

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MARIO IGLESIAS
GENERAL MANAGER
DATE: January 18, 2018



**AGENDA ITEM
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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is January 7, 2017 through January 20, 2018.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

The District encourages residents to provide reports of any observed water waste. The District keeps an accounting of leak adjustments as a measure of non-revenue water lost to leaks. The December data below is current.

Office Activities

	<u>Dec-17</u>	<u>Jul-Dec 2017</u>
Reports of water waste followed up on	0	1
Leak Adjustments	3	16
Leak Adjustment Amount	\$726	\$5,816

Water Resources

1) Total Production (AF)

	<u>Dec-17</u>	<u>Jul - Dec 17</u>
Groundwater Production	76.7	606.6
Supplemental Water Imported	<u>85.1</u>	<u>509.4</u>
Total Production	<u>161.9</u>	<u>1,116.0</u>

In December 2017, NCSD imported 85.1 AF of water over the 31 day period averaging 622 gallons per minute for a daily total of 895,680 gallons per day. For fiscal year 2017-18 [July-2017 through June-2018] the District must import 800 AF of supplemental water. To import this amount of water, NCSD must maintain an average of 66.7 AF per month from the City of Santa Maria. The District imported 85.1 for December 2017, 18.4 AF more than the minimum required to reach the District's import water objective.

Table 2. FY 2018 Demand Reduction as Compared to 2013

	Dec-17	Year-to-Date Jul-Dec 2017
Total Production (AF) for FY 2017-18	161.9	1,116.0
Total Production (AF) for 2013	178.5	1,438.1
Reduction	16.6	322.1
Percentage Reduction	9.0%	22.4%

For December 2017, the community’s water conservation effort reached 9.0% compared to December 2013. There was no measurable rainfall to offset outside irrigation and this lack of rain resulted in higher water use trends. The District’s Year-to-Date conservation effort for the first 6 months of the fiscal year is 22.4%.

3) NCS D GW Reduction

The District’s purveyor customers, GSWC and WMWC, each claim 16.66% (cumulatively 33.33%) of the imported water NCS D brings onto the basin through the NSWP. Of the 800 AF minimum imported water from the CSM, 266.6 AF will be credited to these two purveyor customers. The credited amount must be added to the District’s groundwater pumping total every month to reflect the groundwater pumped by these customers in-lieu of taking imported water from the District. Table 3 below demonstrates the calculus for determining the District’s groundwater reduction.

Table 3. NCS D GW Reduction (NCS D GW Well Production plus Purveyor Credit)

	Dec-17	Jul-Dec 17
NCS D GW Well Production	76.7	606.6
Purveyor Customer Credit (33.3% of Import Water)	28.4	165.6
NCS D Total Calculated GW Production	105.1	775.0
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	178.5	1,441.0
NCS D Percentage of GW Reduction	41%	46%

Taking into consideration the above referenced purveyor customer credit the District can claim a groundwater pumping reduction of 41% for the month of December compared to the 5-year average from 2009 to 2013. December water consumption was driven by unusually dry warm weather. For the first six months of the fiscal year, the cumulative groundwater pumping reduction reached 46%. At the current Stage IV level of NMMA’s Water Shortage Condition and Response Plan, the District has targeted groundwater reduction level of 50% for the year. With average rainfall, the District should be able to reach this target.

Rainfall Gauge

(Reported in inches)	Nipomo East (Dana Hills Reservoirs)	Nipomo South (Southland Plant)
December 2017 Total	0.03	0.00
July-2017 through January 4, 2018 (Seasonal Total)	1.06	1.18
Average Annual Year Rainfall	18	16

Safety Program

- No incidents

Public Outreach

- Attachment A – The following Public Outreach Program materials are attached:
 - A summary of recent outreach and education activities
 - District related outreach, advertising and news coverage
 - Press release log
 - Website and social media statistics

Other Items and News of Interest

- Attachment B –

Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting

The District is not currently accepting applications for new water service.

Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	500	AFY
Supplemental Water Reserved (Will Serve Letters Issued)	-23.2	AFY
Subtotal Net Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	476.8	AFY
Supplemental Water Assigned (Intent-to-Serve Issued)	-159.9	AFY
Total Remaining Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	316.9	AFY

This information is accurate up to December 6, 2017.

Connection Report

The Connection Report is current through December 2017.

Nipomo Community Services District Water and
Sewer Connections

	JUL-17	AUG-17	SEP-17	OCT-17	NOV-17	DEC-17
Water Connections (Total)	4383	4386	4388	4388	4400	4402
Sewer Connections (Total)	3168	3169	3169	3169	3169	3171
New Water Connections	0	3	2	0	12	2
New Sewer Connection	0	1	0	0	0	2
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	473	473	473	473	473	473

Meetings (January 7 through January 20)

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- Jan 8, Sedaru Asset Management Software Training
- Jan 10, Regular Board Meeting
- Jan 10, General Counsel/Management Team
- Jan 10, Blacklake Fairways HOA – Woodgreen LS
- Jan 15, MLK Holiday
- Jan 16, Management Team Meeting
- Jan 16 Blacklake Sewer Master Plan Presentation to BLMA

- *Jan 16, Eureka Well Site Review w/Property Owner*
- *Jan 17, Public Information Program Wrap-up*
- *Jan 17, Board Officer Meeting*
- *Jan 18, NMMA-TG Meeting*
- *Jan 19, NMMA Purveyor Manager's Meeting*

Meetings Scheduled (January 21 through January 27):

- *Jan 23, Engineering/Administration Meeting*
- *Jan 24, Rotary*
- *Jan 24, Regular Board Meeting*
- *Jan 24, General Counsel/Management Team*

Water Resource Meetings

- *NMMA-TG: January 18th @ 10 AM, NCSD Board Room*
- *RWVG February 7th @ 10:00 AM, SLO Library*
- *WRAC: February 7th @ 1:30 PM, SLO Library*
- *NMMA Purveyor Meeting: January 25th @ 10:00 AM, NCSD Admin Office*
- *NCMA/NMMA Managers Meeting: TBA*
- *Nipomo Chamber of Commerce: TBA*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Public Outreach Program Materials

January 24, 2018

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ATTACHMENT A

**NCS D Outreach Summary
January 2018**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
11/28/2017	Education	Judging of Science Discovery conservation Poster Contest entries/awards	Complete	12/8/2017
12/11/2017	Chamber Email Blast	FOG ad for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	12/11/2017
12/11/2017	Ad	Conservation ad in 12/15 SM Times	Complete	12/11/2017
11/30/2017	Meter Tag	Creation of notice on tampering for water meters	Complete	12/12/2017
12/14/2017	Ad	FOG ad in 12/21 Sun	Complete	12/14/2017
12/14/2017	Notice	Ordinance Summary in local newspapers	Complete	12/14/2017
12/15/2017	Press Release	NCS D Customers to Receive 50% Discount on Solid Waste Bill	Complete	12/18/2017
12/15/2017	Press Release	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Elects 2018 Board President and Vice President	Complete	12/18/2017
12/18/2017	Ad	FOG ad in 12/22 SM Times	Complete	12/18/2017
12/18/2017	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	12/18/2017
12/12/2017	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in SM Times 12/22	Complete	12/19/2017
12/19/2017	E-Newsletter	December Monthly E-newsletter	Complete	12/22/2017
12/22/2017	Ad	Conservation and article in January Gateway Gazette	Complete	12/22/2017
12/26/2017	Ad	Conservation ad in 1/4 Sun	Complete	12/26/2017
12/20/2017	Bill Stuffer	Bill Stuffer announcing solid waste rate holiday for Jan bills	Complete	1/2/2018
1/2/2018	Ad	Conservation ad in 1/5 SM Times	Complete	1/2/2018
12/8/2017	Social Media	Content posting	Complete	1/4/2018
12/8/2017	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; articles; press releases; audit report; FAQs; etc	Complete	1/4/2018
* 1/8/2018	Ad	Leak Detection Class ad in 1/2 and 1/18 Santa Maria Times	Complete	1/8/2018
11/1/2017	Demonstration Garden	Coordination with All Weather to place plant signs at LMD for a demonstration garden	Complete	1/9/2018

**NCSO Outreach Summary
January 2018**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
* 1/11/2018	Ad	Leak Detection Class ad 1/18 Sun	Complete	1/11/2018
* 1/11/2018	Notice	Well Abandonment Ordinance Notice in Local Papers	Complete	1/11/2018
* 1/12/2018	Press Release	District Board Adopts Ordinance for Abandonment of Private Water Wells	Complete	1/12/2018
1/17/2018	Ad	Scheduling of future conservation and Spring cleanup ads in SM Times and Sun	Complete	1/17/2018
1/17/2018	Ad	Conservation ads for February and March Gateway Gazette	Complete	1/17/2018
8/22/2017	Radio PSA	Coordination of conservation Radio PSA with neighboring water agencies	Complete	1/18/2018
11/6/2017	Conservation Workshop	Coordination with Water Savers for residential leak detection class in January	Complete	1/18/2018
1/5/2018	Social Media	Content posting	Complete	1/18/2018
1/5/2018	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; press releases; compensation report; etc	Complete	1/18/2018
1/17/2018	Ad	Ad for Nipomo Directory	Complete	1/18/2018
1/16/2018	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in SM Times 1/26	Complete	1/19/2018
1/18/2018	E-Newsletter	January E-newsletter	Complete	1/19/2018
1/18/2018	Education	Awards for 2017 Conservation Poster Contest	Complete	1/24/2018

* Included in Packet

OUR NIPOMO

Happy critters, Happy New Year, and a toy drive

Critter Corner: A very happy new year to all, and a welcome to 2018. Our birds are in a frenzy, gobbling up the last of the holiday treats.

Seems like they know it will soon end, and they will be back to the same old every day stuff. No more special

stuff until maybe Valentine's Day. What they don't know is that we have more of a surprise than they think, so we will watch to see how happy they are for a few more weeks anyway. We found a few specials so they have more than they know right now. By the way, those of you who asked, Little Mama is back. Guess she went to visit friends or relatives for some of the holidays, but she is back that makes us very happy. We aren't worried anymore about what might have happened to her.

Holiday lights in Nipomo: We are sorry about those of you that went to Apricot Lane a few days ago to see the lights and found they were down or being taken down. In the future we will get information from the people or area about when they will go up and when they will come down so people and especially children will not be disappointed. We do want all the little ones to see the lights and enjoy them. This will be a must on our next year's list. All we can do at this time is say we are sorry.

Thomas fire toy drive: Give Christmas or holiday happenings to families who have lost everything: VIVID Financial Management, located at 140 E. Clark Ave. in Orcutt, is accepting donations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 12. You can donate online at gofundme.com/TFToyDrive. Remember, they are accepting new (unwrapped) gifts or money donations to provide for the families and schools in need. As I previously told you, the Nipomo Lions have collected and sent a substantial amount to those in need. Glad to see others are also following through. This time of the year it is even harder on them.

Screenings to stay stroke free: will be taking place in Santa Maria at Hesperian Masonic Lodge 264 on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Those of you with any questions regarding this procedure, or seeking information please call 1-800-364-0457. Also to pre-register for this procedure call 1-800-364-0457. These screenings are great and very reasonable. They saved a couple of my friends who had problems who did not even know they had an issue, so they are a good thing.

San Luis Obispo Performing Arts Center: will present John Edwards Crossing Over live at the center, on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at JohnEdwards.net or you may call (805) 756-4849. I hear he is quite something to observe. Go see for yourself.

Nipomo Gyro's Men's Friendship Club: will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11, at Trilogy at 5:45 p.m.

Nipomo Lions dinner meeting: will take place on Thursday, Jan. 16, at BlackLake Community Room.

Happy New Year: to all and I hope 2018 is very good to all of you and you all have many happy and healthy times, and prosper during the year.

Comedian Steven Wright to perform at Chumash Casino

STAFF REPORT
Steven Wright, the award-winning comedian whose wit and deadpan delivery inspired a generation of comics, will bring his unique stand-up act to the Chumash Casino Resort's Samala Showroom at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2. Tickets for the show are \$25, \$35 and \$45. Wright's lethargic style and extensive collection of one-liners filled with ironies, philosophical musings and non-sequiturs made him starkly different

from the crop of comedians on the stand-up circuit in the 1980s. He debuted "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" in 1982, and his unique performance propelled him to stardom.

Located on Highway 246 in Santa Ynez, the Chumash Casino Resort is an age 21-and-older venue. Tickets for all events are available at the Chumash Casino Resort's Club Indulge or online at www.chumashcasino.com.

Old Juan's Cantina Raises \$5K for universally accessible children's park

Local restaurant donated 50% of Dec. 7 sales

COMMUNITY
In December Old Juan's Cantina joined the effort to build a universally accessible park for children of all abilities in Nipomo. As a result, the local Mexican restaurant recently presented Jack's Helping Hand co-founder Bridget Ready a check for \$5,000 in support of the Jack Ready Imagination Park.

The money came from a pledge to donate 50 percent of all sales generated on Dec. 7 to the local nonprofit organization. The crowds were bustling, with local residents, JHH supporters and visitors alike enjoying a meal while also supporting a worthy cause.

For the past eight years, Old Juan's Cantina has celebrated the season of giving by hosting a fundraiser for a local charity during the month of December. The family-owned restaurant's dedication to family and community has been the driving force behind these fundraisers, and they have raised over \$18,000 for local nonprofits since 2010.

"All of us at Jack's Helping Hand are so grateful for the ongoing support from Old Juan's Cantina, and especially for dedicating a whole day to us this year," said Ready. "Our mission to create a universally accessible park for all children to enjoy - regardless of their individual abilities - depends on the generosity of



Old Juan's Cantina co-owner Eva Verdin, left, presents the donation to Bridget Ready, co-founder of Jack's Helping Hand.

individuals, businesses and other nonprofits. It's so wonderful to see the community come together in support of children battling cancer and with other special needs or disabilities."

Jack's Helping Hand, a nonprofit organization that aims to create community programs that meet the needs of children with cancer or special needs, is building the Jack Ready Imagination Park in Nipomo. The organization believes that all children deserve a community space where they can play alongside each other, regardless of age or abilities.

The Imagination Park will accomplish this, featuring a sensory garden, themed play structures, and even a therapeutic equestrian riding center, all easily accessible by foot, bike, stroller, wheelchair and walker.

"All of us at Old Juan's are so excited to support such a great organization," said Old Juan's Cantina co-owner Eva Verdin. "We're a family restaurant, and we want to support families in our community. Jack's Helping Hand gives so much to others, we're honored that we were able to give back to such a deserving organization by doing what we love,

-serving great food to our community."

Located in Oceano, Old Juan's Cantina was founded in 1976 by John "Old Juan" Verdin on the principles of "familia," "comida" and "servicio." Today, it is owned and operated by John's grandchildren, Adam and Eva Verdin. The restaurant celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2016.

For more information on Old Juan's Cantina, please visit www.oldjuanscantina.com. For more information on Jack Ready Imagination Park or Jack's Helping Hand, please visit www.jackshelpinghand.org.

AT THE FARMERS MARKET

We're back ... and hoping for some rain

Now that the holiday season is over with, we can all get back to a new year full of Farmers Markets. The last two weeks of the year saw a lot of the growers as well as customers staying away from all the markets as they focused on other things. But with the start of a new year we can all get back to checking out what's new at the market. This time of the year is heavy in winter veggies as well as citrus, as you would expect. But you will also be seeing the first of the new season of berries in the not too distant future.

GLENN JOHNSON
Out in the field we are hoping for more rain. The season has been much too dry for my tastes, and here's hoping we will see a turn for the better soon. At the moment I've been concentrating on cleaning up from the last growing season. Plus making some effort in getting the gophers and squirrels under some measure of control.

Both projects will be around for some time. I've started to receive my usual supply of seed catalogs in the mail, so I can start making my selections for the coming year. If you have any requests, be sure and come to the market and we'll talk about them.

So, what's on the table as we start the year. Citrus is something that goes year-round. At the moment the lemons are at their peak. They have been turning yellow for about six weeks, and are most abundant at this time of the year. The same is true of the satsuma mandarins. There are batches of them on the trees as well as on the table. We still have plenty of lemons, both Eureka and Meyer, to satisfy any taste buds. The Valencia oranges go year-round, and we will have the first of the Navel oranges later this month. Normally the Blood oranges would be showing up in February, but there is a chance they will be coming to the market earlier. This is a case where the weather has helped speed

things along. We should be seeing many more berries this year. We have always had strawberries, but we have been talking to a new grower who produces blackberries and blueberries. We hope to see him at the market in just a few weeks. Seasonal veggies are mainly the cabbage family at this time of the year. You can expect to see broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kale, and cabbage on the table for several months. Lettuce, both heads and salad mix will be available throughout the winter. There is a plentiful supply of butter-

nut squashes, my personal favorite. And round out your trip to the market with some claudio, spinach, or radishes.

So with the new year comes a new opportunity to visit the Nipomo Farmers Market. We are located in the parking lot at Trilogy, and are open every Sunday between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Come by and visit the best little Farmers Market on the Central Coast.

Grower Glenn Johnson writes a regular column. For more information about the market, visit www.nipomofarmersmarket.com.

Nipomo Area Senior Center

We are a non-profit organization which offers fresh coffee and pastries in the morning. We have Tai Chi, Exercise class, monthly dine-out and potlucks, Bunco, Bingo and on Fridays we show movies. Come join the fun! For more information please give us a call or stop by, 200 E. Dana St., Nipomo, 805-929-1615. Hours: 9am-1pm during the week and closed on weekends and holidays.

Over Watering?
Turn your irrigation down or off.
Most landscapes require little or no water during cooler temps.

SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY!

For tips go to our website: www.ncsd.ca.gov or social media NipomoCSD

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SOCIAL MEDIA | Q&A

What Facebook's shift could mean

Soon, you'll see more posts from friends and fewer from businesses, publishers

BARBARA ORTUYA
Associated Press

In coming days, Facebook users will see fewer posts from publishers, businesses and celebs they follow. Instead, Facebook wants people to see more stuff from friends, family and other people they are likely to have "meaningful" conversations with — something the company lamented has been lost in the sea of videos, news stories (real and fake), and viral quizzes on which "Big Bang Theory" character you are.

Here are some frequently asked questions about what users and businesses might expect from the changes.

Why is Facebook doing this?

CEO Mark Zuckerberg has been doing a bit of soul-searching about the negative effects his company may be having on society and its users' psyche.

He's come a long way since November 2010, when he dismissed the notion that fake news on Facebook could have influenced the U.S. presidential election as a "pretty crazy idea."

Now it's his personal goal for 2016 to fix the site and weed out hate, abuse, meddling by malicious nation states, while also making it more "meaningful" and less depressing for users.

While he acknowledges that Facebook may never be completely free of malign influences, Zuckerberg says that the company currently makes "too many errors enforcing our policies and preventing the misuse of our tools."

The company also faces pressure from regulators in the U.S. and abroad, and a growing backlash from academics, lawmakers and even early executives and investors about the ways in which social media may be leaving us depressed, isolated, bombarded by online trolls and addicted to our phones.

Facebook would much rather make changes on its own than have its hand forced by regulators — or to see disillusioned users move on to other, newer platforms.



Zuckerberg



A man demonstrates how he views his Facebook page as he works on his computer Jan. 4 at a restaurant in Brasília, Brazil. (REDACTED PERES, ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Is this the end for brands, publishers?

Many news organizations, bloggers and business have grown reliant on Facebook to spread information — articles, videos, infomercials — to their followers without paying for ads. The changes could jeopardize that route to their audiences, though some speculate it could be a ploy to force these companies to buy more Facebook ads.

"It's obvious that the days of getting exposure as a business on Facebook are coming to an end," said Michael Stelzner, the CEO of social media marketing company Social Media Examiner. While Facebook has made plenty of changes to its news feed algorithm in the past, he said, this time might be different.

That's because Facebook is being "far more explicit" in its wording about what sorts of posts will diminish. "It has never been this black and white," Stelzner said.

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Michael Stelzner, CEO of Social Media Examiner, a social media marketing company

How will it affect the company?

Facebook's stock price dropped initially on Friday before regaining some ground. That suggests investors take Facebook seriously when it says the move will likely make users spend less time on its service. Less time, of course, means fewer advertising eyeballs at any given time.

This is a huge shift for Facebook, which until recently has been laser-focused on keeping users glued to the service by offering a bevy of notifications and "engaging" but low-value material. Facebook has been doing very well financially.

Its stock hit an all-time high earlier this month, and the company's market value is more than \$122 billion. Its quarterly results routinely surpass Wall Street's expectations.

So arguably the company can afford to shift its focus a bit away from quarterly profit gains and metrics like "user engagement" that get advertisers salivating. Zuckerberg already signaled this would happen late last year, when he said the company's planned investments in preventing abuse would hurt profitability.

While the changes could hurt Facebook's business in the short term, happier users could make for better profits over the long term. At least, that's what the company hopes.

What about echo chambers?

Do you enjoy arguing with people you disagree with? Maybe, maybe not. But Facebook's goal is to make people happier using the site — not to expose them to opposing views. So yes, this is possible. That said, the company says this is how people make friends and interact with each other offline. We gravitate toward people like us. And Facebook says its own research shows that users are exposed to more divergent views on its platform than they would be otherwise. Of course, this is difficult to verify independently.

Are people really going to spend less time on the platform?

Admitting that its changes will likely reduce the time people spend on Facebook was a big deal for the company.

Video, especially, has been a big focus for the social media giant — and videos have been especially good at keeping users around. This latest move, however, will de-emphasize videos. While it's too early to tell what users will do, there's little reason not to trust Facebook on this particular question.

Women taking their right to go topless to New Hampshire's high court

MICHAEL CAGNY
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — In a case that pits freedom of expression and equality against public decency, three women are challenging a New Hampshire city ordinance prohibiting public nudity and taking it to the state's highest court.

Heidi Lilley, Kia Sinclair and Ginger Pierro were ticketed in 2010 in Laconia after they went topless at Weirs Beach over Memorial Day weekend. Pierro was doing yoga, while the other two were sunbathing.

Some beachgoers complained and a police officer asked them to cover up. When they refused, they were arrested.

A legal motion to dismiss a case against the women was denied so they have appealed it to the New Hampshire Supreme Court, which is expected to hear the case Feb. 1.

The women want the court to dismiss their conviction by inval-

idating the city's ordinance.

The three women argue there's no state law forbidding female toplessness and that the ordinance is discriminatory since men are allowed to go shirtless. They also contend their constitutional rights to freedom of expression were violated.

"The law in the state of New Hampshire is that it is legal for a woman to go topless so we're trying to get the town of Laconia to recognize and to stay with the state," Lilley said. "The town ordinance, in our opinion, is not constitutional. We're hoping the Supreme Court will see that."

The women are part of the Free the Nipple movement, a global campaign that argues it should be acceptable for women to bare their nipples in public, since men can. Supporters of the campaign also are taking their causes to courts with mixed success.

A U.S. District Court judge ruled in October that a public indecency ordinance in Missouri

didn't violate the state constitution by allowing men, but not women, to show their nipples. But in February, a U.S. District Court judge blocked the city of Fort Collins, Colorado, from enforcing a law against women going topless, arguing it was based on gender discrimination. The city is appealing.

In New Hampshire, Lilley and another woman first challenged the ban when they were cited for going topless at a Gilford beach in 2015. A judge later dismissed that case but the Legislature took up the debate several months later, with a bill that would have made it a crime for women to expose their breasts or nipples in public.

Supporters of the bill warned that allowing women to go bare breasted at beaches could lead to scenes of topless women at libraries and Little League games. They said they were trying to protect families and children. Opponents said such a ban violates the state constitution.

Hawaii

From AP

"We made a mistake," said Miyagi.

For nearly 40 minutes, it seemed like the world was about to end in Hawaii, an island paradise already jittery over the threat of nuclear-tipped missiles from North Korea. The emergency alert, which was sent to cellphones statewide just before 8:10 a.m., said: "BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL."

On the H-3, a major highway north of Honolulu, vehicles sat empty after drivers left them to run to a nearby tunnel after the alert showed up, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported. Workers at a golf club huddled in a kitchen fearing the worst.

Professional golfer Colt Knost, staying at Waikiki Beach during a PGA Tour event, said "everyone was panicking" in the lobby of his hotel. "Everyone was running around like, 'What do we do?'" he said.

Richard Ing, a Honolulu attorney, was doing a construction project at home when his

wife told him about the alert. His wife and children prepared to evacuate while he tried to figure out what was happening.

Cherese Carlson, in Honolulu for a class and away from her children, said she called to make sure they were inside after getting the alert.

"I thought, 'Oh my god, this is it. Something bad's about to happen and I could die,'" she said. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency tweeted there was no threat about 10 minutes after the initial alert, but that didn't reach people who aren't on the social media platform. A revised alert informing of the "false alarm" didn't reach cellphones until 38 minutes later, according to the time stamp on images people shared on social media.

The incident prompted defense agencies including the Pentagon and the U.S. Pacific Command to issue the same statement, that they had "detected no ballistic missile threat to Hawaii."

The White House said President Donald Trump, at his private club in Florida, was briefed on the false alert. White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said it "was purely a state exercise."

Detecting Residential Water Leaks

FREE Class!

Saturday, January 20, 2016
10 AM - 11:30 AM

Nipomo Community Services District
Jon S. Seltz Board Room
148 S. Wilson Street, Nipomo

Tips from a certified irrigation specialist

Learn how to: Detect leaks by reading the water meter | Run irrigation stations to isolate any potential problems | Audit irrigation systems | Listen for leaks

www.ncsd.ca.gov | info@ncsd.ca.gov | 805.929.1133

YESTERDAY'S U.S. MARKETS

Dow Jones ▲ 26,154.65 ▲322.79	Nasdaq ▲ 2,798.28 ▲74.59	S&P 500 ▲ 2,802.56 ▲26.14	Gold ▲ \$1,327.30 ▼ \$9.80
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GAS PRICES

	SO County		SLO County		Change from week ago
	Regular	Diesel	Regular	Diesel	
Yesterday	\$2.23	\$3.57	\$2.32	\$3.71	
Month ago	\$1.16	\$3.13	\$2.20	\$3.70	
Year ago	\$2.80	\$2.04	\$2.93	\$3.40	

Trump claims credit for what is still mostly Obama's economy

CHRISTOPHER BISHOP
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump relentlessly congratulated himself for the healthy state of the U.S. economy, with its steady growth, low unemployment, busier factories and confident consumers.

But in the year since Trump's inauguration, most analysts tend to agree on this: The economy remains essentially the same sturdy one he inherited from Barack Obama. Growth has picked up, but it's not yet clear if it can sustain a faster expansion. Hiring and wage growth actually slowed slightly from Obama's last year in office. Consumers and businesses are much more optimistic, but their spending has yet to move meaningfully higher.

"I don't see any noticeable break over the past year," said Michael Strain, an economist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute. "We tend to overstate the degree to which the president has the ability to control the economy."

The U.S. public appears to have a similar view, according to a Quinnipiac University poll last week. It found that two-thirds of American voters say the economy is "excellent" or "good," the highest since the poll started asking about the economy in 2001.

Yet 49 percent of respondents credited Obama for the economy's health, compared with 40 percent who credited Trump. Trump's successful push for income and corporate tax cuts and his steps to loosen regulations have helped drive a surging stock market rally fueled by the prospect of higher corporate profits. And most economists are optimistic that growth will continue at a solid pace this year.

"We have created more than 2 million new jobs since the election," Trump said last week in Nashville, Tennessee. "Economic growth has surged past 3 percent, something that wasn't supposed to happen for a long time. We're way ahead of schedule. Unemployment is at a 17-year low."

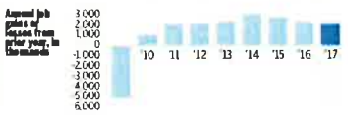
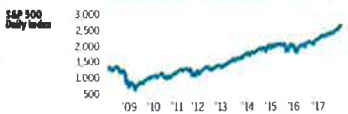
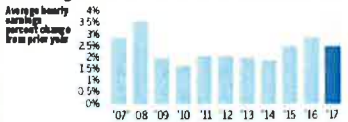
Those trends aren't very different from what came before. Employers added more jobs in Obama's last year in office — 2.2 million in 2016 — and nearly 3 million in 2014. Economic growth hit top 3 percent at an annual rate during the second and third quarters of 2017. But it had hung above 4 percent in the second and third quarters of 2014.



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Shortly after his inauguration ceremony, President Donald Trump talks with former President Barack Obama on Jan. 20, 2017, on Capitol Hill in Washington prior to Obama's departure to Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Existing economic trends continued in '17



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Facta's Federal Reserve

Apple banks on tax break to build second campus, hire 20,000

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is planning to build a new corporate campus and hire 20,000 U.S. workers in an expansion driven in part by a tax cut that will enable the iPhone maker to bring an estimated \$245 billion back to its home country.

The pledge announced Wednesday comes less than a month after Congress approved a sweeping overhaul of the U.S. tax code championed by President Donald Trump that will increase corporate profits.

Besides dramatically lowering the standard corporate tax rate, the reforms offer a one-time break on cash held overseas.

Apple plans to take advantage of that provision to bring back most of its roughly \$252 billion in offshore cash, generating a tax bill of about \$18 billion. That anticipated tax bill implies Apple intends to bring back about \$245 billion of its overseas cash, based on the temporary tax rate of 15.5 percent on foreign profits.

The White House applauded Apple's commitment. "Just as the president promised, making our businesses more competitive internationally is translating directly into benefits for the American worker, through increased wages, better benefits, and new jobs," White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said.

Apple Inc., which just spent an estimated \$5 billion building a Cupertino, California, headquarters that resembles a giant spaceship, plans to announce the location of a second campus devoted to customer support later this year.

The company didn't say how big the second campus will be, or how many of the additional 20,000 workers that it plans to hire will be based there. About 84,000 of Apple's 123,000 workers currently are in the U.S.

One thing seems certain: Cities from across the U.S. will likely be offering Apple tax breaks and other incentives in an attempt to persuade the company to build its second campus in their towns. That's what happened last year after Amazon announced it would build a second headquarters in North America to expand beyond its current Seattle home.

The online retailer received 236 proposals from cities and regions in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Amazon is expected to announce the winning bid later this year.

Moody's Investors Service estimates corporate America has an estimated \$1.6 trillion in overseas cash. Most of that is in the technology industry, with Apple at the top of the heap.

Trump and lawmakers are hoping companies use the money to raise wages, expand payrolls, open more offices and invest in new equipment.

After plowing nearly \$46 billion into dividends and stock repurchases in its last fiscal year, Apple is likely to funnel a big chunk of overseas money to its shareholders. But Wednesday's announcement was clearly designed to be a sign of its allegiance to the U.S., Apple's most lucrative market.

The public show of support also helps the optics of a company that will still make most of its iPhones, iPads and other gadgets in factories located in China and other faraway countries that offer cheaper labor — a practice that Trump and others have criticized.

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OWN what you do and say. Don't make promises you cannot keep. Look for the best way to move forward without jeopardizing your reputation or going over budget.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If someone asks about your personal finances, health or a pending legal matter, be wary of what you reveal. You are best off keeping your business private if you want to avoid interference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your enthusiasm is best contained. Don't give anyone the impression that you are willing to take on responsibilities that you don't have time for. Only offer what you can really handle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Emotions will be set off easily if you let someone go into

a debate. Keep your thoughts to yourself and focus on personal improvements, not on trying to change others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't let your emotions take the reins when dealing with colleagues or people who could influence your position or status. Overreacting or taking on too much should be avoided.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Emotional spending or accruing too much debt will leave you in a predicament. Look for ways to cut

costs instead of adding to them. Someone close to you will make an unusual offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If someone overreacts, walk away. Getting into a dispute over something that is being overblown is a waste of time. Keep your emotions in check and offer love and peace instead of discord.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A solid, steady pace will get you to your destination on time. Look for unique ways to impress someone in check and offer love and peace instead of discord.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) —

Knowing what you want will help you make the right choice. How you go about getting what you desire will require crafty navigation to avoid backlash or financial loss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Protect your physical and emotional wellness. Know what you are up against and do whatever you must to bypass obstacles and challenges.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You need a pick-me-up. Sign up for something you find exhilarating or update your appearance. Invest more time and effort in yourself and what you want to pursue.

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p.m. 805-270-5523. mindfulkindfulyouiversity.com. Shell Beach Veterans Memorial Bldg., 230 Leeward Avenue, Pismo Beach.

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SPIRITUAL

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

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.

WISDOM READINGS WITH ANN KATHLEEN AnnKathleen has been reading the Tarot and Oracle Cards for over 25 years. Fridays-Sundays, 12-5 p.m. \$25-\$85. 805-598-1509. divining.weebly.com. Divine Inspiration, 947 E Orange St, Santa Maria.

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YOUTH SERVICES The City Church Central Coast holds youth services for junior high school students. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Free. 805-929-8990. thecitycc.org. Faith Life Community Church, 726 W Tefft St, Nipomo.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

TIBETAN BUDDHISM BOOK STUDY Meditation practice and a discussion of Foundations of Tibetan Buddhism, by H.E. Kalu

Rinpoche. Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Free. 805-438-3949. BodhiPath SLO, 3484 Gregory Ct., San Luis Obispo, bodhipath.org.



VOLUNTEERS

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CENTRAL COAST HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING Central Coast Hospice is recruiting volunteers. Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through Feb. 16. 805-540-6020. San Luis Obispo Business Center, 4251 South Higuera Street, Suite 501, San Luis Obispo.

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.

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.

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.

VANDENBERG VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Locally grown produce and food stuffs are available year round. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Sept. 30 Vandenberg Village Farmers' Market, 120 Burton Mesa Blvd., 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.

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FARMERS MARKET Farmers Market in SLO is the largest Farmers Market in California. Thursdays, 6-10:30 p.m. Downtown SLO, Higuera St, San Luis Obispo.

SLO FARMERS MARKET Hosts over 60 vendors. Saturdays, 8:10-4:5 a.m. World Market Parking Lot, 2650 Main St., San Luis Obispo.

EVENTS

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

WINE TASTING WITH THE WINTER PASS Enjoy 15 wine tastings at participating Santa Ynez tasting rooms. No black-out dates. Through Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$45. 800-563-3183. santaynezwinecountry.com/association-events. Participating Wine Tasting Rooms, Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Ynez, Buellton, Los Olivos, Solvang.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY/LOS ALAMOS

SANTA MARIA VALLEY RESTAURANT WEEK AT NAGY WINES Nagy Wines collaborates with Bob Spallino of Pizzeria Bella Forno and Alexandra Thompson of Heart and Sugar Confections in celebration of Santa Maria Valley Restaurant week. See website for special menu offerings. Through Jan. 19, 5-8 p.m., Jan. 20, 5-6 p.m., Through Jan. 27, 1-8 p.m. and Jan. 28, 1-6 p.m. \$20.18. 805-286-7228. nagywines.com. Nagy Wines, 145 S Gray St., Ste. 103, Orcutt.

URBANE CAFE PRE-OPENING CELEBRATION All donations to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Maria Valley will be matched. Jan. 19, 5-7 p.m. bgcsmv.org. Urbane Cafe, 655 E. Betteravia Rd., Santa Maria.

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PINT NIGHT Buy a logo glass for \$8 and bring it in every Friday for \$2 off refills. Fridays, 5-10 p.m. through Feb. 9. 805-868-7133. 7Sistersbrewing.com/events. 7Sisters Brewing Company, 181 Tank Farm Rd. Suite 110, 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. woodstockslo.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. woodstockslo.com/events/. Woodstock's Pizza, 1000 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo. ☺



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STORY TIME

The Santa Maria Public Library hosts Cozy Cocoa Preschool Story Time, open to children ages 3 to 5 and their families, every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. The program started Jan. 17 and runs through Feb. 21. Drop-ins are welcome, and no pre-registration is required. More info: (805) 925-0994.

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District Board Adopts Ordinance for Abandonment of Private Water Wells

At its January 10th Regular meeting, District Board of Directors adopted an Ordinance adding Nipomo CSD District Code Sections 3.05.080 requiring the abandonment of water wells under certain circumstances.

The Board agreed this action was necessary in order to protect and preserve the sustainability of the Nipomo Mesa's groundwater resources.

In 2008 a Court Order demanded that the Nipomo CSD bring another source of water onto the Nipomo Mesa. The District accomplished this by building the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project.

Nipomo CSD customers continue to pay for the capital investment costs of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project needed to bring the project to full capacity and continue to pay the City of Santa Maria for water brought onto the Nipomo Mesa. The Board agreed that the positive impact of the Project to area groundwater resources would be diminished if Nipomo CSD's water users were also able to produce well water on property also receiving Nipomo CSD water.

All Nipomo CSD ratepayers financially support the Supplemental Water Project through their rates. The Ordinance prohibits Nipomo CSD water users to increase the need and demand for supplemental water by supplementing their existing demand with groundwater. A 2005 Stipulation requires new urban uses on the Nipomo Mesa to provide a source of supplemental water to offset the water demand associated with the new urban use. Since 2013, the District has required water service applicants to abandon all wells on their parcel prior to receiving District water service. The adopted Ordinance is consistent with the District's current practice and provides clarity to applicants and staff by identifying specific, logical exemptions.

The Ordinance takes into consideration those individuals who invested in and utilized both sources of supply prior to the Ordinance and may allow them to continue using both sources.

Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 24th, 2018, 9AM, District Jon S. Seitz Board Room 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

For more information, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133, info@ncsd.ca.gov or visit www.ncsd.ca.gov.

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