

**Lompoc city council meets today ----
5/21/2024**

The Lompoc city council meets today and on the agenda is a protest hearing on whether to submit the question of Discontinuing the Public Park Use of Approximately 82 Acres Including Ken Adam Park to City Voters in November. This would allow for other education and recreational uses. There is a proposal to build a space park at this location from Pale Blue Dot Ventures. Today's meeting starts at 630 at 100 Civic Center Plaza in Lompoc.

11 Am - ~~Ceremony~~

MAY 27 SOLVANG VETS HALL
12pm - FREE BBQ Luncheon

SB Cemetary - 11 Am
w/ flyover

California Reaches New Home Price High --- 5/21/2024

California is reaching a new record high when it comes to home prices. The California Association of Realtors released data on Friday saying the median price for a single family home climbed to over nine-hundred-and-four-thousand last month. That's six-percent higher than March and eleven-percent above April of last year. The San Francisco Bay area has the highest median price at over one-point-four-million, while the lowest price is in Northern California near three-hundred-and-65-thousand-dollars. Los Angeles saw over a 13-percent increase from last year with the current median price at eight-hundred-and-40-thousand-dollars. As of Friday, the average fixed rate, 30-year mortgage was just over seven-percent or about three-quarters lower than October of 2023.

SpaceX Launching Spy Satellite From Vandenberg ---

5/21/2024

SpaceX is planning to launch a spy satellite from the coast of Santa Barbara County. Liftoff from Vandenberg Space Force Base is targeted for one o'clock tomorrow morning, with the launch window staying open until 3:28 a.m., if needed. SpaceX is prepared to give the launch another go at 1:14 am Thursday if there's a postponement. This will be the 16th flight for the first stage Falcon Nine rocket booster supporting the mission, called NROL-146. The first stage will land on the Of Course I Still Love You dronship stationed in the Pacific Ocean after initial stage separation.

New Law That Bans Restaurant Junk Fees Goes Into Effect July 1 ---- 5/21/2024

Californians will soon see a change in how so-called "junk fees" are reported on their restaurant bills starting on July 1st. The state's SB-478 makes certain service surcharges on food bills illegal. Those costs must now be included in menu pricing, which may go up as a result. The new law was authored by Senators Nancy Skinner and Bill Dodd.

**California earthquake ----
5/21/2024**

A magnitude four-point-one earthquake struck Southern California's Salton Sea on Monday morning. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the Imperial County quake struck 18 miles south of Salton City and four miles southeast of Ocotillo Wells [[OH-kuh-TEE-yoh WEHLZ]]. The quake was felt more than 100 miles away in cities like Chula Vista near the coast in South San Diego County. There are no reports of damage or injury.

**Santa Maria city council meeting today ----
5/21/2024**

The Santa Maria city council meets today and on the agenda the council will receive an update on the Fiscal Year 2024- 26 Budget development, provide input on its development including a general fund and Measure U overview and provide input on preliminary budget proposals. There will also be presentations on a pavement management update 2024 and Santa Maria Community Television. Today's meeting starts at 5:30 at 110 East Cook Street in Santa Maria.

>>Yoga Teachers Prepare to Sue San Diego Over Ban On Beach Yoga

(San Diego, CA) -- Some yoga teachers are warming up to sue the city of San Diego. Jon Fink explains.

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>>Actress Scarlett Johansson Says OpenAI Stole Her Voice

(San Francisco, CA) -- Actress Scarlett Johansson says OpenAI stole her voice. Phil Hulett reports.

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>>LAPD Investigating Daredevil's Tightrope Walk at Graffiti Towers

(Los Angeles, CA) -- The Los Angeles Police Department is launching a criminal investigation into a daredevil Youtuber's tightrope walk in Downtown L.A. Daniel Martindale has details.

{{727c63ee-424d-48f0-9231-991ffba1cd90}} Daniel Martindale

>Him & Hers Online Pharmacy To Sell GLP-1 Drugs Direct To Consumers

(New York, NY) -- Direct-to-consumer compounded GLP-1 weight loss drugs are about to become readily available. Erin Real reports.

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>>Airline Fares Trending Lower To Some Destination

(New York, NY) -- Flying to many destinations is cheaper this year compared to last. Erin Real [[Ray-al]] reports.

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Highway 1 in Big Sur Officially Reopens --- 5/21/2024

In California ---this marks the start of the first full week since March with no travel restrictions on Highway 1 through Big Sur. On Friday, the highway officially reopened to all travel after being closed or open with restrictions for almost 50 days. That was due to part of the road washing into the ocean after heavy storms. During those seven weeks, businesses in Big Sur estimated a total loss of at least 50-million-dollars. The road reopened sooner than initially estimated.

>>CA Workers At UCSC First To Strike Over Protests

(Santa Cruz, CA) -- A University of California strike is underway. Graduate students and academic workers at UC Santa Cruz were the first to walk off the job yesterday. Union members voted for this last week, citing free speech. They're taking a stand over colleges cracking down on protests against the Middle East war in Gaza. The rolling strike is expected to move across some of the ten campuses just as the term is ending, with finals and graduations.

>>CA May Delay Health Care Minimum Wage Increase

(Sacramento, CA) -- Another minimum wage hike in California is on the verge of being delayed. More than 450-thousand health care workers are expecting to see a raise on June 1st. Governor Newsom signed that law last year to increase pay to 25-dollars an hour. The senator behind the bill says it's clear the workers need the help, but she wants this to start a month later, on July 1st. She submitted paperwork for the change to align with the budget year.

>>CA Still Has 624K Debit Cards With Inflation Payments

(Sacramento, CA) -- Thousands of Californians are sitting on free money they haven't touched. The last round of inflation relief payments went out in September, ranging from 200 to a thousand dollars. While many were sent by direct deposit, the rest were mailed. But turns out, only 90-percent of those debit cards have been activated. That leaves 624-thousand loaded with at least 125-million dollars in benefits. The funds must be used by April of 2026.

>>CA To Debut First-ever LEGO World Parade Friday

(Carlsbad, CA) -- The countdown is on to Legoland California's first-ever parade. It starts Friday and will continue on various dates through Labor Day in September. The LEGO World Parade takes place about an hour before close and features six floats along with entertainers singing and dancing. Fire Chief Freya will lead the pack and Hopsy the bunny will be at the tail end, with other favorite characters celebrating the San Diego County park's 25th birthday.