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SALINAS

Interim
hosts
holiday
lunch

ANNUAL FRIENDSGIVING EVENT
BRINGS HOLIDAY WARMTH TO
COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE

STAFF REPORT

SALINAS — Interim Inc. recently hosted its annual Friendsgiving Lunch at the OMNI Resource Center in Salinas, welcoming more than 147 clients and community members, including individuals experiencing homelessness or living with mental health challenges.

The Nov. 22 lunch also served an additional 100-plus meals to Interim's residential and service programs. The event, supported by Coastal Roots Hospitality, brought together individuals who might otherwise spend the holidays alone to share a warm, festive meal.

Each year, Coastal Roots Hospitality partners with Interim to provide over 500 free meals during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Tarpy's Roadhouse, Rio Grill and Montrieo collaborate to prepare meals that are not just

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CENTRAL COAST

UC Santa Cruz,
Hartnell receive
grant to bolster
transfer pathway

COLLEGES AIM TO STREAMLINE
PROCESS FOR AREA STUDENTS

STAFF REPORT

CENTRAL COAST — UC Santa Cruz and Hartnell College have long shared a commitment to empowering students from California's Central Coast to achieve their educational and career goals. Now, thanks to a two-year, \$250,000 American Talent Initiative (ATI) IDEAS Grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies, the two institutions will strengthen that partnership and expand opportunities for students.

The grant will support the Pathways to Success program, designed to streamline the

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GONZALES



GROUNDBREAKING Gonzales city officials gather for the Nov. 22 groundbreaking ceremony for Phase I of a new Industrial Wastewater System and Treatment Facility.

Sustainable future

WASTEWATER PROJECT MARKS MAJOR STEP IN ADDRESSING GROWTH

STAFF REPORT

City of Gonzales hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 22 for Phase I of a new Industrial Wastewater (IW) System and Treatment Facility.

"This groundbreaking marks the beginning of a brighter more sustainable future for the City of Gonzales," said City Manager Carmen Gil. "With this project, we're not only meeting today's needs, but also laying the foundation for growth and environmental stewardship for generations to come."

The multi-phase wastewater program is a comprehensive approach to address current and future wastewater challenges.

Phase I will establish the Industrial Wastewater (IW) System and IW Treatment Facility on 55

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SOLEDAD

SCHCD honors longtime board member



Maggie Campa (left) stands with her son, Noah Campa, during an Oct. 24 ceremony honoring her nearly 20 years of service on the Soledad Community Health Care District Board.

MAGGIE CAMPA RETIRES
AFTER NEARLY 20 YEARS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE

STAFF REPORT

SOLEDAD — Soledad Community Health Care District (SCHCD) recently celebrated Maggie Campa's retirement from the SCHCD Board of Directors after nearly 20 years of dedicated service.

Campa's leadership and commitment have been instrumental in expanding access to healthcare in the community, especially through her work on women's health initiatives.

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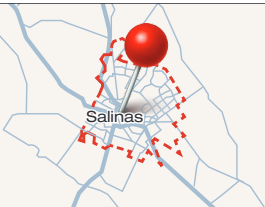
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Thursday will be sunny
Today's high: 70
Today's low: 41
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