

Lompoc city council meets today ----

5/7/2024

The Lompoc city council meets today and on the agenda is Parks & Recreation Analysis – Ryon Park Performance Stage Repair or Replacement Feasibility; Selection of Options for Repair or Replacement of Stage and Renovation of the Existing Concrete Pad for Food Booths. Also a council appointment to the Airport Commission. Today's meeting starts at 630 at 100 Civic Center Plaza in Lompoc.

CA Had Eighth Wettest Water Year In Five Decades ---- 5/7/2024

The state is marking a water milestone. Last year was the eighth wettest in five decades. A parade of atmospheric rivers helped to end the drought and also bumped groundwater levels, with the first storage increase since 2019. The Department of Water Resources says a significant reduction in groundwater pumping led to ground surface elevation rising in some places where it had previously sunk, mostly in the San Joaquin Valley.

>>CA Major Home Insurer Raising Rates 15% In June

(Sacramento, CA) -- More than 300-thousand Californians are in for sticker shock. The state's sixth largest property and casualty insurer is raising prices. Travelers was just approved to hike rates on homes by an average of 15-percent starting next month. Some customers will end up paying almost 27-percent more while others may see rates drop eight-percent. This comes as the company drops 66-hundred policies across the state with the most extreme wildfire risk.

>>CA Reservoir Reaches Full Capacity For Second Year

(Oroville, CA) -- California's second-largest reservoir is now full. Lake Oroville reached capacity yesterday for a second straight year. Crews have been reducing outflows from the lake in recent weeks, allowing it to slowly fill to its current 899-foot elevation. The Department of Water Resources posted the update on social media, calling it "great news" for ensuring adequate water supply for millions of people. Shasta Lake is the biggest and 97-percent full.

>>CA Cities Ranked Among Worst In Nation For Driving

(Oakland, CA) -- Here's something to think about as the morning commute begins. California has some of the worst cities to drive in and Oakland tops the list. A study from Forbes Advisor blames deadly crashes, high gas prices and the longest time spent traveling to and from work. San Francisco comes in third, Los Angeles is 11th and Long Beach takes the 20th spot. On the flip side, San Diego, Fresno and Bakersfield are ranked among the best cities for driving.

>>CA City Votes Today On Disneyland Expansion Plans

(Anaheim, CA) -- This is the day to find out if the happiest place on earth is truly expanding. The Southern California theme park got the green light last month to build new attractions, shops and restaurants within current undeveloped areas. This includes alongside hotels and where the Toy Story Parking Area stands. Even though Anaheim approved the nearly two-billion dollar plans, it's not official until the city council takes a final vote today.

Resident burned in house fire in Oceano ---

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One person suffered burn injuries in a house fire in Oceano. The fire was first reported at about 3:20 p.m. on Sunday at a mobile home in the 2500 block of Cienaga Street. According to the Five Cities Fire Authority, firefighters arrived at the scene to find a fire burning at the back of the structure. Fire officials say it appears the fire started underneath the mobile home with slight extension to the inside of the residence. Two people were displaced as a result of the fire. One of the residents was treated for burns at a local hospital and released. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

**Santa Maria city council meets today ----
5/7/2024**

The Santa Maria city council meets today and on the agenda the council will consider adopting a resolution opposing the Taxpayer and Government Accountability Act. Also conceptual review of proposed downtown redevelopment by the Vernon Group on city owned parcels. The council will also review the financial report for the third quarter ending March 31st of this year and third quarter amendments to the 2023-24 budget. A proclamation for Water Awareness Month and presentation of Water Awareness Poster Contest winners will also be presented. Proclamations for Fentanyl Awareness Day, Compost Awareness Week, National Police Week, Peace Officers Memorial Day, and Go Rodeo Days will also be presented. Today's meeting starts at 5:30 at 110 East Cook Street in Santa Maria.

>>Woman Who Avoided Jail After Stabbing Boyfriend to Death Appealing Conviction

(Thousand Oaks, CA) -- A woman who avoided prison after stabbing her boyfriend to death in Thousand Oaks is appealing her conviction for involuntary manslaughter. Daniel Martindale has more.

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>>Federal Judges Blacklist Columbia University Law Students

(New York, NY) -- More than a dozen judges are blacklisting Columbia University's law school students. Natalie Migliore has more.

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>Pro-Palestinian Protest Encampment at CSULA Linked With Vandalism, Graffiti

(Los Angeles, CA) -- California State University, Los Angeles officials are condemning acts by pro-Palestinian protesters on campus. Daniel Martindale has the story.

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>TikTok Propelling Money Dysmorphia In Younger Generations

(New York, NY) -- With more than half of Gen-Z getting their news and financial advice from TikTok, their mixed economic feelings could have long-term financial health implications. Erin Real reports.

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>>LAUSD Parents to Present Petitions Calling For Return of School Police

(Los Angeles, CA) -- Many parents of Los Angeles Unified School District students are calling for the return of on-campus police officers. Daniel Martindale reports.

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>>Chinese Citizens Banned From Buying Properties In Florida

(New York, NY) -- A new Florida law bans Chinese citizens from buying homes because of national security concerns. Erin Real reports.

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HERE'S WHATS UP FOR " INFORMATION NOW " ON
WEDNESDAY:

730AM-- BOB NELSON-- SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR -- HE WILL HAVE A RECAP
FROM TODAYS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.

805AM-- GLORIA SOTO-- SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL
MEMBER AND MAYOR PRO TEM-- SHE WILL HAVE A RECAP
OF TODAYS CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

PLUS, THE LATEST LOCAL NEWS, SPORTS, TRAFFIC AND
WEATHER.

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>>Kentucky Derby Ratings Soar

(Louisville, KY) -- Mystik Dan's narrow victory in the 2024 Kentucky Derby averaged 16.7 million viewers, the most since 1989. The 150th Run for the Roses' viewership was up 13 percent from last year's race which averaged 14.8 million viewers. The event's peak viewership, which was from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. Eastern, was 20.1 million. This year's peak viewership was the highest since the race switched to NBC in 2001.

NBA Playoffs ----- 7:00 p.m. - Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics
(Best-of-seven East Semifinals series tied, 0-0)

9:30 p.m. - Dallas Mavericks at Oklahoma City Thunder (Best-of-seven West Semifinals series tied, 0-0)

MLB American League ----- 3:37 p.m. - Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics
6:10 p.m. - Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians 6:45 p.m. - Baltimore Orioles at Washington Nationals
6:50 p.m. - Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay Rays
7:05 p.m. - Houston Astros at New York Yankees 7:40 p.m. - Seattle Mariners at Minnesota Twins

MLB National League ----- 7:40 p.m. - San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs
7:45 p.m. - New York Mets at St. Louis Cardinals 8:40 p.m. - San Francisco Giants at Colorado Rockies
10:10 p.m. - Miami Marlins at Los Angeles Dodgers

MLB Interleague ----- 6:40 p.m. - Los Angeles Angels at Pittsburgh Pirates
6:40 p.m. - Toronto Blue Jays at Philadelphia Phillies 7:20 p.m. - Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves
7:40 p.m. - Milwaukee Brewers at Kansas City Royals

NHL ----- 7:00 p.m. - Carolina Hurricanes at New York Rangers
(Rangers lead best-of-seven East second round series, 1-0)

9:30 p.m. - Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars (Best-of-seven West second round series tied, 0-0)