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BY CAMILLIA LANHAM

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Also this week, Lompoc's mayor gives her first state of the city address, which includes budget struggles and potential cuts to public safety services [6], Santa Barbara County finally passes a hoop house ordinance [7], PCPA's Andrew Philpot is one man in eight roles for *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* [38], the Santa Maria airport gets abstract art from local artists—and it's free to see [40], and take a trip to Casmalia for a meal only The Hitching Post can provide [43].

Camillia Lanham,  
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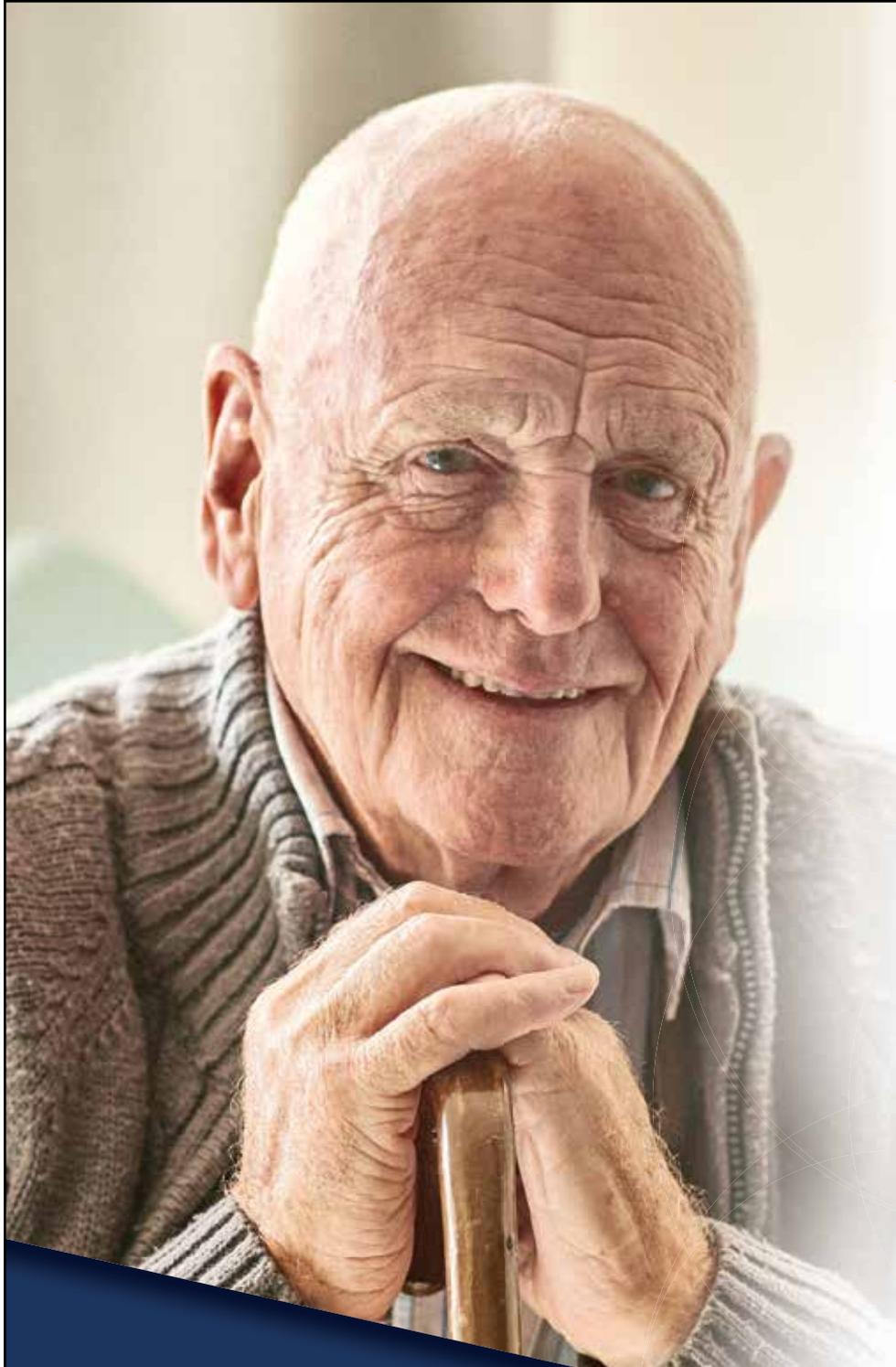
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## Political Watch

• **U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal** (D-Santa Barbara) and **U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris** (D-California) re-introduced the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act on April 10. The bill, House Resolution 2199, would designate nearly 250,000 acres of public land in the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument as wilderness and establish a 400-mile long Condor National Recreation Trail from Los Angeles to Monterey counties. U.S. Reps. Julia Brownley (D-Thousand Oaks) and Jimmy Panetta (D-Carmel Valley) co-sponsored the legislation. "California is home to some of the nation's most scenic wild spaces and boasts the nation's largest outdoor economy," Harris said in a press release. "However, under this administration, California's beautiful public lands and its outdoor economy are under direct threat. Restoring and expanding our public lands means protecting Americans' right to clean air and clean water and providing everybody the opportunity to explore and enjoy the outdoors." HR 2199 would designate four new wilderness areas in Carrizo and expand nine existing wilderness areas in Los Padres. The press release from Carbajal's office said the bill is supported by nearly 500 Central Coast landowners, businesses, elected officials, farmers, ranchers, civic leaders, wineries, recreationalists, and outfitters.

• On March 27, **Assemblymembers Jordan Cunningham** (R-San Luis Obispo) and **Patrick O'Donnell** (D-Long Beach) sent a letter to the chair of one of the Legislature's budget subcommittees on education finance, **Assemblymember Kevin McCarty** (D-Sacramento), asking for a \$150 million increase in ongoing funding for the K-12 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant and the reappropriation of \$150 million for the Community College's Strong Workforce Program. The letter stated that cuts to career technical education (CTE) funding for K-12 programs have left high quality CTE programs with insufficient funding. In addition, CTE funding was split, creating unnecessary administrative burdens, the letter stated, forcing schools to apply to two separate programs with different requirements. "There is a need for a single coherent funding stream for K-12 CTE at a level sufficient to sustain and expand high-quality programs," the letter stated.

• *The Sacramento Bee* named **Assemblymember Monique Limón** (D-Santa Barbara) as one of the top 100 influencers in the state due to her work on the Assembly Committee on Banking and Finance in 2018. As the chair of the committee, Limón "has addressed an important problem in the lending world by actively focusing on consumer protections in the small dollar consumer loan industry," the *Bee* wrote. "In just one year of her chairmanship, Assemblymember Limón's leadership in the area of consumer protection has already been recognized as a prominent voice by consumer and industry advocates as well as among her colleagues."

• The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors appointed **Dr. Henning Ansorg** as the next county health officer on April 9. He served as a physician with the Santa Barbara County Health Care Centers starting in 2016 and most recently worked as a tuberculosis clinician for South County as well as the deputy health officer. He worked in private practice and urgent care settings in Munich for 10 years after being board certified in family medicine. After completing an internal medicine residency at the University of Arizona, he spent 11 years practicing medicine in Sedona. "The health officer role is critical not only for the Public Health Department, but for all of Santa Barbara County. I am excited that Dr. Ansorg will bring his experience working in our county with some of the most vulnerable patients to his new positions," **Public Health Department Director Van Do-Reynoso** said in a press release. ☐

## Inmate dies two days into stay at SB County Jail

A 62-year-old man died after two days in custody in the Santa Barbara County Jail, marking the second death at the facility in 2019.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office officials identified the deceased inmate as Eduardo Rodriguez, a Santa Barbara-area transient who had been in custody since April 10. Officials believe Rodriguez may have died of natural causes, but they're still investigating his death.

Rodriguez was booked in the jail on a charge of failing to register as a sex offender, a violation of his probation. At approximately 6 p.m. on April 12, Rodriguez approached a deputy at the jail and told him that he wasn't feeling well. According to a written statement from the Sheriff's Office, the deputy observed that Rodriguez appeared to be ill and called for jail medical staff.

Rodriguez, who was in a wheelchair, was placed in one of the jail's hallways and his condition worsened. He became unresponsive and jail deputies initiated CPR. Paramedics were called while the jail's medical staff attempted to revive Rodriguez with an automated external defibrillator. County fire department personnel arrived and took over lifesaving efforts but Rodriguez remained unresponsive. He died at 6:41 that same night, according to the Sheriff's Office.

As of April 16, the Sheriff's Office hadn't released an official cause of death.

"While his death appears to be due to natural causes, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Coroner's Office is conducting a death investigation to determine the official cause, manner, and circumstances of death," the Sheriff's Office statement read. "A final determination is pending an autopsy, toxicology, and lab results."

Rodriguez was the second inmate to die in the jail this year. On Jan. 10, 52-year-old inmate Jose A. Curiel died due to complications from an unknown medical condition after being transported to a local hospital from the jail. The Sheriff's Office did not respond to questions from the *Sun* about the official cause of Curiel's death.



**JAIL DEATH:** Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office officials said a 62-year-old inmate died of what appears to be natural causes in the county jail April 12.

Rodriguez is the 24th inmate to die in the Santa Barbara County Jail since 2000. A 2018 investigation by the *Sun* found that the majority of deaths at the jail were classified as "natural" with many of the inmates suffering from multiple chronic medical conditions.

—Chris McGuinness

## City plans law enforcement shooting range at Los Flores

After nearly four years without a shooting range for its police department, the city of Santa Maria plans to start construction on an outdoor range at Los Flores Ranch this summer.

The Santa Maria Police Department has been without a shooting range since the department relocated to its new station on Betteravia Road in 2015. Rather than building an indoor shooting range at the new station, the city wants to build an outdoor range on a 5-acre tract of land at the 1,774-acre ranch, which is located near the intersection of Dominion and Palmer roads.

"It's not always easy to find a suitable location because of the noise. ... Also, this is cost-effective compared to building an indoor range," Santa Maria Public Information Officer Mark van de Kamp said.

Los Flores Ranch is also the site of a future landfill for the city, and a public park with hiking and biking trails. However, van de Kamp said the city is taking precautions to ensure the project does not interfere with the safety of other people at the ranch.

"This site was carefully selected for its safety concerns," van de Kamp said. "It is in a box canyon, well away and out of view from Highway 101, and any other occupied area."

While waiting to build the shooting range, van de Kamp said officers are continuing their shooting training at a temporary range on private land that the land owner agreed to let the city use. The department has also rented time at Camp

San Luis Obispo's range or sent officers to the Allan Hancock College range in Lompoc. Van de Kamp said the latter options are not preferred because they take officers out of Santa Maria.

Before the city can move forward with the project, the proposal must go through a state environmental review process and public comment period, both of which started on April 9. The state review ends May 8 and the public comment period closes on May 10.

According to the city's initial environmental study, construction of the project will have "significant, but mitigable, effects" on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazardous materials, water quality, and noise. During the state's review process, numerous agencies are examining the project to ensure that it meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

If the state approves the project, the city hopes officers can begin using the facility this fall. Construction of the project—which is estimated to cost \$175,000 to \$250,000—will include four shooting lanes, a 2,500-square-foot indoor shooting facility, a 2,040-square-foot mobile classroom and two parking lots with a combined 40 parking spaces.

Residents interested in commenting on the proposed project can send written comments to the city's Community Development Department at 110 S. Pine St., suite 101, Santa Maria, or email [iyeung@cityofsantamaria.org](mailto:iyeung@cityofsantamaria.org) or [cng@santamaria.org](mailto:cng@santamaria.org).

—Zac Ezzone

## Yearbook employee had more young victims, sheriff says

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office investigators said they have identified more victims in connection with a 53-year-old Buellton man accused of committing sexual crimes against area minors.

The Sheriff's Office initially arrested the man, identified as Gregory Scott Ray, on April 9 in association with various charges related to sex involving minors. According to department officials, Ray worked as a

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yearbook sales consultant and traveled to multiple school campuses in central and southern California. He was arrested after Santa Ynez Valley High School officials contacted the Sheriff's Office to report that Ray had allegedly engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a student.

Sheriff's officials said their investigation revealed that Ray was using a social media app to meet with minors. Initially, investigators discovered that Ray allegedly had sex with three male victims between the ages of 13 and 17 in the Santa Ynez Valley. Ray was subsequently booked in Santa Barbara County Jail and his bail set at \$1 million.

Six days after Ray's arrest, the Sheriff's Office announced that investigators discovered more victims in connection with the case. In a written statement, the Sheriff's Office declined to state the number of new victims but said they were from both inside and outside of Santa Barbara County.

"Ray traveled to many other counties within California during the course of his employment as an independent contractor and sales consultant for Friesens LLC, a yearbook publishing company," the statement said. "Ray assisted with yearbook consulting at many school campuses in central California, from San Jose to Los Angeles County, and may have attended yearbook camps/conferences."

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office charged Ray with 13 felony counts related to the case, including multiple counts of lewd acts with minors. He pleaded

guilty to all the charges against him on April 12. His case is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on April 22, according to court records.

While Ray's case makes its way through court, sheriff's investigators are asking anyone who has been a victim or knows someone who has been victimized to contact (805) 681-4150. They can also leave anonymous tips at (805) 681-4171 or on the department's website, sbsheriff.org.

—Chris McGuinness

## County outlines efforts to divert mentally ill from jail in 2019-20

Santa Barbara County is looking to address challenges with diverting individuals with mental illnesses out of jail and to a facility where they can receive help.

In a presentation during the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' budget workshop meeting on April 15, Barney Melekian, assistant county executive officer for public safety, said that over the last two years, the majority of the county's jail inmates had some sort of mental illness.

"For as long as I can remember, law enforcement has been the first responder to issues dealing with the mentally ill," Melekian said. "In addition, the number of mentally ill inmates ... [the] court system is bogged down with people arrested for offenses tied to their mental health status for a variety of reasons and those people who are judged to be incapable of standing trial and participating in

their defense."

In 2017 and 2018, 52 and 53 percent of all county jail inmates suffered from mental illnesses, respectively. Additionally, Melekian said, 12 percent of the jail's inmates take psychotropic medications. Over the last few years, the county has started taking a collaborative approach, he said, with different county departments working together to try to address this problem.

For example, the county is testing out a pilot program that partners law enforcement officers and trained mental health professionals to respond to calls for services. Between September 2018 and March 2019, the team responded to 115 calls for service with only four calls resulting in an arrest.

To fund its programs and operations, the Behavioral Wellness department presented the county supervisors with a recommended budget for 2019-20 of \$142.7 million, with 59 percent of the funding used for mental health outpatient and community services. This is a slight increase from the department's recommended 2018-19 budget, which was \$133.9 million.

Outside of the department's budget, the county is relying on state-funded grants it has received or is applying for to implement new mental health programs.

County Behavioral Wellness Director Alice Gleghorn said the county has received a \$3.1 million grant for the next three years that will allocate funding to an effort to move individuals who have committed felonies but aren't fit to stand trial out of the criminal justice system and into a treatment facility. According to her presentation, the county

plans to implement this program during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Melekian said the county has also applied for a \$6 million grant over three years that would allow the county to open a sobering center and a crisis hub where law enforcement officers can bring people who are found acting out in public or committing crimes, but don't need to go to jail.

Fourth District Supervisor Peter Adam said it's apparent that the county has made strides in addressing the number of individuals with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system, but he believes the only way for the county to determine whether these system changes are working is by evaluating programs on a client-by-client basis.

"We need to have a better evaluation of how we're doing on a person-to-person basis so that we can make sure we are allocating the dollars, which are finite, to the best purpose," Adam said.

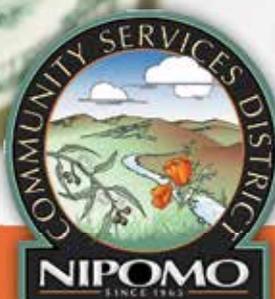
After holding budget workshops between April 15 and 19, the county plans to hold public budget adoption hearings on June 11 and 13. While discussing the county's overall recommended budget for 2019-20, 5th District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino said he is pleased this is the county's first budget in almost 10 years that doesn't include reductions in services.

"Budgeting is a balancing act between what we really need to do and what we want to do," Lavagnino said. "[This is the] first budget without service level reductions since 2007. We're at least addressing everything we need."

—Zac Ezzone

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# 'Not a doom and gloom moment'

State of the City speech highlights successes, lays out budget challenges in Lompoc

BY CHRIS MCGUINNESS

The sound of glasses clinking and silverware scraping against plates died down as Lompoc City Manager Jim Throop took the stage at the Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center April 4.

Throop was there to give a brief introduction of Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne, who gave an annual presentation on the state of the city. In his comments, Throop—who'd been hired to his position nine months ago—laid out the challenge of the presentation: to balance the accomplishments of the previous year with some of the very serious obstacles facing the city as it looks to the future.

"The problem I see is all these challenges in front of us. I guess I'm trying to turn that into how we can make these challenges successes," he said. "I know if I can get everyone in this room—the business owners, the citizens, city staff, and anyone else we can think of—we can be very successful, and this city is going to be a shining jewel on the Central Coast very soon."

Osborne took a similar tone in her presentation, calling her State of the City speech a chance to celebrate the city's successes while taking a closer look at its growing challenges.

"It's a good thing you like challenges," she told Throop after taking the stage, "because we have quite a bit on our horizon."

Before she outlined those challenges, Osborne highlighted successful projects and programs that the city carried out in the past year as it celebrated its 130-year anniversary. One of the biggest was Lompoc's effort to address homeless camps in the Santa Ynez Riverbed. The massive effort included multiple city departments and partnerships with Santa Barbara County nonprofit organizations. The massive cleanup effort was completed in a short period of time before heavy rains filled the river in early 2019.

"The efficient and diligent efforts prevented the loss of life in the riverbed," she said.

Osborne also touted other accomplishments, including completing much-needed makeovers and infrastructure improvements in several city parks and recreation fields, as well as economic initiatives like the city's commercial facade rebate program and its homebuyers assistance program.

Osborne also highlighted the work of public safety personnel, noting that Lompoc's detective division maintained a 70 percent clearance rate on the crimes it investigated last year and also solved all felony assault crimes for the year.

"This is impressive given the constant low staffing numbers [at the police department]," she said.

The second half of the presentation was dedicated to the city budget and its projected deficit for the upcoming fiscal years, an issue Osborne referred to as "the elephant in the room."



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STATE OF THE CITY: Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne characterized her state of the city speech as a "reality check," noting the many budgetary challenges the city faces in the coming year.

"The elephant isn't going to move on its own," she said. "Frustration and anger won't eliminate it. Being proactive can reduce its impact on our quality of life."

Osborne spoke about the city's budget for fiscal years 2019 through 2021, which the city is currently in the process of developing. She noted that the rising cost of unfunded liabilities from the state's pension system would cost the city an estimated \$4 million during the budget cycle. She also said that the city received just 1 percent of its 7.75 percent sales tax—the rest of the tax revenues are divided between the county and state.

Despite the wide gap in revenue, Osborne said that Lompoc residents still want the city to prioritize public safety and economic development in the next budget, something that will be difficult to do if a remedy for the lack of revenue can't be found. The solution can't rely on spending reductions alone, she said.

"If we continue only to cut to try and solve our

unfunded liability [problem], we cut people," she said. "And that means a reduction in services when it comes to public safety and these other areas."

Osborne didn't mention a recent failed attempt to get city staff to include consideration of a 1 percent sales tax increase in its upcoming preparations of the proposed budget. Both Osborne and Lompoc City Councilmember Gilda Cordova voted against excluding consideration of the tax increase. Osborne did call on the community to "invest" in itself, warning that outside interests would not do the same if city residents failed to do so.

"This is not a doom and gloom moment. This is a reality check," Osborne said. "It is up to you, the residents and business owners, to decide if Lompoc will continue to see itself as a poor community, unable to improve, or move forward." ○

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# Jumping through hoops

*A new county ordinance outlines exemptions, permits for hoop houses*

BY ZAC EZZONE

**S**anta Barbara County farmers have a new ordinance to navigate. It requires a permit to use hoop and shade structures for crop protection, unless growers meet certain exemptions.

Almost two years after tasking staff with preparing an ordinance to clarify the permitting process for hoop and shade structures, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved the measure and its exemptions at the board's April 9 meeting.

Sara Rotman, one of several county residents who spoke during public comment at the meeting, said that there were some things in the ordinance she disagreed with, but she felt it was a compromise and urged the supervisors to approve it.

"Over the course of the past two years with the Board of Supervisors, the general public, and our local farmers, we've had a much heated and often contentious debate regarding these hoop structures," Rotman said. "During this time, we learned our community understands, as we do, that if farming becomes impossible for us living in the county ... you'll see farms fail."

Although the ordinance includes some exemptions, a few individuals who spoke during the public comment period said the permit process could hurt farmers in an area where agriculture is such an important part of the economy. According to Santa Barbara County's 2017 Agriculture Production Report, the agricultural industry contributes \$2.8 billion to the county's economy and provides 25,370 jobs.

Amid an increase in the number of hoop houses used in the county, the board decided it needed to clarify the permitting process for using them. Prior to the ordinance, hoop houses faced the same permit process as greenhouses.

A staff report from May 2018 defines hoop and shade structures—or hoop houses—as removable structures used to protect plants from factors such as dust and moisture, and enhance the growing environment, by moderating temperatures and extending the growing season.

The ordinance requires growers to obtain a



**REGULATING HOOP HOUSES:** Amid an increase in the number of hoop houses used in the county, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance clarifying the permitting process for hoop and shade structures.

zoning clearance for hoop structures covering an area of 20,000 square feet or less, and a land use permit for those covering an area of 20,000 square feet or more. Ranchers and farmers can be exempt from obtaining a permit if the hoop houses are 20 feet or less in height, are located on land that has been cultivated in one of the last three years, and on a slope with an average grade of 25 percent or less. Hoop houses covering an area of 4,000 square feet or less are exempt if they are located in the Santa Ynez Valley Design Control Overlay or Gaviota Coast Critical Viewshed Corridor Overlay.

The ordinance also includes a measure providing a permit exemption for hoop houses built at least 100 feet away from natural rivers, streams, and creeks to protect the habitats of plants and animals.

County residents who spoke during public comment also expressed concern regarding cannabis growers' use of hoop houses and requested that the county add restrictions to the ordinance regulating cannabis growers' ability to use those structures.

Second District Supervisor Gregg Hart said the vast majority of hoop houses are used by berry farmers, not cannabis growers, while 4th District Supervisor Peter Adam said attempts to shift the focus of this ordinance to cannabis were harmful to farmers.

"We did not start this on cannabis but the anti-cannabis people have hijacked this issue, and I think, in so doing, they have caused a lot of problems for the bulk of the industry that uses [hoop houses]," Adam said during the meeting.

Some supervisors also expressed concerns about the 100-foot setback requirement. Adam—who cast the lone vote against the ordinance—said a 100-foot setback is far too restrictive for farmers.

"This isn't a development in terms of a building for a structure or some kind of land use where somebody is going to be doing something," Adam said.

Claire Wineman, president of the Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, also spoke against the setback restriction during the public comment period. She said the association supported the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission's recommended setback of 50 feet, but finds 100 feet to be too stringent.

Although the Planning Commission recommended the 50-foot setback, the Board of Supervisors opted to follow the recommendations included in the county's environmental impact report—which was reviewed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife—that included a 100-foot setback.

According to county staff, changing the setback to 50 feet would have required the county to recirculate another environmental report, which would require additional public hearings and further delay the process of establishing the ordinance.

Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino said he didn't want to make any changes that would extend the process of setting an ordinance for a practice that's already widely used throughout the county.

"We've had 10 meetings on hoops that are already being used. ... We've made a lot of progress, and I would hate for us to go backward," Lavagnino said.

In addition to the distance of the setback, Wineman said the association is also concerned about the streams that the setback rules apply to based on the county's definition. According to county staff, concrete channels and other streams created purposefully by humans are excluded from the setback requirement, but all natural streams are included.

First District Supervisor Das Williams said the definition is vague and asked county staff to create a set of setback requirement guidelines for the board to review at a future meeting. ○

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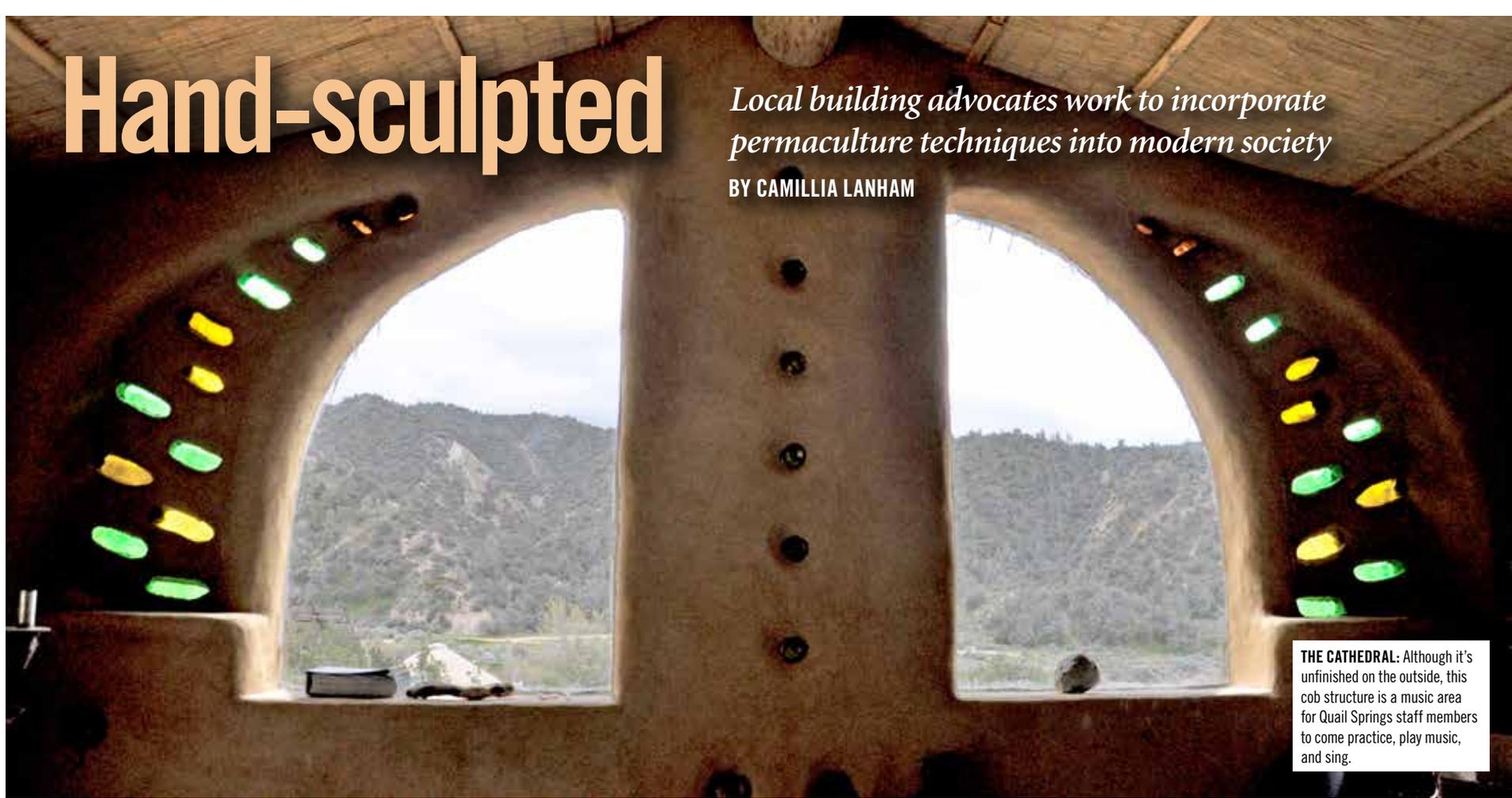
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# Hand-sculpted

Local building advocates work to incorporate permaculture techniques into modern society

BY CAMILLIA LANHAM



**THE CATHEDRAL:** Although it's unfinished on the outside, this cob structure is a music area for Quail Springs staff members to come practice, play music, and sing.

PHOTOS BY CAMILLIA LANHAM

Wisps of wind whip soft sand up from a private road that began in and meanders to what could rightfully be labeled the middle of nowhere.

Low-slung buildings creep into view between the squat, stocky vegetation that covers the desert hills outside of Cuyama. Goats snack on shrubs, and a couple of white sheep dogs bound next to the car, barking. A trail takes visitors from the parking area to an office constructed of straw bales coated in clay soil, sand, and straw.

"Welcome to Quail Springs," a sign says.

Soft, weathered earthen walls the same color as the hillsides line the planters that border an outdoor common space. Chickens cluck away in the large coop below, and Creedence Clearwater Revival wonders "Who'll Stop the Rain?" through the walls of a yurt that houses a kitchen.

"Welcome to the farm," Quail Springs Executive Director Janice Setser says.

This experiment in sustainable living is part educational experience, part trial and error, part social exercise. The life on this 450 acres in California's high desert is complex with many layers, Setser says. And it's extreme, with temperature swings that come with snow, ice, and blistering heat from winter to summer. Containing a farm, a greenhouse, composting toilets, yurts, naturally crafted buildings, 11 staff members, a handful of interns who come and go, and lots of outdoor space, permaculture is at the heart of everything that's done around here.

"[Society has] separated things out so specific and specialized," Setser says. "And permaculture is just putting it all back together again."

The goal is to close as many loops in the system as possible, to live off the land and regenerate it at the same time, to meet basic needs from the earth at your feet in a way that can last. It's a relationship with the wilderness and the community tending the land—a way of remembering something that humans seem to have forgotten.

She admits, though, that the living experiment in sustainability is difficult and imperfect. But, Setser says, the Quail Springs community is leaning into it.

Walking past a pile of dried rubble laced with straw, she points out that these are earthen walls that a couple of Cal Poly students and a professor performed earthquake testing on over the last several months. The 12-inch thick walls were built out of a material called cob,



**POPS OF COLOR:** Bottles are sculpted into walls in a way that can't be done with traditional building materials. Many of the cob buildings at Quail Springs have out-of-the-box materials that are incorporated into their artistic designs.

PHOTO BY JAYSON MELLOM



**TESTING, TESTING:** Cobber's often work with materials found on-site to craft the compound that will eventually build the structure. These bricks are one way of testing the composite for strength. Each is made up with different ratios of soil, sand, and straw.

a mixture of soil, sand, and straw. After the testing was done, the walls were knocked over on purpose, she adds.

Cob, which is one of the primary building materials on this property, isn't part of California's building codes. But Quail Springs is working to change that and so are others who believe that cob is a cheaper, more energy-efficient and sustainable, and less toxic way of building. Quail Springs Natural Building Director Sasha Rabin said the information that's out there about cob building is anecdotal, and modern codes, architects, and engineers need numbers.

"In order for people to build in urban areas in seismically active zones, we need engineering numbers," Rabin said. "We need engineers to be able to stamp our plans to say, yes, this is safe."

In 2018, Santa Clara University students performed the first ever full-scale wall tests on four cob walls, some of which were reinforced with different materials, including rebar and a wire mesh. Although straw gives cob tensile strength, Rabin said, other ways of reinforcing walls could be key to incorporate into a potential building code for the state. The partnership between Cal Poly and Quail Springs will add to that research. With four similarly structured walls that underwent six seismic tests, Rabin said the collaboration multiplies the amount of earthquake data that's out there on earthen walls. The results of those tests aren't ready yet, but Rabin said she believes they went well.

Next up on the list of tests for the earthen walls is fire. She said that Quail Springs is looking for funding to build a cob wall at a fire testing facility.

"Normally, all of these tests are being done by the manufacturing companies that are hoping to profit off the materials they're selling," Rabin said. "Most of the materials that we use just come from on-site: We just dig them up."

## Gathered on-site

Dirt rains onto a tarp as Chad Franco trims the last layer of cob he applied. Using a hand saw, he carves out the excess around the edges so this layer is flush with the previous one.

The gigantic white walls of the new BMW dealership on Calle Joaquin loom behind him, as does the chatter of auto service professionals.

A fence and less than 100 feet separate this property from this one, which belongs to City Farm SLO.

On the plot of land that Teresa Lees rents from City Farm for the Our Global Family Garden, Franco is building a cob structure that will eventually become a children's playhouse. Lees designed her garden with each of the continents in mind, and this structure is part of the Africa space.

"I was in Africa, and we lived in buildings like that," she says. "Instead of being a white woman visiting the Third World ... [I thought] I'm going

The structure has spent a lot of time under the cover of a blue tarp, waiting for dry days—not just for the cob itself, which needs dry weather to cure, but to schedule workshops. Building cob, because it's so labor intensive, is really a team activity.

This project is a labor of love for Franco, though, who has been cobbing since he took a six-month permaculture workshop at UC Santa Cruz a couple of years ago.

"I worked in a warehouse for 10 years and realized how much waste we have, and I just wanted to break away from that lifestyle,"

Franco says. "I started thinking about how can I find another career that I could be proud of."

The teacher who taught the portion of the permaculture course on natural building caught his attention, and she was teaching another workshop in Portugal.

"I was ready to go on a big journey ... and I went ahead and just booked it," he says. "I just really got into it because I'm mechanically inclined and I love working with my hands."

During the 12-day workshop, Franco and 10 other students built an

outdoor sauna. At the end of that workshop, his teacher was running another workshop in Portugal, so he followed her again. They built an outdoor kitchen with an oven attached to it. Then, there was a month-long workshop in Texas, where they built a 150-square-foot studio with a loft in it.

He's now attempting to start a cob building business on the Central Coast called Cobblers Delight.

"I wanted to learn as much as I could to build a big enough structure that someone could live in," Franco says. "If I can build my house for a fraction of the cost with good merit and good principles, then I would be happy."

Cob is similar to adobe, except it's not crafted into bricks. The structures are designed as monolithic pieces, a continuous piece built as one solid structure without seams or edges. Starting out at 12 inches or thicker at the bottom, the walls taper by 5 percent as they get taller. Those walls soak up the sun's energy during the day, Franco says, and that heat radiates into the house at night—and vice versa. Plus, the walls can be sculpted. Cob structures often have rounded edges or designs built into them.

"When it really comes down to it, the materials are dirt cheap, and all you really need is labor," Franco says. "Cob is so diverse, and if you want to add onto it, you can just chip off and add onto it."

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**ARTISTIC LICENSE** Chad Franco, who recently started a cob building business called Cobber's Delight, uses iron oxides mixed with lime wash to paint the lime plaster covering a cob pizza oven he built in a client's backyard. Find more of his work on Instagram @ CobbersDelight.

to bring back what I learned there to the First World."

With a degree in international agriculture from UC Davis and an agricultural teaching credential from Cal Poly, Lees worked in small villages, connecting with people who lived off the land, and doing the same herself. That connection, and the world's interconnection, is what Our Global Family Garden is all about. It's a teaching space dedicated to showcasing permaculture, compassion, connection with the land, and the diversity of what can be grown around the world.

Next to the fence, a smaller hole than you would expect is evidence of the clay soil that was incorporated into the structure. Depending on how much clay the dirt holds, the cob mixture of soil, sand, and straw is unique to each building site. It has to be the perfect consistency. After making some test bricks, Franco says, they dropped them to see which ones held up the best. In this case, the mixture was 25 percent clay soil and 75 percent decomposed granite before the water and straw were added.

And it was all mixed by feet. Some of those feet belonged to kids who attended two weekends of cob workshops at City Farm SLO in November.

"It's been a long journey. In the future, I probably won't start a project in November," Franco says, referring to all of the rain San Luis Obispo weathered over the winter.

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**ALL HANDS ON DECK:** During workshops in November, Chad Franco taught kids the art of cob, a form of natural building. It's labor intensive and workshop participants jumped right in, mixing clay, sand, straw, and water with their hands and feet to get the right consistency.



**LABOR OF LOVE:** Although cob building is labor intensive, Franco said there's something about working with your hands from found materials that makes it all worth it.

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**READY FOR ANOTHER LAYER:** Trimming the latest layer so that it's flush, Chad Franco with the Cobber's Delight gets the playhouse ready for the next application of cob, which is partially made from the clay soil found on City Farm SLO's property.

## A way of caring

Quail Springs has beautiful buildings on its property, seemingly woven into the land from which they were built. Soft, rounded edges have suns and butterflies sculpted into them. Blue, green, and clear bottles are built into window spaces. Red branches of manzanita float in and out of the walls.

"The thing that I love about the material is that you just sculpt with it," Executive Director Setser says as she walks along one of the paths.

She points out the Magdalena, a space built by interns. Setser sits at a window seat coming out of the wall and leans back into the light. The point of this experiment is to figure out what works, Setser says, but it's also to give others the ability to do something similar if they choose.

Quail Springs is in the process of getting its structures permitted by Ventura County, which is the county most of its property happens to be on. She says the 450 acres also touch San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

"The point isn't just that we get our buildings permitted. The goal is so that other people who want to build out of earth can do so," Setser says. "Living light on the earth. ... The right to live in non-toxic buildings is fundamental."

People tend to think about permaculture as a farming technique, Rabin, who's in charge of Quail Springs' natural building, said. But really, it's a design system.

You could take those principles and apply them to a business, Rabin said.

"A lot of it has to do with looking around your environment and how to grow something in that environment. ... And so natural building systems fit really smoothly into that," Rabin said. "We really design things really appropriate for a particular climate and a particular environment. ... If we were in Alaska, we would be building something different."

Because Quail Springs is in the high desert, there is only a minimal amount of things that can be grown. They try

to grow as much food as possible with surface water. But, of course, they can't grow everything there, so Setser says they try to purchase as much from local farmers as possible,

and they work with the Isla Vista Food Co-op in Santa Barbara. Eggs, milk, and meat are generated on-site. Goat and rabbit manure is composted with food waste and used in the garden.

Vegetable beds are sunken instead of raised and filled with compost to protect them from the wind. Poplar and locust trees regulate the nitrogen in the soil and block the wind and sun.

Permaculture is about earth care, people care, and fair share, Setser says, and Quail Springs is attempting to live by that mantra. It's not always easy. But it's worth it.

"We need places like this," she says. "There's a truth contained within it ... that touches people." ○

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BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

Springtime comes with about 70 more things to do in downtown Santa Maria on a Friday evening than any other night of the week. This year marks the fourth that the city is hosting Downtown Fridays every spring through summer. The family-friendly event returned to the Town Center West parking lot on March 29 and is scheduled to occur every Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Sept. 27 (weather permitting).

Guests of the weekly gathering can enjoy food booths, local beer tastings, live music in both English and Spanish, and a kids area, as well as additional entertainment options. The event is part of the city's downtown plan, an initiative focusing on ways to help draw more visitors to downtown Santa Maria.

The initial idea for Downtown Fridays, first pitched by local event promoter Sofia Lariz, was to offer live music downtown every Friday night. The proposition grew from there and became a collaboration between Lariz, fellow promoter Ed Carcarey, and Peter Gilli and Neda Zayer with the city.

"I told [Gilli] Sofia's idea and he loved it," Carcarey told the *Sun*. "He and Neda put the idea together and ran with it. Six months later, we had our first Downtown Fridays."

With each passing year, the goal of the organizers is to properly analyze what's been going wrong and what's been going right,

Carcarey explained.

"Each year, we try to make changes based on what we learned the year before," he said.

"This year we added more food and dessert booths and increased the number of entertainment options."

Additional improvements include a more spacious kids zone, street renovations along Broadway, and better lighting at the event through six new LED lights.

Special upcoming events at Downtown Fridays include a Wine and Design Contest

on April 26 at 6:45 p.m. and a Spartatronics demonstration from Orcutt Academy on May 3 from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. The Lock Boxx—the San Luis Obispo-based mobile escape room—will be on-site for guests to enjoy on May 3.

On May 24, Mayor Alice Patino will honor Orcutt native and country singer Pryor Baird during Downtown Fridays at 6:45 p.m. Baird is probably best known for competing on *The Voice* in 2018. Other live music acts set to perform over the next few months include Legends, Shaky Groundz, Swing Shift, No Harm, Brass Factory, Different Strings, Louie Ortega, Joe Daddy, and Souled Out.

Last year, an average of 2,000 people total attended each Downtown Fridays event, Carcarey said.

"My favorite part of the event is bringing together people of all backgrounds, colors, and cultures," Carcarey said. "I love seeing people and families having a good time in a safe environment."

## Spotlight on: Downtown Fridays Ed Carcarey, event promoter



**TGIF:** Downtown Fridays returned to Santa Maria on March 29 and occur every Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Sept. 27.

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### Highlight:

- The city of Guadalupe, in partnership with the Local Government Commission, hosts two Our Town, Our Future events at the American Legion Hall during the week of April 21. The community is invited to discuss ways to improve safety and conditions for walking, bicycling, transit, and driving; beautify downtown Guadalupe and promote business development; and connect the city

to the beach and other locations. The first event is the Downtown Walk and Workshop on April 22, which features a walk with design experts from 5 to 6 p.m. and a workshop to develop solutions from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The second event, Presentation of Concepts, takes place on April 25, from 6 to 7:30 pm. The events accommodate both English and Spanish speakers. All ages are welcome. Food and refreshments will be provided. ○

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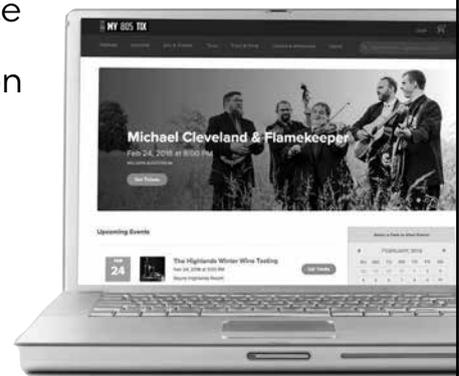
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# Event teaches healthy eating habits amid national, statewide changes

BY ZAC EZZONE

With opposing national and statewide policy changes recently enacted regarding the food served in public school cafeterias and the drinks served with kids' meals at restaurants, a local program is holding an event to teach students about healthy eating habits.

About 40 students from five 4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC) clubs—four from the Santa Maria-Bonita School District and one from the Lucia Mar School District—will learn different low-cost recipes at the clubs' fourth annual Culinary Academy on April 24 at Rice Elementary School.

The district is contemplating replacing some of the whole grain items students don't like to eat, such as whole grain pasta and whole wheat tortillas. White said although the district would rather serve whole grains because they're healthier, it's also important that students eat and don't skip meals because they don't like the food served.

White said the district may consider occasionally offering flavored milk, but it doesn't plan to make permanent changes to milk it regularly offers because of the flavored beverage's high sugar content.

While school districts now have more flexibility on what children can drink, restaurants in the state of California have less flexibility after Senate Bill 1192 went into effect on Jan.

1. The law requires restaurants to serve water, unflavored milk, or a nondairy milk alternative with kids' meals to reduce children's consumption of sugary drinks, according to the bill's text.

At the local level, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's Environmental Health Services division is tasked with enforcing the law. Division Director Larry Fay said that during routine health inspections, health inspectors are checking whether restaurants are complying with this change.

Throughout this year, Fay said, inspectors are informing restaurant owners of the change during inspections, because many are unaware. During inspections in 2020, officials will impose fines on restaurant owners who've been educated on the change but remain noncompliant.

"You have to give people a chance to learn about it before we get too heavy handed," Fay said. "We think it's good public health policy—we support the policy—we just want to ease the transition for the folks that we regulate." ○

Staff Writer Zac Ezzone wrote this week's School Scene. Information can be sent to the Sun via mail, fax, or email at [mail@santamariasun.com](mailto:mail@santamariasun.com)



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**CHOPPING VEGETABLES:** An instructor with the University of California CalFresh Program teaches students how to slice green onions and green peppers.

The SNAC clubs program was created through partnerships between the University of California's 4-H Youth development program, UC CalFresh Healthy Living, and the participating school districts.

Shannon Klisch, community education manager for the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program, said the clubs are made up of fifth and sixth graders from low-income communities who are interested in healthy eating and being leaders in the community.

"We're really focused on preventing obesity on low-income populations," Klisch said. "Kids that grow their own food, get physical activity, and learn about food are less likely to become obese later."

During the event, students will learn how to make French toast, omelets, banana oat muffins, and ceviche—all of which were recipes chosen by students, Klisch said.

Toward the end of the event, students will share new skills they learned during the academy—such as the different ways to measure dry and wet ingredients—and present information with parents who attend.

"The students will be in charge of picking a topic on something they learned and give a little presentation," Klisch said. "The goal is so they immediately feel comfortable with what they just learned."

The SNAC event is taking place four months after the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it was rolling back some restrictions set during President Barack Obama's administration on the food served in public schools.

According to the USDA, public schools can again offer flavored, low-fat milk and reduce the amount of whole-grain rich foods they offer by half. The USDA also extended how long school districts have to reach sodium reduction goals.

Maggie White, Santa Maria-Bonita School District public information officer, said the district has not made any changes since the new directive was announced because the district's menu for the rest of the school year is set and the ingredients have already been ordered.

However, White said, the district could look into making some changes next year.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Justin Jones

As a junior at St. Joseph High School, Justin Jones is a dual athlete on the school's swimming and water polo teams.

His coach for both teams, Bianca McNeil, said Jones was part of a successful season for the boys' water polo team and has broken numerous personal records as a swimmer.

McNeil said Jones has met and exceeded time standards, or consideration times, for different events set by the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section.

For individual events, Jones met the consideration time for multiple events with times of 58.9 in the 100 meter butterfly event, 1:03 in the 100 meter backstroke, and 3:46 in the 400 meter freestyle relay.

Jones was also a member of the boys' relay team that met the consideration time with 1:54 in the 200 meter medley relay.

McNeil said Jones and the rest of the boys' swim team may break the school's record time for relays this year.

"Justin has been an amazing swimmer this season, and the team is lucky to have him," McNeil said. ○

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- 28% I think it needs an actual traffic light.
- 15% Yes. It's dangerous and needs a four-way stop.
- 0% The city should reduce the speed limit on both sides.

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## Let's ban glyphosate

Remember, as a child, how we delighted when we saw dandelions in the lawn? Possibly our parents gave us an allowance if we pulled them with a tool. Remember how weeds would pop up in the sidewalk and we'd use a knife to clear them from the cracks? It took time. We had to bend over. We had to use a tool. It took labor, and we burned calories.

Then, in the 1970s (and to the demise of health and the possible death of untold people and animals), Monsanto convinced us they had a better idea. Roundup, aka glyphosate, became our savior. Why do manual labor when we can spray Roundup—glyphosate? Why hire laborers to till or hoe when you can hire far fewer laborers to spray Roundup—glyphosate?

Around 2000, Monsanto's patent expired, and now glyphosate is ubiquitous and marketed under numerous names. Glyphosate is now estimated to be throughout our food chain, in every brand of California wine, and now seeping into our water supply. Poison now penetrates our systems and causes untold negative results.

In early April, Los Angeles County supervisors placed a moratorium on the use of glyphosate until the effect on health is better understood. It's time for San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties to do the same. Poison kills weeds, animals, people—our earth.

Ethel Landers  
Arroyo Grande

## Oil oversight

A recent letter in the *Santa Maria Times* touted the wonderful history and benefits of oil development in the Cat Canyon area. The writer criticized the “few” opponents of the proposed extreme-extraction projects in the canyon, which will triple the number of producing wells there. He also decries the “micromanagement” of the oil industry by several agencies.

To top it off, the writer claims that there has been no groundwater contamination by oil operations in the 100 years of production in the area. These three criticisms would be very impressive if they were accurate.

First of all, I've attended several gatherings in Santa Maria where 50 to 150 unpaid volunteers took off work to attend a hearing to oppose the above dangerous oil projects. Another similar number would have come if they could have managed it. Several thousand folks stuck their necks out and signed petitions against the recent extreme-extraction proposal in Cat Canyon.

Secondly, as a health inspector, I've inspected dozens of these facilities over the years, and rarely have I seen much strict enforcement, let alone micromanagement. Most regulators that I encountered did not want to disrupt oil operations and trod pretty lightly during inspections.

Finally, the writer is flat wrong about groundwater pollution by oil. Recent groundwater studies have found groundwater contamination by nearby oil-related activities in North County. The oil industry's self-serving groundwater studies don't look hard enough and miss pollution that other studies find.

Let's get the facts straight before we allow further poisoning of our precious water supply by new dangerous oil operations.

Larry Bishop  
Buellton

## Changes in the bus schedule are bunk

To quote Forest Gump, “Stupid is as stupid does.” The Santa Maria City Manager's Office and the transportation department decided to

change the Breeze bus leaving the Transit Center at 6:20 a.m. to now leave at 6:10 a.m. Why?

The Colt bus in Lompoc changed schedules in November 2018. It used to stop at the Mission Plaza at 7:30 a.m. This allowed Breeze passengers to connect. Colt's new schedule puts it there at 7:13 a.m. We Breeze passengers who need to connect to the Colt are now unable to do so because the Breeze goes to DenMat first and then backtracks to Mission Plaza.

Some of the Breeze drivers know it is not a problem to go to Mission Plaza first and then go to DenMat, and they have accommodated connecting passengers. Since the beginning of the year, I have written letters to the city manager, assistant city manager, and Austin O'Dell in the transportation department trying to get them to allow the Breeze to stop at Mission Plaza first.

We Breeze passengers signed a petition stating that it is not a problem for the DenMat passengers if the Breeze stopped at Mission Plaza first. We also stated that none of us wanted the schedule to change. A three-minute deviation from the scheduled route does not affect any DenMat passengers. This all fell on deaf ears. The common sense of the drivers is lost on these three bureaucratic wizards who ignore the wishes of their customers and now will force everyone to leave 10 minutes earlier rather than stop at Mission Plaza first.

Great job guys! Santa Maria's finest at work.  
Suzanne de St. Jean  
Santa Maria

## The root cause of the world's problems

I'd like to say a word about torture. We hear a lot about it these days; it's all over the news. We recoil at the thought of torture. And yet, every single, solitary day, we are all being tortured. Now, you may wonder, “How is that?” And that's probably just because you haven't yet realized how you're being subjected to it. This particular torture is probably responsible for much of the suffering and pain in this world. If we could just face it and take care of the problem, then finally, we could all make the

world a much happier place. Still not sure what I'm talking about? Well, here it is.

For years—no, decades—we have all been subjected unwillingly to the same, stinking, horrible songs played in stores and businesses over and over and over and over again. It is literal torture. Play it one more time, and I will talk way beyond my name, rank, and serial number.

How in the world did people ever buy into this myth that we all want to hear the same songs day in and day out, week after week, month after month, year after year, decade after decade? And not only that, but they are played *loudly*. The same horrible songs by horrible singers like Rod Stewart, Kim Carnes, Rick Astley, and even tunes that once sounded nice began to grate after the first hundred times or so. The first thousand times, one feels annoyance. The first ten thousand times, one feels nausea and revulsion. After perhaps a hundred thousand times of hearing the same songs over and over again, one starts pondering termination.

Now, you are probably all realizing, hey, this guy is onto something! And I swear it is responsible for people dreading going into work, people quitting jobs early, people unconsciously spending the shortest time possible in stores buying things (I'm sure the store owners would like them to spend more time there). This is probably what has contributed to the exploding popularity of online shopping.

So, dear store owners and business owners, please get a clue and stop torturing us, unless you would like to keep pushing your customers over to Amazon. You think millennials are killing department stores? No, these store owners are contributing to their own demise! At the very least, if you absolutely must play music, please select from a variety of tunes without lyrics; there are a lot out there to choose from.

I'm begging you, stop torturing your customers and your employees, and let's make the world a better place.

Thank you for listening. Now, I think I will retreat into a dark and quiet room.

Next up, a word about advertising.

Mike Robertson  
San Luis Obispo

# MAYFIELD

## THE MUELLER REPORT

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# Lip reading in Lompoc

How do you pay for something you want but don't have money to pay for without bringing in any additional revenue? That's a tough one, but have I got an easy answer for you.

If you're like every other American in this now Great Again nation, you'll just borrow more money against the value of your home to buy that yacht or brand-new super diesel truck you've really been pining away after. I mean, it's not like overleveraging ever leads to the downfall of the economy or anything.

But what if you're, like, a city, and that thing you want to pay for isn't, like, just a want? It's public safety services that are stretched thin as it is. Asking for a friend.

And my good friend—or frenemy as we like to call each other—is the city of Lompoc, which is staring down the barrel of \$4 million in pension liability over the next two to three years. The **Lompoc City Council** is facing some pretty tough decisions. On the chopping block: personnel cuts for dispatch, fire, and law enforcement, among others.

Yeah, yeah, I know it's not the only city in California with those issues. But, it is a city with some real stubborn libertarian-leaning conservative City Council members who might as well have said: "Read our lips. No new taxes."

Well, **President George H. W. Bush** (senior!) eventually caved, so maybe **Lompoc City Councilmembers Jim Mosby, Dirk Starbuck, and Victor Vega** will too, but I doubt it.

To allay the potential cuts to safety services, city staff recommended that (**City Manager Jim Throop** practically begged, in my humble opinion) that the city put a sales tax measure on the ballot for Lompoc residents to vote on. The measure would have been to increase sales tax in the city by 1 percent. Nope, nope, and nope, Mosby, Vega, and Starbuck voted in March. We won't even consider letting city residents have a say in the matter! And although **Mayor Jenelle Osborne** didn't mention that particular elephant in the room at her April 4 state of the city address, she probably should have.

Here's what she said about the deficit: "Frustration and anger won't eliminate it. Being proactive can reduce its impact on our quality of life." Boring! She skirted around calling her colleagues out by saying that "if we continue only to cut to try and solve our unfunded liability, we cut people." Where are the dots for citizens to stand up, rally around, and force its City Council members to connect?

Come on, Jenelle! Have you learned nothing from **President Donald Trump** about what these speeches are for? You should have trotted out all the public safety personnel who would lose their jobs. Maybe a dispatch computer with no cord attached to it. Calls for service that go unanswered.

Take a page from Bush Senior: Read my lips: no more cuts! ☹

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—Caleb Wiseblood



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### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**THE 24TH ANNUAL FISH DERBY** Fish anglers of all ages are welcome to compete for both cash and merchandise prizes. Proceeds benefit the Neal Taylor Nature Center. **April 27** and **April 28** Registration ranges from \$10 to \$40. Neal Taylor Nature Center, 2265 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, 805-693-8381, [troutderby.org](http://troutderby.org).

**32ND ANNUAL SOLVANG DATSUN ROADSTER** This car show's goal is to showcase more than 125 roadsters, race cars, and other vehicles. **April 26** and **April 27** [solvangcc.com](http://solvangcc.com). Downtown Solvang, Mission Dr., Solvang.

### LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

**LOMPOC SPRING FESTIVAL** This event features live music, a variety of exhibitors, carnival rides and games, food booths, a car show, and more. **April 19, April 20** and **April 21** Unlimited ride wristbands start at \$20. [lompocvalleyfestivals.com](http://lompocvalleyfestivals.com). Ryon Park, 800 W. Ocean Ave., Lompoc.

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**2019 SANTA MARIA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Features carnival rides, live entertainment, tastings, demonstrations, and more. **April 26-28** Varies. [santamariafairpark.com](http://santamariafairpark.com). Santa Maria Fairpark, 937 S. Thornburg St., Santa Maria.

**ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT** Also features cookie decorating, Easter stories, and a craft. **April 20**, 10 a.m. Free. 805-937-9691. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3945 S. Bradley Road, Santa Maria.

### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA** Includes games, bounce houses, crafts, food vendors, visits with the Easter Bunny, and more. **April 20**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. 805-773-7063. Dinosaur Caves Park, 2701 Price St, Pismo Beach.

### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**EASTER FLOWER SERVICE AT UNITY SLO** Celebrate the resurrecting power of Christ. **April 21**, 10-11 a.m. Free event. 805-543-4250. [unityslo.org](http://unityslo.org). Unity of SLO, 1130 Orcutt Rd., San Luis Obispo.

**NATURAL FOOD CO-OP EARTH DAY CELEBRATION** Enjoy sampling food from the latest

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## ARTS

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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**INDIVIDUAL PAINTERS** No instructor. Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon \$1. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

**INTRODUCTORY BALLET 1** Tuesdays, 5 p.m. [everybodycandance.webs.com](http://everybodycandance.webs.com). Everybody Can Dance, 628 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-937-6753.

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**SWING, BALLROOM, AND LATIN DANCE CLASSES** Hosted by the Kings of Swing. All skill levels welcome (adults). Couples and singles welcome. Pre-registration recommended. Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. \$45. 805-928-7799. Adkins Dance Center, 1110 E. Clark Ave., Santa Maria.

**UKULELE CLASS** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

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### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

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**DATE NIGHT POTTERY** Guests can enjoy sharing wine, throwing pots on the wheel, and more. Fridays, Saturdays, 6-8 p.m. \$30 per person. 805-896-6197. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St, San Luis Obispo, anamcre.com.

**ENCAUSTIC PLAYDATE** For those with at least a basic knowledge of encaustic techniques who would like to join artists for a day or two of painting. April 18-19, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$35 per day. 805-528-7983. artcentralslo.wordpress.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

**FILM & TV ACTING CLASSES!** Film & TV Acting Classes for all ages and skill levels. Optional showcases for major Hollywood talent agents & casting directors. 8-12:45 pm. Varies per class. 310-910-1228. actoredge.com. Mission Cinemas, 1025 Monterey St., SLO.

**MOSAIC ROCK** Create a colorful mosaic rock to add a fun accent to your garden or as a one-of-a-kind gift. April 27, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$48. 805-286-5993. creativemetime.com. Cuesta College, Highway 1, San Luis Obispo.

**PACIFIC HORIZON CHORUS WELCOMES WOMEN SINGERS** Visit site or come by in person to see if these music lessons are right for you. Tuesdays, 6:30-9 p.m. 805-441-1405. pacifichorizon.org. SLO United Methodist Church, 1515 Fredericks St., San Luis Obispo.

**PAINTING IN WATERCOLOR WITH STRONG VALUES** Learn how to create relationships with strong values. No prior experience is necessary. Paper is supplied. Students supply their own paint and brushes. April 25, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 per session; \$150 for 5 consecutive classes. 805-688-9977. artcentralslo.wordpress.com/workshops-events/. Art Central, 1329 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

**START, RUN AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS A** 10-week entrepreneurial training course designed for anyone who is/or aspires to be a small business owner. Taught by Lorelei Sibet. Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. through May 15 \$395. 805-595-1357. mcscorp.org/entrepreneurial-training-courses. MCSC's Women's Business Center, 71 Zaca Ln., #130, San Luis Obispo.

## SPECIAL ART EVENTS

#### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**WOMEN'S EVENING OF RENEWAL** On the last Wednesday of every month, come share two hours with other women exploring ideas of motherhood, family, relationships, friendships, and ourselves through the creative process. Guests will use collage, drawing, painting, and poetry. Last Wednesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. \$25. 805-668-2125. LiIA Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. Suite 101, Arroyo Grande, lila.community.

## EXHIBITS

#### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**FOR THE JOY OF PAINTING** Featuring art by Sheryl Knight and Linda Mutti. Meet the artists at a reception on April 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through April 30 Free to public. 805-688-7517. Gallery Los Olivos, 2920 Grand Ave., Los Olivos, gallerylosolivos.com.

**NATURE IMAGINED** This exhibit celebrates nature through art by Cheryl Meadow, Ellen Jewett, and Hilary Brace. These artists used diverse materials and methods to create their works. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5. 805-686-8315.

wildlingmuseum.org. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

**NATURE REGENERATED** Photographers were encouraged to capture examples of nature's ability to regenerate and thrive. This exhibit showcases winning entries in the Adult and Junior categories. ongoing Free. 805-686-8315. wildlingmuseum.org/photography-competition/. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

**PAVLOV GALLERY: FEATURED ARTISTS** Showcasing new collections on a weekly basis. Featured artists include Chris Pavlov, Iris Pavlov, Robert Hildebrand, Doug Picotte, and more. ongoing, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 805-686-1080. pavlovgallery.com. Pavlov Art Gallery, 1608 Copenhagen Dr., Ste C, Solvang.

**RAY STRONG: A COLLECTOR'S PASSION** One collector, David Parker, is sharing his Ray Strong paintings as well as his stories of how he built his collection of over thirty pieces. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through July 8 \$5. 805-686-8315. wildlingmuseum.org/news/ray-strong-2019-art-exhibit. Wildling Museum of Art and Nature, 1511-B Mission Dr., Solvang.

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**SPRING SHOW** Reception is April 6 from 3 to 5 p.m., when winners will be announced. Tuesdays through April 28 Varies. 805-737-1129. Lompoc Valley Art Association, 119 E. Cypress, Lompoc, lomlocart.com.

#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**ALLAN HANCOCK FINE ARTS STUDENT SHOW** The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Through May 30 Ann Foxworthy Gallery, 800 S. College Dr., Santa Maria, 805-922-6966, Ext. 3252, hancockcollege.edu/gallery/.

**APRIL GROUP EXHIBIT** A group show featured during the month of April. Featured artists are TBA. Through May 1 Valley Art Gallery, 125 W. Clark Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-2278, valleygallery.org.

**JERI YOUNG: FEATURED ARTIST** This exhibit is part of an ongoing series of shows to spotlight local art and artists. Through June 27 Ameriprise Financial, 2605 S Miller St., Suite 104, Santa Maria.

**LOCAL ART AND ARTISTS: CONTINUING SERIES**

An ongoing series of shows, facilitated by advisor Terry Dworaczyk, to spotlight local art and artists. Each show includes an artist reception. ongoing Ameriprise Financial, 2605 S Miller St., Suite 104, Santa Maria.

**SANTA BARBARA PRINTMAKERS JURIED EXHIBITION** ongoing smartscouncil.org. Betteravia Gallery, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.

#### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**FOURTH ANNUAL TRILOGY ART GROUP EXHIBIT** The Trilogy Art Group presents a fundraiser for the Friends of the Nipomo Library with an exhibit of multimedia 2d and 3D artwork. Reception and silent auction on April 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. Through April 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nipomo Library, 918 W. Tefft, Nipomo, 929-3994, slolibrary.org.

**FROM ARTISTS, FOR ARTISTS, BY ARTISTS** Featuring fine art oils and pastels from Corynn Wolf, acrylics from Ryan Adams, and works from various mediums by Marc Wolf ongoing Free. 805-773-6563. Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach,

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**BRUCE EVERETT: A CHANGE OF SCENERY** Featuring large California and local landscape oil on canvas paintings, created over a 40 year span. Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through May 12 Free. 805-543-8562. sloma.org. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

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**HERE AND THERE: KEN CHRISTENSEN**

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## CALLS FOR ARTISTS

### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: BRUSHSTROKES**

**2019** A non-themed state-wide juried exhibition at SLOMA. Juror: Jerry McLaughlin. Visit site for details. Mondays-Sundays. through May 15 \$35 for up to two paintings. 805-543-8562. sloma.org. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: AWAKEN SLO COUNTY STUDENTS** A year-long program celebrating art and community expressed through the imaginative creations of our county's students. Three student exhibitions will be displayed at SLOMA throughout the year. Through May 12 Free. 805-543-8562. sloma.org. San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

### NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: THRU THE LENS II** Visit site for show prospectus. Entry deadline is June 15. Photographer/instructor Brady Cabe will serve as judge for this celebrated event. Through June 15 Varies. 805-772-2504. artcentermorrobay.org. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay.

## STAGE

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**VINTAGE HITCHCOCK: A LIVE RADIO PLAY** It's

1946 and a live production is being cast from WBFR Radio in Manhattan honoring three classic films by Alfred Hitchcock. Actors all perform multiple roles, with live music and sound effects. **April 19**, 7-9:30 p.m., **April 20**, 7-9:30 p.m., **April 21**, 2-4:30 p.m., **April 26**, 7-9:30 p.m., **April 27**, 7-9:30 p.m. and **April 28**, 2-4:30 p.m. \$15. 805-973-7264. Orcuttcommunitytheater.com. The story centers on a live broadcast in 1946 honoring 3 Alfred Hitchcock films: *The Lodger*, *Sabotage*, and *The 39 Steps*. Actors perform multiple roles. **April 26**, 7-9:30 p.m., **April 27**, 7-9:30 p.m. and **April 28**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$15. 805-937-3738. orcuttcommunitytheater.com. Orcutt Community Theater (Klein Dance Arts), 3546 Skyway Dr, Bldg. 1, Suite A, Orcutt.

**MARIAN THEATRE: A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER** Book and lyrics by Robert L. Freedman. Music and lyrics by Steven Lutvak. **April 25-May 12** Marian Theatre, 800 S. College Dr., Santa Maria, 805-928-7731, pcpa.org.

### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

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**CIVIC BALLET: DREW SILVAGGIO'S**

**RODEO** A contemporary ballet love story set against the backdrop of the trying times of the Great American Dust Bowl. Suitable for all ages. **April 19**, 7 p.m. and **April 20**, 7 p.m. \$26-\$38. 805-756-4849. pacslo.org. Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

**STAGED READING: GIRLS LIKE THAT**

Presented by SLO Rep's Ubu's Other Shoe Staged Reading Series. **April 19**, 7-9 p.m. \$15. 805-786-2440. slorep.org/shows/girls-like-that/. San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, 888 Morro St., San Luis Obispo.

**IMPROV COMEDY SHOW** Fast-paced improv comedy shows performed by the ensemble of Central Coast Comedy Theater. All shows are based on audience suggestions making every show unique. Saturdays, 8-10 p.m. \$5. centralcoastcomedytheater.com. Kreuzberg Coffee Company, 685 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, 805-430-0260.

**INTRO TO IMPROV COMEDY CLASSES** All intro courses taught by CCCT owner, Sabrina Pratt. Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. \$225 for all 6 weeks. 805-242-3109. centralcoastcomedytheater.com. Tigerlily Salon Studio, 659 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

### NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**THE REBOOT: STORYTELLING REIMAGINED** Curated mix of invited storytellers and open mic for novice storytellers. Spoken word, improv, character sketches and interactive games. Every third Friday of the month. Third Friday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-772-9225. facebook.com/topdogcoffeebar/. Top Dog Coffee Bar, 857 Main St., Morro Bay.

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## FEATHER WEATHER

*Gala De Arte Plaza hosts The Chicken: Intermediate Painting with Catherine Lemoine on April 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. Lemoine will guide participants through the creation of a chicken portrait. Admission to this workshop is \$65. The plaza is located at 136 N. Thompson Ave., suite B, Nipomo. Call (805) 550-9963 or visit theartgаланipomo.com to find out more.*

—C.W.



## WREATHS AND WINE

*Zest it Up Inc. hosts its DIY Succulent Wreath Workshop at Zaca Mesa Winery in Los Olivos on April 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. Attendees will create their own succulent wreath on a grapevine form. Admission is \$69 and includes supplies, food, a glass of Zaca Mesa wine, and other beverages. Tickets are available in advance at my805tix.com. Call (805) 688-9339 for more info.*

—C.W.

**AND FANTASTIC TAILS** A night of burlesque dance and variety acts. Beer and cocktails available for purchase. **April 19** and **April 20** Starts at \$20. galacc.org. South Bay Community Center, 2180 Palisades Ave, Los Osos, 805 528 2626.

## CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

### LECTURES & LEARNING

#### SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**ALMA ROSA PRESENTS WINE TALK WEDNESDAYS** An informational series that host speakers that discuss different aspects of the local wine industry. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. 805-688-9090. almarosawinery.com. Alma Rosa Tasting Room, 181 C Industrial Way, Buellton.

**TED AND CONVERSATION** The Solvang Library screens an 18-minute talk from the TED Talks series. Afterwards, the audience explores the topic together over tea and coffee. Third Thursday of every month, 10-10:50 a.m. Free. 805-688-4214. Solvang Library, 1745 Mission Dr., Solvang.

#### LOMPOC/VANDENBERG

**COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER** The center is a food pantry offering nutritional classes. Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m. Free. 805-967-5741, Ext. 107. El Camino Community Center, W. Laurel Avenue and N. I Street, Lompoc.

#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**BI-LINGO** Informal conversation to practice Spanish language skills for anyone with basic Spanish-speaking skills. Fourth Thursday of every month, 6-7 p.m. Free. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, 805-925-0994.

**COMMUNITY TALK ON THE DUNITES** The Dunites were society dropouts living in the Oceano dunes in the 1930s and 1940s. Hike Leader Jim Avila will talk and show some pictures of their life in the dunes. **April 20**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free; \$5 suggested donation. 805-343-2455. dunescenter.org/event/community-talk-on-the-dunites-4/. Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center, 1065 Guadalupe St, Guadalupe.

**COMPUTER BASICS WORKSHOP** A free workshop on computer basics. The workshop will be presented in the Learning Center. **April 23**, 1-2 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994 extension: 8562. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING SERIES: EMPLOYEE SESSION** Providing employers an opportunity to access harassment prevention training to effectively train employees and supervisors to meet compliance obligations. **April 18**, 8:30-10 a.m. Varies. 805-925-2403 x814. santamaria.com. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

#### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**POINT SLO LIGHTHOUSE TOURS** Docents lead guests on a one-hour tour of the historic site, the

buildings, and up to the Lighthouse tower. Please arrive 15 minutes early. All proceeds go directly toward the site's restoration. Wednesdays, 12 & 1 p.m. and Saturdays, 12, 1 & 2 p.m. \$17-\$22. 805-540-5771. pointsanluislighthouse.org. Point San Luis Lighthouse, 1 Lighthouse Rd., Avila Beach.

**SOUTH COUNTY POETRY** An open mic follows each month's featured poet. Fourth Sunday of every month, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. 805-473-2416. South County Poetry, St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church (annex), 301 Trinity Way off Traffic Way, Arroyo Grande.

**TOURS FOR PADDLERS** A special tour for visitors who come by ocean. Paddlers will need to clean sand from their feet and dry themselves before the tour so not to damage the antique flooring. Saturdays, 10-10:45 a.m. \$6.49. 805-540-5771. Point San Luis Lighthouse, 1 Lighthouse Rd., Avila Beach.

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**BOLD BRANDING AND DESIGN** Canva is a great user friendly tool that can help your business stand out from your competitors. Design social media graphics, emails, posters, presentations, and more. **April 19**, 12:45 p.m. Free. 805-595-1357. mcscorp.ecenterdirect.com/events/1790. MCSC's Women's Business Center, 71 Zaca Ln., #130, San Luis Obispo.

**CITIZENSHIP CLASS** To prepare for the citizenship exam. No registration required. Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m. Free. 805-781-5783. slolibrary.org. San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

**DIGITAL MARKETING ROAD MAP** This class is for busy businesses at any stage that want to know exactly how to focus and get solid results from their marketing efforts. **April 19**, 12:1:30 p.m. Free. 805-595-1357. mcscorp.ecenterdirect.com/events/1789. MCSC's Women's Business Center, 71 Zaca Ln., #130, San Luis Obispo.

**WORKSHOP ON GROWING GRAPES AND HOPS IN THE BACKYARD** Learn about growing grapes and hops. **April 20**, 10 a.m.-noon Free. 805-781-5939. Garden of the Seven Sisters Demonstration Garden, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo.

## CLUBS & MEETINGS

#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS (BOLT)** Teens have the opportunity to plan upcoming teen events and make changes in the teen zone. **April 22**, 5-6 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** Tuesdays, 1 p.m. oasisorcutt.org. Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SM VALLEY: MONTHLY MEETING** Social at 6 p.m. Guest speaker at 7 p.m. Business meeting for members follows. Third Thursday of every month, 6 p.m. Free. 805-349-2708. santamariademocrats.info. IHOP, 202 Nicholson Ave, Santa Maria.

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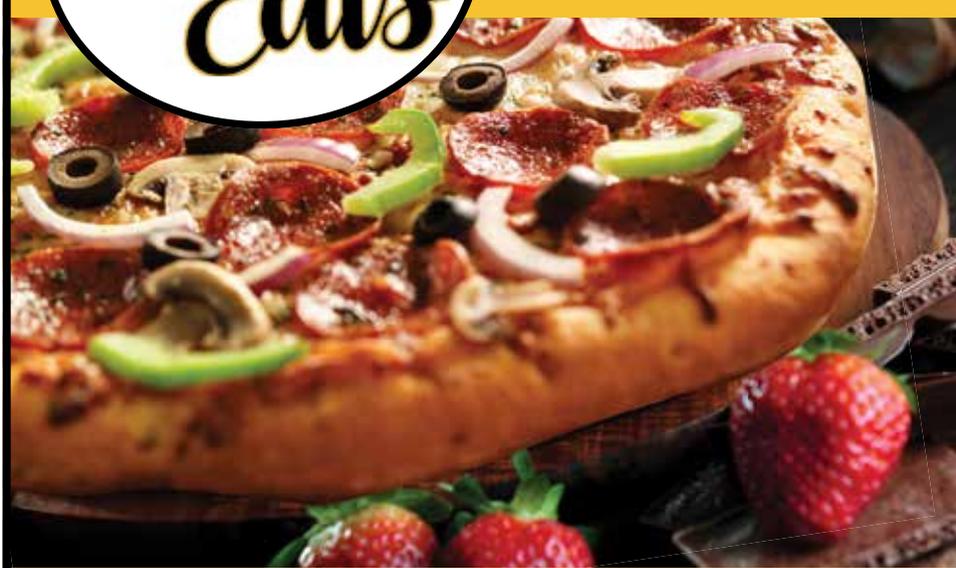
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- 2:45 Sade Champagne performs R & B  
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- 3:00 Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum  
Kids' Activities
- 3:45 kayfromfaraway, Hip-Hop  
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- 4:00 Wildlife Experience Show
- 4:30 Strawberry Eating Contest
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*Upcoming Events*

**April 18, 2019: Harassment Prevention Training - Employee Session**  
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**April 18, 2019: Chamber Mixer with Community West Bank**  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
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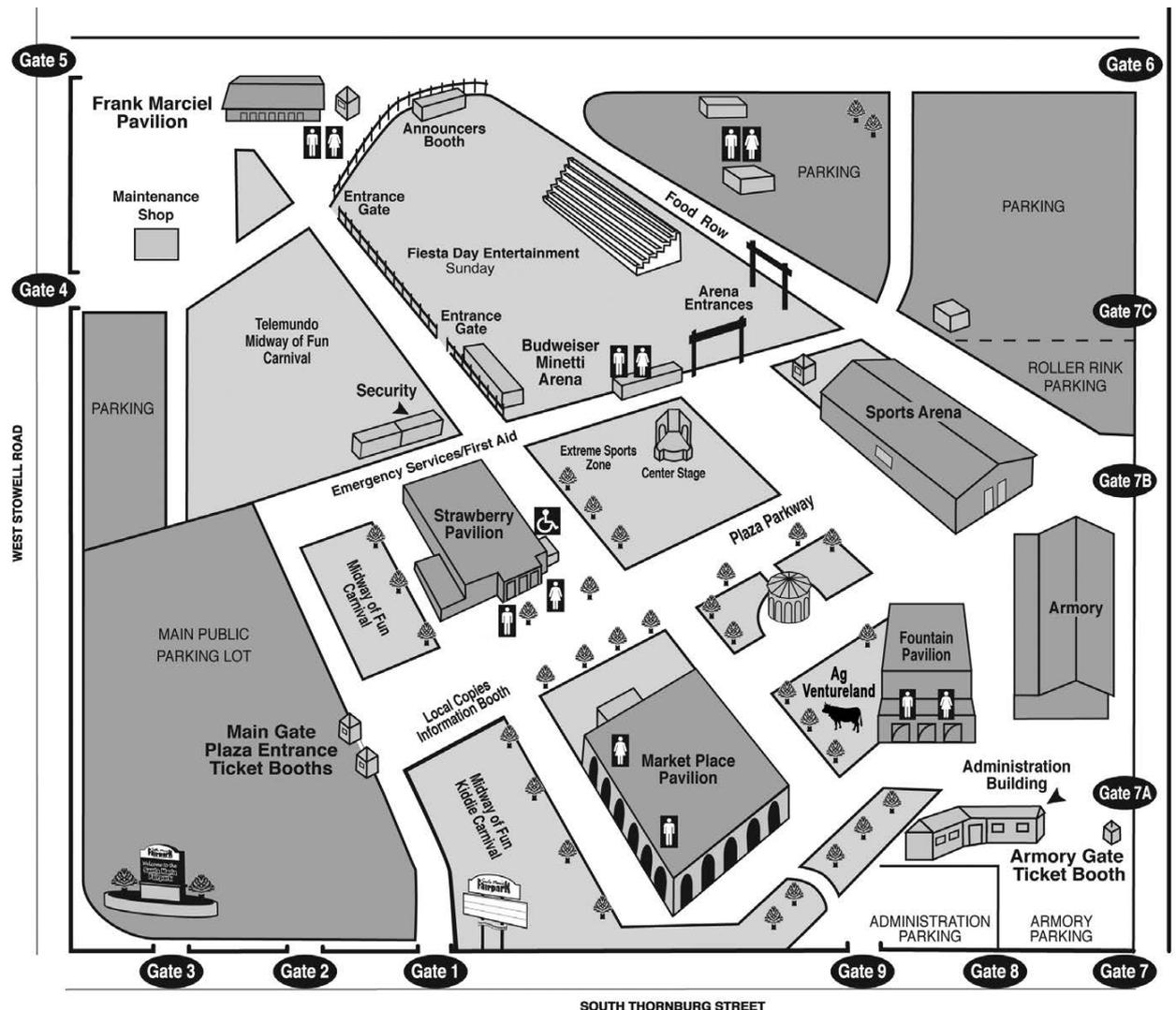
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- 12:30 Chef Landry's Cajun Comedy Cooking Show
- 1:00 Francesca Jule Tribute to Manilow and Cassidy  
Center Stage
- 1:00 Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum  
Kids' Activities
- 2:00 Motorcycles, Monsters, & Mayhem Quad Wars  
(Separate Ticket Required)
- 2:00 Wildlife Experience Show
- 2:15 Jokers Hand Pop/Rock  
Center Stage
- 2:30 Chef Landry's Cajun Comedy Cooking Show
- 3:00 Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum  
Kids' Activities
- 3:00 Francesca Jule Tribute to Manilow and Cassidy  
Center Stage
- 4:00 Wildlife Experience Show 
- 4:15 Anthony Ray plays Country  
Center Stage
- 4:30 The SUN Strawberry Eating Contest
- 5:00 Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum  
Kids' Activities
- 6:00 Wildlife Experience Show
- 6:30 Chef Landry's Cajun Comedy Cooking Show
- 6:30 Calo Band, R & B and Latin Rock  
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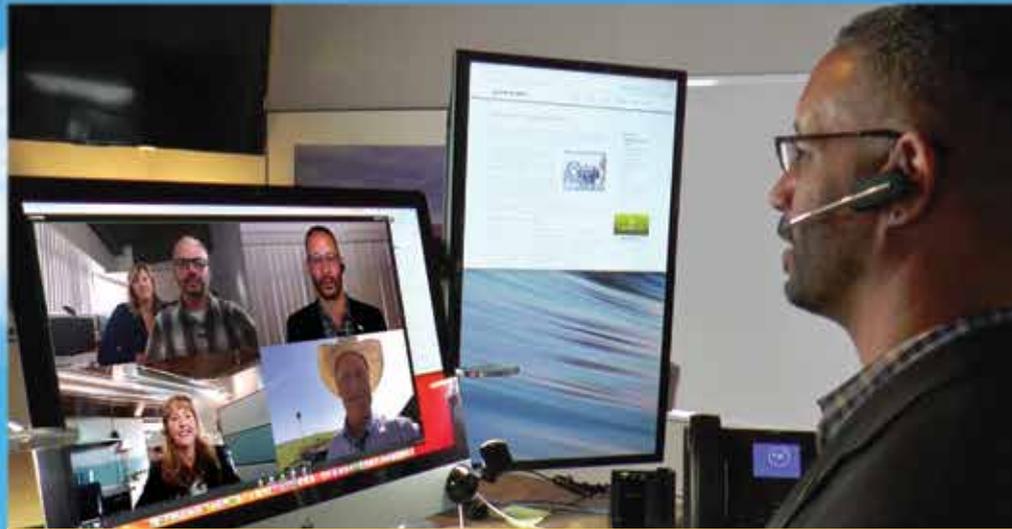


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- 12:30 Chef Landry's Cajun Comedy Cooking Show
- 12:45 Cleo Millenia, Bilingual Singer  
*Center Stage*
- 1:00 Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum  
Kids' Activities
- 1:45 Danny Torres Mariachi Singer  
*Center Stage*
- 2:00 La Buena Fiesta Day Entertainment  
*(Separate Ticket Required)*
- 2:00 Wildlife Experience Show
- 2:30 Chef Landry's Cajun Comedy Cooking Show
- 12:45 Cleo Millenia, Bilingual Singer  
*Center Stage*
- 3:00 Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum  
Kids' Activities
- 4:00 Wildlife Experience Show
- 4:00 Danny Torres Mariachi Singer  
*Center Stage*
- 4:30 Strawberry Eating Contest
- 4:45 Cloud Runners, Pop Rock  
*Center Stage*
- 5:00 Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum  
Kids' Activities
- 6:00 Wildlife Experience Show
- 6:30 Chef Landry's Cajun Comedy Cooking Show
- 6:30 Calo Band, R & B and Latin Rock  
*Center Stage*
- 8:00 Calo Band, R & B and Latin Rock  
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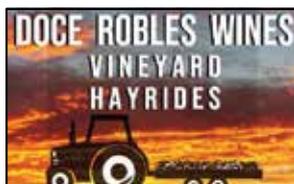
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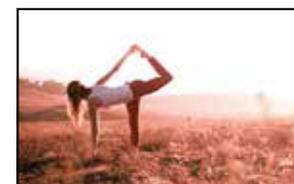
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**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
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**TRI CITY SOUND CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL** Welcomes all women who are interested in learning about barbershop-style music singing and performing. Thursdays, 6:45-9:30 p.m. 805-736-7572. Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 4725 S. Bravia Road, Orcutt.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Free. naughtyoak.com. Naughty Oak Brewing Co., 165 S Broadway St Ste 102, Orcutt, 805-287-9663.

**THE VALLEY READS BOOK CLUB** The Valley Reads Book Club meets every month on the fourth Tuesday. The Valley Reads are available at the Reference Desk located on the second floor. April 23, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994 extension: 8562. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

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**GALA SENIOR SOCIAL** This program is open to all GLBT seniors. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 4-6 p.m. galacc.org. GALA Center Gallery, 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS**

**TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING GROUP** A foster parent class presented by Calm. Tuesdays 805-965-2376. calm4kids.org. Church For Life, 3130 Skyway Dr., Suite 501, Santa Maria.

**SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY**

**GENERAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (SOUTH COUNTY)** Hospice SLO County is offering this support group for those grieving the death of a loved one. Held in the Church Care Center. Drop-ins welcome. Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org. New Life Pismo, 990 James Way, Pismo Beach.

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** Hosted by NAMI

(National Alliance on Mental Illness). A confidential and safe group of families helping families who have a loved one living with mental health challenges. Third Saturday of every month, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. 805-544-2086. Safe Haven, 203 Bridge St, Arroyo Grande.

**SPOUSE AND PARTNER LOSS SUPPORT GROUP (SOUTH COUNTY)** A Hospice SLO support group for those grieving the loss of a partner or spouse. Held in Room 16. Drop-ins welcome. Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org. New Life Pismo, 990 James Way, Pismo Beach.

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**CHILD LOSS SUPPORT GROUP** Hospice SLO County is offering this support group for those grieving the loss of a child. Drop-ins welcome. Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org/support-groups. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.

**FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** A support group for those who are caring for a loved one, no matter the diagnosis. Drop-ins welcome. Every other Friday, 2:30-4 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.

**HEALING DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP** A safe place for anyone dealing with depression who would like to receive support from others. Mondays, 6-7 p.m. Free. 805-528-3194. Hope House Wellness Center, 1306 Nipomo Street, San Luis Obispo.

**HELPING PARENTS HEAL** Helping Parents Heal is dedicated to assisting bereaved parents, giving them support and resources to aid in the healing process. Third Saturday of every month, 9-11 a.m. through Oct. 18 Free. 805-441-6280. helpingparentsheal.org. Crows End Retreat, 6430 Squire Ct., San Luis Obispo.

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**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** Hosted by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). A confidential and safe group of families helping families who have a loved one living with mental health challenges. Does not meet



in January. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Free. 805-544-2086. namislo.org. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1344 Nipomo St., San Luis Obispo.

**NAR-ANON: LET IT BEGIN WITH ME** Nar-Anon is a support group for those who are affected by someone else's addiction. Tuesdays 805-458-7655. naranoncentralca.org/meetings/meeting-list/. San Luis Obispo, Citywide, SLO.

**PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP** A support group for those grieving the loss of a pet. This group provides the opportunity to connect with individuals in a similar situation. Drop-ins welcome. Last Wednesday of every month, 5-6:15 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org/support-groups. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.

**YOUNG ADULT GRIEF GROUP** A drop-in support group for young adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org/support-groups/young-adult-grief-group. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.

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**EMPLOYMENT EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT** Sun

**Join Our Team!**

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- Answer and direct all incoming phone calls
- Greet and direct all visitors, being able to answer any questions pertaining to the company
- Book ads for publications
- Manage office inventory and order weekly for the Sun
- Maintain Santa Maria facilities and machines; really own the office

- Manage appropriate vendor relationships
  - Distribute and drop off mail at the post office
- Relevant skills & experience include:**
- Bachelors or relevant experience equivalent
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**HUMAN BEING SUPPORT AND INSPIRATION ONLINE GROUP** An online group to listen and get support from others from the comfort of your own home. Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. \$40 monthly subscription. 805-598-1509. [divining.weebly.com](http://divining.weebly.com). Divine Inspiration, 947 E Orange St, Santa Maria.

**MEDITATION GROUP** Features a 20 minute meditation followed by a brief discussion. Meetings take place in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon Free. 805-937-3025. Unity Chapel of Light Church, 1165 Stubblefield Rd., Orcutt, [unitysantamaria.net/](http://unitysantamaria.net/).

**REFLEXOLOGY AT OASIS** Tuesdays, 9 a.m. [oasisorcutt.org](http://oasisorcutt.org). Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

**TAI CHI AT OASIS** Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:45 a.m. [oasisorcutt.org](http://oasisorcutt.org). Oasis Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., Orcutt, 805-937-9750.

**WISDOM READINGS** AnnKathleen is available every day by appointment for Wisdom Readings with Tarot and Oracle cards. Gift certificates available. ongoing \$95-\$160. 805-598-1509. [divining.weebly.com](http://divining.weebly.com). Divine Inspiration, 947 E Orange St, Santa Maria.

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**SLO JEWISH HISTORY WALK** This Passover, step back to Jewish life in the Old West. **April 20**, 10 a.m.-noon \$20; students \$10. 805-470-0983. [secretstlo.com](http://secretstlo.com). Sauer-Adams Adobe, 964 Chorro St., San Luis Obispo.

### NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**BIRDS OF LAND AND SEA AT MORRO ROCK** Observe cormorants, pelicans, and various species and age classes of gulls. **April 19**, 10 a.m.-noon Free. 805-772-2694. Morro Rock, Santa Lucia Range, Morro Bay.

**HIKE THE CRESPI TRAIL** Explore the back country of Morro Bay State Park. Admire views of the bay, Hollister Peak, and an oak tree grove. Bring water and wear hiking shoes. Meet at Chumash Trail on the end on Turri Road. **April 22**, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. 805-772-2694. Morro Bay Museum of Natural History, 20 State Park Rd., Morro Bay.

### QUARRY TRAIL TO MORRO VISTAS

Walk to Cerro Cabrillo, view quarry trail, and learn about the Morros formation. **April 19**, 9-11:30 a.m. Free. 805-772-2694. Morro Bay Museum of Natural History, 20 State Park Rd., Morro Bay.

## SPORTS

### SAN LUIS OBISPO

**CAL POLY BASEBALL VS. USC** A non-conference match-up. **April 26**, 6 p.m. [gopoly.com/](http://gopoly.com/). A non-conference showdown. **April 27**, 4 p.m. [gopoly.com/](http://gopoly.com/). For Youth Day, all kids ages 13 and under get free admission and can run the bases and get autographs from the Mustangs after the game. **April 28**, 1 p.m. [gopoly.com/](http://gopoly.com/). Baggett Stadium, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, 805-756-7297.

**CAL POLY SOFTBALL VS. LBSU** In celebration of Youth Day and Ice Cream Sunday, the first 250 kids get free ice cream and all kids ages 13 and under can run the bases and get autographs from the Mustangs after the game. **April 28**, 1 p.m. Free. Bob Janssen Field, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, 805-756-7297.

**CAL POLY SOFTBALL VS. LBSU (DH)** Includes pink shirts for sale, a prize raffle, and other activities to raise funds to support the Hearst Caner Resource Center. **April 27**, 1 p.m. Free. Bob Janssen Field, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, 805-756-7297.



## MOTEL MADNESS

*The Great American Melodrama presents Unnecessary Fierce through April 28. Storylines of cops, hitmen, and other characters cross during this whodunnit comedy set in a cheap motel. Tickets range from \$23 to \$30. Visit [americanmelodrama.com](http://americanmelodrama.com) to find out more.*

—C.W.

**SLO PING PONG** Features many tables. Games are informal and all ability levels are welcome. Tuesdays, Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. and Sundays, 4-7 p.m. through Dec. 31 Free for new players. 805-540-0470. Ludwick Community Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo.

### NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**MORRO BAY MARTIAL ARTS** Offering adult and youth classes in kickboxing, boxing, judo, jiu-jitsu, MMA, tai chi, qi gong, and self defense. Programs are customized to fit your needs, goals, age, and abilities. Mondays-Sundays, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. through April 25 Call for details. 805-701-7397. Morro Bay Martial Arts, 850 Shasta, Morro Bay.

**YOUTH SELF DEFENSE AND AWARENESS** Learn the basics of mixed martial arts. For ages 6 through 9. Thursdays, 5:15-6 p.m. \$5. 805 701 7397. Morro Bay Martial Arts, 850 Shasta, Morro Bay.

## KIDS & FAMILY

### SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**BILINGUAL STORY TIME** Features stories, songs, and rhymes in both Spanish and English. Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m. through April 24 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**BIRDS OF A FEATHER: STORY TIME AND CRAFT** A story time about feathered friends. Kids will be able to create a craft they can share with the birds. **April 23**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. 805-344-1025. Los Alamos Library, 405 Helena St, Los Alamos.

**BOUNCING BABY STORY TIME** Learn, connect, and grow with other babies up to 12 months and their caregivers. Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m. through April 26 Free. \$30. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**DASHING DINOSAURS STORY TIME** Preschool story time for kids ages 3-5 and their families. Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. through April 24 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**FAMILY AFTERNOON STORY TIME** Features stories, movies, and a craft. Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. through April 23 Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**HOMEWORK HELP** For grades K through 6. Mondays-Thursdays, 4-7 p.m. through June 6 Free. 805-925-0994. [cityofsantamaria.org](http://cityofsantamaria.org). Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**KIDS WII PLAY** Kids aged 6 to 12 are invited to a free-

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### SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY

**TEA TASTINGS AT THE CHAPMAN ESTATE** In this workshop, guests will learn about the different types of tea and how to identify them. **April 20**, 10 a.m.-noon \$15. 805-773-7063. Chapman Estate, 1243 Ocean Blvd., Shell Beach.

**WATER EXERCISE FOR ALL AGES** These classes help relieve joint pain, enhance your breathing, and increase your range of motion. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 805-481-6399. 5 Cities Swim School, 425 Traffic Way, Arroyo Grande, [5citysswimschool.com](http://5citysswimschool.com).

### SAN LUIS OBISPO

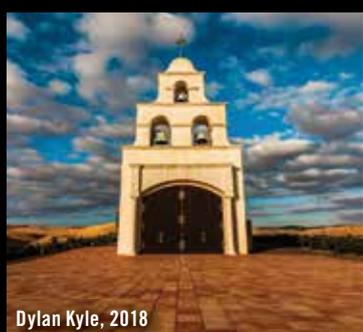
**AFRICAN DANCE** An all levels dance class where you can learn traditional dances from Guinea and West Africa. Accompanied by live drumming. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$5-\$10. [afrodance.net](http://afrodance.net). Performance Athletics Gymnastics, 4484 Broad St., San Luis Obispo, 805-547-1496.

**AIKIDO FOR EVERYONE** A Japanese martial art designed to stop violence with minimum harm. This class welcomes beginning and experienced students of all levels. Tuesdays, 5:45-7 p.m. \$65 for 3 months. 805-549-1222. [aikidosanluisobispo.com](http://aikidosanluisobispo.com). San Luis Coastal Adult School, 1500 Lizzie St., San Luis Obispo.

**AIKIDO SELF DEFENSE FOR ADULTS** Taught by



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for-all afternoon of gaming. **April 22**, 2-4 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**KTS ALL STAR GYMNASICS: NINJA WARRIOR CLASSES** Bring out your inner warrior with kids parkour classes in a safe setting. For ages 5 and up. Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. 805-349-7575. Santa Maria Town Center, 142 Town Center East, Santa Maria.

**MOMMY AND ME CLASSES** Brief gymnastics classes for ages 1 to 3 (as soon as they can start walking on their own). Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:30-10 & 10:15-10:45 a.m. \$35-\$55. KT's All Star Gymnastics, 237 Town Center E, Santa Maria, 805-349-7575.

**NIGHT LIGHT THEATER** A special screening of *The House with a Clock in Its Walls*. **April 23**, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.

**READALoud** The Buellton Library presents ReadAloud, a play-reading group for adults, teens and children 9 and up. Fridays, 4-5 p.m. Free. 805-688-3115. Buellton Library, 140 W. Highway 246, Buellton.

**SANTA MARIA VALLEY RAILWAY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum features a locomotive, boxcar, caboose, railroad artifacts, and diorama. Second and fourth Saturday of every month. 12-4 p.m. ongoing 805-714-4927. Santa Maria Transit Center, Miller and Boone St., Santa Maria.

**TEEN GAMING FRIDAYS** Join the library for an afternoon of gaming. **April 26**, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-925-0994. Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria.



**SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY**

**MINDFUL KINDFUL PEACEFUL (AGES 6-11): ARROYO GRANDE** A social-emotional learning program that provides foundation for greater mental strength, resilience, happiness, and well-being. Pre-registration required. Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. through May 30 805-270-5523. mindfulkindfulyouiversity.com/register-dragonfly-ag. Women's Club of Arroyo Grande, 211 Vernon St., Arroyo Grande.

**OCEANO DUNES VISITOR CENTER** Enjoy exhibits of dune and lagoon plant and animal species. End your visit with a stroll behind the center to the fresh-water lagoon. ongoing, 12-4 p.m. Free. 805-474-2667. Oceano Dunes Visitor Center, 555 Pier Ave, Oceano.

**PLAY EXPLORE CREATE 1** Enjoy various art activities including drawing, painting, building sculptures, and more. Designed for ages 3 to 4. All materials are included. Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. \$20. 805-668-2125. Lila Creative Community, 1147 East Grand Ave. Suite 101, Arroyo Grande, lila.community.

**SLO COUNTY PUGS ON THE BEACH** Socially friendly dogs and their humans are invited to run (leash free) in the surf sand at Olde Port Beach (Avila Dog Beach). Last Sunday of every month, 2-3 p.m. Free. aggbchamber.com. Olde Port Beach, 6520 Avila Beach Dr., Avila Beach.

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**AIKIDO FOR KIDS AGE 4-13** AIKI-MITES (age 4-6) class is 3pm on Tuesdays. AIKI-KIDS (age 7-13) classes are Tuesdays/Thursdays at 4pm. Call to observe or pre-register. Tuesdays, Thursdays \$50-\$75 monthly. 805-544-8866. aikidosanluisobispo.com. Budo Ryu, 3536 South Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

**BIRTHDAYS AT THE POTTERY STUDIO** Birthday parties available for all ages. Selection of bisque pieces to glaze include animal figures, banks, containers, rabbits, robots, and race cars. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. through May 31 \$350 for 10 guests. 805-896-6197. anamcre.com. Anam Cre Pottery Studio, 1243 Monterey St, San Luis Obispo.

**DANCE PARTY STORY TIME** For ages 2 and up. **April 20**, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. 805-781-5775. San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo.

**SPIRITUAL**

**SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS**

**FREE WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS** Open to all women regardless of denomination. Class includes stretching, aerobics, and floor exercises while listening to uplifting, spiritual music. Free childcare offered on site. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9-10 a.m. Free. 805-922-1919. cornerstonesm.org. Cornerstone Church, 1026 E Sierra Madre Ave., Santa Maria.

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES** Join Hope Community Church for Sunday morning and Wednesday night services. Children care provided for infants and children under 4. Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Free. 805-922-2043. hopesm.com. Hope Community Church, 3010 Skyway Dr. Suite F, Santa Maria.

SESSIONS Sessions may include but are not limited to mediumship, psychic awareness, light journey work, and aura cleansings. Thursdays, 12-2 p.m. \$20 for 15 minutes. 937-271-5646. CovenTree: Books and Gifts, 722 E Main St., Santa Maria.

**SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY**

**DRUM MEDICINE JOURNEY** With Julie Jensen. Every third Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. \$30. 805-489-2432. Halcyon Store Post Office, 936 S. Halcyon Rd., Arroyo Grande.

**HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH SERVICES** Join Pastor Joseph and Amanda Anderson every Sunday for prayer, healing, and more. Sundays, 9:30-11 a.m. 805-888-7714. House of God Church, 946 Rockaway Ave., Grover Beach.

**INTUITION READING CARDS AND MANIFESTING** Using your intuition reading cards and manifesting with Anna Olson. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. \$30. 805-674-4277. Halcyon Store Post Office, 936 S. Halcyon Rd., Arroyo Grande.

**MAGIC MIRROR/MAGIC WAND** Learn the power of intent by making your own wand. Fourth Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. \$40. 805-674-4277. Halcyon Store Post Office, 936 S. Halcyon Rd., Arroyo Grande.

**MEDIUMSHIP DEVELOPMENT** Learn the basics of communicating with spirit in a safe environment with Mike Smith. Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$15. 805-480-2432. Halcyon Store Post Office, 936 S. Halcyon Rd., Arroyo Grande.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**ASK SABRINA** 30 years of Tarot reading experience. Open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday in SLO County and Thursday and Sunday in South SLO County. ongoing 805-441-4707. asksabrina.com. Private Location, TBA, San Luis Obispo.

**REFUGE RECOVERY SLO** Refuge Recovery is a non-theistic, Buddhist-inspired approach to treating and recovering from addictions of all kinds. Open to people of all backgrounds and respectful of all recovery paths. Sundays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free; donations welcome. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 2201 Lawton Ave., San Luis Obispo.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY**

**CASA INFO SESSION** Learn about volunteer opportunities at CASA of SLO County. Become an advocate for an abused or neglected infant, toddler, child or teen, or a mentor for a young adult leaving foster care. Training provided. Or join the CASA Guild. Please RSVP. **April 24**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 805-541-6542. slocasa.org. Starbucks, 924 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**ADOPT A GRANDPARENT** Help out in your neighborhood by connecting with older adults that need a little extra help. **April 20**, 10 a.m.-noon Free. 805-547-7025. Wilshire Community Services, 285 South St. Suite J, San Luis Obispo, wilshirecommunityservices.org.

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**FELINE NETWORK OF THE CENTRAL COAST** Seeking volunteers to provide foster homes for foster kittens or cats with special needs. The Feline Network pays for food, litter, and any medications needed. Volunteers also needed to help with humanely trapping and transporting feral cats for spay/neuter. ongoing 805-549-9228. felinenetwork.org. San Luis Obispo, Citywide, SLO.

**HOSPICE SLO COUNTY THRESHOLD SINGERS SEEK NEW VOICES** Sing for individuals experiencing life-limiting or end-of life conditions. Third Sunday of every month, 2-4 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org/services/hospice-slo-county-threshold-singers. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.

**HOSPICE SLO COUNTY VOLUNTEER TRAINING** Preregistration required. In-Home Volunteers assist individuals with a life-limiting illness and their families by providing caregiver respite, practical assistance, emotional support, companionship, and comfort. Thursdays, 1-6 p.m. Free. 805-544-2266. hospiceslo.org/workshops. Hospice SLO County, 1304 Pacific St., San Luis Obispo.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** Meals on Wheels, San Luis Obispo, needs noon time drivers. Must have own car to deliver prepared meals. Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 805-235-8870. San Luis Obispo, Citywide, SLO.

**NORTH COAST SLO COUNTY**

**ART CENTER MORRO BAY** Seeking volunteers to be docents and/or organize art programs.



**DUCK TALES**

Guests at Jack's in Old Orcutt on April 24, from 9 to 11 a.m., can adopt a rubber duck to compete in the upcoming CASS Ducky Derby. Adopters will receive \$1 off of a slice of pie. The ducks will race at the derby on May 19 and can win prizes for their adopters. Visit [casaduckyderby.org](http://casaduckyderby.org) to find out more.

—C.W.

Mondays-Sundays, 12-4 p.m. Free. 805-772-2504. artcentermorrobay.org. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay.

**FOOD & DRINK**

**FARMERS MARKETS**

**LOMPOC/VANDENBERG**

**LOMPOC FARMERS MARKET** Features fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, entertainment, and activities for the whole family. Fridays, 2-6 p.m. Lompoc Farmers Market, Ocean Avenue and I Street, Lompoc.

**SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS**

**ORCUTT FARMERS MARKET** Presents local farmers and small businesses. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Orcutt Farmers Market, Bradley Road, Orcutt.

**SOUTH COAST SLO COUNTY**

**ARROYO GRANDE FARMERS MARKET** Includes produce, artists and musicians. Saturdays, 12-2:25 p.m. Arroyo Grande Farmers Market, Olohan Alley, Arroyo Grande.

**NIPOMO FARMERS MARKET** Includes a large variety of locally grown produce. Open year round Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. nipomofarmersmarket.com/. Nipomo Farmers Market, Via Concha Road, Nipomo.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**FARMERS MARKET** Farmers Market in SLO is the largest Farmers Market in California. Thursdays, 6:10-9 p.m. Downtown SLO, Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

**SLO FARMERS MARKET** Hosts over 60 vendors. Saturdays, 8-10:45 a.m. World Market Parking Lot, 2650 Main St., San Luis Obispo.

**SLO GUILD TUESDAY FARMERS' MARKET** Tuesdays, 2-5 p.m. through Dec. 31 Free. 805-762-4688. facebook.com/TuesdayFarmersMarketSLOGuildHall/. SLO Guild Hall, 2880 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

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**ATASCADERO FARMERS MARKET** Visit site for info on featured music artists and chefs. Wednesdays, 3-6 p.m. Free. visitatascadero.com. Sunken Gardens, 6505 El Camino Real, Atascadero.

**CAMBRIA FARMERS MARKET** Fridays, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Free. 805-395-6659. cambriafarmersmarket.com. Cambria Veterans Memorial Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria.

**EVENTS**

**SANTA YNEZ VALLEY**

**ROBLAR WINE TASTINGS** Potting Shed and Barrel Room available to members. ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 805-686-2603. roblarwinery.com. Roblar Winery, 3010 Roblar Ave., Santa Ynez.

**STANDING SUN: TASTING ROOM HOURS** Visit site for Cellar Club details and more info. Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 805-691-9413. standingsunwines.com. Standing Sun Wines, 922 2nd St.,

Unit D, Buellton, 805-691-9413.

**WINE TASTING AT KALYRA** Offering varietals from all over the world. Saturdays, Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 805-693-8864. kalyrawinery.com. Kalyra Winery, 343 N. Refugio Road, Santa Ynez.

**LOMPOC/VANDENBERG**

**LOMPOC WINE FACTORY TASTINGS** This tasting room highlights community-based winemaking. Features various member winemakers. Mondays, Wednesdays-Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. 805-243-8398. lompcowinefactory.com. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc.

**TASTING AT MONTEMAR WINES** Offering handcrafted wines, charcuterie, and cheeses. Fridays-Sundays, 12-5 p.m. 805-735-5000. facebook.com/montemarwines. Montemar Wines, 1501 E. Chestnut Ave., Lompoc.

**WINE TASTING AT FLYING GOAT CELLARS** This winery specializes in Pinot Noir and sparkling wine. Mondays, Thursdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 805-736-9032. flyinggoatcellars.com. Flying Goat Cellars, 1520 Chestnut Court, Lompoc.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**SLO PRODUCE EXCHANGE** Gathering twice a month for neighbors to exchange excess fruit, veggies, baked goods, plants, crafts, etc. Third Saturday of every month, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. 818-489-7085. Natural Food Co-op, 2494 Victoria Ave., San Luis Obispo.

**TASTE OF SLO: WALKING FOOD TOUR** Visit five different destinations in downtown SLO per tour. All food and drinks are included. Mondays, Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. through Sept. 5 \$85. 320-420-9853. tasteofslowalkingfoodtour.com. Downtown SLO, Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

**TRIVIA** Hosted by Brain Stew Trivia. German food from Beda's Biergarten available 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Bang The Drum Brewery, 950 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo, 242-8372, bangthedrumbrewery.com/.

**WINE TASTING AT CROMA VERA** Wines also available by the glass and bottle. Club members enjoy special pricing and exclusive benefits. Mondays, Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. \$14. 805-946-1685. cromavera.com/tastingroom/. Croma Vera Wines, 3592 Broad St., Ste. 106, San Luis Obispo.

**WOODSTOCK'S SLO PINT NIGHT** With the first pint as low as \$5, Woodstock's gives half-off refills in the same glass. Wednesdays, 8-11 p.m. Free. 805-541-4420. woodstocksslo.com. Woodstock's Pizza, 1000 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo.

**WOODSTOCK'S SLO TRIVIA NIGHT** For trivia aficionados and fun-lovers in general alike. Tuesdays, 9-11 p.m. Free. 805-541-4420. woodstocksslo.com/events/. Woodstock's Pizza, 1000 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo.

**NORTH SLO COUNTY**

**BURGER SUNDAY WITH LONE MADRONE** Guests can enjoy elevated lamb, beef, and portobello mushroom burgers grilled by Chef Jeffery Scott. Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Starts at \$14. 805-238-0845. Lone Madrone Winery, 5800 Adelaida Rd, Paso Robles, lonemadrone.com. ○

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RÜFÜS DU SOL W/ SG LEWIS .....	APR 20
THE 1975 W/ PALE WAVES, NO ROME .....	APR 21
FLORENCE + THE MACHINE W/ PERFUME GENIUS .....	MAY 12+13
KALI UCHIS + JORJA SMITH.....	MAY 17
FATHER JOHN MISTY / JASON ISBELL AND THE 400 UNIT .	JUN 07
TRAIN / GOO GOO DOLLS W/ ALLEN STONE .....	JUN 11
NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS W/ LUCIUS.....	JUL 20
THE HEAD AND THE HEART W/ HIPPO CAMPUS .....	JUL 23
THE RACONTEURS.....	JUL 27
LIONEL RICHIE .....	AUG 06
ELVIS COSTELLO / BLONDIE .....	AUG 07
YOUNG THE GIANT / FITZ & THE TANTRUMS W/ ALICE MERTON .	AUG 08
JOJO SIWA.....	AUG 11
SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO .....	AUG 17
THE AVETT BROTHERS W/ LAKE STREET DIVE .....	AUG 24
IRATION W/ PEPPER, FORTUNATE YOUTH, KATASTRO .....	AUG 25
JOSH GROBAN .....	SEP 05
MAGGIE ROGERS .....	SEP 17
MARK KNOPFLER.....	SEP 20
GARY CLARK JR W/ MICHAEL KIWANUKA .....	SEP 27
BANDA MS DE SERGIO LIZARRAGA .....	SEP 29
JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND.....	OCT 16
HOZIER W/FREYA RIDINGS .....	OCT 24

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# Hound Around Town!



## Hey Sports Fans!

Pippy would love to play tennis with you! It's her favorite sport—even if she just happily chews up the ball you serve her! Either way, you're sure to find love. This week she's hanging "Around Town" with Juanita Vega & California Giant Berry Farms. Come make a singles match with Pippy! She's a 4-year-old, spayed female, Labrador mix.



## ADOPT!

Adoptable Pets of the Week

**RILEY**  
Age: 11 years  
10 months  
Breed: Basset Hound  
Sex: Female  
Weight: 31 lbs.



**SUNNY**  
Age: 2 years 7 months  
Breed: Domestic Short Hair  
Sex: Female  
Weight: 10 lbs.



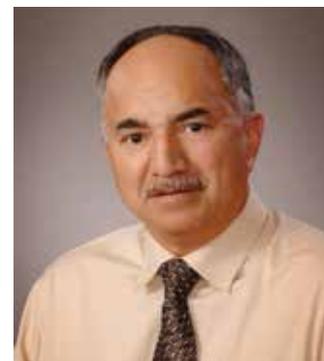
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## Santa Maria Arts Council Presents the 2019 Grants Awards Honoring Alex Posada



Mr. Posada has been a supporter of the arts throughout his years as director of the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department by providing resources, event venues, and staff assistance to promote the arts throughout Santa Maria. Alex is active in the community as a board member and volunteer for the American Red Cross, a board member for Santa Maria Kiwanis for Kids, Inc., and serves as the CEO/President for the People for Leisure And Youth, Inc. He has been recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce, and served 9 years as a trustee for the Santa Barbara Foundation. His work has helped to ensure the vibrancy of the arts and culture in the city of Santa Maria.

An evening of dazzling performances, hors d'oeuvres, wine and the opportunity to meet our promising new artists in music, dance, drama, and visual arts

5:30 Reception  
6:15 Performances & Awards

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Adults	\$30
Students	\$20
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**THE BRYAN TITUS TRIO LIVE** April 26, 8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**DUSTY JUGZ LIVE** April 27, 8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**AN EVENING WITH SCOTTY MCCREERY** Country music star and *American Idol* winner, Scotty McCreery performs. A benefit for the Solvang Festival Theater with all proceeds going into maintenance of the venue. **April 27**, 8-10 p.m. \$65-\$145. 805-686-1789. solvangfestivaltheater.org. Solvang Festival Theater, 420 2nd St., Solvang.

**THE EXCELLENT TRADESMEN LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 19**, 6-9 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**THE JACK MCCAIN BAND LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 26**, 6-9 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**JIM RANKIN LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 20**, 1-4 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**PARADISE KINGS LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 21**, 4:30 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**PARADISE ROAD LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 27**, 5-8 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**PULL THE TRIGGER LIVE** April 20, 8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

**RML LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 20**, 1-4 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**SEAN WIGGINS LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 27**, 1-4 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**SPENCER THE GARDENER LIVE** Food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food or drinks allowed. **April 28**, 4:30 p.m. Cold Spring Tavern, 5995 Stagecoach Rd., Santa Barbara, 805-967-0066, coldspringtavern.com/entertainment.html.

**THE TEX PISTOLS LIVE** April 19, 8 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, mavericksaloon.org.

## Beam me up, Scotty

*American Idol* winner Scotty McCreery brings his own brand of country to Solvang Festival Theater

## BY CALEB WISEBLOOD

The song “This Is It”—no, not the Michael Jackson documentary—could have gone one of two ways. The lyrics spell out a play-by-play blueprint for country singer-songwriter **Scotty McCreery** to finally pop the big question with his longtime girlfriend Gabi Dugal.

“I had the ring in the closet for months and had the day all planned out,” McCreery said in press materials. “And it all went great, just like the song lays out—it would have been awkward if she had said no!”

Had she said no though, would McCreery have taken a *Wedding Singer* route with “This Is It”? You know, the scene where Adam Sandler’s character performs the song he wrote the first half during a relationship and the other half after his ex-fiancée leaves him hanging at the altar. “AND WHEN I THINK OF YOU, LINDA, I HOPE YOU F-”. You know the rest.

I highly doubt McCreery would have been quite so vulgar—unless the song was about his former manager, Todd Cassetty, who sued the singer in 2013 for 15 percent of his gross revenue. “AND WHEN I THINK OF YOU, TODD, I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR SETTLEMENT.”

But back to happy things. Winning *American Idol* in 2011 is one thing, but marrying your kindergarten sweetheart is something else. McCreery married Dugal in 2018, the same year he released his third album *Seasons Change*, which features “This Is It” and other romantic songs.

“She’s a huge part of this record, the inspiration for all the love songs,” McCreery said of Dugal. “We met in kindergarten. Her kindergarten diary has ‘Mrs. McCreery’ written in it with hearts around it. We started dating senior year of high school and became best friends in the last few years.”

For *Seasons Change*, McCreery set out to collaborate with other country



**IDOLATRY:** Country singer-songwriter and *American Idol* winner Scotty McCreery performs at the Solvang Festival Theater on Saturday, April 27.

artists, co-writing each song with one or more partners. Collaborators on the album include Jessi Alexander, Jonathan Singleton, and David Lee Murphy—who McCreery had only dreamed of working with.

“I never expected to write with him [Murphy],” McCreery said. “And then we sat down and wrote one of my favorite songs [“Barefootin’”]. That was a great day.”

McCreery will be performing songs from *Seasons Change* as well as past hits at the Solvang Festival Theater on **Saturday, April 27**. Gates open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$65 to \$145. Proceeds of the concert will benefit the ongoing restoration of the theater, which is located at 433 2nd St., Solvang. Call (805) 686-1789 or visit solvangfestivaltheater.org to find out more.

## I’m just a Bill

Roots and folk rock artist **Billy Manzik** brings his one-man show—performing on guitar and kick drum while juggling between vocals and harmonica—to Presqu’ile Winery in Santa Maria on **Friday, April 19**, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Manzik’s musical journey started during his youth, growing up in Ontario, Canada, under the wing of his music-loving mother, who inspired him to make his passion a career. Three albums and many tours later, the artist now resides in California where he continues to record and perform.

In honor of Manzik’s Canadian roots, chef Lisabeth of Presqu’ile will be preparing poutine for guests to pair their wine with. As a self-proclaimed french-fry aficionado, I’m embarrassed to admit my inexcusable lack of



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**TOP BILLING:** Roots and folk rock artist Billy Manzik performs at Presqu’ile Winery on Friday, April 19.

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poutine knowledge. A dish consisting of fries and cheese curds topped with brown gravy—where have you been all my life?!

Admission to the concert is complimentary. Presqu'ile Winery is located at 5391 Presquile Drive, Santa Maria. Call (805) 937-8110 or visit presquilewine.com for more information.

More music

**Mark Kozelek, aka Sun Kil Moon**, will perform at the **Lompoc Wine Factory** in support of the Certain Sparks Music Foundation on **Sunday, April 21**, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the intimate concert are already sold out, but those interested in learning more about the foundation—which provides music lessons and other opportunities to children who may not be able to afford them—and how to donate can visit [csmusicfoundation.org](http://csmusicfoundation.org).

Two country acts, **Tex Pistols** and **Pull The Trigger**, grace the stage at the **Maverick Saloon**



**PARADISE FOUND:** Blues and swing band Paradise Kings perform at Cold Spring Tavern on **Sunday, April 21**.



**SHOOT TO THRILL:** The Tex Pistols perform country at the Maverick Saloon on **Friday, April 19**.

in Santa Ynez on **Friday, April 19**, at 9:30 p.m., and **Saturday, April 20**, at 8 p.m., respectively. Meanwhile, neighboring venue Cold Spring Tavern hosts rock group **RML** on **Saturday, April 20**, at 5 p.m. and blues and swing band **Paradise Kings** on **Sunday, April 21**, at 4:30 p.m.

Solo guitarist **Bob Clark** will perform at Moxie Cafe in Santa Maria on **Thursday, April 18**. The cafe also hosts indie singer-songwriter **Amaris Laurette Taylor** on **Friday, April 19**, and alternative

rock/indie folk group **Carter** on **Saturday, April 20**. All three shows start at 5:30 p.m.

Vino et Amicis Wine Bar in Orcutt presents indie folk artist **Kevin Graybill** on **Friday, April 19**, at 6 p.m. Graybill will perform both originals and covers. Some of his influences include Jack Johnson, Sam Beam, Bobby McFerrin, and Cyndi Lauper. Also in Orcutt, reggae artist **Levi**, best known for his work with **Rising**

**Son**, performs on **Friday, April 19**, at 7 p.m. at Naughty Oak Brewing Company. Admission to the concert is free, but food from The Greasy Wiener will be available for purchase. I for one hope poutine is on the menu! ○

*Calendar Editor Caleb Wiseblood wrote this week's Local Notes. Contact him at [cwiseblood@newtimeslo.com](mailto:cwiseblood@newtimeslo.com).*

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**SIP MUSIC CLUB** Pairing music and local wine with 4 seasonal releases each calendar year. Price includes 3 VIP access tickets to each SipMusic event, and 1 album and 1 bottle of premium wine every 3 months. ongoing \$40. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc, 805-243-8398, [lompocwinefactory.com](http://lompocwinefactory.com).

**SUN KIL MOON LIVE** A concert to benefit the Certain Sparks Music Foundation. **April 21**, 7:30 p.m. Lompoc Wine Factory, 321 N. D St., Lompoc, 805-243-8398, [lompocwinefactory.com](http://lompocwinefactory.com).

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**AMARIS TAYLOR LIVE April 19**, 5:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, [moxiecafe.com](http://moxiecafe.com).

**BOB CLARK LIVE April 18**, 5:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, [moxiecafe.com](http://moxiecafe.com).

**CARTER LIVE April 20**, 5:30 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, [moxiecafe.com](http://moxiecafe.com).

**KEVIN GRAYBILL LIVE April 19**, 6 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com).

**LOGAN LANDRESS LIVE April 25**, 5 p.m. Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900, [moxiecafe.com](http://moxiecafe.com).

**RON MILLER LIVE April 18**, 6 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com).

**THE SUN DRAGONS LIVE April 27**, 6 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com).

**THE WAVEBREAKERS BAND PLAYS MOXIE CAFE** Covering popular music of the 1950s to the 1980s. **April 26**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. [moxiecafe.com](http://moxiecafe.com). Moxie Cafe, 1317 W. McCoy Ln., Santa Maria, 805-361-2900.

**WILL BREMEN LIVE April 26**, 6 p.m. Vino et Amicis, 156 S. Broadway, Orcutt, 805-631-0496, [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com).

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**THE JUMP JAX LIVE** A new quartet local to the Central Coast. **April 20**, 7-10 p.m. 805-773-6563. [puffersofpismo.com](http://puffersofpismo.com). Puffers of Pismo, 781 Price St., Pismo Beach.

**NIGHT FEVER: THE BEE GEES TRIBUTE** A Bee Gees tribute concert production that encompasses every stage of the group's career. **April 20**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$45-\$55. 805-489-9444. [clarkcenter.org/event/night-fever-the-bee-gees-tribute/](http://clarkcenter.org/event/night-fever-the-bee-gees-tribute/). Clark Center for the Performing Arts, 487 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande.

**THE RISING SUNS AT CLUB BLACKLAKE** The Rising Suns bring their groovy sixties dance music to Club Blacklake. **April 20**, 5-8 p.m. Blacklake Golf Course, 1490 Golf Course Ln, Nipomo, 805-343-1214.

**SONGWRITERS AT PLAY: MEGAN STEINKE** Steinke is a versatile musician and fourth year graphic communication student at Cal Poly. **April 24**, 6-8:30

p.m. Free; tips accepted; all ages are welcome. 805-489-9099. [songwritersatplay.com](http://songwritersatplay.com). Branch Street Deli, 203 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

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**CABARET** Enjoy live lounge music with piano accompaniment. **April 23**, 6:45-9 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, [7SistersBrewing.com](http://7SistersBrewing.com).

**DIRTY CELLO LIVE** Performs a unique spin on blues and bluegrass. Led by cross-over cellist, Rebecca Roudman. **April 20**, 7-8 p.m. \$20. 805-543-8562. [sloma.org/](http://sloma.org/). San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, 1010 Broad St., San Luis Obispo.

**DONNA LU AND MATTHEW KIM** Enjoy soulful rock. **April 20**, 6-9 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, [7SistersBrewing.com](http://7SistersBrewing.com).

**AN EVENING OF CELTIC MUSIC** Featuring Adri Yarkin and David Foster Evans. **April 24**, 5-7 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, [7SistersBrewing.com](http://7SistersBrewing.com).

**GYPSY ALL STARS April 26**, 6-9 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, [7SistersBrewing.com](http://7SistersBrewing.com).

**MATTHIAS & THE SOUL POETS** A mix of soul/funk, folk, pop, and Americana. **April 27**, 6-8 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, [7SistersBrewing.com](http://7SistersBrewing.com).

**MONUMENTS OF JEWISH TRADITION** San Luis Obispo Master Chorale will perform two mid-twentieth century works. **April 28**, 3-5 p.m. \$20-\$50. 805-756-4849. [slomasterchorale.org](http://slomasterchorale.org). Performing Arts Center, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo.

**ZEN MOUNTAIN POETS** Join us for an evening of psychedelic, neo-prog folk jazz. **April 19**, 6-9 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo, [7SistersBrewing.com](http://7SistersBrewing.com).

DJ/DANCE

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

**KRAZY COUNTRY HONKY-TONK THURSDAY**



SANTA BARBARA SOUL

*Santa Barbara-based singer/songwriter Will Breman performs soul and bluegrass at Vino et Amicis Wine Bar on April 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Breman is known for live looping during performances. The bar is located at 165 S. Broadway St., Orcutt. Call (805) 631-0496 or visit [vinoetamicis.com](http://vinoetamicis.com) for more info.*

—C.W.

Thursdays, 6 p.m. Maverick Saloon, 3687 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-686-4785, [mavericksaloon.org](http://mavericksaloon.org).

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**DJ CAMOTE** Thursdays, 5 p.m. Harry's Night Club And Beach Bar, 690 Cypress St., Pismo Beach, 805-773-1010, [harryspismoeach.com](http://harryspismoeach.com).

**DJ DRUMZ AT MONGO'S** Fridays Free. 805-489-3639. [mongosaloon.com](http://mongosaloon.com). Mongo's Saloon, 359 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach.

KARAOKE/OPEN MIC

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**KARAOKE AT SOLVANG BREW** Thursdays Free. Solvang Brewing Company, 1547 Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-2337.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT AT SOLVANG BREW** Wednesdays Free. Solvang Brewing Company, 1547 Mission Dr., Solvang, 805-688-2337.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

**KARAOKE WITH DJ RICARDO** Thursdays, 9-11:30 p.m. [spotonevents.com](http://spotonevents.com). Blast 825 Brewery, 241 S Broadway St., Ste. 101, Orcutt, 805-934-3777.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT KARAOKE** Guests are welcome to take the stage and sing. Wednesdays, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. 805-863-8292. Louie B's, 213 E. Main St., Santa Maria.

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**FRONT ROW KARAOKE** Thursdays, 9 p.m. 773-1010. Harry's Night Club And Beach Bar, 690 Cypress St., Pismo Beach, [harryspismoeach.com](http://harryspismoeach.com).

**JAWZ KARAOKE** Thursdays, 9 p.m. Harry's Night Club And Beach Bar, 690 Cypress St., Pismo Beach, 805-773-1010, [harryspismoeach.com](http://harryspismoeach.com).

**KARAOKE WITH DJ SAM** Sundays Mongo's Saloon, 359 W. Grand Ave., Grover Beach, 805-489-3639.

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**KARAOKE NIGHT SUNDAYS AT BUFFALO PUB AND GRILL** Sundays, 8 p.m. Free. 805-544-5155. Buffalo Pub And Grill, 717 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT AT 7SISTERS** For musicians, poets, and comedians. Family-friendly. Performers get a free beer. Sundays, 5-7 p.m. Free. 805-868-7133. [7SistersBrewing.com/calendar](http://7SistersBrewing.com/calendar). 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, San Luis Obispo.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT AT KREUZBERG** Wednesdays Free. 805-439-2060. [kreuzbergcalifornia.com](http://kreuzbergcalifornia.com). Kreuzberg Coffee Company, 685 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo. ○

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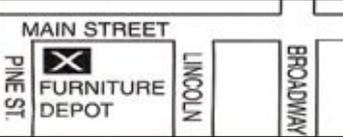
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## Arts Briefs

### Sinbad to perform at Chumash Casino

Standup comedian Sinbad will perform at the Chumash Casino Resort in Santa Ynez on Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. The popular comic was named one of Comedy Central's "100 Greatest Standups of All Time" in 2004. Sinbad is also widely

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known for his film and television career, with roles in films like *First Kid*, *Houseguest*, *Jingle All The Way*, and *Good Burger*, and shows like *Comedy Bang! Bang!* and *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

The performance takes place in Chumash Casino's Samala Showroom. Tickets range from \$19 to \$59. The resort is located at 3400 E. Highway 246, Santa Ynez. Wheelchair access is available. The casino is open to guests ages 21 and over only. Call (800) 248-6274 or visit [chumashcasino.com](http://chumashcasino.com) for more information.

### Sign up for Mother's Day perfume workshop

The Mother's Day Natural Perfume-Making Workshop at the Wildling Museum of Art and Nature in Solvang takes place on Saturday, May 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. The class size is limited to 12 people, so early registration is highly recommended. Participants will receive guidance in constructing a fragrance, partake in a lively discussion of aromatic properties, and play games to connect scents with emotions, images, and

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memories. By the end of the class, attendees will have created their own liquid-based fragrance from a carefully curated selection of essential oils.

Susan Farber, instructor of the workshop, is a certified aromatherapist, licensed psychotherapist, and the founder of Sol Aromatics. Visit [solaromatics.com](http://solaromatics.com) to learn more about her. Attendees of the workshop are asked not to wear any perfumes to the class in order to avoid distraction from the featured perfumes.

Admission to the Mother's Day Natural Perfume-Making Workshop is \$90 per person or \$160 for two people co-creating a fragrance together. All materials are included in the prices. The Wildling Museum of Art and Nature is located at 1511 B Mission Drive, Solvang. Call (805) 686-8315 or visit [wildlingmuseum.org](http://wildlingmuseum.org) for more information. ○

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## He-dunnit

PCPA's new musical, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, features one actor in eight challenging roles

BY REBECCA ROSE

For a typical actor, it can take months of detailed preparation to create one role that audiences will find believable, relatable, and engaging enough to invoke their suspension of disbelief during a play or movie.

But in the Pacific Conservatory Theatre's (PCPA) latest production, one actor takes on that challenge eightfold. Andrew Philpot plays eight different characters in PCPA's *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, which debuts at the Marian Theatre on April 27.

The play is a unique take on the traditional comedy/murder mystery. In the production, a distant heir of a wealthy family decides that all he has to do to become rich is murder everyone who stands before him in the line of succession to the fortune. The play, a mix of the macabre and comedic brilliance, follows Monty Navarro's exploits as he slowly tries to off his family, one-by-one.

"I think this play is dark and weird and subversive," Philpot said. "But it's done in a way that's so ... absurd and cheery, it really works."

It was a massive hit on Broadway in 2014, winning 10 nominations, including Best Musical. To Philpot, the challenges of the multitasking roles are simply a convergence of everything he's trained for as an actor.

"I started acting really young," he said. "I went to a place called The Children's Experimental Theatre in Carmel. My brother and I were both kind of shy and my parents thought this would open us up."

Philpot wound up staying with the theater for 10 years, performing and working behind the scenes on numerous productions ranging in subjects from history to culture. The group toured schools putting on performances, and Philpot said the theater and creatives behind it embraced the more eccentric elements of theater and writing.

"It was this amazing experience for a child," he said. "We learned mime and stage combat. We learned about Shakespeare and Molière. It was kind of crazy, but I guess I just ate it up."

From there, Philpot said he was hooked on acting as a future career. He earned a degree in theater at UC Irvine and then at the Academy for Classical Acting at George Washington University.

He went to Los Angeles to try his hand at film and movie acting, landing parts on *Frasier*, *The Practice*, *Empty Nest*, *Columbo*, and more, working as a day player with week-long contracts at a time. Philpot said a television actor's life could often be unstable, and he found himself wanting

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**KILLER MUSICAL:** Emily Trask as Sibella Halward (left) and Skye Privat as Phoebe D'Ysquith (right) join Andrew Philpot, who portrays eight members of the The D'Ysquith family in the Pacific Conservatory Theatre's production of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. The play opens April 27 at Allan Hancock's Marian Theatre.



**MAKE A DATE WITH THE EIGHT:** Pacific Conservatory Theatre resident artist Andrew Philpot takes on eight different characters in a new production of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. The musical comedy won 10 Tony Awards in 2014, including Best Musical.

something more grounded.

In 2004, Philpot saw that PCPA was looking for a teacher and an actor (he had been part of PCPA in 1998). It seemed like a perfect opportunity to work with young students and perform himself.

"That's what we do here," he said. "We're all teachers as well as actors. It's this amazing gig where you teach the students in the daytime and then you're acting alongside them at night."

Philpot has been in numerous productions at PCPA, including recent roles as John Proctor in *The Crucible* and Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*. He has also directed *Merchant of Venice*, *Gideon's Knot*, as well as *And When Love Speaks*.

All of that preparation has made him ready to tackle what could arguably be considered one of the most difficult roles in musical theater. As eight members of the D'Ysquith family, Philpot is tasked not just with learning lines, songs, blocking, and choreography, he also has to make quick physical changes behind the scenes and ensure that the audience believes each rendition is a distinct and separate character.

"It's a dream come true," Philpot said. "To actually play all of these parts and to try and make them different, that's what I'm working on, to try and find those specifics."

He said he started with the voice of each character, which is where he begins to find the people he's trying to create onstage. Philpot said then it's a matter of discovering the physicality of a character, finding their center and where they carry their energy (hips, shoulders, etc.). It's a transition that must often be achieved within seconds.

"There are going to be moments when I'm offstage for less than a minute," Philpot said. "I will have a costume thrown on to me and part of my work will be to simply switch ... and find the character physically before I step out on stage."

With some characters, he said, he focuses on creating the right face. Oftentimes, the key was finding a piece of the costume that helps complete the portrait of what he's trying to create. He calls the process "outside in" acting, centered on putting the physicality first before the character's internal motivations. It's a very different process than what is emphasized to students at the conservatory, he said.

"In order to find the differences so physically and so quickly, I literally had to find the shape first," Philpot said. "And then flesh the character out later."

But even if you're not wowed by the idea of one man taking on eight roles, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* is still an impressive and fun night of theater, Philpot said.

"This play will blow you away," he said. "It's just so much fun." ○

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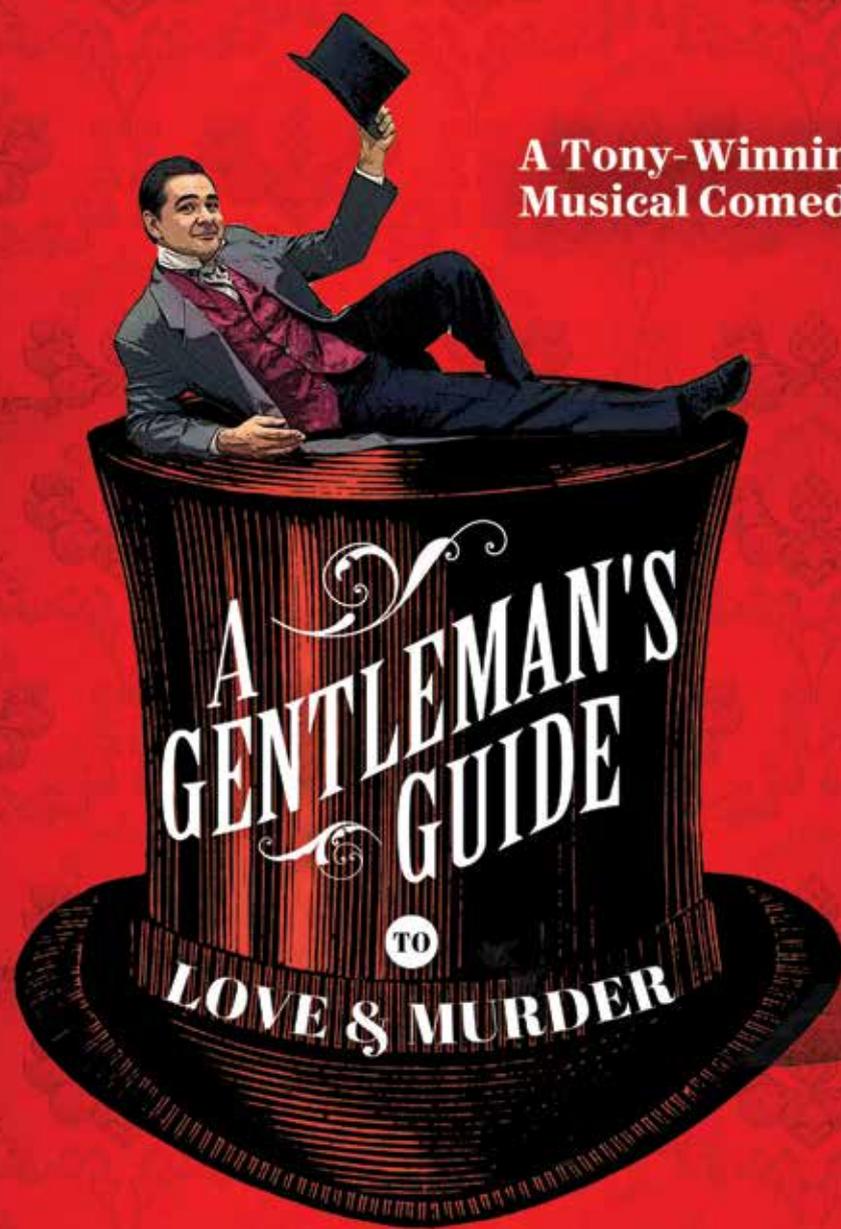
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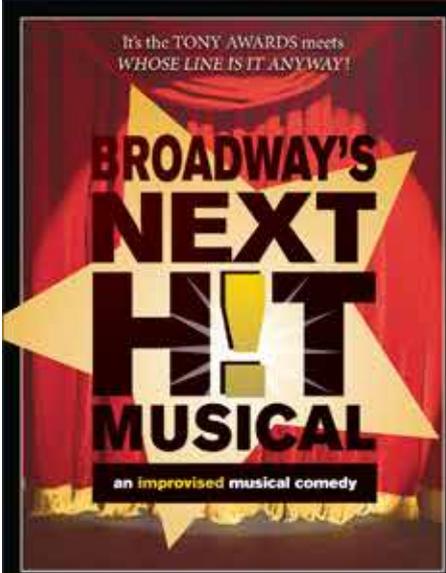


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## New views

Valley Art exhibit features local artists John Card, Beverly Johnson, and more

BY REBECCA ROSE

It's always refreshing to see the work of Orcutt painter John Card on the wall at any gallery or public exhibit.

This time it was at the Santa Maria Public Airport, where members of Valley Art Gallery are showing some of their latest work. As usual, the new pieces from the artists are surprising, both on an elemental and a subjective level. The collection ranges from photography to painting, both realism and abstract. But even in this diverse group of painters, there is always a cohesion that speaks to the hyperlocal nature of their collective.

Card's work this time dabbles in abstraction. He's not a painter who shies away from experimenting in different formats. He came to art somewhat later in his life, as an adventurous retiree, seeking self-expression and a challenge. Card has steadfastly refused to allow himself to be pigeonholed in any one genre, which is why his paintings can often take you by surprise. The minute you think you know what to expect, he delivers something bold and out of his comfort zone. It's artists like Card who make the local art scene so vibrant and entertaining.

For this latest exhibit, Card pounces with a piece called *Firestorm*, an ambitious acrylic painting that focuses on a certain kind of duality. Card really lets himself go, mixing inherently unpragmatic colors (purples, oranges, yellows, etc.) creating a bifurcated canvas where one side juxtaposes the next. No, he isn't an expert in abstract painting, but he's certainly diving into the form without hiding his enthusiasm or naiveté.

Another familiar face to the world of abstraction and still life is Beverly Johnson. Johnson is relatively new to the format, having taken it up a few years ago while looking for a break from her traditional work. But it's clear that she's quickly becoming an expert at the method, which involves using generous amounts of paint and manipulating it while moving the canvas (by spinning or tilting it) and then using tools such as an artist's palette knife to create shapes and bring new colors to the surface.

Her piece in this latest exhibit is called *Waterfall*, and it represents a merging of her two worlds as a painter. The waterfall behind the neat color arrangement of long waving flowers is made using the pouring technique.



**POUR ON THE LOVE:** The latest Valley Art Gallery exhibit features the work of many artists, including Beverly Johnson, who specializes in acrylic pour techniques. Her pieces, such as *Waterfall*, feature a blend of realism and abstraction.

Johnson then wipes through the paint she pours, using the knife to create the illusion of water reflecting dozens of colors and light variations.

Like Card, Johnson doesn't stay chained to any one strict format or genre. She likes to play with her ideas and let her subjects dictate where to go. There's a pleasant familiarity in her work, even when she branches into new places—and it's work that should definitely be seen in person, to give the true scope of how well she balances fundamentals such as texture and light.

Another local artist (who tackled a subject out of our region) is Suzanne Rynders, an artist who is relatively new to me. Her piece in the exhibit is *Bixby Bridge*, *Big Sur*, a colorful landscape that feels playful and evocative. Rynders doesn't shy away from bold pops of color to create a portrait of a landmark that's increased in popularity over recent years.

I especially loved the way she parked her setting in bright daylight, allowing the intensity of the whites to glow in the piece. It's a work of art that feels casual but has more moving parts within the palette and

composition than is immediately detectable.

Rynders' other piece is *Dolphins Leaping*, another acrylic painting that gives a good insight into her restraint as a painter. Rynders is skilled at creating shapes and letting the brain fill in the rest of the story, while focusing on playing with shadows and color gradients.

While all of the artists have unique points of view and styles, everything feels uniformly Californian (there are hints of the original California Scene Painters in almost every

inch of canvas). But they speak specifically to the Central Coast; these are local artists putting their special stamp on culture, scenery, and the lifestyle specific zip code.

The exhibit is free and open to the public at the airport, which is a great place to see paintings and other artwork by some of the region's top artists. Free public art is increasingly difficult to come by in certain regions, and no one should miss the chance to experience it while they can. ○

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### Get in the spotlight

Valley Art Gallery's latest exhibit features a collection of work from many of its members. The work is on display through May 31 at the Santa Maria Public Airport District, 3900 Terminal Drive, Santa Maria. For more information, call (805) 937-2278.

### Film Reviews

*Editor's note: Show times for Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc and Parks Plaza are available at playingtoday.com. Listings for Edwards Santa Maria 10 and 14 were not provided.*

#### BREAKTHROUGH

**What's it rated?** PG  
**Where's it showing?** Parks Plaza  
**NEW** Roxann Dawson directs this biographical drama about Guatemalan teenager John Smith (Marcel Ruiz), who in early 2015, while playing with friends, fell through the ice on Lake St. Louis, drowned, and was rescued by first responder Tommy Shine (Mike Colter), and CPR was performed for 27 minutes. On the brink of death and in a coma, John's religiously devout parents, Joyce (Christy Metz) and Brian (Josh Lucas), along with local pastor Jason Noble (Tophier Grace), pray for the boy's recovery. (116 min.)  
 —Glen Starkey

#### THE CURSE OF LA LLORONA

**What's it rated?** R  
**Where's it showing?** Movies Lompoc  
**NEW** Michael Chaves directs this horror thriller about a social worker, Anna Tate-Garcia (Linda Cardellini), and her small children haunted by supernatural entity. Can Father Perez (Tony Amendola) and occult specialist Rafael Olvera (Raymond Cruz) help? (93 min.)  
 —Glen

#### DUMBO

**What's it rated?** PG  
**What's it worth?** Matinee  
**Where's it showing?** Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc  
**PICK** This remake of the Disney animated film centers on a struggling circus led by Max Medici (Danny DeVito), who hires former circus star but now wounded war veteran Holt Farrier (Colin Farrell) to take care of Dumbo, a small elephant with giant ears that make it a laughingstock. Holt's children, Milly (Nico Parker) and Joe (Finley Hobbins), discover little Dumbo can fly. Soon, ruthless entrepreneur V. A. Vandevere (Michael Keaton) swoops in to make Dumbo a star with the help of French trapeze artist Colette Marchant (Eva Green). (112 min.)  
 —Caleb Wiseblood

#### HELLBOY

**What's it rated?** R  
**What's it worth?** Matinee  
**Where's it showing?** Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza  
**PICK** Neil Marshall (*Dog Soldiers, The Descent, Doomsday*) directs this R-rated franchise reboot based on Mike Mignola's graphic novels about well-meaning

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#### SCORING

**FULL PRICE** ... It's worth the full price of an evening showing  
**MATINEE** ..... Save a few bucks, catch an afternoon showing  
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## Something's missing

**W**riter-director Chris Butler (*ParaNorman*) helps this stop-motion animated adventure about Sir Lionel Frost (voiced by Hugh Jackman), who's invited to the Pacific Northwest by Sasquatch—aka Mr. Link (voiced by Zach Galifianakis)—who hopes Frost will take him to the Himalayas to meet his long-lost relatives, the Yetis. With free-spirited adventurer Adelina Fortnight (voiced by Zoe Saldana), the trio sets out to find Shangri La. (95 min.)

**Glen** I was really hoping for stop-motion animation along the lines of Wes Anderson's *Fantastic Mr. Fox* and *Isle of Dogs*, Duke Johnson and Charlie Kaufman's *Anomalisa*, or even Tim Burton's *Corpse Bride* and *Frankenweenie*, but instead this seems to be a mix of stop-motion and green screen CGI. It's still undeniably visually arresting, but it's not nearly as quaint and charming as the previously mentioned films. Frost, a cryptozoologist desperate to be accepted into a men's club led by Lord Piggot-Dunceby (Stephen Fry), keeps trying to find evidence of various mythical creatures. The film opens with his search for the Loch Ness Monster. Unfortunately, even though he discovers the creatures, coming back with irrefutable proof is difficult. Piggot-Dunceby and the other members reject him and go one step further. They send henchman Willard Stenk (Timothy Olyphant) after Frost to thwart his Himalayan expedition. What follows is the trio's misadventures and Stenk's relentless pursuit. There's some bad blood between Frost and Adelina Fortnight so part of the story is about their reconciliation, which frankly happens too easily to have any resonance. Most of the film's humor is courtesy of Galifianakis' Mr. Link, a literalist who must learn to understand Frost's bone-dry sarcasm. The whole thing is cute enough, and the various creatures learn their valuable lessons, but I was a bit underwhelmed.  
**Anna** It certainly had its charms but didn't quite hit the spot like the various other films you mentioned. The set-up and story are simple enough, and as with most animated flicks, the real meat comes from the voice work. *Missing Link* undeniably has some great talent behind

it—Galifianakis as Mr. Link is endearing in that sort of lost puppy way, and Jackman plays a self-involved dude with an ego to boot, but not so lost in himself that he can't be redeemed. Fry pulls off the bad guy, down to the dastardly mustache, and Emma Thompson gets her evil queen persona practically perfect as the Yeti elder. It's definitely aimed at kids, and while of course that is expected in an animated feature, I do relish when the humor plays to both the intended audience and the people tasked with watching them. After all, you can't send young kids off to the movies alone, so why not spice it up enough that the parents can enjoy it as well? Mr. Link, or Susan as he prefers to be called, is alone in the woods when Frost first encounters him, and instead of being a brutish monster, he's just a pretty normal guy in search of others like him. He wants help searching for his family members, which he believes are the Yetis that live in the mythical Shangri La, and the trek to get there makes up most of the adventure. Ultimately, it's a film whose message is to recognize and appreciate the love and friendship that was around you all

along, and that sometimes a dream chased ends up being anything but what you thought it would. It's got a lot of cuteness and there's a laugh here and there, but it's not going to get logged anywhere in my brain but as a kids' movie, and not the

best out there.

**Glen** It certainly feels like the film's messages are overly obvious and telegraphed. Frost thinks of Mr. Link as a bumpkin unworthy of his respect and nowhere near his equal. Want to guess if that changes? Frost also thinks Piggot-Dunceby and the other "great men" of his club will give him prestige and credibility. But they—not Mr. Link—turn out to be the knuckle-draggers trapped in the past and fearful of the future. Frost thinks Fortnight

needs a man like him but soon learns she doesn't need anything or anyone because she's self-reliant. Mr. Link thinks he needs to be with his Yeti brethren, but they reject him as being foreign and different. He learns he must find his own family through his friendships with others. These are all great messages for kids, but they lack nuance. Should you bring your children to

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**ADVENTURE TRIO:** (left to right) Sir Lionel Frost (voiced by Hugh Jackman), a Sasquatch named Mr. Link (voiced by Zach Galifianakis), and Adelina Fortnight (voiced by Zoe Saldana), travel to the Himalayas in search of Mr. Link's long-lost Yeti relatives.

see this? Sure, spring for the matinee so you can see it on the big screen. Just don't expect to feel delightfully entertained yourself. I nearly dozed off a few times.

**Anna** Neither of us is huge on animated films, though I do hold a lot of warm nostalgic feelings for some in particular. We do both really like stop-motion animation stuff, and apparently at the end of the credits there is a behind-the-scenes clip about how this film and its characters were made. We didn't stay for that. I did, however, find a video on YouTube that talked about this film, the studio, and techniques that were used and combined. As suspected, this film employs stop-motion animation, CGI, and 3D rendering to create its effects. Honestly, that behind-the-scenes stuff was pretty fascinating. I'd probably watch that again over the film! There's a lot to like about *Missing Link*, but I can't help but feel like there was still something ... well, missing. The character is funny and lovable, and there's no shortage of adventure, but I suspect this is one the kids will enjoy and adults will soon forget. Make it a matinee or wait for this to show up on your kids' radar for home viewing. ○

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#### MISSING LINK

**What's it rated?** PG  
**What's it worth, Anna?** Matinee  
**What's it worth, Glen?** Matinee  
**Where's it showing?** Stadium 14

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half-demon, Hellboy (David Harbour), who this time around battles an undead sorceress (Milla Jovovich) bent on destroying the world.

This third live-action Hellboy film features a script by Mignola and Andrew Cosby. The first two films—*Hellboy* (2004; PG-13) and *Hellboy II: The Golden Army* (2008; PG-13)—featured Guillermo del Toro as the writer-director. He apparently wasn't offered full creative control on this new film, so he didn't participate. Ron Perlman, Hellboy in the first two films, refused to come back without del Toro. As far as most film critics are concerned, this was a huge mistake, but I disagree.

It's true that del Toro's singular vision brought Hellboy to life on the big screen, and there's no doubt in my mind that Perlman was better in the role than Harbour, but this reboot is a lot of fun if you like serious gore and violence. The splatter fest certainly earns its R rating. The biggest problem with the film is its so-so story, which would appear to be counterintuitive since graphic novel creator Mignola is on board as screenwriter, but there's something flat and predictable about the whole affair.

Some of the backstory is familiar, for instance how Hellboy is the spawn of a Nazi experiment, but they also weave in some stuff about his human mother being from King Arthur's bloodline, and the sword Excalibur shows up as he fights Nimue the Blood Queen (Jovovich). Since I haven't read the graphic novels, I have no idea

if this story lines up with those, but some relationships don't feel well-developed. The one between Hellboy and his adoptive father, Professor Broom (Ian McShane), seems very glossed over.

McShane is typically awesome. He could read the ingredient list off a box of cereal and I'd be mesmerized, but he's underutilized here. Harbour's performance, on the other hand, feels very reserved. Hellboy is a wiseacre, but Harbour's one-liners don't have the same zing as Perlman's. Jovovich is given little to do as Nimue other than look hot and act cruel.

Without a doubt, the film's best and most creative component is its special effects and creature effects. The dismembering, skewering, and disemboweling are very inventive, and Hellboy looks positively gross—greasy and waxy like the fetal pig you had to dissect in eighth grade. Harbour's deep-set eyes make him look even more disturbing.

Everything you need to know about this film can be summed up in its rottentomatoes.com score, which is 15 percent critics' score and 63 percent audience score. If you're a Hellboy fanboy, you'll probably dig it. If you're more on the critical side, you're going to miss del Toro's presence immensely. (120 min.)

—Glen

**THE MUSTANG**

What's it rated? **R**  
What's it worth? **Full price**

**GODSPELL**

When? **1973**  
What's it rated? **G**  
Where? **Amazon Prime, DVD, iTunes, Vudu**

It's Easter morning. You've got your VHS copies of *It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown* and *VeggieTales: An Easter Carol* ready to go, and all's right with the world. It's a tradition I'm sure we all share, but why not switch things up for once? The 1973 musical, *Godspell*, may not have Snoopy or Larry the Cucumber, but it does have Jesus. At first glance, you probably wouldn't realize the film's main character—a beardless white man with an afro sporting overalls and a Superman T-shirt—is Jesus (Victor Garber). But in the context of the movie, which sets the story of Christ in 1970s New York, it almost makes sense.

Based on the off-Broadway show—which premiered only a few years prior

to this screen adaptation—*Godspell* revolves around Jesus and a band of enthusiastic, youthful disciples (nine rather than 12). The opening of the film shows each disciple abandoning their respective walk of life—one's a ballet dancer, one's a taxi driver, etc.—after hearing the call of John the Baptist (David Haskell), who urges them to repent, discard their earthly belongings, and be baptized in the Bethesda Fountain at Central Park.

The park is the first of many New York City locales to be beautifully showcased in the film, which was shot entirely on location. Other spots include Times Square, the Brooklyn Bridge, and Lincoln Center. There's even a dance number on the roof of the World Trade Center's North Tower, which was only nearing completion at the time of the film's production.

But what makes these set pieces so impressive is the way the film somehow disguises the city, making it

look completely empty. Before the baptism scene, the film's setting is the New York we're used to seeing—crowds of people crossing intersections, taxi cabs driving around, and so on. But after the baptism, there aren't any other human beings in sight other than Jesus and the disciples. The whole city

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

basically becomes their playground. And I haven't even talked about the songs yet. Composer Stephen Schwartz, probably best known for *Wicked*, wrote all of them except for one—"By My Side" by Peggy Gordon. The song is the only one left over from playwright John-Michael Tebelak's original production of *Godspell*, which was his master's thesis at Carnegie Mellon University in 1970. Although Schwartz was brought in to write brand-new songs for the play, he insisted on keeping "By My Side" as he saw no point in trying to replace it.

"Where are you going? / Can you take me with you?" one of the disciples sings after Jesus wanders off alone, visibly worried about something. It's the moment the film takes its destined somber direction. There's something about the imagery of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane I always find moving, even when it's represented allegorically, here and elsewhere. I know I'm not the only one who gets emotional when Lucy and Susan Pevensie follow Aslan into the forest that fateful night in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

Well, you caught me. In case my trivia rambling didn't already give it away, I'm actually a huge *Godspell* fan, and the film takes a much higher priority than both *Peanuts* and *VeggieTales* on Easter Sunday. (103 min.)

—Caleb Wiseblood

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**CENTRAL PERK:** John the Baptist (David Haskell) cheerfully performs "Prepare Ye" in Central Park in the 1973 musical, *Godspell*.

**PICK** Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**

Co-writer/director Laure de Clermont-Tonnerre helps this drama about violent convict Roman Coleman (Matthias Schoenaerts), who's given a shot at rehabilitation via a therapy program involving wild mustangs.

Twelve years ago, Roman left his domestic partner brain damaged in an attack. He's well aware of his shortcomings, and doesn't believe he's fit for reintegration into society. But that changes when he's placed in a rehabilitation program run by Myles (Bruce Dern), a rancher who assigns prisoners a specific wild mustang to train.

Predictably, things don't go well initially, but soon, another inmate who has a way with horses, Henry (Jason Mitchell), helps Roman, who learns as much from his horse as the horse learns from him.

There are some unexpected twists and turns in the well-worn redemption genre, but terrific performances by Schoenaerts and Dern breathe fresh life into it. It also features an ending you won't see coming and won't soon forget. (96 min.)

—Glen

**SHAZAM!**

What's it rated? **PG-13**  
What's it worth? **Full price**  
Where's it showing? **Hi-Way Drive-In, Movies Lompoc, Parks Plaza**

**PICK** Horror director David F.

Sandberg (*Lights Out, Annabelle: Creation*) successfully steps out of his comfort zone to helm this superhero fantasy about 14-year-old foster kid Billy Batson (Asher Angel), who is chosen to inherit magical powers from a dying wizard (Djimon Hounsou). All Batson needs to do is say the magic word—the wizard's name, Shazam!—to transform into an adult superhero (Zachary Levi) with super strength, flight, and other abilities.

Still a kid at heart, the hero—or "champion," as the wizard refers to him—revels in his new powers, testing them out with his foster brother, Freddy (Jack Dylan Grazer), the first person Batson trusts with his secret. Meanwhile, the insidious Dr. Thaddeus Sivana (Mark Strong), a mad scientist who dedicated his life to finding the original Shazam, seeks to hunt down Batson in order to extract his powers and adopt them himself.

From the trailers, the film looks like *Deadpool* for kids, but after seeing the final product, I think a more appropriate description would be a cross between Harry Potter and *Big* for superhero fans. The film opens with an origin for Sivana, cleverly devised to mirror Batson's origin later; he's chosen by the same dying wizard as a child decades before. Unfortunately, Sivana fails the wizard's test when he is tempted by "the Seven Deadly Sins." The sins are literally represented as physical demonic monsters that play an intricate—and quite terrifying—role in Sivana's destiny.

Sivana is devastated by the wizard's rejection, who tells him he'll never be worthy enough to inherit his powers. I won't spoil all the details, but the following scene is quite brutal for a kids' movie and includes the darkest use of Bing Crosby's "Do You Hear What I Hear?" I've ever seen put on film. I'm not always a fan of cheerful music juxtaposed with dark material for the sake of irony, but this one works so perfectly. The lyrics proclaiming

the birth of the messiah really set the stage for Sivana's future role as an antichrist figure.

It's a lot to take in, but wow. Believe the hype! The film's universal acclaim since its release is well deserved. Like *Wonder Woman* and *Aquaman*, *Shazam!* builds its own world and mythology while still retaining the features of a shared universe (there are plenty of references to other DC heroes throughout the film to make that point clear). Overall, *Shazam!* works on so many levels: an intriguing fantasy, a moving family drama, and a brilliant comedy. Drop whatever you're doing and go see it—Shazam! (132 min.)

—Caleb

**UNPLANNED**

What's it rated? **R**  
What's it worth? **Full price (if you're pro-life); Don't bother (if you're pro-choice)**

Where's it showing? **Parks Plaza**

**NEW** Co-directors Chuck Konzelman and Cary Solomon steer this drama based on the memoir of the same name. A life-changing experience turns Abby Johnson (Ashley Bratcher), the youngest clinic director in the history of Planned Parenthood, into an anti-abortion activist.

A study in polemicist filmmaking, *Unplanned* will do little to persuade people on either side of this controversial issue. (110 min.)

—Caleb

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**MIRACLE:** When her son, John (Marcel Ruiz), falls through lake ice and dies, Joyce (Chrissy Metz, center) prays for a miracle under the watchful eye of local pastor Jason Noble (Topher Grace), in *Breakthrough*.

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**CURSED:** When an evil entity threatens her children, Anna Tate-Garcia (Linda Cardellini, right) turns to Father Perez (Tony Amendola) for help, in *The Curse of La Llorona*.

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## Hitch a ride

*The Hitching Post remains a steadfast icon in changing times*

BY REBECCA ROSE

I need to start this column off on a somewhat bittersweet note and tell you all that this will be my last Eats column for the Sun.

It's been a great ride getting to know the food of our community and the people who provide it to us, in so many different ways. I realized there isn't a better way to say adieu and to pay tribute to how much I've loved writing this column than to write about one of our region's best and most iconic restaurants—The Hitching Post in Casmalia.

I probably don't need to explain the details of the vivid history of The Hitching Post to the regular readers of this column or anyone from Northern Santa Barbara County. The Ostini Brothers (Bill runs the Casmalia operation, Frank heads the Hitching Post II in Buellton), have made a name for their family's long-running venue by understanding the community they serve and focusing on its specific interests.

At The Hitching Post II, (after being featured in the novel

and movie *Sideways*) Frank Ostini has expanded into wines with his own popular and well-reviewed label that is sold in stores across California. In July, HP2 opened a tasting room at a property next to the original venue and began an expanded lunch menu, designed for tourists looking for a spot to picnic and sample wines.

In Casmalia, little has changed since 1980. Bill Ostini, a Vietnam veteran, came back from the war in the late 1970s looking for what most young American men wanted after their time overseas—stability and familiarity. Standing over the hot red oak fire and the hand-crank iron grill his father worked for decades was where he found his footing once again, and he's never missed a step since.

Casmalia might seem light-years away from the Santa Maria of late. Far removed from increasingly congested on-ramps of Highway 101, the serene twisting drive along Betteravia to Black Road tells a story in rewind. Housing developments and big-box stores bleed into agricultural sites and finally give way to empty lands that look all but deserted yet serve purposes far beyond what modern eyes can understand.

It's hard to look at these open spaces and not face the reality that it won't be long before they too are swallowed up by the inevitability of urban sprawl. This too one day will be a line of parking lots and outdoor shopping malls, punctuated by corporate steakhouses offering their own commodified versions of "traditional" ranch-style steak dinners.

But for now, the Hitching Post still exists in a valley of

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**AN ICON:** The Hitching Post in Casmalia became a well-known steakhouse in the greater Santa Maria area starting in the early 1950s, along with Jocko's in Nipomo and The Far Western Tavern in Guadalupe.



**ARTY ARTICHOSES:** Grilled artichokes are practically a must-have with any traditional Santa Maria-style steak dinner. At The Hitching Post in Casmalia, an order of one costs \$12 and is steamed and then split.



**BOTTOM'S UP:** The Hitching Post isn't just a great steakhouse, it's an excellent bar. Drinks such as the Maker's Manhattan are well crafted and flavorful, and they do not skimp on the booze either.

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timelessness. It's not just the traditional decor or the old-school fixtures that tell the story of Ostini's adherence to the remembrance of things past. The menu hasn't changed in, dare I say, decades (he may have been talked into a few changes along the way by the other family members who work alongside him).

The original Casmalia Hitching Post started out as a single-room hotel catering to nomadic men who worked local ranches. Known for family-style homemade meals, the restaurant was launched in 1952 with the official Hitching Post moniker. When the Ostini family took it over, they kept many of the traditional features. From 1957 to 1967, they offered only one meal at a set price. For less than \$4, guests were treated to a steak with french fries, salad, ice cream, and a shrimp cocktail. The structure of that menu is still there to this day, with entree additions that include pork, poultry, lamb, and seafood, plus appetizers such as ribs, sausage, and quail.

As vegetarians (flexitarian pescatarians to be more accurate), we were tempted to give up our dutiful restrictions and dive into some steak. But with lobster, shrimp, and scallops on the menu, it was easy to find plenty of delicious options.

We started with two orders of grilled artichokes, an unflinchingly traditional accompaniment to any dish at a Santa Maria steakhouse. At the Hitching Post, the artichokes are steamed, split, and grilled on the same grill where all the meats and other food are. It's served with a side of spicy aioli, and it's clear why it's one of the most popular dishes on the menu.

For the entrees, I went wild and got the lobster tail; my fiancé opted for the shrimp and scallops. Every meal comes with a vegetable

tray, bay shrimp cocktail with a tangy cocktail sauce, and a dinner salad. Choices of sides include rice pilaf, baked potato, or french fries, about which the menu claims: "The *Los Angeles Times* called our fries the best in Southern California." It's true, they really are the best I've had in a long time.

Don't underestimate what they say about how busy it gets. Tables fill up fast (we came at 5 p.m. on a Wednesday; by 6 p.m. there was a massive standing-room-only crowd filling up the waiting room). But don't worry about this because service is outstanding; we barely waited for our food, and refills on drinks came as quick as I could think about them.

The bar fills up with locals who intermingle with staffers who've been serving them for years. It's a refuge of familiarity and sincerity. Nothing is a surprise here, as Bill himself once told me several years ago when I first started writing this column.

"The real reason people come back is consistency," he said. He was speaking specifically about the steady quality of the food, but I think it's more than that. This is a place where the dark inevitability of change stays firmly fixed to the shadows. It's a hand brushing off conversation about new highway expansion or eyes rolling when someone mentions skyrocketing housing prices in Orcutt.

Whether it's in your job or your community, change is always a lurking truth. I have no idea if and how The Hitching Post, Casmalia, or regions like this of Santa Barbara County will sustain the waves of growth and change lapping at their dusty shores. But for now it doesn't really matter. Within this small confined space, there is still a refuge from the storm. ○

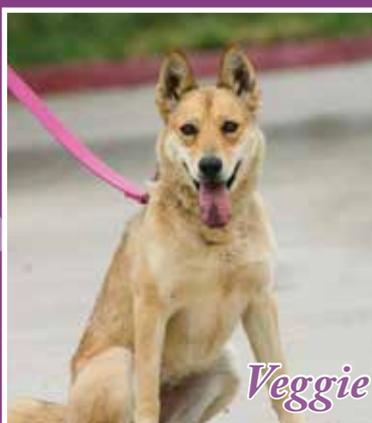
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*What's new, what's fun, and what to try*

• For my last Rebeccamendations, I'm going to hand out some solid advice and encouragement. First of all, **eat local!** Source your food. Find out where it grows, who grows it, who owns it, who makes money off it, what they do with that money, how well they pay and treat the people who grow and pick it for them. Make your decisions based off that, not off of laughably corny feel-good commercials from corporate agriculture interests and lobbyists who want to convince you they're "for the community" or whatever. Most importantly, find a farm stand, farmers market, or local grower and get your produce there.

• **Tip your wait staff!** Round that bill up to the next dollar amount and add 20 to 30 percent. Or more! They are making \$11 to \$12 an hour and living in a community where the cost of living is outpacing that by miles. Stop treating working-class people like they owe you something. It's the other way around, folks. They are literally cooking the food, bringing it to you, and practically putting it in your mouth so you don't have to do that for yourself. Stop whining on Yelp because someone didn't fill your water glass fast enough or that no one came to pat you on the head every 30 seconds and make sure you were having a good time. Appreciate the people making and serving your food as much as you appreciate the

food.

• **Try something new**, at least once in a while. It doesn't have to be every day. But step outside your comfort zone and give the new restaurant on the corner a shot; your favorite place will still be there next time. Maybe try some uni (pictured)! **Sea Stefanie Fish** in Santa Barbara provides the freshly caught product to restaurants all over the region; next time you see it on a menu, try it if you haven't already. Check out [seastefaniefish.com](http://seastefaniefish.com) for more info. ○

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