primary physician for much of a woman's life in a holistic sense—body, mind, and spirit," Kennard said. "Women are like all humans who have complaints or concerns about mental health, chronic stress, low libido, low nutrition. These are all elements in our wheelhouse to discuss treatments and recommendations."

In 2018, Marian began its OB-GYN residency program, in which doctors learn after graduating from medical school by working a variety of rotations to take in all of the procedural knowledge associated with the practice, Kennard explained.

"We didn't have a dedicated space for our OB-GYN residents to learn and see patients and undergo their

'We didn't have a dedicated space for our OB-GYN residents to learn and see patients and undergo their education lectures. So patients suffered a long wait because of a lack of access.'

—Anne Kennard, Marian OB-GYN residency program associate program director

education lectures," she said. "So patients suffered a long wait because of a lack of access, and the residents were trying to fit in wherever they could in terms of their learning environment."

The added space will also allow the clinic to focus on patients of low health equity, meaning the patient does not have optimal access to or understanding of health care, Kennard said. Many patients who come to Marian often have low educational attainment, low health literacy, and low health equity. More than half of the patients speak a primary language other than English,

they are seeing patients in the emergency department that could have been helped in an outpatient setting, but they didn't and they end up receiving care in the emergency department," she said. "We have a seven-hour wait in our emergency room, it's just not good for anybody."

The new clinic space will help increase access by adding 12 more residents—a 50



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THE FUTURE DOCTORS: A new women-focused clinic at Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria will train residents and help them earn their OB-GYN credentials.

and about 60 to 70 percent are on state insurance, Kennard explained.

"For many of our patients, a pregnancy may be the first time someone accesses a health organization; it may be the first time seeing a physician. Patients have not had access and don't know how to access or get care within the system," she said. "Everything's new, you don't know how to get a lab draw or an X-ray. They're navigating the system with very little resources to do so."

Long waiting periods before a patient can see a doctor—like the two- to three-month wait at Marian—can often deter people from getting preventative care and can cause problems in the long run, Kennard said.

"The emergency room ends up impacted, too, because then

percent increase to the workforce—full-time interpreters for Spanish and Mixteco-speaking patients, and a specialist who can help people navigate insurance options and access insurance services, Kennard said.

Ground-breaking and construction should begin this spring, and the goal is to have the facility running by 2024. In the meantime, Marian is applying for more grants and asking local organizations for donations to cover the rest of the costs, she said.

"This is amazing for me both as an OB-GYN who cares deeply about our community as well as improving health access and equity for women, and as a director responsible for training the next generation of OB-GYN physicians. It ripples outward," Kennard said. "You have women getting care in a compassionate and comprehensive manner, and that improves disparities." ○

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Starkly similar

A Cal Poly professor from Mississippi reveals that young people's sexual health awareness isn't so different in California

BY BULBUL RAJAGOPAL

Dr. Joni Roberts moved to California from Mississippi believing that sexual wellness awareness among young people on the West Coast would be higher.

"If you're familiar with sexual health in Mississippi, or in the South, in general, it is night and day, from Southern U.S. to the Western U.S.," she said. "In Mississippi, it is state law that any sexual education courses that are taught in K-12 cannot be comprehensive; it has to be abstinence, or abstinence-plus. In fact, teachers could get arrested if they even attempted to talk about safe sex with condoms, and so forth."

An assistant professor in Cal Poly's Department of Kinesiology and Public Health, Roberts runs a sexual and reproductive health lab. After moving to San Luis Obispo County in 2019, she spearheaded a 2020 assessment that studied knowledge and beliefs around sexual health held by Cal Poly students.

Unlike Mississippi, California school districts must teach comprehensive sex education courses at least one time each in middle school and high school. These schools are bound by the state's Healthy Youth Act of 2016, which promotes unbiased and accurate sexual health and HIV prevention education. Roberts had high expectations for the results of such a progressive program.

"It was surprising to me, because I sort of had this bias going in," she said. "What we found is that there's still a lot of misconceptions as far as what students knew. Then there was practice that was different."

Roberts said that while Cal Poly students participating in the study knew theoretically what safe sex entailed, that knowledge didn't necessarily translate to practice. The assessment revealed



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that students didn't use protection methods—such as dental dams during oral sex—and there was a lack of safe sex conversations between partners. In fact, 43 percent of participating students said that they wouldn't refuse to have sex if their partner refused to use a condom.

Roberts added that the two main themes that cropped up during the study were "cleanliness"—a term participants used to describe STI (sexually-transmitted infection) status—and gender-based differences.

The results of the study prompted Roberts to introduce sex education modules in her lab. On Feb. 9, she'll be joined by kinesiology and public health major Gabriella Snow and biology major Alexa Asson to host a campus sex education seminar as part of the seventh annual Social Justice Teach In workshops.

Roberts described sexual health as everything regarding an individual's body and what they choose to do with it. She's interested in learning more about young people's mindset about it.

"So, whether that is engaging in sexual intercourse—whether that's oral, anal, or vaginal-penile," she said. "What are the thought processes that they sort of go through before they get to a decision? How do they go from being in their home at 2 o'clock on an afternoon, to having sex at 10 p.m. on the same day?"

Other surprising discoveries came as a result of Roberts moving from a racially diverse student population in Mississippi to Cal Poly—statistically the whitest campus in the California State University (CSU) system.

"Something I thought that was unique here within the white population—and I haven't been able to test this in other predominantly white spaces—is there is a complete level of trust that students seem to have," she said.

Roberts—a Jamaican raised in the Caribbean—found herself using the phrase "blind trust" often, especially after her lab followed up with the white students who participated in the quantitative section of the survey.

"It didn't matter how long they were in a relationship with their partner, whether it was a few months or several years," Roberts said. "But there was this assumption that they could not



NEW FINDINGS: Dr. Joni Roberts and her Cal Poly research lab conducted a campus sexual health awareness survey in 2020, which sparked the need to host more sex ed programs among young people.

get an STI from their partner because their partner was faithful to them. They believed that wholeheartedly. That's something that I did not experience before, especially among communities of color."

White students, too, seem more confident in their sex lives, Roberts said. Confidence didn't necessarily begin at home either. Roberts said that outside support systems like clubs and organizations, which students could access based on their

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economic privilege, played a big role in sexual wellness. While she acknowledged that the present generation of young people is more vocal about sex than their predecessors, race and economic issues still exist.

“Especially here at Cal Poly, where we are known as the whitest CSU, it is not uncommon then to have more students of color have more negative experiences,” Roberts said. “That’s something that was reported: Students felt fetishized by their white counterparts, or they weren’t taken as seriously in relationships. Those are their reported experiences compared to their white counterparts.”

In Roberts’ experience, many students’ misconceptions about sexual health centered on the definition of virginity, queer relationships, and lax attitudes toward STIs. Her lab team is also focusing on including the voices of queer and cisgender male students. One of those team members is Anoushka Samuel, a second-year Cal Poly student.

“I think there are so many gaps in our sexual health education right now,” said the born-and-raised Californian. “The only time I remember learning about it was a mandatory video we had to watch in the fifth grade, and then again in one of my biology classes in high school but barely touching on STIs.”

Samuel specializes in research around menstrual products and their use. She said it’s an integral part of understanding sexual wellness, and she advocates for Cal Poly to stock menstrual products in all campus restrooms.

“The use of menstrual products is a good



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way to gauge cultural differences,” she said. “Like the whole thing about whether using tampons means losing your virginity or not.”

Roberts attributed the lower-than-expected sexual wellness awareness in California to some loopholes in the Healthy Youth Act. Every school district can choose a different curriculum for sex education. When the time rolls around for a middle or high school to provide that one-time discourse, parents can write in and deny permission for their kid to participate. Then, there’s the matter of when the student received sex education.

“Say, maybe I received it in seventh grade, and then I didn’t receive it again until 12th grade. Well, by the time it comes back around in 12th grade, I likely forgot what I learned in seventh grade,” Roberts said.

The length of time between each sex education course might also be long enough that students learn from other sources of information.

“I likely may have been experimenting between that time. By the time I get the official education from the school system, I would have already been learning from my peers,” she hypothesized. “There’ll be people around me who would be engaging in things or telling me things; they would be my primary source of education—not to mention social media, which is very common in this age range.”

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Birds and bees

A Santa Ynez Valley resident founded a program to help adults talk about sexual health with their children

BY TAYLOR O'CONNOR

Sexual health education is often an uncomfortable topic to address, one that can be surrounded with stigma and shame, said Trish Hecker. So she stepped into the gap and founded Open Door Support, a program that helps parents engage with their kids on the topic.

"For generations, sexual health in relation to how our body works, how body autonomy and consent works, how diversity works in who we love, how gender identity works—none of those topics were openly discussed, and most of the time they have been completely misunderstood," Hecker said.

As a mom to two teenagers, 15 and 17, Hecker wanted to create a comfortable and safe space for her kids to ask questions about sexual health, she said.

"Sexual health conversations should absolutely be had primarily with families because families have their own values, but it's important to have medically accurate, current information for their kids to combat false and damaging information they are getting on the internet," Hecker said.

Hecker was a stay-at-home mom who then worked in the hospitality industry. When the pandemic hit she decided it was time for a career change. She went back to school and completed her bachelor's degree, eventually earning her master's degree in social sciences with an emphasis in human development and educational studies as well as a certificate in sexuality education, she said.

"Prior to my degree, I thought people weren't listening so I'm getting my degree so I can be an expert in this field," Hecker said. "I have my own passionate feelings of getting this education out there, and I realized that I needed to become somewhat of an expert to really connect with people and parents."

In December, Hecker began Open Door Support offering one-on-one consulting, workshops, and speaking engagements to help parents, caregivers, and/or educators to address sexual education with their children or students. Although she's currently based in the Santa Ynez Valley, she'd like to expand her services to the entire county.

Her workshops go over consent, body autonomy, healthy relationships, puberty, healthy bodies, sexual orientation and identity, gender identity and expression, and sexual media. Hecker said she'll typically present information about the topic and follow it up with conversations between the participants.

"The environment that the workshops are aiming to provide is a comfortable place to talk about things our society has deemed uncomfortable. I want to change that messaging so that this doesn't have to be uncomfortable," she said. "Of course people are confused about where to start, what age, what is too much, what's not enough, [but] it's the lack of information that leaves us confused. Then it just puts a freeze on everything, and nothing is said." She added that not holding space for



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WORKSHOPS: Pause, Look, Listen is a series created for parents and caregivers to learn the tools needed to support children through their sexual health development.

this dialogue could hurt the child's future relationships with romantic partners or themselves, as well as cause mental health issues due to the shame and stigma surrounding sexual health education and its many components.

"Imagine a kid [who] thinks they're dying because no one has talked to them about their period. They are bullied because they are LGBTQ—that's sexuality and sexual health," she said. "Our mental health is directly affected by our sexual health."

Although it's up to every family to figure out how to navigate these discussions, Hecker said it can begin when they are infants or toddlers by using the medically accurate terms for genitals to show that they are just another body part, she said. Children's books are also a great resource because many discuss topics like different types of families, consent, body acceptance, and self-love.

"These all fall under the umbrella of having sexual health conversations. Parents also need to think, 'How am I talking about myself when I'm around my kids? Do I say stuff like I'm so fat, or do I edit my photos?'" Hecker said. "These are things kids are listening to and the messages they are getting about self-love, body image, and sexual safety."

Before stepping into conversations with children, parents, educators, and caregivers should check in with themselves to see how they feel about their own sexual health and if there's any shame, issues, or trauma that would get in the way of having an open dialogue, she added.

"When we don't know who to talk to and we feel alone, we either ignore it or we feel shame and isolation around this topic, and I don't want anybody to feel like that," she said. "That is my purpose, passion, and mission so people don't feel alone exploring and talking about sexual health."

Visit opendoorsupport.com to find a schedule of Open Door Support's upcoming workshops, a breakdown of the one-on-one sessions, testimonies from community members, and Hecker's contact information.

Highlight

• The Santa Maria/Santa Barbara Continuum of Care, in partnership with Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara Alliance for Community Transformation, planned to host the annual Homeless Point-In-Time Count on Jan. 25 from 5 to 9 a.m. Teams of volunteers were assigned routes throughout the county and tasked with briefly documenting who was experiencing homelessness. The information will be used to plan local homeless assistance systems, justify state and federal funding, and raise public awareness. For more information, visit countyofsb.pointintime.info.

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

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- 13% The county paid more attention to the South Coast, but for good reason and necessity.

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Why so many?

Lompoc has 200 unhoused people, largely thanks to government 'helping hands'

BY RON FINK

I have been trying to figure out the “root cause” and some potential solutions for the homeless issue for the last several months. First, the “homeless issue” has been with us since homeless pilgrims arrived on our eastern shores in 1620. The difference today is that in 1620, “homeless” folks homesteaded land and built not only homes for themselves but also farmed, ranched, and built industries as they moved west.

Large numbers of today’s homeless seem to wander around waiting for the next handout and rarely apply themselves to anything other than salvaging other people’s junk or simply stealing whatever they can carry out of a business.

So, how did they get this way?

Government contribution: In the 1960s, then Gov. Ronald Reagan and President John Kennedy wanted to solve a problem that was centered on the treatment of mental health patients. The strategy at the time was to lock them up and forget them; this was and still is an inhumane way to treat people.

Their solution was two-fold: First, close all the “treatment” facilities, and second, fund and build new treatment facilities with a focus on returning the patients to productive lives. They only completed the first phase because of the inability of the state Assembly and U.S. Congress to address the issue and simply tossed the mentally ill out on the street.

What started as a “helping hand” has evolved into an endless supply of new and much improved handouts, including cash payments with no strings attached. Meanwhile the mentally ill have been largely ignored.

The solution is to fund and construct (through Medicare, Medi-Cal, and Medicaid) sufficient mental health facilities to handle the mentally ill on our streets. Why? Because these are the neediest. The county recently opened a “treatment hub” in Santa Barbara, but it only has 10 beds.

Education: School systems in California have lost focus. Teachers’ unions run the school systems, dictate working conditions that do not include any accountability for student achievement, and school boards/

administration continue to stress social change rather than reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Poorly educated or self-indulgent parents don’t have the time or ability to help their kids when they bring home self-study

(homework) assignments. America’s youth have been indoctrinated to believe that there are no winners or losers; simply showing up is enough the “earn a trophy.” No effort is required to succeed.

The solution is to overhaul the education system; public schools have failed, so parents should be allowed to remove their kids from these schools and use private schooling (the funding would follow the child).

Secondly the public education system needs a total overhaul; the whole focus of school when I was a child was to prepare our young minds and bodies for future work. That should be the focus today, not choosing your gender.

Not all students are college candidates but might have aptitude for trades—skills that could be taught in trade schools would allow a young person, or even an older homeless adult, a marketable skill. What if retired carpenters, sheet metal workers, electricians, and plumbers provided free training in community-funded programs?

Heritage: Families that consist of “career” recipients of monetary aid provide the example to their children that they don’t have to work to have a place to live, food subsistence, health care, cellphones, transportation, and some spending money. All they must do is exist and complain because they aren’t getting more benefits.

Public housing now includes amenities that people who work and earn low and medium wages can’t afford. The residents are not expected to do anything to maintain their homes, not even mow the lawn, water the shrubs, or pay for utilities.

When I was in the military, I slept in a canvas tent on a canvas cot for a year while deployed; hundreds of thousands of military members have done the same thing. Sailors in the U.S. Navy sleep in very cramped “berthing spaces” the entire time they are at sea. It seems that if these “accommodations” are good enough for the military, they are certainly good enough to temporarily house the homeless.

The solution is to provide a warm, dry place to live and

require the occupants to mow their own lawn. Those with a job should be first in line for governmental housing programs, as this equals incentive.

Counseling and spiritual support: Faith-based groups could provide free counseling to serve as emotional and spiritual support. This spiritual side may not be for all people but should be offered to those on the streets or in low-income situations or needing work. Churches in all denominations in our community currently provide meals and care for many of our homeless and assist in helping those in need with clothing and support. This is rarely deemed newsworthy, but it happens daily.

Summary: If a person is provided with everything they need, have low self-esteem because of poor education, and are rewarded for not accomplishing anything, why would they want to work? And if they don’t like to follow the rules, probably because they weren’t taught that any existed, and know that people will give you money for doing nothing, why wouldn’t you want to be homeless? ○

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

LETTERS

New bills are not gifts

Our state elected representatives are at it again, producing a blizzard of new bills. Just who of everyday Joes on the streets is going to know anything about any of these? These bills are for the biggest paying supporters or the biggest attention getters. Most of these bills are “penny dreadful” junk bills.

The basic problem is that California has a 120-member “full time” paid Senate and Assembly with expense accounts, so these fellows have nothing to do but pass bills. Each representative is allowed 40 bills, but this was increased to up to 50 bills for the Assembly in the 2019 term. But each bill passed costs the taxpayer money in taxes!

Every bill costs us one way or another. Every bill must be managed, so when your reps stand up before you at town hall meetings and say, “Look what I have done for you,” remember that they are giving us more taxes and it is not necessarily a gift. Every aspect of government has to be paid for—the more government, the more taxes for all of us.

We should ask ourselves, why are our reps not telling us how much they have reduced government, and how much they have reduced our taxes? How about giving us the number of canceled old bills each year?

Don’t we care? Why don’t we give them incentives to do so? Is voting them out of office the only incentive?

There are so many bills becoming law that the everyday taxpayer has no idea what they are, and without any malice of his own he can be found guilty of one or more of them only to be told by some politically appointed activist judge that their ignorance is no excuse.

At the rate we are going we will all become criminals at some point in our lives in California by simply going outside our house. It is no wonder that California has more people in prisons than any other state and most countries, and the most highly paid prison guards in the U.S.

A certain outcome for all of these bills is to paralyze the state of California from doing anything sans committing a crime. Total dysfunction is in store for us.

To help limit this out of control bill-passing train wreck from continuing, let’s insist that our representatives sponsor a bill that limits the number of bills in every two-year session to one per representative. A provision of this bill will be to review and eliminate past bills every year and to notice them in public. However, even this restriction, if passed, would still result in 120 bills every two years—still more than any citizen could read.

If the governor can pass all those other bills for special interests, why not this one for the taxpayers?

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Curiouser and curiouser

The Jan. 23 Solvang City Council meeting was awkward. Awkward with a capital AWKWARD.

Newly elected City Councilmember Elizabeth Orona had to share the dais with the person she beat out to claim her seat on the city's governing body. Why? Because her fellow council peeps voted to appoint that loser to fill a seat vacated by the recently elected mayor.

I know. It's confusing!

Mark Infanti became mayor in January, leaving behind the two years remaining on his council member term. Someone has to finish out his term.

Rather than holding a \$40,000 special election, the City Council opted to appoint Robert Clarke to fill the vacancy. This is the very same Clarke who was unelected from his seat on the dais in November, rather than reelected—Elizabeth Orona beat him by 11 votes.

A real nail-biter!

Guess what? Elections apparently don't matter! You can lose an election in the 4th District and have your friends pick you to fill an at-large seat. Lucky, plucky Clarke!

Some residents weren't so happy about Clarke's re-seating. They showed up to the Solvang City Council's Jan. 23 meeting to complain and question the decision.

"The citizens of Solvang had a right to vote on who the next City Council person was going to be," Sharon Price said. "It was such an important decision; it wasn't treated as such."

It is important, Sharon, and no, it wasn't treated as something that mattered much at all.

In fact, it seemed like a rather vague decision and included some good ol' fashioned Solvang intrigue. On Jan. 12, when the council made the appointment, Infanti originally sided with Elizabeth Orona—if you're wondering why I keep using her full name, it's because there's another Orona on the council, Claudia Orona (no relation!)—to appoint one of the city's current planning commissioners.

But apparently, after receiving a series of mysterious text messages that he was reading during the meeting, Infanti suddenly changed his mind.

"I keep getting interesting texts," he said, without elaborating on what these texts entailed.

Seriously??! You can't just say something like that and not spill the tea, Mr. Mayor. I know you're new here—well, new to being mayor—but if you don't want to share the content of your text messages with the public, you shouldn't bring attention to them!

But he didn't elaborate.

City resident Mary Beth Lee was not having it! She called the mayor out on Jan. 23.

"Mayor, when the council reached an impasse, you refused to open the topic back up to public comments. But, you took public comments via your phone, via text message," Lee said. "It was after these 'interesting texts' that you changed your vote."

Yes, that's very interesting.

Those public comment texts should definitely be included in the public record, especially since it seems as if they led Infanti to change his mind during a public meeting and influenced the outcome of the vote. Perceptions matter. I'm very curious, and getting curiouser and curiouser. ☺

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Schenck. Thursdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through Feb. 26 Free. 805-737-1129. Cypress Gallery, 119 E Cypress Ave., Lompoc, lompocart.org.

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BE PART OF ART There will be a different art activity each month. Bring the whole family to see the beauty in creating together and how easy it can be to bring art into your home. Last Saturday of every month, 1:30-3 p.m. Free. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiLA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

MIXED MEDIA (ADULTS) Each week, attendees will combine two or more media in several pieces, while working with watercolor, acrylic, ink, pastels, charcoal as well as various printmaking techniques in the course of a month. Enjoy discovering new ways to work with traditional and nontraditional materials. Mondays, 1-3 p.m. \$35. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiLA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

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.

MIXED MEDIA FOR AGES 5-7 Each week students will have the opportunity to explore and combine various mediums like pastels with tempera, watercolors and collage, or clay and wood and so much more. Mondays, 3:30-4:45 p.m. \$25. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiLA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP (AGES 7-12) Come explore mixed media with an emphasis on the Elements of Art and the

Principles of Design. Each week, students will have the opportunity to use various media. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:45 p.m. \$25. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiLA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

OPEN STUDIO (AGES 7-12) Guests can explore a variety of media and techniques while focusing on their own subject matter. Whether they come with a project in mind, or find their way as they play, this class offers a chance for independent learning in a supportive environment. Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. \$25. 805-668-2125. lila.community/all-workshops/open-studio. LiLA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

OPEN STUDIO FOR ADULTS 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.

PLAY, EXPLORE, CREATE (AGES 5-7) Young artists will play at various stations, exploring games, and mixed media. There will be a new activity each week. Wonderful opportunities for drawing, painting, and sculpture. Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m. \$25. 805-668-2125. lila.community. LiLA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. suite 101, Arroyo Grande.

PLAY, EXPLORE, CREATE 1 (AGES 3 AND 4) Enjoy the opportunity to explore drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, and mixed media. Each week a new adventure awaits. Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. and Fridays, 9-10 a.m. \$25. 805-668-2125. lila.community. 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.

ALL LEVELS POTTERY CLASSES Anam Cre is a pottery studio in SLO that offers a variety of classes. This specific class is open to any level. Teachers are present for questions, but the class feels more like an open studio time for potters. Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. \$40. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, anamcre.com.

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. San Luis Obispo, Citywide, SLO.

ART CENTRAL'S 12TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT Gift bags, raffle prizes, sales, demonstrations, try stations, and more. be one of the first 100 guests to get a great gift bag. **Feb. 4**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/blog/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

ART EXHIBIT: NEEDLING Featuring the Cutting Edge Fiber Art Group. Reception on March 4. **Feb. 3-April 3**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/gallery/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

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.

CATAPULT An "America's Got Talent" finalist, Catapult features incredible dancers who work behind a screen to create magical shadow silhouettes of shapes from the world around us. **Jan. 28**, 3-4:30 p.m. \$22-\$39. 805-756-6556. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, pacsl.org.

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

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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.

COMEDY NIGHT Professional comedy show featuring local and touring comics. Hosted by Aidan Candelario. First Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. \$5. 805-540-8300. Bang the Drum Brewery, 1150 Laurel Lane, suite 130, San Luis Obispo, bangthedrumbrewery.com.

CRITICAL ENCOUNTERS Beginning with monoprints and photography from the 1980s, this exhibition follows the lineage of Nixon Borah's practice towards his recent digital composites. Through April 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-543-8562. sloma.org/exhibits/current/. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

DATE NIGHT POTTERY Looking for a fun date night? Head to Anam Cre Pottery Studio and play with clay. Couples will learn how to throw a pot on the wheel and make a cheeseboard. Fridays, Saturdays, 6-8 p.m. \$140. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, anamcre.com.

ESCAPED ALONE Caryl Churchill's convention-defying play juxtaposes backyard tea with environmental disaster, exploring themes of politics, crisis, communication, and female endurance. A staged reading. Jan. 27, 7 p.m. and Jan. 28, 2 & 7 p.m. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo, 805-786-2440, slorep.org/.

FREE DOCENT TOURS Gain a deeper understanding of the artwork on view with SLOMA's new docent tours. Every Saturday, join trained guides for interactive and engaging tours of SLOMA's current exhibitions. ongoing, 11-11:30 a.m.

Free. 805-543-8562. sloma.org/visit/tours/. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

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. 14 805-545-5401. bigskycafe.com. Big Sky Cafe, 1121 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo.

HOME/WORK Features the work of 14 contemporary artists whose work questions our collective experiences of home: Brandy Eve Allen, Zalika Azim, Kate Barbee, Phoebe Boswell, Andrea Bowers, Allana Clarke, Geoffrey Chadsey, Judy Chicago, Mary Kelly, Emmett Moore, Sophia Narrett, Woody de Othello, Greg Scott, and Chiffon Thomas. Through March 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-543-8562. sloma.org/exhibition/home-work/. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

INTERMEDIATE OIL PAINTING: ADULT ART CLASS This class is for students who may have tried oil painting in the past but are looking to advance their skill levels. Color theory and proportion study will be a focus in the class. Mondays, 2-5 p.m. \$30 per student or \$75 for 3 classes. 805-747-4200. artcentralslo.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

INTRO TO OIL PAINTING WITH SPENCER COLLINS The perfect class for those wanting to try oil painting for the first time. Discuss color theory, layering paint, and how to use various media. Each student will create a dynamic landscape using a reference image provided by the teacher. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. through March 30 \$35 per class. 559-250-3081. The perfect class for those wanting to try oil painting for the first time. Guests discuss color theory, layering paint, and how to use various media. For ages 16 and over. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$30 per class or \$100 for 4 classes. 805-747-4200.

artcentralslo.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

KIDS POTTERY CLASSES Enjoy making animal sculptures, bowls, plates, etc. Please arrive on time, not early, as venue uses the transition time between classes to sanitize. Designed to sign up on a weekly basis. Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$40. anamcre.com. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

LEARN TO WEAVE MONDAYS An opportunity to learn how a four-shaft loom works. You will get acquainted with 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.

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 Free. 805-242-1076. themondayclubso.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

OPEN MIC COMEDY Sign-ups at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Aidan Candelario. Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-540-8300. saintsbarrel.com/event-calendar. Saints Barrel Wine Bar, 1021 Higuera St., 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 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

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.

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. 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.

FINE ART CRAFTS BY JARI DE HAM: GALLERY AT MARINA SQUARE Jarien de Ham began Chinese brush painting in 2002. The Central Coast inspires her paintings and sculptures. Through Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-772-1068. galleryatmarinasquare.com. Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, Morro Bay.

FINE ART MIXED MEDIA PAINTINGS BY STEVIE CHUN: GALLERY AT MARINA SQUARE Stevie Chun is passionate about shape and color in her paintings and crafts and uses minimal outlined shapes to create larger formats on canvas, paper, ceramics and other surfaces. Through Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-772-1068. galleryatmarinasquare.com. Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, Morro Bay.

FOR THE BIRDS Art Center Morro Bay presents its annual For the Birds exhibit. This exciting exhibition celebrates Morro Bay's vast array of indigenous species of birds and all things bird-related. Through Feb. 20, 12-4 p.m. Free. 805-772-2504. artcentermorrobay.org. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay.

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

HEARTS ALL A FLUTTER MOSAICS Learn mosaic basics to create a one-of-a-kind heart project. Many projects to choose from including non-heart related shapes. Preregistration required. Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Various. 805-286-5993. CreativeMeTime.com. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., 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.

MOSAIC TRIVET WORKSHOP During this workshop, you will learn how to design and create a mosaic trivet. You will learn how to select materials, lay out a pleasing pattern, and adhere the tiles to the trivet base. You will learn how to properly grout and seal your project. ongoing, 1-4 p.m. \$60. 805-772-2504. artcentermorrobay.org/index.php/workshops/. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay.

THE PLEIN AIR TEAM Acrylic artist, Nancy Lynn, and husband, watercolorist, Robert Fleming, have an ongoing show of originals and giclee prints of Morro Bay and local birds. ongoing 805-772-9955. Seven Sisters

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FATHERLY FESTIVITIES

Community members will have three chances to attend the Lompoc Recreation Division's Father Daughter Dance this year, as the annual event will be held three nights in a row, on Friday, Feb. 3, Saturday, Feb. 4, and Sunday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$30 per couple, per night, and include complimentary refreshments. Admission for additional partners is \$15 each. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call (805) 875-8100 for more info. The dance takes place at the Anderson Recreation Center, at 125 W. Walnut Ave., Lompoc.

—C.W.

For Obituary info call (805) 347-1968 or email obituaries@newtimesslo.com

BANKER, PATRICIA "PATSY", 92, of Oceano passed away 1/14/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

BLAKE, NELDA BEATRICE, 88, of Morro Bay passed away 1/3/2023 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

BOYLES, PATRICIA L., 81, of San Luis Obispo passed away 12/18/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

CARAMELLI, ELAINE F., 96, of Tucson, AZ passed away 12/5/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

CHANG, BEVERLY, 67, of Atascadero passed away 1/11/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

CRIBBS, CAROL GRACE, 73, of Los Osos passed away 12/15/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

CURIEL, SALVADOR "SAL" B., 59, of Santa Maria passed away 1/17/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

DIAMOND, GEORGE K., 79, of Santa Maria passed away 1/12/2023 arrangements with Magner-Maloney Funeral Home & Crematory

GARDNER, EDDIE, 75, of Arroyo Grande passed away 1/13/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

GIBSON, LAURIE, 96, of Paso Robles passed away 1/18/2023 arrangements with Blue Sky Cremation Service

GUPTON, RONALD FRANK JR., 55, of San Luis Obispo passed away 12/5/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

HENDREN, SUZAN, 81, of Grover Beach passed away 1/10/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

HERSH, BERNICE "BOOTS", 91, of Santa Maria passed away 1/22/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

ISHAM, ROBIN, 68, of Templeton passed away 1/10/2023 arrangements with Blue Sky Cremation Service

JOHANKNECHT, GEORGE "PHIL", 89, of Arroyo Grande passed away 1/19/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

JORGENSEN, JOYCE, 65, of Santa Maria passed away 1/10/2023 arrangements with Magner-Maloney Funeral Home & Crematory

KELLER, ROBERT JR., 86, of Morro Bay passed away 1/15/2023 arrangements with Blue Sky Cremation Service

KIRKPATRICK, MICHELLE RENE-E, 63, of Los Osos passed away 1/5/2023 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

LARSON, MAMIE LOUISE, 98, of Bakersfield passed away 12/26/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

LEON, HENRY L., 74, of Santa Maria passed away 1/17/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

MARTIN, EMERY EUGENE, 85, of Nipomo passed away 1/18/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

MILLS, THOMAS NEWTON, 78, of Los Osos passed away 12/21/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

MOFFATT, JUDY ANN, 83, of Santa Maria passed away 1/19/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

MONTGOMERY, RUTH ARDELLA, 99, of Los Osos passed away 12/10/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

MULLINS, GLADYS A., 87, of Santa Maria passed away 1/19/2023 arrangements with Magner-Maloney Funeral Home & Crematory

MUNOZ, WILLIAM "BILL", 98, of Santa Maria passed away 1/19/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

PARDO, TERESA "TERRY", 87, of Santa Maria passed away 1/20/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

PARK, KEUM SEON, 86, of Nipomo passed away 12/9/2022 arrangements with Los Osos Valley Mortuary & Memorial Park

PAZ, ROSEMARY LARA, 77, of Santa Maria passed away 1/15/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

RIGGS, GREGORY, 78, of Santa Maria passed away 1/22/2023 arrangements with Magner-Maloney Funeral Home & Crematory

ROMO, BONNIE, 65, of Atascadero passed away 1/10/2023 arrangements with Blue Sky Cremation Service

SCHILLING, DARCUS "PAT", 96, of Pismo Beach passed away 1/15/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

SCHLIGHT, FERN, 99, of Arroyo Grande passed away 1/13/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

SMITH, LEO "LEE", 87, of Nipomo passed away 1/9/2023 arrangements with Marshall-Spoo Sunset Funeral Chapel

WAJDA, WALTER L., 83, of Santa Maria passed away 1/13/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

ZEPEDA, MICKEY SR., 65, of Santa Maria passed away 1/9/2023 arrangements with Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens

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Gallery, 601 Embarcadero Ste. 8, Morro Bay, sevensistersgalleryca.com.

SLOFUNNY COMEDY GYM The SLOFunny Comedy Showcase is a monthly showcase for local SLO County comedians. Come see how comedy is born. Take a look at the amazing local talent that began right in our back yard. Hosted by Steph Clark and a surprise headliner. **Jan. 29**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$10. 805-534-3129. my805fix.com. The Merrimaker Tavern, 1301 2nd Street, Los Osos.

SLOFUNNY COMEDY SHOW Features headliner Mary Gallagher. Hosted by Tom Clark with Steph Clark. Other comedians include James Uloth and Robert Omotto. **Jan. 28**, 6:30-8 & 9-11:30 p.m. \$30. 805-534-3129. facebook.com/slofunny. Morro Bay Vet's Hall, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay.

WHERE THE BIRDS ARE: A GROUP PHOTO SHOW Featuring photographers: Alice Cahill, Cathy Russ, Gregory Siragusa, Karen Peterson, Dominic Hartman, Jessica Weiss, and Michael Johnston. Through Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-772-1068. galleryatmarinasquare.com. Gallery at Marina Square, 601 Embarcadero suite 10, 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. ongoing partnersincaring.org. Santa Maria, Citywide, Santa Maria.

ADULTING 101: LIFE SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY Hancock College's Culinary Arts program will share tips and tricks for grocery shopping, digital couponing, menu planning, and meal prep. EMT Scott Hunter will demonstrate basic first aid skills. Library staff will present information on mental health resources and personal care. For ages 16-21. **Jan. 26**, 3:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

BILINGUAL STORY TIME: HORA DE CUENTOS Enjoy 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. **Jan. 30** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

BOUNCING BABY STORYTIME: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Explore pre-literacy skills through music, movement, and visual stimulation and promote a healthy bond between baby and caregiver. Learn, connect, and grow with other babies and their caregivers. For ages 0-12 months. Wednesdays. through Feb. 22 Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

CAMINO A CASA IOP OPEN HOUSE Learn about the Intensive Outpatient Program at this Open House, and how this structured treatment program can help patients on their healing journey. Please RSVP. **Jan. 27**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. 805-366-4139. casapacificca.org. Camino a Casa, 2615 S. Miller St., suite 106, Santa Maria.

CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR Celebrate and recognize Lunar New Year with craft and activities. **Jan. 26** and **Jan. 27** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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.

PAWS TO READ: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Reading to dogs is a wonderful way for children to gain confidence while reading aloud. These dogs absolutely love all kinds of books and are

excellent listeners. Tuesdays. through Jan. 31 Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Story time is designed to build literacy skills and school readiness, all while having a great time. This fun story time will have songs, fingerplays, and stories. For ages 3 to 6. Mondays. through Feb. 20 Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

PRESCHOOL YOGA STORY TIME: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY 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 (or bring one from home). **Jan. 27** Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 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.

TODDLER TIME: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY High-energy learning experience for toddlers and caregivers. Grow through stories, movement, and music. Tuesdays, Thursdays. through Feb. 23 Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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

YOUTH CODING AND CULTURE: SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Learn how to code and make a difference through coding, STEM careers, and more. Ages 9-14. Registration required. Thursdays. through Feb. 23 Free. 805-925-0994. engagedpatrons.org. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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Islands in the Stream
Feb 4 at 7:30pm

In addition to their own hits, Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton together are best known for their 1983 duet. In this loving tribute, Dave Karl and Karen Hester (from *Legends in Concert*) capture all the magic of these two country music icons.

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BEGINNER GROUP SURF LESSONS AND SURF 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.

CUPID PAWS PARADE The Cupid Paws Doggie Parade will be held on the Avila Promenade. Participants will receive goodie bags donated by Petco Arroyo Grande. All dogs must be registered and check-in between 10 and 10:45 a.m. **Feb. 4**, 11 a.m.-noon \$5. 805-627-1997. my805tix.com. Avila Beach Promenade, 404 Front St., Avila Beach.

FIVE CITIES REPAIR CAFE Volunteers make free repairs on toys, clothes, bikes, small appliances, smart phones, computers, tablets, etc. Bring in what needs fixing. **Feb. 5**, 1-4:30 p.m. repaircafe5cities.org. Oceano CSD, 1655 Front St., Oceano.

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.

PILATES AND HIKE TO THE LIGHTHOUSE Hike to the Point San Luis Lighthouse for a one of a kind Pilates session led by Vanessa Dominguez of Tabula Rasa Pilates. **Jan. 29**, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. my805tix.com. Point San Luis Lighthouse, 1 Lighthouse Rd., Avila Beach.

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.

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, 5citieswimschool.com.

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BDSM 101 This monthly class from the Central Coast Kink Community provides a basic overview of kink, consent, rules, and information to help practitioners be successful and safe. Attendees must be 18+ years of age. Virtually meets via Zoom. Fourth Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. No admission. galacc.org/events/. Online, See website, 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.

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

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.

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 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.

GYM JAM CLINIC Two hours of progressive gymnastics skill training on bars, beam, floor, trampoline, obstacle courses, and more. **Jan. 28** \$25; \$10 per additional sibling. 805-547-1496. performanceathleticslo.com/events. Performance Athletics Gymnastics, 4484 Broad St., 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.

OPEN MIC COMEDY NIGHT Come on over to the tasting room for some laugh out loud fun at Open Mic Comedy Night with many delicious ciders on tap. Fourth Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. Free show. SLO Cider, 3419 Roberto Ct., Suite C, 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.

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 CHESS CLUB All skill levels welcome. Feel free to come by and check it out. Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. through Feb. 28 Free. 805-540-0470. Whole Foods Market, 1531 Froom, San Luis Obispo.

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. slonoonline.toastmastersclubs.org. Zoom, Online, Inquire for Zoom ID.



LET'S RAISE A TOASTER

Repair Café Five Cities hosts its next Repair Café event at the Oceano Community Services District on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to bring in small appliances, bikes, toys, computers, and other devices that need fixing for free repairs. Tool and knife sharpening will also be offered for free at the event. Visit repaircafe5cities.org for more info. The Oceano Community Services District is located at 1655 Front St., Oceano.

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SLO RAM RETIRED ACTIVE MEN

COFFEE CABINET Weekly Coffee Cabinet meeting of the SLO RAM Active Retired Men, a local men's social club. Click 'Contact' on website for invite. Thursdays, 8-9:30 a.m. \$10. retiredactivemen.org. Madonna Inn Garden Room, 100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo.

SLO SKIERS MONTHLY MEETING SLO Skiers is a non-profit sports and social club for adults ages 21 and older. First Wednesday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. through Dec. 6 Meetings free; yearly membership \$65. 805-528-3194. sloskiers.org. Dairy Creek Golf Course, 2990 Dairy Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo.

SLO TABLE TENNIS The club is open to all skill levels. There are many tables available to play casual and competitive games. Sundays, 4-7 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 31 Free. 805-540-0470. Ludwick Community Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo.

STAY YOUNG WITH QI GONG Qi Gong boosts energy and vitality, reduces stress, improves balance and flexibility, and, best of all, is fun. Join instructor Devin Wallace for this outdoor class which is held in a beautiful setting. Call or email before attending. Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. \$10. 805-709-2227. Crows End Retreat Center, 6340 Squire Ct., 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 aaragroup@gmail.com for password access. Sundays, 7-8 p.m. No fee. galacc.org/events/. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

TAI CHI AND QIGONG FITNESS ONLINE Gentle but powerful physical exercises to improve balance, posture, and overall well being. Wednesdays, 8:25-10:35 a.m. through May 24 \$77. 805-549-1222. ae.slucsd.org. Online, See website, San Luis Obispo.

TAICHI AND QIGONG ONLINE With Gary West through SLO Adult School. Held Wednesdays, at 8:25 a.m. (TaiChi) and 9:35 a.m. (QiGong). Wednesdays. through May 25 \$77 for semester. 805-549-1222. ae.slucsd.org. 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.

YOUR NEW VIBE: INTENTION, MANIFESTATION, ACTION Two hours of relaxation, co-creation, and journaling with a community of uplifting women. **Jan. 27** my805tix.com. Vibe Health Lounge, 1238 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

AXE THROWING Enjoy the art of axe throwing in a safe and fun environment. Kids ages 10 and older are welcome with an adult. No personal axes please. Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays, 12-6 p.m. \$20. 805-528-4880. baysidemartialarts.com. Bayside Martial Arts, 1200 2nd St., Los Osos.

CENTRAL COAST SLIM DOWN Take control of food without suffering. Learn a step-by-step process to take control of overeating, cravings, and feel peace with food. Build the habits, mindset, and your unique path with results that stick. Hosted by Tami Cruz (Certified Health/Life Coach) and Dana Charvet (Coach/Fitness Trainer). ongoing Call for pricing info. 805-235-7978. gratefulbodyhealthcoaching.com. Grateful Body, 850 Shasta, Morro Bay.

CENTRAL COAST WOOD CARVERS Learn the art of wood carving or wood burning. Join Central Coast Wood Carvers in Morro Bay at St. Timothy's. Open for beginners, intermediate, or advance. Learn a wide range of techniques and skills. Mask Required. Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 962 Pine Way, Morro Bay, 805-772-2840, sttimothymorrobay.org/index.html.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS MEETING Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a Twelve Step recovery program for anyone who desires to have healthy and loving relationships with themselves and others. Meeting is hybrid (both in person and on Zoom). For information, call 805-900-5237. Saturdays, 1-2:15 p.m. Free. thecambriacconnection.org/. Cambria Connection, 1069 Main St., Cambria, (805) 927-1654.

FULL MOON CEREMONY AND SHAMANIC WATER RITUAL The cleansing power of water will be the

element of focus in this gathering. Learn about a water ritual that can be done daily to increase your vitality, awareness and intuitive knowing. **Feb. 5**, 5-7 p.m. 805-540-1762. my805tix.com. 9th Limb Yoga, 845 Napa Ave., Morro Bay.

PALE KAI OUTRIGGER CANOE DEMO DAYS Join Pale Kai for a fun intro to outrigger canoe paddling. **Jan. 28**, 8-10 & 10 a.m.-noon Free. palekai.org/recruitment-program/. Coleman Park, Morro Bay, 101 Coleman Drive, Morro Bay, (805) 772-6278.

SOCRATES: DISCUSSION GROUP Group members present interesting and thought provoking topics of all sorts. Topics are selected in advance and moderated by volunteers. Vaccinations are necessary. Enter through wooden gate to garden area. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. 805-528-7111. Coalesce Bookstore, 845 Main St., Morro Bay, coalescebookstore.com/.

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/.

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.

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/.

LOMPOC/VANDBERG

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

PISMO BEACH FARMERS MARKET Features various vendors selling their goods. Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. Pismo Beach Farmers Market, Pismo Pier, Pismo Beach, 805. 773.4382.

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.

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DOWNTOWN SLO FARMERS MARKET Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Downtown SLO, Multiple locations, San Luis Obispo.

PAINT AND PINTS Please join Art Social 805 at the Barrelhouse in San Luis Obispo, where you will paint a Valentine-themed picture, while sipping on your favorite Barrelhouse pint. **Jan. 29**, 2-4 p.m. \$50. 805-400-9107. artsocial805.com. Barrelhouse Brewing Co. Speakeasy, 1033 Chorro St., San Luis Obispo.

SLO FARMERS MARKET Hosts more than 60 vendors. Saturdays, 8-10:45 a.m. World Market Parking Lot, 325 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PUB TRIVIA Bring your thinking cap as questions vary from pop culture, geography, to sports. There is a little for everyone. Prizes for the winning teams. Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 805-439-2529. Oak and Otter Brewing, 181 Tank Farm Road, suite 110, San Luis Obispo.

NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

CAMBRIA ART AND WINE FESTIVAL Enjoy shopping, raffle ticket opportunities, wine tasting, and demonstrating artists throughout town. There will be an art show at the Cambria Center for the Arts. **Jan. 27-29** \$45-\$150. 805-927-3624. cambriachamber.org/cambria-art-wine-festival/. Cambria (various venues), Citywide, Cambria.

COASTAL WINE AND PAINT PARTY Local artists inspire and instruct customers step-by-step to create their masterpieces. Saturdays, 12-2 p.m. and **Jan. 27**, 1-3 p.m. \$50. 805-394-5560. coastalwineandpaint.com. Madeline's Wine Tasting Room, 788 Main St., Cambria.

MUSIC

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

CELTIC CABARET OPEN MIC If you are a local musician or love live folk music and fun, come to Celtic Cabaret Open Mic. **Feb. 5**, 12-5 p.m. Free. 805-710-3309. Celtic Cabaret, 1311 Smallwood Ct., Santa Maria.

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.

MUSIC AT ROSCOE'S KITCHEN Live DJ and karaoke every Friday and Saturday night. Featured acts include Soul Fyah Band, DJ Nasty, DJ Jovas, and more. Fridays, Saturdays, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Roscoe's Kitchen, 229 Town Center E, Santa Maria, 805-623-8866.

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.

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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 smitv.org/syv-concert-series.html. St. Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 2901 Nojoqui Ave., Los Olivos.

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Brick Barn Wine Estate, 795 W. Hwy 246, Buellton, 805-686-1208, brickbarnwineestate.com.

LOMPOC/VANDBERG

AMERICANA NIGHT All ages are welcome. Food, drink, beer, wine, and cocktails will be available for purchase. **Feb. 3, 8 p.m.** my805tix.com. Flower City Ballroom, 110 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

ANOMALY HOUSE PRESENTS STUDIO 110 "An Evening of Disco-Infused House Music on Vinyl." **Jan. 27, 8 p.m.** my805tix.com. Flower City Ballroom, 110 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

GROUP CONCERT Hexenghul, Disrupted Euphoria, Sinsation, and Pentacaustic take the stage at the Flower City Ballroom. **Jan. 28, 7 p.m.** my805tix.com. Flower City Ballroom, 110 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

LOMPOC CONCERT ASSOCIATION: 2022-23 SEASON Visit website for full list of the Lompoc Concert Association's 2022-23 programming. Through March 18 lompoconcert.org. First United Methodist Church, 925 North F St., Lompoc.

SPACED OUT BEATS With DJs Frank the Tank and Joe Rock. **Feb. 4, 8 p.m.** my805tix.com. Flower City Ballroom, 110 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

YOUTH OPEN MIC NIGHT A fun, welcoming environment for first time performers and an opportunity for kids and teens to showcase their talent. Prizes awarded every month for Outstanding Performer. Last Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. certainsparks.com/. Certain Sparks Music, 107 S. H St., Lompoc.

SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

"OLD SONGS FOR YOUNG VOICES" Two retired elementary teachers present songs, share instruments, and a themed library book each month. "Mr. G" shares his mandolin, viola, and various hand percussion instruments that kids get to try out. "Mr. Rouillard" brings along his songbooks with traditional folk songs for kids. Last Tuesday of every month, 3:30-4:30 p.m. through March 28 Free. Arroyo Grande Library, 800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande, 473-7164, slolibrary.org.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS FOR THE SAN LUIS OBISPO MASTER CHORALE The SLO Master Chorale is holding auditions for new members. Choral experience is preferred but not required. Individuals should plan to sing a prepared piece up to three minutes in length and provide a copy of the music for the accompanist. **Jan. 30, 7-10 p.m.** Free. 805-538-3311. slomasterchorale.org/. Saint Paul The Apostle Catholic Church, 800 Bello Street, Pismo Beach.

CELTIC BASH WITH ANAM CARA The Anam Cara Quartet, (Angela Wood, Tracy Morgan, Taj Williams, and David Foster Evans), hit Puffer's of Pismo with dynamic originals, soaring vocals, and sparkling musicianship. **Feb. 3, 7-10 p.m.** \$5 at the door. 805-710-3309. anamcara4.godaddysites.com/. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

DJ B.TRU An evening DJ set featuring Mushroom Jazz and Roots Reggae and delicious ciders on tap. Held in the tasting room and patio. Saturdays, 5-8 p.m. 805-721-6878. SLO Cider, 3419 Roberto Ct., Suite C, San Luis Obispo.

EASTON EVERETT SOLO Enjoy some indie-acoustic, live music. Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. eastoneverett.com. Big Sky Cafe, 1121 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, (805)545-5401.

LIVE MUSIC AT RAGTAG WINE CO. Enjoy live music by local favorites. Wine available by the flight, glass, or bottle. Thursdays-Saturdays, 6-9 p.m. Ragtag Wine Co., 779 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, 805-439-0774, ragtagwineco.com.

LIVE MUSIC FROM GUITAR WIZ BILLY FOPPIANO AND MAD DOG Join "Guitar Wiz" Billy Foppiano and his trusty side kick Mad Dog for a mix of blues, R&B, and more. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 805-544-2100. Bon Temps Creole Cafe, 1819 Osos Street, San Luis Obispo, bontempscreolecafe.com/index.htm.

THE OKLAHOMA SMOKE SHOW: CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF ZACH BRYAN **Jan. 27, 9 p.m.** The Fremont Theater, 1035 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, 805-546-8600, fremontslo.com.

SUNDAY MUSIC AT RAGTAG WINE CO. Enjoy live music by local favorites. Wine available by the flight, glass, or bottle. Sundays, 4-7 p.m. Ragtag Wine Co., 779 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, 805-439-0774, ragtagwineco.com.

TROPICAL F* STORM LIVE** "Entering into a Tropical F*** Storm song is like arriving late to a live show where everybody's grooving and too far gone to notice you." **Feb. 1, 7 p.m.** \$18. slobrew.com. SLO Brew Rock, 855 Aerovista Pl., San Luis Obispo, 805-543-1843.

VOICES OF MISSISSIPPI An immersive multimedia experience and concert event that celebrates the people and art of the southern blues, gospel, and storytelling traditions. The program features musical performances by notable Mississippi artists, including Bobby Rush, Shardé Thomas, Luther, and Cody Dickinson. **Feb. 1, 7:30-9 p.m.** \$40-\$60. 805-756-6556. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, pacsl.org. ○

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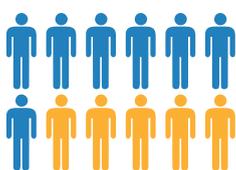
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Arts Briefs

Lompoc libraries seek local artists for upcoming exhibits

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Local artists are encouraged to submit works for consideration to be showcased at the Vandenberg Village Library and the Grossman Gallery, located inside the Lompoc Public Library. Past featured artists at the Grossman Gallery include oil painter Elizabeth Monks Hack (whose work is pictured).

Artist applicants are required to submit at least six exhibit-ready pieces, which will be evaluated by a committee for "technique, expression, and stylish achievement," according to a press release from the city of Lompoc.

The deadline to submit artworks is Feb. 16. Artists must be 18 years old or older to be eligible for consideration. To find out more about this call for artists, contact Sherrie Chavez, the chair of the Lompoc Public Library's art advisory committee, at (805) 757-1485 or visit cityoflompoc.com/library.

The Lompoc Public Library is located at 501 E. North Ave., Lompoc. The Vandenberg Village Library is located at 3755 Constellation Road, Lompoc.

Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center holds annual walk dedicated to California's Gold host

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On Feb. 11, the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center is inviting the public to join a docent-led walk at Oso Flaco Lake that will retrace the steps of *California's Gold* host Huell Howser, who explored the site during an episode of his show in 2003. The walk is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

Attendees will journey along Oso Flaco Lake's boardwalk to the coast during the event, led by Dunes Center docent Ray Segovia. According to press materials, Howser (1945-2013) visited the Dunes Center on multiple occasions while striving to help highlight and conserve many off-the-beaten-path sites throughout California.

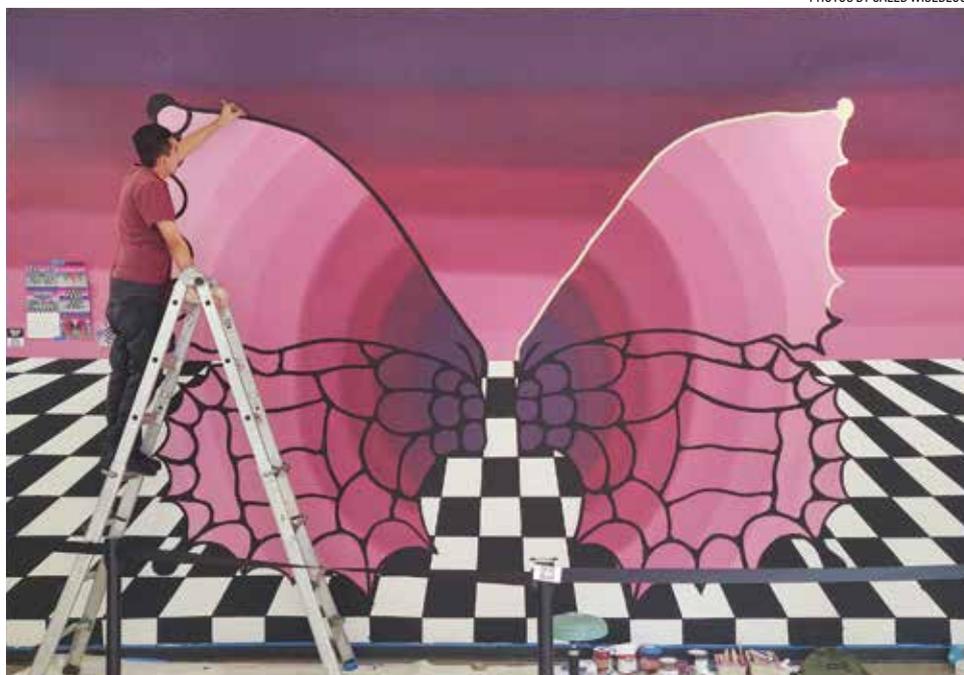
Howser originated *California's Gold* in 1991 and hosted the show until 2012. The series spans more than 400 episodes totaling more than 200 hours' worth of Howser's exploration of small towns and landmarks across the state. Howser's knack for impromptu interviews with locals and bystanders became a recurring subject of parody in pop culture. The character Howell Huser, for example, in *The Simpsons* is based on Howser, who voiced the character himself.

Participants of the memorial walk are encouraged to dress in layers, wear closed-toe shoes, and bring water. Guests can register for the event in advance at my805fix.com. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Call (805) 343-2455 or visit dunescenter.org to find out more about the walk and other programs hosted by the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center. The Oso Flaco Lake trailhead is located at 3098 Oso Flaco Road, Arroyo Grande. ○

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

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THE BIGGER, THE BUTTER: Santa Maria artist Luis Linares spent five days completing his new butterfly mural, *La Mari.Posa*, at the Santa Maria Town Center.

Lore of the wings

Drawing805 founder puts a cosmic twist on new butterfly mural

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

When it comes to public art, "less is more" rarely rings true, local artist Luis Linares believes.

"I see a lot of white walls that need to be filled with art," said Linares, who likes to keep an eye out for buildings in Santa Maria with enough blank space to fit a mural or two.

Linares is an independent, self-taught artist who has collaborated with nonprofits on public art projects in the past. He went solo for his latest mural, which he pitched to the Santa Maria Town Center out of the blue about a month ago, via a cold call.

"Right away, they said yes," Linares recalled from his conversation with mall management, after he proposed painting a new mural to increase community engagement in the Santa Maria Town Center.

In mid-January, Linares spent five days painting the mural on an empty wall in the mall, work he did not ask to be compensated for.

"The community needs more art. This is for the community," said Linares, whose portfolio of past murals, paintings, and drawings can be found on most

social media outlets under his brand name, Drawing805.

Linares' art career began with pencil drawings about eight years ago, he said. During his junior year at Pioneer Valley High School, Linares would often sketch his classmates and ask for a dollar or two if they were interested in buying his work. From there, he would save up funds to purchase more art supplies for himself and venture into the worlds of painting and other media.

The Santa Maria resident's new mural, *La Mari.Posa*, at the mall was inspired by artist Kelsey Montague's famous angel wings mural at Universal CityWalk Hollywood, where viewers often pose between the two wings. For his mural's title, Linares went for a playful twist on the Spanish word for butterfly with a couple of hidden meanings.

"Mari' is the city of Santa Maria and 'Posa' is to pose, as to take a picture," Linares explained.



THE TREE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING: Luis Linares' first mural at the Santa Maria Town Center was *The Community Tree*, located on the second floor.

From the 805 to Area 51

Find out more about Luis Linares' artwork at facebook.com/drawing805. Linares' latest mural is located at the Santa Maria Town Center, at 371 E. Town Center, Santa Maria.

Before landing on a butterfly as his winged subject, Linares considered a handful of ideas for the mural. He knew early on that he wanted to incorporate some kind of cosmic, spacey theme within the piece, regardless of what it'd be centered on.

"First, I made six different sketches," said Linares, whose original concept art while brainstorming for the mural included a strawberry, as a tribute to the fruit Santa Maria Valley is widely known for, and Santa Maria simply written out.

All six subject options were placed in front of a surreal, starry background in Linares' sketches. Another motif Linares used in each sketch, and in his final mural, is a checkered floor design, which adds to the project's trippy, *2001: A Space Odyssey*-esque quality. Imagine exploring a foreign planet to discover a seemingly manmade checkered floor. How freaky would that be?

When Linares decided to take the butterfly route, he browsed his social media apps for inspiration on how to approach painting the insect.

"I was looking through Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok for different butterflies, but they were all the same," said Linares, who wanted his butterfly to have an unearthly feel. "I wanted something different, something more alien."

After getting the design right and almost a week straight of working on the mural from about 9:30 a.m. to as late as 7 p.m. each day between Jan. 16 and 20, Linares completed his latest project. The final product is now on display for the public to see and even pose next to for photos if they wish.

Like Montague's aforementioned angel wings mural, there is enough space between the butterfly wings in *La Mari.Posa* for viewers to pose at its center, as if they're ready to abandon their cocoons and take flight.

"I hope this mural gives mall visitors and the community hope," Linares said, "and that everybody feels welcome to take pictures by it." ○

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood feels like a caterpillar ready to break free. Send candy corn (à la Pixar's A Bug's Life) to cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.



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STARRY NIGHTS: Before deciding on centering his new outer space-esque mural on a butterfly, Luis Linares considered multiple subject options, which he outlined in sketches during the brainstorming process.

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Digital detective

Nicholas D. Johnson and Will Merrick (*Searching*) co-direct this cyber mystery about June (Storm Reid), whose mother, Grace (Nia Long), goes missing during a trip with new boyfriend, Kevin (Ken Leung), during a Colombian vacation. Desperate to find her mother, June turns to online sleuthing, but her search reveals a mother with secrets. (111 min.)

Glen: I saw Johnson and Merrick's *Searching* when it came out and thought it was a pretty good, albeit gimmicky, cyber mystery. Now the writers of that film are writing and directing this new cyber thriller/mystery, and once again much of the film plays out on a computer screen. When it began, I was pretty sure I wasn't going to enjoy it, but as it moved along, I found myself engrossed in this story that digs deep into what a tech savvy-person can accomplish from behind a keyboard. Some of it is predictable, but overall, I was surprised as one layer after another was peeled back, revealing new revelations about June's mom, Grace, and her past. As mysteries go, I thought it was pretty effective at keeping audiences guessing.

Anna: I will say I didn't predict the big reveal, and there were some moments where I thought, "Huh? Didn't see that coming!" But overall, I felt about four steps ahead of June the whole time. There's some pretty

clunky writing, and what feels to me like some pretty lazy filmmaking. Watching someone else's computer screen just isn't my jam. It does manage to entertain, and I will give the filmmakers some credit—I didn't see what was ultimately coming. I still found the fundamentals pretty problematic and felt like the writers found their twist too far into the plotline. I had forgotten that I watched *Searching* until I recognized the format. Maybe I'm just too familiar with missing person stories from my waist-deep knowledge of true crime, but June is not an amazing sleuth.

Glen: Your murderino-ism is showing, Anna! Unless you're as obsessive as my wife, who loves all things crime, *Missing* probably won't telegraph its plotline as much she thinks it does. Sure, there were times where you could see the setup. For instance, when Kevin buys a lock at the hardware store, I had a theory about it that turned out to be correct, but there were enough red

herrings and misleading tangents to keep non-murderinos surprised. It also had a pretty good emotional payoff. It's not going to win an Oscar, but if you like a mystery and don't mind it wrapped in a gimmick, this is worth a matinee ticket.

Anna: I mean, I'll take it. At least there was some semblance of a plot twist and enough going on to keep the pace up. My favorite part

MISSING

What's it rated? **PG-13**

What's it worth, Glen? **Matinee**

What's it worth, Anna? **Matinee**

Where's it showing? **Regal Edwards**

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DIGITAL SLEUTHS: June (Storm Reid, left) and her best friend, Veena (Megan Suri), use their cyber skills to search for June's missing mother, in *Missing*, screening in local theaters.

was probably Javi (Joaquim de Almeida)—the Colombian equivalent of a Taskrabbit—who June hires for \$8 an hour to do investigative dirty work in her mother's last known locale. June is also having a meltdown over how terribly she treated her mom and how little appreciation she had for her. Funds dwindling, desperation rising—it all feels pretty intense. Her mom's friend Heather (Amy Landecker) also seems to be oddly unhelpful and pretty cagey around the whole thing, and June's friend Veena, while supportive, also doesn't know

how to sort out the truth when it's revealed that Grace has a murky past. I'm not saying it's a terrible movie, but anyone who has gone down the rabbit hole into the Instagram of an ex's new flame could suss out the information that June found over days. Appreciate your parents, kids! And keep those grades up! ○

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TV Reviews

1923

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

When? **2022-present**

Where's it showing? **Paramount Plus**

Creator Taylor Sheridan (*Sicario*, *Hell or High Water*, *Wind River*) has struck television gold again with this new entry into the Dutton family that started in contemporary times with *Yellowstone* (2018-present) as John Dutton (Kevin Costner) struggles to hang onto both his Montana ranch and an endangered way of life, which was prequed by the TV miniseries *1883* (2021-2022) that followed James Dutton (Tim McGraw) as he moved west with his family on a perilous journey to stake their claim in the Wild West.

In *1923*, Dutton patriarch Jacob (Harrison Ford), matriarch Cara (Helen Mirren), and their sons Spencer (Brandon Sklenar) and Jack (Darren Mann) must deal with their own challenges such as sheepherders encroaching on their pastures, politics, Prohibition, and the Great Depression, which came early to Montana. So far, four of the first season's eight episodes have been released, with the next four coming weekly in February.

Sheridan has a knack for creating effective melodrama

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RUGGED INDIVIDUALISTS: Jacob (Harrison Ford) and Cara Dutton (Helen Mirren) work together to eke out a living ranching an unforgiving expanse of Montana, where encroaching sheepherders, inclement weather, and starving livestock are everyday worries, in *1923*, streaming on Paramount Plus.

mixed with gripping action, and he's not afraid to explore thorny areas of American history such as the treatment of Native Americans, Manifest Destiny, and greed. If you haven't jumped on the Dutton bandwagon, you should. This is great serial television. (eight 60-min. episodes)

—Glen **BINGEABLE**

TULSA KING

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

When? **2022-2023**

Where's it showing? **Paramount Plus**

Like *1883*, *1923*, and *Yellowstone*, *Tulsa King* is created by Taylor Sheridan. It stars Sylvester Stallone as Dwight Manfredi, a mafia capo who did a 25-year prison sentence to protect his boss, Pete Invernizzi (A.C. Peterson). When he's finally released, instead of the hero's welcome he expected, he's exiled by his boss to Tulsa, where he's told to find some revenue streams and start earning for the family again.

Stallone is terrific as the aging but angry mobster, whose sense of honor has been seriously aggrieved. He reluctantly goes to Tulsa, where he's an obvious fish out of water, but Dwight is clever and soon insinuates himself into a cannabis dispensary run by Bodhi (Martin Starr), not to mention a bar on a Native American reservation run by Mitch (Garrett Hedlund).

Dwight hits a lot of rough patches, including a competing motorcycle gang; trouble from his boss's son, Chickie Invernizzi (Domenick Lombardozi); and a romance with Stacy Beale (Andrea Savage), who turns out to be more than a simple bar pickup. After

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MANFREDI'S CREW: In *Tulsa King* streaming on Paramount Plus, former East Coast mobster Dwight Manfredi (Sylvester Stallone) relocates to Oklahoma, where he puts a new crew together, including his driver, Tyson (Jay Will, left); and his pot dispensary partner, Bodhi (Martin Starr).

hiring Tyson (Jay Will) to be his driver, Dwight methodically builds his own crew of characters to run Tulsa, with law enforcement on the hunt. (10 approximately 49-min. episodes) ○

—Glen

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HAVE A BLAST: Blast 825 Brewery is one of several competing businesses participating in both Santa Maria Valley's Craft Cocktail Contest and Restaurant Month programs.



SWEET AND SALTY: In early 2022, the public was encouraged to cast their votes for their favorite participants of Santa Maria Valley's Craft Cocktail Contest, with drink entries that included this cocktail found at the Salty Brigade Kitchen—which is competing once again in the 2023 contest.

Mix it up

Visit santamariavalley.com for more info on Santa Maria Valley's 2023 Craft Cocktail Contest and Restaurant Month. To vote for your favorite cocktail in the contest, post a photo of the drink with the hashtag, #SMVCraftCocktail, and tag the business. The award for People's Choice will be given to the cocktail with the most posts.

Local libations

Multiple businesses compete in Santa Maria Valley's 2023 Craft Cocktail Contest

BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

The Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce is asking the public to get out and vote—but not, in this case, for any politicians whom their ideologies happen to align with. The 2022 election season is over, but the voting period for Santa Maria's 2023 Craft Cocktail Contest began in mid-January.

Through Feb. 12, Central Coast locals and visitors alike will have the opportunity to vote via social media for their favorite restaurants and bars in the Santa Maria area that are participating in the competition, which coincides with this year's Restaurant Month.

"The goal of the promotion is to support our local restaurants during a month of the year that is typically pretty rough," said Taz Dougherty, tourism coordinator for the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Participants of Restaurant Month, aka Dine Out Santa Maria Style, are offering special entrees and combos for \$20.23 in honor of the program, while entrants in the Craft Cocktail Contest are mixing unique cocktails, each themed after some aspect of Santa Maria's history or culture.

Santa Maria's Restaurant Month originated as Restaurant Week more than a decade ago, before expanding to multiple weeks in January of 2020, Dougherty said. The Craft Cocktail Contest began in 2019.

"We wanted to spice up the normal Restaurant Month promo," said Dougherty, who added that the Chamber envisioned starting a cocktail

competition after discovering "an untapped experience in a handful of our restaurants, which was craft cocktails."

"It was also a fun way to get the community

involved, since they were able to go out and vote on cocktails for the People's Choice Winner," Dougherty continued.

Another coveted award participants of the Craft Cocktail Contest are competing for is the title of Santa Maria Valley's Craft Cocktail of the Year, which will be determined by a group of judges sent out to visit each establishment. Participating businesses in this year's contest include Blast 825 Brewery, Cool Hand Luke's, Cubanissimo Cafe, Me-n-Ed's Pizzeria and Craft House, Roscoe's Kitchen, the Salty Brigade Kitchen, Vintner's Bar and Grill, and the Historic Santa Maria Inn's Century Room.

The 2023 entry of the latter venue is the Dead Horse Old Fashioned, while past libation submissions from the Historic Santa Maria Inn have included The Hollywood, themed after some of the local landmark's notable history, Dougherty explained.

Dougherty described The Hollywood as "a reference to the Santa Maria Valley region being a well-known getaway destination for celebrities, many of whom stayed at the Historic Santa Maria Inn."

Dougherty hasn't been able to try this year's cocktail entries from participating businesses yet, but he said that, like past years, each submission reflects something about its respective entrant and that entrant's ties to local history. Cocktails in the 2023 contest include Cool Hand Luke's Luke's Wild West Bourbon Berry, Cubanissimo Cafe's guava mojito, the Salty Brigade Kitchen's

Spicy Pacific, and Me-n-Ed's Swept Away.

"Each restaurant gets to give their take on culture and how it fits into their restaurant," Dougherty said. All eight of this year's Craft Cocktail Contest entrants are participating in Restaurant Month as well, alongside several other businesses across the Santa Maria Valley, including Charcuter'Dee and Fromagerie, Cups and Crumbs (both Orcutt and Santa Maria locations), Giovanni's Pizza, The Homestead, Straw Hat Pizza, and Pizzeria Bello Forno.

There is a diverse range of \$20.23 offerings

from the pool of participants, including a three-course dinner from the Salty Brigade Kitchen, for example, or an extra large two-topping pizza from Straw Hat Pizza.

"I think I really want to hammer home that this is a great way to help local restaurants and eateries get through generally a tough month for sales," Dougherty said. "It is also a fun way to become more acquainted with local establishments and enjoy their foods." ○

Arts Editor Caleb Wiseblood is one tough cookie but not tough to get in touch with. Send comments to cwiseblood@santamariasun.com.



HOTEL TELL-ALL: The Historic Santa Maria Inn's Century Room and Radisson Hotel's Vintner's Grill both participated in the 2022 Craft Cocktail Contest and this year's competition. The venues' two entries last year were The Cardinal (left) and Oaxacan Sunrise (right), respectively.

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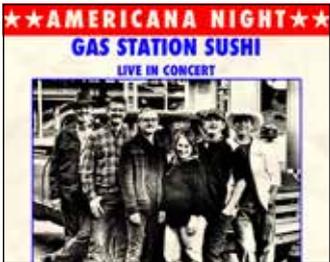
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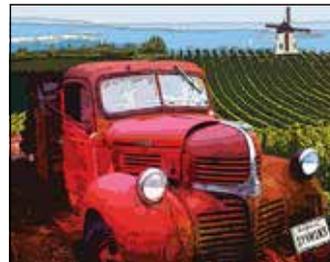
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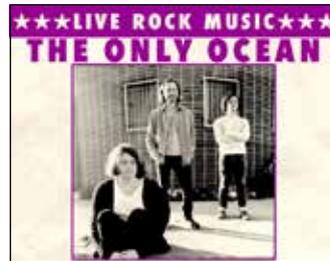
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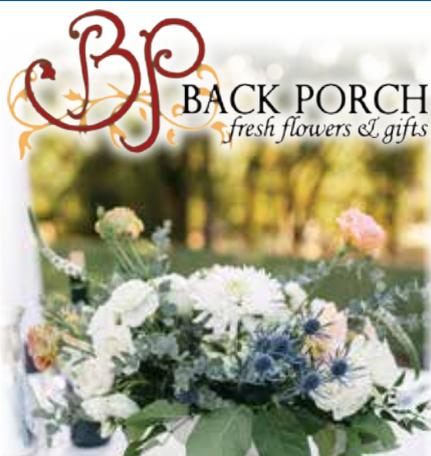
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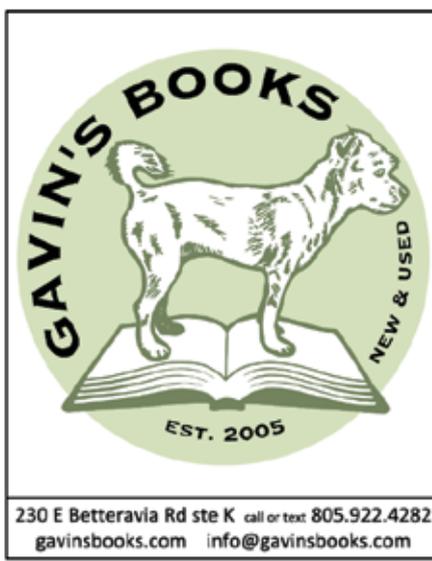
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