# Our News

Salinas Adult School Student Publication



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Our Golden Edition

You are Invited

to the

Salinas Adult School

Job Fair October 6 10:00-12:30 Do you need to take a CASAS test?



Get information from your teacher.

No School



October 10

#### **School News**

#### **New Student Orientations**

Mornings & Evenings
Call the Welcome Center at 796-6900 X
1372 or 1373 for an appointment.

Afternoon Class Signups
Writing Pronunciation
Tutor Training Computers
Sign up with the AM teacher in Square 3.

Special Class Signups
Citizenship Computers
Parenting Math
Call the Welcome Center at 796-6900
X 1372 or 1373 for information.

#### Parent -Child Activity Classes

Classes for parents of children
0 months-5 years
See the details of all of the classes at
www.salinasparentcenter.org

#### Golden, Golden Golden By Yvonne Petersen

What do the Incans, Eleanor Roosevelt, Yuan Longping (Chinese inventor of hybrid rice), and Sue Landesman have in common? What about mental health, wildfires, DACA, and the pandemic? And holidays, heritage, homelessness, and human connection? The Salinas Adult School newsletter *Our News* which first began in March of 2017. Celebrate our 50th newsletter with us by reading this golden edition.

Every student has the opportunity to write for our newsletter. Our newsletter has had 85 staff writers and 47 guest writers ages 18



to 77 from 18 countries and four continents, and from Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced ESL, ABE, Developing English, high school diploma, and GED & HiSET classes. Writers from

as far as Saudi Arabia to as near as Sherwood Dr. have written from the depth of their emotions to the height of investigative reporting beyond what they ever imagined possible for them, and from fear of writing to editing confidence.

Their newsletters have helped our families have resources for what our community has experienced including the bombogenesis, immigration fears, the fires, the pandemic, and the current mental health crisis. The newsletter even kept the school in contact with the students while we were in quarantine. We give a special thanks to student advisor Araceli Maupin for her dedication to that. In addition, the writers have provided information on events that have allowed our students to increase their participation in the community including

voting, doing the census and their taxes, becoming citizens, completing surveys, attending public meetings, and volunteering.

The newsletters have covered school events including contests, fairs, field trips, student council and tutoring activities, social emotional learning, school activities, graduation, and our school's 100th anniversary to name a few, and provided information on free and low-cost family and educational events in the area.



Our 63 student editors, five artists, 44 photographers, and nine designers have tried to make our editions accurate and appealing. They have included logos, calendars, articles in Spanish, crosswords, quizzes, tips for speaking English, book and movie reviews, and various other features.

We would like to give a special thanks to students who have taken on special roles over the years including editor-in-chief Rosa Rivera, assistant editors Viridiana Ramos and Stheffany Lopez, technical and photographic assistance from Servando Carrasco, and design by John Abelon, Maria Martin, Jose Duarte, Tatiana Juarez, Cecilia Lopez, and Patricia Garcia. We would also like to thank staff members Tatiana Roganova, Guadalupe Lopez, Erica Vargas, Angie Vidauri, and Molly Amaro for regular support of our newsletter as well as everyone who has helped with information to post, editing comments, photos, and encouragement for our student writers.

The support of our school community has allowed the writers to inform the students and staff about topics such as children's safety, staying healthy during the quarantine, friendship, creativity, holidays

around the world, the contributions of Blacks, Asians, and Hispanics to our country, and many more topics of interest and importance.

Congratulations students! I am proud of your accomplishments; support your efforts to improve your English and writing and research skills; show respect to you for taking risks to improve yourselves; encourage you to continue to help inform, support, and improve the lives of our students through your writing and participation on the school newsletter; and I thank you for your support of each other and me, and the efforts you have put in to produce a quality newsletter.

#### Do You Enjoy Writing or Would You Like to Learn to Write Better?

We invite all students to participate on the newsletter. See the morning teacher in room Square 3 or the newsletter ad for more information.

These are "golden opportunities" which means excellent opportunities or ones where the result will be excellent.



#### School News





#### **JOB FAIR**

**Meet with Employers** 

**Community Partners!** 

IN PERSON AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### Join us!

When: Thursday, October 6th 2022 Time:10am-12:30pm Where:

Salinas Adult School 20 Sherwood Place Salinas, Ca 93906



https://tinyurl.com/bddac8yn Scan the QR Code or visit the link to register and to be entered in a rafflel

Contact us at 831-796-6900 ext 1414 or 1413

# Learning for Life



#### Feria de

#### **Empleo** Reunete con

empleadores y organizaciones de la comunidad!

EN PERSONA Y ABIERTO AL PÚBLICO

Únete a nosotros! octubre 6, 2022 Horario:

10am a 12:30pm

20 Sherwood Place

https://tinyurl.com/bddac8yn Escanea el código QR para registrarte y participar en un

Comuniquese con nosotros al 831-796-6900 ext 1414 o 1413

Cuando: jueves,

Donde:

Salinas Adult School Salinas, Ca 93906

#### **New Employee**

Alejandra Montelongo

By Jose Luis Lopez

Ms. Alejandra Montelongo was born and



raised in Salinas. She works at the Salinas Adult School as a Health Technician and is a nurse's assistant.

She picked this

career because she likes to support the mental health of others. She helps people with anxiety and depression, knows CPR, and administers medication. She does these things because she likes to help people and give emotional support. One of her goals is to continue working here for a few more years.

She worked in graphic design for two years before she started working at SAS. She does graphic design online part time as a business too. For example, she designs flyers and tickets for events.

Another goal she has is to visit Spain and New York in the future because she would like to know about the culture and traditions in those places. Now she mostly goes to Mexico on spring break and at Christmas to visit her family. The city she visits is called Jalisco Saucedo.

As a person, one of her hobbies is online exercise because she can follow the instructions and do it the right way. She is single and in the future would like to get married. I think that she's a positive person with good feelings towards others and will always succeed in life.

#### Golden

#### **Feature Stories**

The Gold Rush--Finding Gold in California

By Jose Delgado

In California, only 30% of the gold has been found. There is still a lot of gold here, but the government is no longer allowing people to extract it. Did you know that gold is found inside stones?

The California Gold Rush (1848-1855) began when James Marshall found gold at Sutter's Mill in Coloma. That was on January 24, 1848 and the news



caused 300,000 people to come to California from the rest of the United States and other countries. The sudden influx of gold into the money supply reinvigorated the American economy, and the sudden population increase allowed California to go rapidly into statehood through the Compromise of 1850.

Not everything was positive about the Gold Rush, however. It had severe effects on the Native American populations that declined from disease, starvation, and genocide.

# The Golden Poppy By Mayumi Furuichi



Have you ever seen a hill with bright orange blooms in California? If you said yes, it might have been golden poppies. This flower is also called the California poppy, the golden California poppy, the California sunlight, and the cup of gold golden poppy. It is a species of flowering plant in the Papaveraceae family native to the southwestern United States and northern Mexico.

On March 2, 1903, the California poppy, scientifically named *Eschscholzia californica*, became the official state flower of California. Maybe its bright orange flowers reminded people of the gold fields of the Gold Rush.

This flower is also used as food or a garnish and has been traditionally used as a medicine in teas. According to the website

Golden Nuggets are wonderful pieces of advice or wisdom. Find the five that we included throughout this golden edition from our past newsletters.

webmd.com, the poppy might cause drowsiness or relaxation.

You can see golden California poppies everywhere from spring to early summer along the roadsides and they often cover wide valleys, fields and hillsides with spectacular orange carpets.

The California poppy is a native flower that grows by itself every year, but it is also great for gardening. It is drought tolerant (resistant to dry conditions) and likes lots of sun making it easy to grow anywhere in California. I would like you to enjoy it in your garden or go see the golden flowers spread all over the fields, but do not pick them from the fields because it is illegal.

#### Do You Like Flowers?

Highway 68 is a good place to see purple lupines after it rains. If you like roses, you will enjoy going to the Municipal Rose Garden in San Jose. Where do you like to see flowers?



## Golden Gate Bridge By Magaly Martinez



A long time ago, San Francisco and Marin County were two areas that were very near, but faraway at the same time. For people who were working in those places, it was a long way to get to work. The population was growing and the traffic was getting worse. People thought of building a bridge to connect those two areas, but for some people it was a crazy idea.

Why was it a bad idea? In San Francisco, the bay is muddy and it was difficult to build something around it. The engineer found the way to build it by working inside the water, hiring people able to do that work.

It was difficult to get a city permit to build it. Over time, Mr. Joseph Strauss got that permit and the new project started and brought jobs for San Francisco and Marin residents. On January 5, 1933 construction began. Did you know that this structure was made to resist high winds, earthquakes, and salt which comes from the sea? It was a challenge for engineers, but they made it in four years.

In May 1937, they opened it to the public. The day before that, people inaugurated the bridge with a long walk. Many people showed up.

I have never been to the Golden Gate Bridge, but I'm planning to visit it very soon. I would like to take photos because I read that it is one of the most beautiful and famous bridges in the world.

#### Visiting California

Are you going to see the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve State Natural Reserve? It is in Fairmont near Lancaster. In Lancaster, you can also see the Antelope Valley Indian Museum State Historic Park.

Do you plan to go to Death Valley or want to stop in some places on the way to Las Vegas? Maybe you would like to go to the Red Rock Canyon State Park in Cantil or the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest.

Perhaps you would like to see the Gold Country or some of its sites along Hwy 41 & 49 somewhere between Fresno and Lake Tahoe or when visiting Yosemite. There's the Sierra Mono Museum & Cultural Center in North Fork near Bass Lake, the towns of Coarsegold and Oakhurst, the Wassama Round House State Historic Park in Ahwahnee, the towns of Coulterville, Sonora, Columbia (an active town showing how life used to be), Angels Camp, Murphys, Sutter Creek, Placerville & Coloma to name a few. There's also Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park near Pine Grove, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown, and also the Chinese town of Locke on the way to California capital Sacramento (see the State Capitol Building and other sites there). San Francisco and Marin counties near the Golden Gate Bridge have many points of interest too. To go to mining sites, see the website

www.parks.ca.gov/ParkIndex/ and search By Region: Gold Country.

#### **Golden Nugget**

"History helped to show how important the immigration workforce is, and how the American society and culture was transformed during those years. This demonstrates that our nation's strength comes from the unity and diversity of its people."

--Servando Carrasco

Nature in the Golden State **By Maria Zamudio** 

California is a wonderful state in the United States. It is made up of lakes, beaches, forests, and deserts.

Some of the most popular places in California are the National Parks. In total there are nine National Parks in California, and all of them are protected



by the government and count on fantastic options for hiking, camping and many more activities to do in the natural environments. There are more National Parks in California than in any other state in the United States, and each one is unique in the world.

Yosemite National Park is famous for its great waterfalls.



Death Valley National Park is the biggest with a surface around 337,306,714 acres as well as the hottest and driest place in the United States.



Sequoia National Park is home to the biggest tree in the world named The General Sherman Tree which is a giant sequoia with around 52,000 cubic feet.



In my personal experience, I love nature and every time I have the opportunity to visit with my family, we like to camp and hike. We enjoy nature.

Would You Like to Save Money at Many State Parks?

See our resource section on page 20 for discount & free passes.

#### "EL DORADO" A COLOMBIAN GOLDEN LEGEND

By Marcela Martinez



Picture of a Muisca Tunjo

Could you imagine that lust for gold made some people want to drain a lake? Desiring wealth makes people do unimaginable things.

This legend began when Europeans believed that South America was a place of immense wealth known as "El Dorado". When they arrived in the New World, in the early 16th century, they heard about a tribe of natives in the Colombian Andes mountains. This tribe was known as Muisca. They had a coronation ritual where the new king was covered with gold dust, and gold and emerald jewels known as "Tunjo" were thrown into the lake as a tribute to their god.

When the conquerors learned that the ceremony was performed in Lake Guatavita, a group of Spanish and English men tried to drain the lake, but they failed. Thousands of pieces of gold were looted, however, so nowadays some jewels and "Tunjo" are exhibited in the Gold Museum in Bogota, Colombia.

El Dorado has not been found, but Edgar Allan Poe wrote in his poem "Eldorado" in 1849 about the location of this legend: "Over the Mountains of the Moon, down the Valley of the Shadow, ride, boldly ride ... if you seek for El Dorado."

#### **Golden Expressions in English**

#### Golden Ticket



This idiom means something that will give you the opportunity to get something very important to you. People usually think of it as a way to get rich, famous, or prepare for a fabulous job.

Here are some examples of how to use it in a sentence. Going to Harvard University is my golden ticket to my future. My role in this movie is my golden ticket to every other movie role I want.

The men who wanted to drain Lake Guatavita and the men who searched for gold during the Gold Rush thought their discoveries would be their golden tickets. Maybe the greed of those at the lake and some of the gold miners in California killed their golden goose (geese). That expression means that their actions made them lose their chance to get the valuable thing that they wanted.

Perhaps you will one day sit quietly by one of California's streams and find a piece of gold, but be careful because all that glitters is not gold. That is not everything is what it appears to be. Maybe that "piece of gold" is really pyrite (fool's gold) or perhaps it will be your golden ticket.

# Gold in Art By Sonia Villa

According to old Greek myths about gold, gold is a sign of authority, holy power, and prosperity.



The old Egyptians used gold to adorn the tombs of pharaohs because gold was considered a sign of immortality. The gold was placed inside the sarcophagi beside mummies, and in

Egyptian rituals, it was important for them to use this metal.

During the finish of the Middle Ages and the rise of the Renaissance, gold sheets were put on paintings. Gold was also used in manuscripts in the Christian and Medieval eras in significant books and in Islamic manuscripts too.



In the old Americas, it is believed that gold was a manifestation of the holy and that the objects created with gold could be a means to connect with a supernatural world. To wear gold established a high-status. It was used to make objects to be put in holy holes, lakes, or mountaintops far from human sight.

In the Inca and Aztec empires, the emperor gave permission to wear gold to just some people like members of the royal family and those that belonged to the nobility.

These are some examples of gold in art: The kiss (1907-1908)

by Gustav Klimt, and Buddha by an unknown artist.

Gold was used from the early civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia and



India to the old Greece and Rome. Today gold is still the basis of wealth and the economy.

#### **Share Your Opinion**

What type of art do you like and where are the best places to see that art?

These are two examples:

Art: Native American Art

Place: The Native American Christmas Market in Spreckels in December.

Art: Monterey County landscapes

Place: Salinas Valley Art Gallery in downtown Salinas.

Please send us your ideas.

Lady in Gold

By Irania Pacheco



Art is important in our lives as a way of expression of imagination and this could be expressed in a painting; however a lot of times the stories behind the art can be very interesting also.

This painting is of Adele Bloch-Bauer and was painted by Gustav Klimt, a prominent Austrian artist. Adele was 25 years old in 1907. The painting has a gown with gold rectangles.

In 1938, during World War II, the Nazis took over Austria and part of that was stealing artwork. During the war, Adele's family was separated, escaping wherever they could as was the case with Adele's niece Maria Altmann, the last survivor of the family who settled down in California until her death in 2011.

In 1998, many countries signed an agreement called "just and fair solution" for those victims of the Nazi government. In that agreement families had the opportunity to reclaim art that belonged to their families. That is when Ms. Altmann tried to reclaim her painting that was on display at a museum in Austria at the time. The Austrian government refused to return the painting, so after that, she presented this case to the

Supreme Court of the USA where the case was dismissed.

That did not stop Ms. Altmann who continued fighting for her inheritance and what it represented to her with the guidance of her lawyer. Finally she won the case in Austria's court in 2006. She brought the painting to the United States. It was sold to a gallery in New York for \$135 million, a record price at that time.

#### **Golden Nugget**

"A positive attitude is the strongest weapon, helmet, and shield for life. It helps us to have hope, healing, and allows us to let go of things. It is an eye-opener for a new beginning."

--Margret Lunkuse



#### **Did You Know?**

Huell Howser's California Gold was a program on TV for about 20 years. In each episode Mr. Howser went to a different place in California to show the audience something special about each place. You can still watch some episodes online. You can learn about the places and practice English too because he spoke slowly and clearly.



By Maximina Perez

Golden oldies are songs that were the biggest hits that artists recorded during the fifties, sixties, and seventies. These songs are still well known and popular today. They are still played on the radio. People use these songs for special occasions too. All of the songs have a meaning, they send us a message. Sometimes they make us happy or sad.

The singer plays a very important role in how he or she sings the song. Usually all of the singers from the Golden Era sing the songs with a lot of feeling. They had the power to transmit all those feelings into a song. Who doesn't like the voice of Engelbert singing "The Way It Used to Be" or dance when hearing "California Dreaming" by The Mamas and the Papas.

We don't need to be in love with someone to listen to all of this wonderful music. Just by listening to it, we remember a place or an occasion, something from our past, or it makes us consider our lives. Think about the messages that "The Yellow Submarine" by the Beatles, or "Those Were the Days" by Mary Hopkin give us.

There are songs that are for love and heartbreak, for welcome and goodbyes, like

when our loved ones have left us forever and sad songs like "Honey" from Bobby Goldsboro. The composers of those songs and singers left us a great legacy of music that will never go out of style.

It's just wonderful to listen to all those songs because there will be somebody happy like me, who smiles at the butterfly that visits my backyard while I sing, "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong.

"Yes, I think to myself what a wonderful world!"

How to Buy Gold

By Carla Flores

The most direct way to own gold is to purchase physical gold bars, but these can be illiquid because they cannot be sold for cash easily because they are not



traded in the public market place. Because of that, gold bars have to be stored securely.

Mutual funds that track the price of gold are also popular and if you have access to the derivatives market, your backer agency can help you get set. You can start with \$50 per month investing in 2.5g gold. You can also invest more for 5g or 10g of gold using gold futures standardized exchange-traded contracts in your personal account. Then they will give you the price it is worth and when they will deliver it to you.

For first time buyers, you can prepare for and protect your retirement with gold and other portfolios. The investment is put in a 401K account that best interests you.

#### **Beginning ESL Corner**

Read the story about this dog. Answer the questions.

# Golden Retriever By Miriam Perez



Did you know that Golden Retrievers are trained to be guide dogs and also excellent therapy dogs?

Golden Retrievers originated from Scotland, the United Kingdom, and England. Retriever dogs are medium-sized and they can live for approximately 10-12 years. Their colors can be dark golden, light cream golden, and golden. They can weigh 55-75 pounds and their height ranges from 21-24 inches.

Golden Retrievers are one of the best family dogs. These dogs are easy to train, and they can get along well with other animals. They are loyal, highly adaptable, intelligent, friendly, and active dogs. What pet owners love is that this dog is calm, playful, friendly and very good with children.

#### Questions

#### True or False

1.	This dog is from China
2.	This dog is small.

3.	This dog is golden in color.		
4.	This dog is good for		
	families.		
5.	This dog is usually angry.		
6.	This dog sleeps all day.		
	This dog is not friendly.		
Compl	ete the Information		
Golder	n Retrievers are,		
Coldo	,, and		
Grammar Questions			
Examp	oles		
1.	Is the Golden Retriever from		
	England?		
	Yes, it is.		
2.	Is the Golden Retriever green?		
	No, it isn't.		
Your Q	<u>uestions</u>		
1.	Is the Golden Retriever a		
	medium-sized dog?		
	, it		
2.	Is a Golden Retriever 150 pounds?		
	, it		
3.	Is a Golden Retriever short?		
	, it		

4. Is a Golden Retriever difficult to

5. Is the Golden Retriever active?

6. Is the Golden Retriever good with

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train?

children?

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#### **September is Suicide Prevention Month**

Help yourself or someone else. See <a href="https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/news-and-updates/">https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/news-and-updates/</a> for resources.

# **Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Crisis Support**

Are you or someone else experiencing emotional distess or considering suicide? The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 is available 24 hours a day and provides free, confidential support. Service provided for the deaf and hard of hearing and English and Spanish-speaking communities. For more information about their services see <a href="https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org">www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org</a>

¿Está usted o alguien más experimentando malestar emocional o considerando el suicidio? La Línea Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio en el 988 está disponible las 24 horas del día y le ofrece apoyo gratuito y confidencial. Sus servicios están disponibles en inglés y español y para personas sordas. Para obtener más información sobre sus servicios, vea www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

#### 10 for 10/10

#### **Ten Ways to Take Action**

National Health Council for Mental Wellbeing
October 10 is World Mental Health Day
This is a resource for ten things that you
can do for mental health. Each day until
October 10 they add one more idea or
resource such as having a list of mental
health phone numbers or taking a day off
from work for mental health if needed.
<a href="https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/worldmentalhealthday/">https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/worldmentalhealthday/</a>

#### **Substance Abuse Resources**

https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/2022/05/national-prevention-week-a-resource-guide/

# County of Monterey Health Department Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI)

Resources & Supports
Here you can find information about
resources, support groups, suicide
prevention, and help for many different
groups of people in different areas of the
county. Este sitio web contiene información
sobre recursos, grupos de apoyo,
prevención de suicidio y otros tipos de
ayuda para prevenir y ayudar personas con
condiciones de salud mental (algunos
ofrecidos en espanol).

https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument?id=71525



#### **Mental Health First Aid**

Read more about how you can help yourself and others. See

https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/news-andupdates/ for stories such as "Fentanyl Overdoses Spike, Mental Health First Aid Can Help You Respond", and "Suicide is Preventable: How to Help with Mental Health First Aid".

#### Monterey County Behavioral Health

Their website has many resources.

<u>Behavioral Health</u> or contact them about their services at 888-258-6029.

If you need other services for mental health or other necessities, you can also call 2-1-1 for help.

#### **Golden Nugget**

"Your thinking will change from time to time from negative to positive or from positive to negative, but your focus is to be more positive in your thinking. Here's how: Focus on your own feelings first to deal positively with the situation when you're ready. Learn from what you've been through."

-- Ernesto Padonia



#### Salinas Adult School

**FALL COURSE LIST** 

Call 796-6900 X 1372 or X 1373 for information.

#### **English Skills**

ESL (AM/PM) Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced

ESL Computers (PM)

Developing English (AM)

Pronunciation (AFT)

Tutor Training (AFT)

Writing (AFT)

#### Citizenship

Citizenship (AM/PM)

ESL (AM/PM) Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced

#### **College & Career Preparation**

Developing English (AM)

High School Diploma (AM/AFT/PM)

HiSET/GED English (AM/PM)

HiSET/GED español (AM/PM)

Tutor Training & Paraprofessional Exam Preparation (AFT)

#### **Computer Skills**

Computer Skills for Life & Work (AFT)

ESL Computers (PM)

#### **High School Completion**

High School Diploma (AM/AFT/PM)

High School Diploma Math (AFT)

HiSET/GED English (AM/PM)

HiSET/GED español (AM/PM)

#### Math Skills

Developing English (AM)

High School Diploma (AM/AFT/PM)

High School Diploma Math (AFT)

HiSET/GED English (AM/PM)

HiSET/GED español (AM/PM)

#### **Parenting**

Go to www.salinasparentcenter.org for more information or contact the Welcome Center.

#### **Parenting**





Parent/Child Activity Classes (AM/AFT)

Preschool (AM) **Skills & Exam Preparation** 

# Citizenship Classes & Citizenship Exam Preparation

Fridays 8:45-12:15 Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-9 PM Register at the Welcome Center.

# Developing English & College & Career Preparation

Monday-Friday 8:30-12:00 Improve your English & math skills to get prepared for a GED/HiSET or to enter college or a job training or a certificate program. Ask Ana, Araceli, or the AM teacher in Room Square 3 for more information.

# Computer Classes & Northstar Certificate Preparation

Various computer topics taught throughout the school year.

Thursdays 12:15-2:45 Start class in Room Square 3

Mondays & Wednesdays 6-9 PM Ask the Welcome Center for information.

#### **HiSET or GED Certificates (English)**

Monday-Thursday 8:45-12:45
Monday & Wednesday 5-9 PM
Register at the Welcome Center.
Learn math, reading, writing, social studies, and science to prepare for the HiSET or GED exams to earn your high school equivalency.

#### Certificados de HiSET/GED (español)

lunes a jueves 8:45-12:45 o 5:30-9:00 Información del Welcome Center Aprenda matemáticas, lectura, escritura, estudios sociales y ciencias naturales para prepararse para los exámenes HiSET o GED y obtener su equivalencia de preparatoria.

## Math Skills for High School Diploma & Preparation for Math Exams

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:15-4:15
Register at the Welcome Center.
Class includes whole class math
explanations and individualized help on
various math subjects.

# Tutor Training & Paraprofessional Exam Preparation

Tutor Training Tuesdays 12:15-2:45
See teacher in Room Square 3 for information and registration.

Increase your confidence in speaking and writing English and learn communication, leadership, and teaching skills to be a

better student, help your children with homework, train workers, or prepare to be an instructional aide and pass the Paraeducator NCLB exam.



#### **KEEP LOOKING FOR GOLDEN NUGGETS.**



Salinas Adult School
Supportive Services

#### **Transcripts & Student Records**

For transcripts or other student records, contact Allison at 796-6900 X 1340 or allison.hulden@salinasuhsd.org.

#### **OSY Migrant Services**

If you are a migrant youth 18 or over, contact 796-6900 X1342 or 1344 for more information.

Si usted es un joven migrante mayor de 18 años, comuníquese al 796-6900 X 1342 o 1344 para más información.

#### **Career Center**

College & career advising, job search, skills assessment, financial aid assistance, and community referrals.

Room A-2 or call 796-6900 X 1414 or 1413 or cell number 831-583-7755.



Citizenship Application Assistance
Our school has a special relationship with
an organization to help people complete
citizenship applications. See Ana for more
information.

Nuestra escuela tiene una relación especial con una organización para ayudar personas con solicitudes de la ciudadanía. Comuníquese con Ana para más información.

#### **Welcome Center**

You can ask questions about the school, make orientation appointments, and register for some classes at this center. Visit or call 796-6900 X 1372 or 1373.

#### **KEEP LOOKING FOR GOLDEN NUGGETS.**

#### **Testing Center Dates**

#### Paraeducator Test

Mondays, October 17 & 31 at 2 PM

#### **HiSET Testing**

Tuesdays, October 4 & 18 at 8:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Thursdays, October 6 & 20 at 5:30 PM

Fridays, October 7 & 21 at 8:30 AM

#### Pearson Vue Testing

Tuesdays, October 11 & 25 at 8:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Thursdays, October 13 & 27 at 5:30 PM

Fridays, October 14 & 28 at 8:30 AM



Go to the Parent Center's website for more information about all that the center offers and to register for classes. <a href="https://www.salinasparentcenter.org">www.salinasparentcenter.org</a>

#### **Golden Nugget**

"It would be awesome to be sure that we are healing and to be able to give all the children around us a childhood filled with love, worth, empathy, communication, security, softness, and trust. It is time to break chains and build a wonderful life for them at the same time that we do this for us too."

--Flor Lopez

#### Information

If you would like more information about our school, check this newsletter, our website or our Facebook or Instagram pages.

## For past newsletter editions see our school website page at

https://www.salinasuhsd.org/Domain/19.

For information about the school district see https://www.salinasuhsd.org •

#### **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

#### 2-1-1

You can call this number for help for many different family or personal needs.

Puede llamar a este número para obtener ayuda para varias necesidades familiares o personales.

Legal Help/Asistencia Legal
California Rural Legal Assistance-CRLA
Asistencia Legal Rural de California
3 Williams Rd., Salinas 757-5221 or
800-337-0690 for other locations (por mas locales) https://crla.org

For help with legal issues related to education, employment, housing, health, or COVID-19.

Para recibir ayuda con asuntos legales de educación, empleo, vivienda, salud o COVID-19.



#### CARIDADES CATOLICAS DIOCESIS DE MONTEREY

SERVICIOS DURANTE COVID-19

#### APOYO A LA FAMILIA

#### INMIGRACION

NUESTROS SERVICIOS
(CITAS VIA TELEFONO O CORRECO ELECTRONICO)
CLASES DE NUTRICION Y ACTIVIDAD FISICA
BRAMAS INFORMACIONILLAME O TEXTE AL 831.233.3303)

MAS INFORMACION LLAME O TEXTEE AL 831-233-3 CALFRESH (ESTAMPILLAS)

MEDI-CAL

ASISTENCIA DE ALIVIO DE FUEGO (PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAME 831-920-4764

ASISTENCIA DE RENTA (FONDOS LIMITADOS)

• Asistencia de solo una vez ( por hogar)

ASISITENCIA DE FUNEBRES (Atribuyo a COVID-19)

• Condado de Montrey

- NUESTROS SERVICIOS
- · CONSULTAS
- N-400 (CUIDADANIA)
- I-90 (RENOVAR MICA)
- U-VISA (VICTMA DE UN
  CRIMEN)
- I-130 (PETICION FAMILIAR)
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#### UBICACIONES

SALINAS 1705 SECOND AVE. SALINAS, CA. 93905 831-422-0602 SEASIDE 922 HILBY AVE SEASIDE, CA. 93955 831-393-3110 WATSONVILLE 656 MAIN ST. WATSONVILLE, CA. 95076 831-722-2675 Catholic Charities
Diocese of Monterey
Positing High. Creating High. Coming All



#### **Funeral Assistance Program**

Financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Monterey
Providing Holps Creating Hope, Serving, AS

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. As part of our organization, Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey would like to express our deepest condolences.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey along with our sponsors, we are grateful to be in the position to help low-income families or individuals living in the Monterey County. Those who have had a loss due to Covid-19 as of November 1st, 2020 may be eligible for funeral assistance.

#### To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these requirements:

The death must have occurred in Monterey County.

- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The deceased person does not have to be a U.S. citizen

All calls will be returned in the order that were received.

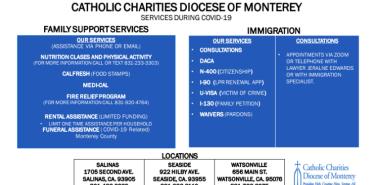
Appointment and assistance not guaranteed as funding is limited.

To apply for assistance, please call (831) 393-3110



#### Requirements:

- 1.Identifications 2.Proof of relationship 3.Financial need
- (income verification) 4.Death Certificate
- 4. Death Certificate
  5. Proof that death
  was due to
  COVID-19
- 6.Funeral related



831-393-3110

#### **Monkeypox Information**

www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/diseases/monkeypox

831-722-2675



# The Food Bank for Monterey County 353 W. Rossi St., Salinas Call 831-758-1523 to volunteer

Do you qualify for free food? ¿Calificas para comida gratis?

https://foodbankformontereycounty.org/food-assistance/emergency-food-assistance-program/

**KEEP LOOKING FOR GOLDEN NUGGETS.** 

#### Alliance on Aging

#### www.allianceonaging.org

This site shows many services for seniors in our area related to transportation, taxes, medical, counseling, and more and has a COVID-19 link updated every week to help the whole community.

Este sitio tiene detalles sobre varios servicios para ancianos (algunos en español) y un enlace para información reciente de COVID-19 para toda la comunidad y recursos para campesinos. Call 831-758-4011 for more information.

#### INTERNET/COMPUTERS

#### **Loaves, Fishes and Computers**

938 S. Main St., Salinas 831.393.9260 Low Cost Computers & Internet service for qualified people. Computadoras y servicio de Internet de bajo costo para personas calificadas.

#### **Federal Stimulus Package**

The federal stimulus package covers a temporary \$50 discount per month on Internet service and \$100 off computers for people who qualify.

El paquete de estímulo federal cubre un descuento temporal de \$50 cada mes por el servicio de Internet y \$100 de descuento en computadoras para las personas que califican.

Their site is/Este es el sitio web getemergencybroadband.org

#### **Federal Affordable Connectivity Program**

This program gives qualified low income telephone customers a discount on data for their phones. Ask your phone company if you qualify.

Este programa ofrece un descuento por data en teléfonos. Pida información sobre esto de su compañía de teléfono.

# **DISCOUNTED USED BOOKS Friends' Community Bookstore**

330 Reservation Rd. Suite F, Marina Across from the Ramada Inn Tuesdays, Thursdays 12-4 PM Saturdays 10 AM-4 PM Books, DVDs and CDs. Sales benefit the Marina Library. For information contact friendscommunitybookstore@gmail.com

#### **Monterey Bay Aquarium**

Free passes for low income families.

Information at Salinas Public Libraries.

#### **CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS**

#### Free & Discounted Day Passes

Do you receive CalWORKS or SSI, have a permanent disability, have a fourth grade child, or are a veteran or a senior 62 years old or older? You may qualify for a free or reduced price pass to enter our state parks. See

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=1049 for information on the qualifications.



#### Go to the Parks Free

Anyone can check out a California State Parks day use pass from your local library.

# CAREER PREPARATION Salinas Adult School

#### **Classes**

See page 14-15 for information

#### **Tests**

See page 17 for information

#### **Career Advising**

Career advising and job search. Room A-2 or call 796-6900 X 1414 or 1413 or cell number 831-583-7755.

#### **Mission Trails ROP**

867 E. Laurel Dr. 753-4209 Cost: \$1,200

**Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)** 

Spring Course: January 19-May 26

**Mandatory Orientation** 

Oct. 7, or Nov. 4 from 9-11:30 or Nov. 18 from 12-2:30 PM.







#### **Forklift Operations and License**



#### Class Meeting Dates:

Session A: August 22 - September 1 , 2022 Session B: September 12 - 22, 2022 Session C: October 17 - 27, 2022 Session C: November 7 - 17, 2022 Session E: December 5 - 15, 2022 Session F: January 23 - February 2, 2023 Session B: March 6 - 16, 2023 Session H: April 17 - 27, 2023 Session H: May 8 - 18, 2023



Mon. - Thurs. 3:30-5:00 pm

First day of class starts at 2:30 pm to take an English test.

This 12 hour course is designed to give students 18 years or older the opportunity to learn how to safely operate a counter lift, stand up forklift and electric jack pallet, complete a safety inspection and earn a forklift certification. A copy of a photo ID is needed as a proof of age at the time of registration.

The fee for this course is due at registration and it is non-refundable. Enrollment is limited to 6 adults per cohort; register as soon as possible Originals Registration Fee: \$75 (payment due at registration) OSHA 10 Certification Fee: \$35 (10 hour online course -optional

--- All fees are subject to change --istration is currently open at: Mission Trails Regional Occupational Prog

867 East Laurel Drive, Salinas, CA 93905 (831) 753-4209 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

\*If you are a current 12th grade student of the Salinas Union High School District (Class of 2023), and you obtained the Forklift certification at the end of the course, the registration fees will be reimbursed by

## Presidio of Monterey Fire Department CPR/AED

Friday, October 7
9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Stillwell Center Conference Room
4260 Gigling Rd., Seaside \$25
Infant, child and adult CPR & AED certification. For more information contact Craig Carpenter at 831-242-7020.

#### **Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital**

American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR and AED Course for Non Healthcare Providers Saturday, October 8 from 8 AM-12 PM \$75 for a 2-year certification

## American Heart Association HeartSaver Adult First Aid

**Saturday, October 8 from 1:00-4:00 PM** \$75 for a 2-year certification

If you take both classes on the same day, the total charge is \$110.

For more information and registration contact 831-759-1890.

#### **Gonzales Adult School**





#### Golden Nugget

You should always believe in hope, even when the opportunity is minimal. For example, if you give up on submitting an application for an advanced company or a prestigious school because you think you don't have opportunities and you won't even want to try, you will never know how much better you can become if you had pushed yourself to do better.
--Fengmin Qiu

#### **Monterey Peninsula College-MPC**

#### Law Enforcement

PELLETB Exam \$12 + fees South Bay Regional at MPC 2642 Colonel Durham Street, Seaside October 19 8:30-11:30 AM

Entry-level Law Enforcement test. This is a reading-writing test with multiple choice and fill-in questions. Maximum of one test each 30 days. Government-issued ID is required. For more information, go to

https://www.eventbrite.com/o/post-written-tests-12025272767

Phlebotomy Tech Training \$3,100 Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) Marina Education Center 289 12th Street, Marina at Imjin Parkway & 3rd Ave

For more information, contact Continuing Education at MPC ContinuingEd@mpc.edu or (831) 646-4058.

## Online Manufacturing Classes Bay Area Community Colleges

Sign up for their newsletter & get information about career fairs, jobs, online manufacturing classes, scholarships, community college job training programs & manufacturing careers. Go to <a href="https://bayareamanufacturingcareers.com/newsletters.html">https://bayareamanufacturingcareers.com/newsletters.html</a>

#### **Watsonville Adult School**

Green Valley Center
294 Green Valley Rd., Watsonville
831-786-2160 8:15-4:00 Monday-Friday
Contact the school for registration information.

#### **EKG Technician**

Dates to be determined

This 50-hour course focuses on the skills and information needed for this career such as anatomy, physiology and diseases of the heart, medical terminology and labs to practice EKGs as well as preparation for the ASPT-EKG certification exam.

\$1.299

Pre-Apprenticeship Building & Trades
Program (Multi-Craft Core Curriculum MC3)
Ask school about the dates
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:30-8:30 PM
Some Saturdays--ask school for dates
& times when you register for the class

Requirements: Be an adult who has finished high school, has a driver's license, is legal to work in the U.S., who can pass a drug test, and is interested in working in construction.

This basic introduction to the construction industry lecture/lab course covers topics such as job safety tools, math, blueprints

industry lecture/lab course covers topics such as job safety, tools, math, blueprints, and job skills to start students on their apprenticeship path. Successful students will complete certificates in MC3, first aid/CPR, and OSHA-10 and receive work boots and a tool bag with basic tools.

#### **COLLEGE PREPARATION**

# Salinas Adult School College Preparation Classes

your future.



**Developing English M-F 8:30-12:00**Improve your English & math skills and learn about college requirements, select schools & majors, and begin to prepare for

Math Tuesday & Thursday 1:15-4:15 Improve math skills for exams.

**HiSET Preparation M-Th 8:45-12:45**Prepare for taking these exams for high school equivalency.

#### Equivalencia de Preparatoria (HiSET) Lunes a jueves 8:45-12:45

Prepárense para tomar los exámenes de equivalencia de preparatoria.

#### **College Advising**

College advising and registration & financial aid assistance. Room A-2 or call 796-6900 X 1414 or 1413 or cell number 831-583-7755.

#### Money Mondays Hartnell College Building B, Room B-110 Mondays 3-4:30 PM

Drop-in help for FAFSA or Dream Act applications for 2022-2023 school year.

#### **EVENTS**

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Santa Rita Park Clean Up Limpieza del parque Santa Rita 290 E. Bolivar St. October 8 from 9-11:00 AM Free

Del Monte Blvd. Beach Clean Up Limpieza de la playa 588 Del Monte Blvd., Monterey (parking) October 22 at 9:00 AM Blue Zones Project Free

#### Natividad Creek Park Clean Up Limpieza del parque Natividad Creek November 1 from 4:00 PM Free

Volunteer to clean the park. Wear a mask and wear comfortable clothing and use gloves if possible.

Ser voluntario. Usa una mascarilla y ropa cómoda y un par de guantes si los tiene.

#### Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks Activities Guide

Nature activities, hikes, photography, volunteer opportunities, events and other activities for children, youth, adults, and families from fall 2022 through winter 2023. <a href="https://www.mprpd.org/files/25e0a2f1a/FINALLG022-23+Fall-Winter-R14.pdf">https://www.mprpd.org/files/25e0a2f1a/FINALLG022-23+Fall-Winter-R14.pdf</a> Sample events: nature journaling, exploring nature with children, raptor talks, medicinal plants, community cleanups and volunteering.

# Fremont Peak Observatory \$6 parking At Fremont Peak State Park 10700 San Juan Canyon Rd. 831-623-2465 Check the website <a href="https://fpoa.net">https://fpoa.net</a> before leaving for the observatory to be sure that weather conditions have not canceled the event.

## Solar Program October 22 from 2-5 PM

Viewing sunspots, solar prominences and other sun-related phenomena in a special sun telescope. Do NOT look at the sun directly. Check <a href="https://fpoa.net">https://fpoa.net</a> before leaving for the observatory.

#### First Friday Art Walk October 7 from 5-9 PM

Free

#### **Downtown Salinas**

Visit downtown galleries, coffeehouses, CSUMB Salinas City Center and other locations to enjoy art, music, and more.

# Open House at Railroad Museum October 8 & 9 from 10 AM-4 PM Free Near Salinas Amtrak Station

Railroad dioramas of Monterey County railroads. You must wear a mask.

#### Monterey County Artists Studio Tour October 8 & 9 and 15 & 16 11 AM-5 PM Free

Go to bit.ly/mcast2022 to see the locations. Take a self-guided tour using the map of 100 artist homes or studios to see their work, ask questions, and buy art (if you choose). See the Arts Habitat website for more information.



#### **Free Flu Vaccines**

Free vaccines to people six months and older.

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital 450 E. Romie Lane October 15 from 11 AM-2 PM

CSUMB Student Union
October 18 & 20 from 1:00-4:00 PM

Taylor Farms Clinic, Gonzales October 22 from 11AM-2 PM

Palma High School, Salinas October 26 from 4-7 PM

#### **Special Kids Connect**

Transition to Adulthood Education & Career Transición a la edad adulta educación y carrera Hartnell College Salinas October 15 from 9 AM-1 PM

Conference for parents to learn how to help their special needs children with education and careers. For information and registration go to <a href="https://www.specialkidsconnect.org">www.specialkidsconnect.org</a> or call 831-372-2730.

Conferencia por padres con hijos especiales para que puedan aprender cómo ayudar a sus hijos con la educación y carreras. Para información e inscripciones llamar al 831-372-2730 o ir a

www.specialkidsconnect.org.

Zoom Meeting Transition from Early Start to Preschool--What You Need to Know October 17 from 5:00-6:00 PM



Information for parents of children in Early Start whose children will enter preschool or kindergarten. Register

#### Junta por Zoom

Transición de Inicio Temprano a Preescolar para Niños con Necesidades Especiales--Lo que los Padres Tienen que Saber

#### el 19 de octubre 5:00-6:00 PM

Información para padres de niños en Inicio Temprano que están ingresando al preescolar o jardín de niños. Para registrarse, haga clic aquí.

# Volunteers Needed California State University Monterey Bay Return of the Natives

Help in the greenhouse and garden growing native plants for habitat restoration. All Ages

Make a Difference Day October 22 from 10 AM-1PM Register

Big Sur Land Trust Carr Lake Salinas November 5 from 9 AM-2 PM For registration & information see csumb.edu/ron or email friends.of.ron@gmail.com

#### Salinas Recreation Center District 5 Meeting Junta sobre el centro recreacional distrito 5 El Gabilan Library October 25 from 6-7 PM

Listen to the plans for the next recreation center & express your opinions about it. Aprenda de los planes para el próximo centro recreacional en Salinas y expresar sus opiniones.

# Till (movie) Starting October 28 Cost Century 14 Northridge Cinema

This historical drama tells the true story of how 14-year-old Emmett Till's mother tried to bring her child's case to justice and the relationship of this case to the Civil Rights Movement.

# Bike to Help Stop Alzheimer's Alzheimer's Association 800-272-3900

www.alz.org/ride

Ride on a bike at home, in the gym, or outdoors and help make money to stop Alzheimer's disease.



Monta una bicicleta en casa o en el gimnasio o andar en su bicicleta al aire libre y ayuda La Asociación de Alzheimer gana dinero para acabar con la enfermedad de Alzheimer. Informarse a www.alz.org/ride.

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### **Voter Registration**

Are you a U.S. citizen? It is important to register to vote if you plan to vote in November. Go to <a href="https://www.montereycountyelections.us/register-to-vote/">https://www.montereycountyelections.us/register-to-vote/</a> for more information. Information is also available in Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

¿Es usted un ciudadano/a? Para que pueda votar en noviembre, tiene que registrarse. Para más información, <a href="https://www.montereycountyelections.us/register-to-vote/">https://www.montereycountyelections.us/register-to-vote/</a>.

Elkhorn Slough Tours
1700 Elkhorn Rd., Watsonville
Go to Highway 1 North. Right on Dolan Rd.
& Left on Elkhorn Rd.
Free Tours on Saturdays at 10 & 11 AM
Only small groups are accepted at this time.
Reservations required. Call 831-728-2822 to make your reservation.

#### Farmer's Markets

Alisal Certified Farmers' Market WIC Center 632 E. Alisal St. Tuesdays 11 AM-4 PM through Oct. 11 Accepts EBT/WIC & offers Market Match\*. Free parking in the back or use bus 41 or 47.

Natividad Certified Farmers' Market
Natividad Medical Center
1441 Constitution Blvd.
Outside Building 200 Outpatient Services
Wednesdays 11 AM-3:30 PM until Oct. 26
Accepts EBT/WIC & offers Market Match\*
and participates in the Fresh Rx Program\*\*.
Free parking at Natividad Hospital or use
bus 41 or 95.

Memorial Hospital Farmers' Market
Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital
Certified Farmers' Market
450 E. Romie Lane
Fridays 12:30-5:30 PM through Nov. 11
Accepts EBT/WIC & offers Market Match\*
and participates in the Fresh Rx Program\*\*.
Free parking at the hospital or use bus 18 or 20.

\*\*Fresh Rx is prescribed to young patients with diet-related illnesses or special nutritional needs. They get \$25 a week to spend on produce.

\*Market Watch is a program for low income customers. Pay \$15 for produce and get another \$15 to spend on more produce.

Edible Education workshops for healthy cooking. Participants get \$10 to spend on produce.

#### Hartnell Sports

Men's Soccer at Hartnell Soccer Field October 7 at 4 PM.

Women's Soccer at Hartnell Soccer Field October 7 at 1:30; October 11 & 25 at 4:00

**Football at Rabobank Stadium Cost** October 8 at 1:00; October 22 at 6 PM

Volleyball at Hartnell Gym Cost October 7, 21, 28 at 6:30; Oct. 12 at 4:30.

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