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Mateo Ray: Orcutt's New Little Rising Star



Mateo Ray listens to Henry Winkler tell him a story.

Mateo Ray Garcia, (stage name, Mateo Ray) enjoys watching movies but likes "even more to be in them." Mateo, 7, and parents moved to Orcutt last year from the East Bay, closer to relatives and closer to Los Angeles for acting work. His resume fills an entire page as he has been working since age 4 and accrued enough jobs for his own SAG, Screen Actors Guild, card. Mateo exudes stage presence. With his mop of blonde curly hair and cherub angel face, he is happy to demonstrate tap dancing and karate, play the harmonica, tell a few jokes and

cuddle with his dogs. He hams it up with sunglasses, admitting, "I love to sign autographs." Life in Orcutt includes acting classes with SLO studio Actor's Edge's Aaron Metchik, who taught local Zach Ephron among others. Other classes, all zoom, include: piano, karate, and Spanish as well as regular school.

A recent movie, "The Divisible," 25 minutes, received multiple awards in the U.S. and internationally. It is available free at www.thedivisible.com/watch-film. Mateo plays the son of a bi-racial couple in this fast paced dystopian drama, a role he got when he agreed to dye his curls brown. His part ranges from happy and care-free to high drama. In one scene his father is carrying him as both parents run for their lives. Mateo's character is deathly sick and unconscious. Asked if he peeked during reshoots of the scene he admits he did. "Kind of. I wanted to see what was happening ... but nobody ever saw." He added, "and it was very bumpy."

Mateo's first feature length film, 40: The Temptation of Christ, premiered Easter 2020. Completely based on scripture, he plays young Jesus who, at one point in the film, teaches his earthly father, Joseph, that sin has caused our

separation from God, a speech that showcases Mateo's acting ability. The movie can be streamed on Amazon Prime.

Mateo's mom, Sarah, is a local educational law attorney and his dad Christopher, was career military with tours in Iraq and 10 years in military police security, followed by being an engineer at Lockheed Martin. Now retired, Christopher's full time job is assisting Mateo. A relative, who knew of an agent, deemed Mateo, at 4, a "natural." His first job was a SF Giant's ad, followed by Lexus and Lego. Now he has 3 agents and a manager and Dad organizes and helps rehearse the lines for a stream of auditions. This day there would be two. Mateo describes having 3 dogs, 1 cat and 6 chickens. He likes his house in Orcutt. "It has a bigger backyard and a fountain." And "I love making new friends here." When asked what roles he'd like to play when he gets older he says "Super Hero." His wish for right now: "I am trying to hit 2000 followers on Instagram." As of this writing he has 1,918. If you want to help him get to 2000 look up @mateoray_official.

Katy Jacobson reporting

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American Legion Helps Upgrade Veteran Tribute



American Legion Post 534, based in Orcutt, recently replaced the unserviceable United States flag at the Pine Grove Cemetery as well as the lighting system on the flag pole so that the flag will be well illuminated during the evening hours. The flag and the adjoining plaque pays tribute to the veterans who are buried there.

The Post hoisted the many American flags that fly on Clark Avenue for the Labor Day holiday through the Patriot Day recognition on September 11th. For more information, visit the Post's Facebook page at American Legion Post 534, contact the post at 805-937-0651 or e-mail at post534al@gmail.com.

Beach Boardwalkers To Host Scarecrow Walk In Cambria



natural flora and fauna of the beautiful Moonstone Beach and Boardwalk. Join the Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers on a Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt, looking for famous people and characters memorialized as scarecrows.

Registration opens at 8AM at The Bluebird Inn, 1880 Main Street in Cambria, and only costs \$3. Registration is open until 11:00 am, and the 5K or 10K walk should to be finished by 2PM. Social distancing protocols will be in place, so please bring your face covering, exact change, and your personal pen for the registration form.

"We look forward to having lots of locals join the wonderful world of volksmarching, non-competitive walks for fun, fitness and friendship", says Fredriks.

The Central Coast Beach Boardwalker Club is hosting a Scarecrow walk during Cambria's annual Scarecrow Festival on October 17. The public is invited to explore four different areas where local quaint Cambrian businesses decorate with inventive scarecrow themes, and includes a stroll to see the

Further information can be found on the CCBB Facebook page (Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers) or the club website at www.beachboardwalkers.org. You can also call/text club president Ty Fredriks at 805-714-1552, or send him an email at ty@beachboardwalkers.org.

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OASIS Needs Donations for Fall Market Fundraising Event

2020 has been devastating for non-profits, businesses and individuals across the Central Coast and around the world. The Luis OASIS Center in Old Town Orcutt is no different. Between a steep decline in donations and cancelled fundraisers, it's been a tough year. The good news is, OASIS has been able to keep their doors open, with staff on hand and limited services offered. "We are looking forward to seeing everyone again soon. Hopefully we will be able to start classes and activities up before too long. It's way too quiet around here!" says Doug Dougherty, OASIS's Executive Director.

In looking for ways to fundraise but also give back, OASIS Senior Center is looking forward to hosting a community parking lot market. This way, some of us can declutter and get rid of things

no longer needed while others gain new found treasures!

OASIS Fall Fling Market will be held on October 3 in the parking lot of the OASIS Center at 420 Soares Street across from Orcutt Junior High School. OASIS is asking for tax-deductible donations to help fill the tables desirable household appliances, furniture, decorations, volunteer plants from your garden, or anything else you don't need but someone might. Julie Hall, Director of Operations, explains "We ask that you only donate items that would be good enough for a family member. And due to current guidelines we are unable to accept clothes or shoes. We appreciate your support and hope to see you October 3rd!"

Donations can be dropped off at OASIS on Friday, October 2, between 10 and 3pm. If this time doesn't work, please call 805-937-9750 to make other arrangements.

"If you have questions about OASIS membership or senior services in the Santa Maria Valley or if you just want to chat, feel free to call the main office at 805-937-9750," says Dougherty.



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Orcutt Schools Update

When Students are Back in School

Dr. Holly Edds, Superintendent, OUSD

Since COVID-19 caused school closures last spring, we educators have looked forward to the day when we would be able to have our students back on campus. While we began the 2020-2021 school year in the format of distance learning, we do expect to be able to resume in-person instruction in the near future. This column will detail how Orcutt schools will open their doors to students in a way that protects everyone's safety and health.

Having students return to school is not a decision our district can make on its own. Under the governor's new color-coded system for rating the spread of COVID-19 by county, Santa Barbara County must be out of the "purple" rating signifying widespread cases for 14 days in order for its schools to re-open for students. As of this writing, our county has a purple rating, but metrics have improved and it is possible our county will improve to a red rating (signifying substantial cases) by the time you read this.

When we are cleared to have students, we will not be able to have all of them back at once. County Public Health Department guidelines dictate that we limit the number

of people on campus in order to enable physical distancing, so we will implement a blend of in-person instruction and distance learning. We would stay on the schedule we have now for distance learning, with one huge exception: Student cohorts will attend school in person on mornings when they now are participating in live virtual meetings with their classroom teacher(s). Students will have a shortened school day in order to give teachers time to interact virtually with students who were not on site that morning.

Opening classrooms to students will be executed in a careful, phased manner in grades TK-8. We will begin with our youngest students – at our elementary and K-8 schools, those in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten; at our junior high schools, seventh grade – and work our way up from there. Because its students take such a cross-section of classes, Orcutt Academy High School will need to launch the blended schedule for all of its students at the same time.

Testing for COVID-19 is required for re-opening, and the district's Health Services

Department is working on a system for periodically testing staff and doing daily screenings of students, staff, and all visitors to our schools. Meanwhile, grab-and-go meals will continue to be available for free at each of our school sites for youth of age 18 and under. And the district will continue to offer a 100% distance learning option for families who opt to continue to keep their children at home.

In all of this, our district will follow a comprehensive re-opening plan developed by our district administrators and submitted to the County Public Health Department. The plan accounts for distancing in and out of the classroom, intensified efforts at cleaning and sanitizing, training of students and staff, protocols for when someone has COVID-19, and much more. Staff ranging from principals to maintenance workers to custodians have been working for weeks to implement this plan.

"We've increased training, increased staffing, purchased specialty equipment for disinfecting things, and added disinfectants that are safer to use around children," says Bret Cupp, the district's lead custodian. "It's

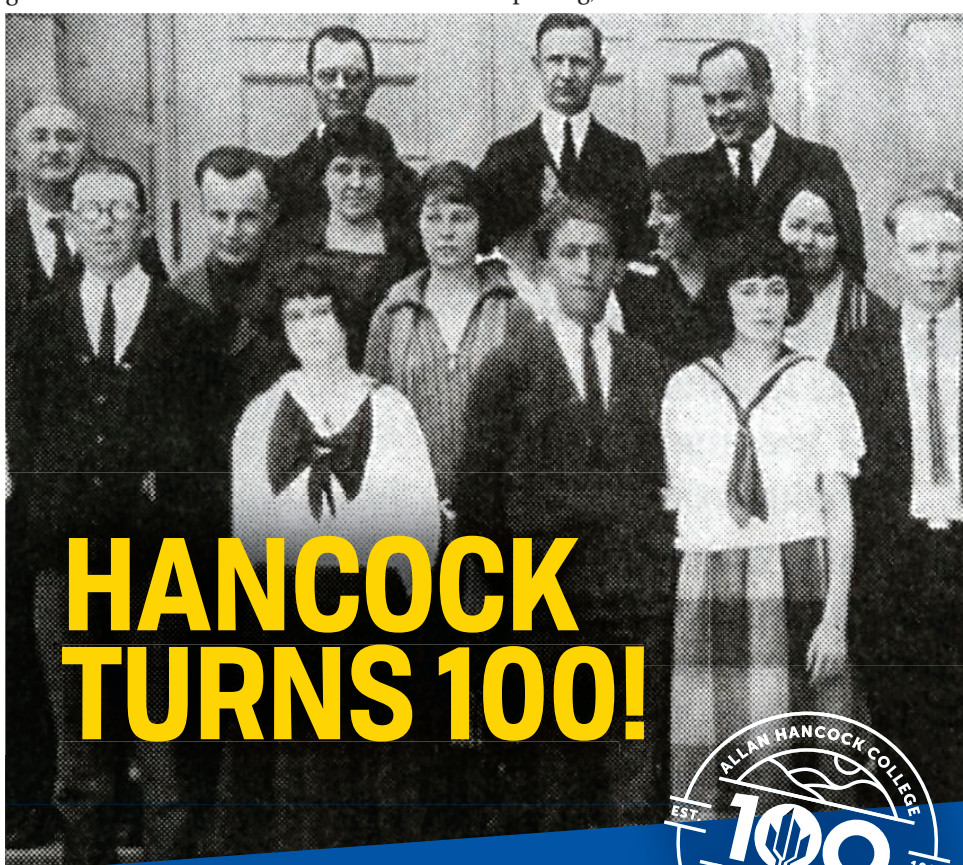
literally changed our entire mindset. We are totally focused on how safe and disinfected things are."

Preparing for the return of students is a collaborative effort. Our district management team regularly discusses and reviews elements of our re-opening plan. At sites, our administrators, teachers, and Classified employees are working together to give students a return that is at once safe, welcoming, and comforting.

"We want our kids to come back to an environment that keeps them safe and nurtures them both academically and emotionally," says Jonathan Dollahite, principal of Lakeview Junior High School. "For example, we have been working to set up classrooms in a way that allows students to be distanced but also to engage with each other."

"This is an important effort. For our students, going back to school will be another step in a transition back to normal."

Here's hoping that my next column can report on a happy, healthy reunion of students, teachers, and staff on Orcutt's campuses. The educators of Orcutt cannot wait to be back among the most important people in our school district. *Superintendent Dr. Holly Edds can be contacted by phone at 938-8900 or by e-mail at hedds@orcutt-schools.net. She can be followed on Twitter at [@hce101](https://twitter.com/hce101).*



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Civic Theatre combined the two needs by way of two concerts and three plays held in local neighborhoods. Participants were asked to stay in or adjacent to their cars so that social distancing protocols could be followed, but they were encouraged to dance, sing along, have a good time. After enjoying a show, participants could drive to the next location to see another, and tip the shows they liked. The show with the most tips earned bragging rights.

The next event takes place October 25th. According to the SMCT press release: Get your spook on at SMCT's

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October's "Drive Up Theatre" features Music, Dance, Comedy, and Spooky Scenes. This event is a benefit dedicated to much needed improvements to our building. Due to COVID keeping our theatre 'dark', we can concentrate on making these upgrades.

So fill up your car and head over to Santa Maria Civic Theatre. Only one ticket per carload is needed! On the day of the event, pull up to our curb, stay in your car, you will be given a program with the locations for our Spooky Shows.



Once you reach the first destination, you can stay in your car or sit in your own chair to enjoy the show. Each mini show will last a few minutes and then you are off to the next 'haunted' location.

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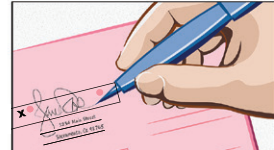
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Calendar

To submit your community event, email 50 words or less to info@orcuttpioneer.com by the second Wednesday of the month. Be sure to include, in this order, the name of the event, location, time, a short description and contact information.

All events are subject to change during COVID 19 shelter at home. Please contact the event or club sponsor to find out details about the organization/event and the meeting times.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANGELS FOSTER CARE is looking for families in Santa Maria and Orcutt who want to make a difference in the life of a local foster baby or toddler. There are approximately 350 children in foster care in Santa Barbara County. About 40% of those children are under the age of six and roughly 75% live in and around Santa Maria. We want to ensure there is a stable family ready for every infant and toddler who needs a home. To learn more about becoming an Angels Foster Care parent, please visit www.angelsfostercare.org or call 805-884-0012.

TRANSITIONS MENTAL HEALTH is offering a free and short eight week zoom class that educates family members about different mental illnesses, provides coping suggestions and how to communicate effectively with ill loved ones. Most of all, you know you are not alone in this daily challenge. Call or email Maria at Transitions Mental Health to sign up. mperez@t-mha.org (805) 441-3325

RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS is seeking sponsorship from local businesses. This will help support the dedicated students in the Righetti Bands with their continued efforts in field shows and performances. We are looking for donations and would be more than happy to perform in exchange. <https://www.rhswarriorbands.org/>

BENT AXLE CAR CLUB is welcoming new members! Do you have a pre-1973 American-made car and would like to socialize with us (cruising, eating and having fun)? We also put on a car show the 3rd week end of July. Ann McKindley 805-714-6111

MONTHLY OR WEEKLY EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 534 Is located at 145 W. Clark Avenue in Old Town Orcutt. The Post will be hosting an outdoor BBQ that will be open to the public every 1st and 3rd weekends of the month; Friday 5-8PM and Saturday 1-8PM. Proceeds to support the Post and local veteran outreach. COVID-19 restrictions will apply for the safety of all members and the public. Come support Orcutt veterans. Post 534 will be prepared to fully open once legally allowed to do so.

50+ CLUB LUNCHEON, at St Louis De Montfort Church Hall at 11:30AM on the second Thursday of the month. Event is catered with nominal charge. For reservations call Irene at 934-2511.

AA (or Alcoholics Anonymous). If you want to stop, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Meetings Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 6:30PM Orcutt Presbyterian Church. General information and other meeting times and places, 925-3782.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLIC AND DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY SYSTEMS meets 1) Sun at 4PM in the Oasis Center Rostein room at 420 Soares Ave, and 2) Thur at 6PM in the Casa Del Rio Mobile Estates at 1124 N. Suey Rd. Contact Kim at (805) 714-6908 with questions.

ALL AMERICA CITY QUILT GUILD meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4380 Orcutt

Rd. on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm except March and July. Info: aacquilters@gmail.com or 805-937-4024.

ALTRUSA OF THE CENTRAL COAST meets at Noon on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Altrusa is an international non-profit organization of men and women that strives to make our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. For more information and meeting location call our president at 805.835.7627 or go to our website: www.altrusaofthecentralcoast.org.

BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Joshua at St. Louis de Montfort. Monday Nights 7-8 PM. For more info contact Trent Benedetti 922-4881.

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Bilingual worship services at Christian Life every Sunday at 2PM, Unity Chapel of Life church located at 1165 Stubblefield Rd, Santa Maria, CA 93455. 719-660-9789.

CAMPING LOVE OF ADVENTURE is a nonprofit single adult camping club. We meet the second week of each month on Wednesday for up to six night or less. For more information contact Elaine 805-937-5357

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP. Learn coping strategies and gain support from a professional social worker. For those who care for people that are home bound or suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia or senility. Class is free and meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the OASIS Senior Center.

CENTRAL COAST BEACH BOARDWALKERS WALKING CLUB meets at Giovanni's Pizza in Orcutt (next to Albertson's) on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6-7:30PM. Anyone interested in joining the CCBB is invited to meet Thursday, August 23rd for the next club meeting. Details can be found at www.beachboardwalkers.org, or call Club President Ty Fredriks at 805-714-1552.

CENTRAL COAST CHORDSMEN invite those who would like to sing or would like to learn to participate with them. Call 937-7960 for information.

CENTRAL COAST CORVETTE CLUB open to Corvette Owners and Enthusiasts. meetings at 7PM on the first Thursday of the month @ Merrill Gardens, Wellness Center, 1350 N. Suey Road, Santa Maria. Info: call Mike @ 805-934-3948 or Tawnya @805-260-6090.

CENTRAL COAST COMPUTER CLUB Knollwood Village Clubhouse 4012 S. Bradley Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:45PM. with Q&A session, coffee and cookies, 7PM. computer presentation. Information: Don at 805-862-9124 or <https://sites.google.com/site/smcacccc>

Central Coast Gardeners meet at the Luis OASIS Senior Center, 420 Soares Ave., on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM. from September through May. Guests are welcome. Info: Dorothy 934-8325.

CENTRAL COAST SAMS RV GROUP meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month for a 3 day "campout". We enjoy planned tours, good food and fellowship at local campgrounds within 100 miles of the Central Coast. We welcome new members. Contact Faye Cardoza 805-481-1047.

COASTAL VALLEYS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 1340 monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month held at Veteran's Memorial Bldg at 313 W Tunnell in Santa Maria at 7PM.

COASTAL VOICES is looking for singers to join us! Rehearsals are held Mondays, 7 PM, at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3945 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria. A love of singing and the willingness to work hard and learn beautiful music is the only requirement. Check our website at <http://www.coastalvoices.info/>. Singers can contact us at coastalvoices@gmail.com or call 937-5827 for additional information.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Non-Denominational) 1265 W. McCoy Lane, Ste A, Santa Maria, CA 93455, 925-7500. An All Volunteer Church concentrating on teaching the word of God and using our resources to help the poor in love thru service. Come find out what it is like to "Do Church Differently."

CUB SCOUT PACK 91 welcomes boys and girls, grades K-5 to join us. Scouting teaches children about their community, citizenship, service to others, and outdoor adventure. To learn more about us visit www.pack91orcutt.org or call us at 253-CUBS. DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SM VALLEY meets every 3rd Thursday at IHOP, 202 Nicholson Ave, Santa Maria. Social at 6:00 PM, guest speakers at 7:00. Business meeting for members follows. Call 805-349-2708 or visit www.santamariademocrats.info for more information.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt), Sundays at 6:30PM, Worship with us. Pastor Jesse Pinheiro (805)937-6536.

EXCITING BIBLE STUDY at Revival Tabernacle, 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt) Wednesdays at 7PM Join us as we explore God's word. Pastor Jesse Pinheiro

FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6-8PM. Last Friday of the month @ Unity Church, 1165 Stubblefield, Orcutt. Bring games and food to share. (805) 937-3025.

FOUR-PARK BARBERSHOP HARMONY FOR WOMEN who love to sing. For additional information, call 805-736-7572. We love to sing for special occasions. Rehearsals on Thursday nights, 6:45PM, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 4725 S. Bradley Rd.

GROWING GROUNDS FARM STAND open Thursdays from 12-6PM. Come and enjoy fresh vegetables, flowers and plants. Located on the corner of Foster Rd and California. For more information call 934-2182.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND PUPPER RAISERS. Raise a puppy and change someone's life. Meets one Monday a month. For location and more information contact Jack Brey at 805-937-7773 or Jackbrey@verizon.net

HEARTHSTONE EDUCATORS Christian support group for home educators. Meeting for those considering homeschooling on the second Thursday of each month at 7PM. Call Cheryl Kliever for more information (937-7099)

HEALING GRIEF CLASS an 8 week support class for the newly bereaved held 5 times a year (Tues 10AM-Noon at Marian Residence) and a Grief Recovery Support Group every Tues. 3-4:30PM at Marian West, 505 E. Plaza Drive in Santa Maria. Info on either group: Marian Hospice at 739-3830

INSPIRATIONAL BUT CHALLENGING CHRISTIAN 12 STEP CLASS at the Crucified Life Church, 109 W. Fesler, second Monday of each month at 7PM. Welcome anyone in recovery from Alcohol, Drugs or just life itself. For any questions call Pastor Victor 878-1033 or Carl 478-6198.

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JOIN US FOR THE EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY in Room 2-Parish Community Center, Monday evening, 7:30-9PM. For more information contact Trent Benedetti, 922-4881, trentb@benedetticpa.com or Steve Stanley, 937 1353, ssvs@verizon.net.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS is an organization for young women ages 10 - 20 that teaches leadership, self-confidence, fundraising and philanthropic activities, friendship and respect for people and cultures and has over 20,000 members in the USA; Canada; Australia; the Philippines and Brazil. For a girl to qualify, she must have a Masonic relationship. Assistance is offered to identify the Masonic relationship. Info: Pat Cuthbertson, Bethel Guardian, at 937-0838.

LIFE IN FOCUS, 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt), Every Wednesday from 6-7PM. An evidence-based free program helping to rebuild our communities one person at a time. Changing lives. One family at a time. Julie Fernandez (805)704-2646

LOS PADRES ARTIST GUILD Meeting, OASIS Senior Center, 420 E. Soares, Old Orcutt on the second Friday of each month at 6PM. Info: 937-9750. Everyone welcome.

MOMS CLUB OF ORCUTT is a chapter of the MOMS Club International and is dedicated to supporting moms who are looking for exciting and fun things to do with their small children. Find us on Facebook at MOMS Club of Orcutt or email orcuttmomsclub@gmail.com

Moxie Cafe offers live music every Thursday and Friday night from 5:30-7:30PM. We have everything from local acoustic artists to full bands. Check out our events calendar on our website, moxiecafe.com, for the current line up of music.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM of Santa Maria presents LIVE! At the Museum on the first Saturday of every month. Live family oriented program which feature animals and plants of interest to our community. NatureBabies story time is held on the last Friday of each month, a Museum docent presents a preschool story time which includes a free book to each attending child. Museum located at 412 South McClelland, Santa Maria. 614-0806 Hours: Wed and Friday Noon 3PM Saturday 11AM-4PM Free Admission. Donations gratefully accepted. The Museum offers free school tours.

NEWCOMERS CLUB - Santa Maria Valley women's group meets monthly for lunch, coffee, special events and to have fun. Join us! Call Barbara Chappell 614-6800.



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