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Program Abbreviations

BS	=	Broken Spoke Folk Show	JR	=	Jukebox Revival
CCV	=	Central Coast Voices	OBP	=	Our Body Politic
CS	=	Classical Showcase	PT	=	Pickin' Up The Tempo
GR	=	Gateways Radio	RT	=	The Reluctant Therapist
IC	=	KCBX in Concert	TRH	=	The Road Home
I&I	=	Issues & Ideas	SP	=	Special
NEWS	=	All Things Considered			
NEWS	=	Morning Edition			

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Addiction

NEWS APR 24, 2023 *Santa Barbara County launches campaign focused on youth mental health*

The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness has launched a campaign to address mental health and substance misuse among local youth.

Agriculture

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NEWS JUN 20, 2023 *Goat grazing in Paso Robles: An unconventional approach to fire prevention*

Goats and sheep are grazing on the Salinas River in Paso Robles right now. It's a tactic some local governments are using to reduce wildfire risk.

NEWS JUN 28, 2023 *Santa Barbara botanists work to conserve rare plant found only in Lompoc*

A rare native plant was recently re-discovered on the Central Coast. Local botanists pieced together historical information to find the tiny Santa Ynez groundstar, a plant they say grows only in Lompoc.

Books

I&I APR 3, 2023 *From Chernobyl With Love, The Grape Nut, In Between, Halcyon Days, and the SLO Food Bank*

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CCV APR 20, 2023 *Why Poetry Matters*

Host Lata Murti speaks with poets living on the Central Coast in a celebration of National Poetry Month as they discuss the importance of poetry in our culture and how poetry has the ability to encourage creativity, artistic expression, and intellectual connection.

OBP APR 30, 2023 *Innovative Solutions For A Growing Nationwide Mental Health Crisis*

We're in the midst of a full-blown mental health crisis. What is going on, and how do we fix it? Hear from former Surgeon General of California Dr. Nadine Burke Harris on changing our approach to care. And, award-winning poet Camonghe Felix discusses navigating a broken mental health care system as a teenager, a journey she shares in her new memoir, *Dyscalculia: A Love Story of Epic Miscalculation*. Plus, the “Sippin’ the Political Tea” roundtable looks at innovative approaches to treatment.

OBP MAY 7, 2023 *OBP Rewind: Collective Crises: Infectious Disease and Informed Democracy*

Hear an interview with LGBTQ scholar Steven Thrasher on his book, *The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll When Inequality and Diseases Collide*. Then, hear from Howard Polskin, president and founder of media company TheRighting, on far-right media.

CCV MAY 11, 2023 *A view of Julia Morgan*

Join host Fred Munroe as he speaks with Gordon Fuglie and Karen McNeil, co-authors of a new book about architect Julia Morgan titled *Julia Morgan: The Road to San Simeon, Visionary Architect of the California Renaissance*.

OBP MAY 21, 2023 *A Guest-Host Celebration!*

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NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *John Steinbeck's legacy thrives in the city of Salinas*

The City of Salinas is home to one of the Central Coast's most important literary figures. It's the birthplace of John Steinbeck and the setting for some of his most famous novels like "East of Eden" and "Of Mice and Men."

NEWS JUN 26, 2023 *CA legislators consider media literacy education for K-12 students*

Two media literacy education bills are pending in Sacramento.

Business

NEWS APR 20, 2023 *In Between: Let There Be Lesbians creates a sapphic space in SLO County*

All are welcome at Let There Be Lesbians, but it's an intentionally sapphic space — one meant for queer, feminine energy.

NEWS MAY 4, 2023 *Central Coast Queer Archive Project to host reunion at historic former gay bar in SLO*

The Central Coast Queer Archive Project is co-hosting an event on May 12 ahead of Pride Month in June. They describe it as a "re-queering" of a San Luis Obispo business which used to be one of the few gay bars in the city's history.

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OBP JUN 18, 2023 *Juneteenth Celebration of Black Memory and Black Freedom*

This week, celebrate Black memory and Black freedom with this special presentation for Juneteenth. First, University of Virginia's Dr. Andrea Roberts talks about the roots of Juneteenth. Then, Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman and Amara Enyia discuss whether corporations should profit from Juneteenth or focus on policies to help Black employees and communities. Plus, Harvard Law Professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annette Gordon-Reed and listeners share their memories of freedom.

Career

NEWS APR 6, 2023 *In Between: Creating an inclusive workplace for queer people of color in SLO County*

Workplace discrimination is a problem affecting much of the LGBTQ+ community. In this episode of *In Between*, we hear from Dale Morenx, a SLO resident who sometimes feels out of place as a queer person of color.

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NEWS MAY 18, 2023 *SLO County Board of Supervisors give themselves 26% salary raise*

This week, the SLO County Board of Supervisors voted to give themselves a 26% raise over the next few years.

OBP JUN 4, 2023 *Layoffs, Shutdowns, and Cancellations: The Latest News About the News*

In light of the recent shake-ups in the news industry, hear what industry insiders are seeing, and learn about the growing crisis ahead. First, managing editor and host of *The Takeaway* Melissa Harris-Perry speaks on the challenges facing the media - especially for Black women. Then, Tina Nguyen, a national correspondent and founding partner at *Puck*, talks about her unique journey, from starting out in conservative media to covering it.

NEWS JUN 28, 2023 *Sentimental journey aboard American Airlines' circa-1937 "Flagship Detroit"*

Retired American Airlines pilot restored and now flies the classic fully restored circa-1937 DC 3 Flagship Detroit.

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CCV APR 6, 2023 *Advancing progressive change*

Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with guests about their work to create grants for community groups and coalitions across the region supporting long-term movements and emerging needs. Hear from Tania Reyes, grants manager with The Fund for Santa Barbara; Connie Alexander, executive director of Gateway Educational Services and president of the Santa Barbara NAACP; and Rachel Johnson, chief program officer of the Santa Barbara City College Foundation and co-chair of the Racial Equity Fund.

CCV APR 13, 2023 *Let's go back to the movies!*

The 29th annual San Luis Obispo International Film Festival is coming up soon, and they believe it's time to go back to the movies! Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with the Festival's Director Skye McLennan and various festival filmmakers as they discuss their vision to provide a year-round destination for international independent cinema, promoting diversity, understanding, education, and inclusion through engaging storytelling, as well as share highlights of the upcoming festival year.

CCV APR 27, 2023 *A new stage*

Join host Fred Munroe as he speaks with guests with the San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, or SLOREP, as they discuss the history of SLOREP, their many events, programs and educational opportunities, and how they plan to build a new state-of-the-art professional performing arts facility in downtown San Luis Obispo. Tune in for interviews with Kevin Harris, managing artistic director, Patty Thayer, development and Camp Capital campaign director, and Ellie Washington, Vice President of the SLOREP board.

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NEWS MAY 5, 2023 *SLO City awards final grants for arts and culture programs; opens next round of applications*

This week the City of San Luis Obispo announced the final three nonprofits that will receive grant funding for their arts and culture events until June. Now, the city is accepting new grant applications for events scheduled from July to December.

NEWS MAY 8, 2023 *Santa Barbara humanitarian aid organizations respond to deadly East Africa cyclone*

A tropical cyclone is causing a major humanitarian disaster in much of East Africa right now. Two Santa Barbara-based humanitarian nonprofits are responding.

I&I MAY 8, 2023 *Homeless service agencies join together to improve communication, the Working Lunch with SLO County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, and the JEDI program at UCSB*

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NEWS MAY 15, 2023 *San Luis Obispo distributes funding toward homelessness prevention*

The City of SLO is distributing new funding to homeless services organizations. The city said it's part of their long-term plan to address and prevent homelessness.

CCV MAY 25, 2023 *Celebrating 25 years of making a difference*

For decades, The Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County, or CFSLO, has been connecting passionate community members to causes they care about. And thanks to continued contributions from SLO County supporters, they have reinvested \$66 million back into the community via grants and scholarships, and this year, they're celebrating their 25th anniversary. Host Kris Kington Barker speaks with guests about their history and work over the past 25 years, the year-long series of events, and communication strategies to showcase their historic work.

NEWS JUN 7, 2023 *"Hunger does not take a summer vacation": free meals available for Central Coast students*

School districts on the Central Coast will offer free meals during the summer months through a federally funded program.

I&I JUN 10, 2023 *NAACP SLO has a new president, barrels and yeast for winemaking, and edible flowers*

Meet Tobin Johnson, NAACP SLO County's new president as he talks with KCBX's Consuelo Meux on the Nonprofit Story. Vic Roberts, Templeton winemaker, talks about barrels and yeast. Fr. Ian searches for edible flowers in this episode of Playing With Food from the KCBX archives.

NEWS JUN 12, 2023 *Santa Barbara gun buyback program gets unwanted guns off the streets*

The Santa Barbara Police Department held a gun buyback event where community members surrendered unwanted firearms and received a \$100 gift card in exchange.

NEWS JUN 15, 2023 *Faerie Festival brings "spark of life" to SLO Botanical Garden*

The SLO Botanical Garden hosted their first Faerie Festival last month. It's an opportunity for children and adults to bring some magic into their lives.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *The Nonprofit Story: NAACP SLO celebrates Juneteenth*

The Nonprofit Story's Dr. Consuelo Meux speaks with NAACP SLO's new president Tobin Johnson.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: State considers more funding to LGBTQ+ services at rural community colleges*
Few community colleges in rural and conservative areas of California have LGBTQ+ student centers. New funding from the state could help create these spaces or fund other LGBTQ+ services.

I&I JUN 19, 2023 *Asista helps immigrant survivors of gender violence; and Peace Love and Pets offers summer safety tips*
Meet Kirsten Rambo, executive director of Asista and hear about the gains they've made toward helping immigrant survivors of violence. Also, learn about summer pet safety with local mobile veterinarian Dr. Raffy Dorian.

NEWS JUN 22, 2023 *SLO County to host 'Clean Slate Clinic' to help people expunge their criminal record*
The San Luis Obispo District Attorney's Office and other legal organizations will help people apply to expunge their criminal records. The goal is to help people with criminal backgrounds more easily qualify for jobs and housing.

CCV JUN 22, 2023 *The Poetic Justice Project*
Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with Deborah Tobola, artistic director and founder of Poetic Justice Project, a nonprofit theater company, along with other members of the group. They discuss their vision of unlocking hearts and minds with this bold, original theater project and how their program provides arts instruction to at-risk youth, prisoners, and people on parole and probation.

NEWS JUN 23, 2023 *Salinas Public Arts Master Plan promotes engagement with local artists — and more art*
The city of Salinas is funding more public art through budgeting and local partnerships. New murals are coming to three underpass tunnels of Highway 101, which bisects the city.

NEWS JUN 26, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: Budget negotiations could affect food benefits at CA farmers' markets*
Budget negotiations in the California legislature could lead to major cuts in food benefits for low-income Californians. The cuts would hit a program that lets CalFresh benefits count double at farmers' markets.

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CCV JUN 1, 2023 *Texture*

Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with guests from Race Matters SLO and others about *Texture*, a new salon and event space opening in San Luis Obispo, and the cultural and community significance of Black hair.

NEWS JUN 2, 2023 *Shabang Music & Arts Festival hopes to keep amplifying "what's so awesome about the Central Coast"*

The Shabang Music Festival returned to San Luis Obispo this year. Organizers say they hope to keep showcasing local and visiting artists as the festival continues to grow.

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CCV JUN 15, 2023 *Celebrating Juneteenth*

Host Lata Murti speaks with guests from the Central Coast involved in organizing Juneteenth celebrations in their communities. Hear from the Rev. Stephen Vines, president of NAACP SLO County Branch, and Cheryl Vines, San Luis Obispo Juneteenth Chair. They will discuss the history and importance of Juneteenth, as well as share details about upcoming celebrations.

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NEWS JUN 12, 2023 *"Connecting with the child self" through watches that don't tell time*

An unorthodox creation has been making its way through the San Luis Obispo arts scene for a few years now: a watch that doesn't tell time.

NEWS JUN 14, 2023 *"These are our lifebloods": New documentary spotlights nearly-forgotten Chumash craft*

A new documentary tells the story of an indigenous man based in Ventura who's been working to save a traditional Chumash craft. He builds tomols — canoes that local tribes used for thousands of years in coastal waters.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *"We Are Family": Local art gallery celebrates Pride month with new exhibit*

A San Luis Obispo art gallery is displaying photos of eight LGBTQ+ families that live on the Central Coast. The exhibit was created in response to the sudden rise in anti-LGBTQ+ legislation that has swept across the country.

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Crime

NEWS APR 12, 2023 *Protestors say Orcutt shooting reflects "criminalization" of Santa Maria's indigenous community*

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NEWS MAY 16, 2023 *Lawsuit alleges state agency used outdated environmental reviews to approve Arroyo Grande oil wells*

Two environmental groups are suing a California agency for allegedly using outdated environmental reviews to approve new oil wells in SLO and LA Counties.

NEWS MAY 26, 2023 *"Everything happened too soon": Mother of Santa Maria man killed by police opens up about son's death*

The mother of a 19-year-old man who was shot and killed by a Santa Maria police officer earlier this year is opening up about her son's death for the first time.

OBP JUN 11, 2023 *Our Nation's Enduring Public Health Emergency: Gun Violence*

Uncover the links between gun violence, public health, and reproductive justice. First, a public health reporter for The Trace speaks on why we need to look at gun violence as a public health emergency. Then, Washington Post columnist Karen Attiah leads a special panel recorded live at Wesleyan University.

RT JUN 13, 2023 *A conversation with environmental and worker's rights attorney Roger Sullivan*

Hear a conversation with environmental and workers' rights attorney Roger Sullivan. He is representing 16 youth plaintiffs in a potentially planet-saving trial – Held v Montana – accusing the state of violating their constitutional rights to a clean and healthy environment. This case, along with a federal lawsuit Juliana v Gov., are considered the most significant and important lawsuits in the history of the planet, and these trials that may determine the legal fate of our environment are happening right now.

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NEWS JUN 29, 2023 *Local congressman says fentanyl trafficking is a national security threat*

Central Coast Congressman Salud Carbajal is working on legislation that calls for better coordination between federal agencies and border countries to help stop fentanyl from entering the United States.

Economics

OBP APR 9, 2023 *Just Economy: Jelani Cobb On Rebuilding Trust In The Media*

Hear a live conversation from the 2023 Just Economy Conference in Washington DC. And, guest host Karen Attiah talks with celebrated writer, historian, and scholar Jelani Cobb on what journalists of color face in the media industry, and how to uncover the roots of racial inequality. Plus, learn about the next generation of journalists, and how to help people trust the media again.

NEWS APR 20, 2023 *Negotiations extended for a proposed space education center in Lompoc*

Lompoc's City Council voted this week to extend negotiations with a developer to build a space education center. If approved, it's estimated to create hundreds of jobs and generate millions in tax revenue.

NEWS MAY 30, 2023 *Santa Barbara economic update: local labor market is strong, but certain industries lag behind*

The UCSB Economic Forecast Project tracks economic trends in Santa Barbara County. Economists found the local labor market is generally strong, but the area is facing other long-term economic challenges.

CCV JUN 8, 2023 *Inside The KCBX Newsroom*

Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests who collaborated and endorsed the values and guidelines recommended in the California Natural Resources Agency Diablo Canyon Lands Report. They discuss the creation of a conservation and economic development plan for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant facility and surrounding lands held by PG&E, which identifies a suite of core values to guide allocation, future protection, and use of the Diablo Canyon Lands.

NEWS JUN 28, 2023 *Santa Barbara works to balance environmental costs and economic benefits of cruise ships*

The Santa Barbara Harbor Commission formed a cruise ship subcommittee to look into how the ships are affecting the area. The committee is responding to concerns from the public and will make some recommendations for change going forward.

Education

NEWS APR 4, 2023 *Writing in the age of AI: Cal Poly professor discusses ChatGPT's impacts*

There's a new artificial intelligence technology called ChatGPT which can generate text that mimics human writing and conversation. But a Cal Poly English professor says the technology is only as good as its user.

NEWS APR 11, 2023 *UC Santa Cruz professor says rising sea levels are a growing threat to coastal California*
According to the California Coastal Commission, the average sea level in California has risen 8 inches in the past century.

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Researchers at UC Santa Barbara say slowing the aging process and delaying age-related disease may be possible in the not-so-distant future.

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NEWS MAY 30, 2023 *Santa Barbara economic update: local labor market is strong, but certain industries lag behind*

The UCSB Economic Forecast Project tracks economic trends in Santa Barbara County. Economists found the local labor market is generally strong, but the area is facing other long-term economic challenges.

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Few community colleges in rural and conservative areas of California have LGBTQ+ student centers. New funding from the state could help create these spaces or fund other LGBTQ+ services.

NEWS JUN 26, 2023 *CA legislators consider media literacy education for K-12 students*

Two media literacy education bills are pending in Sacramento.

OBP APR 2, 2023 *Around the World: The Latest in Geopolitics from Ukraine to China to Nigeria.*

First, learn about the global impact of the Ukraine-Russia war with Nayyera Haq, Sirius XM host and former White House senior director, and Kimberly St. Julian-Varnon, doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania. Plus, Cornell Professor Jessica Chen Weiss puts US and China relations in context, and Brooklyn College Professor Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome shares the latest on elections in Nigeria.

Energy

NEWS MAY 1, 2023 *Santa Barbara County Planning Commission denies oil pipeline upgrade proposal*

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission has denied plans proposed by ExxonMobil-affiliate Pacific Pipeline Corporation, to upgrade an oil pipeline that caused the 2015 Refugio Beach oil spill.

NEWS MAY 3, 2023 *Nuclear Regulatory Commission to hold Diablo Canyon public forum in SLO tonight*

The forum is at 6p.m. both in-person at the SLO County Supervisor Chambers and over a live stream.

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NEWS JUN 15, 2023 *Scientists call for more data on environmental risks of Morro Bay offshore wind project*

Floating offshore wind turbines are planned for the waters off of Morro Bay, but a lot of details are up in the air. Local scientists are calling for more study of how offshore wind turbines will affect the marine environment.

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NEWS APR 11, 2023 *UC Santa Cruz professor says rising sea levels are a growing threat to coastal California*

According to the California Coastal Commission, the average sea level in California has risen 8 inches in the past century.

NEWS APR 21, 2023 *EPA closes pesticide violation case involving two Monterey County farms*

After a survey conducted by UC Merced revealed a widespread mishandling of pesticides across the state, the US Environmental Protection Agency has now closed an enforcement case involving two Monterey County farms.

NEWS MAY 8, 2023 *Santa Barbara humanitarian aid organizations respond to deadly East Africa cyclone*

A tropical cyclone is causing a major humanitarian disaster in much of East Africa right now. Two Santa Barbara-based humanitarian nonprofits are responding.

NEWS MAY 12, 2023 *Local officials urge Congress to provide more aid for California farms damaged in storms*

It's been a tough year for California farmers, with heavy storms causing flooding and crop damage. Local advocates and elected officials are asking Congress to pass a disaster relief package for affected farmers.

NEWS MAY 15, 2023 *Parts of Hwy 1 in Big Sur are planned to reopen soon, but a major slide is delaying a full reopening*

This year's heavy storms caused landslides in Big Sur, closing most of Highway 1 in the area. Now, parts of the highway are expected to partially reopen in July — but Caltrans says there's still one major slide delaying a full reopening.

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RT JUN 13, 2023 *A conversation with environmental and worker's rights attorney Roger Sullivan*

Hear a conversation with environmental and workers' rights attorney Roger Sullivan. He is representing 16 youth plaintiffs in a potentially planet-saving trial – Held v Montana – accusing the state of violating their constitutional rights to a clean and healthy environment. This case, along with a federal lawsuit Juliana v Gov., are considered the most significant and important lawsuits in the history of the planet, and these trials that may determine the legal fate of our environment are happening right now.

NEWS JUN 28, 2023 *Santa Barbara works to balance environmental costs and economic benefits of cruise ships*

The Santa Barbara Harbor Commission formed a cruise ship subcommittee to look into how the ships are affecting the area. The committee is responding to concerns from the public and will make some recommendations for change going forward.

Family & Children

RT APR 4, 2023 *Siblings*

Siblings: our closest blood relatives and yet, often, our greatest foes, frustrations and most complex relationships. Hear a conversation about the highs and lows of these intimate family ties. How can we cultivate healthy and happy connections?

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The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness has launched a campaign to address mental health and substance misuse among local youth.

NEWS MAY 2, 2023 *Arroyo Grande City Council phasing out affordable childcare programs*

The city is phasing out their affordable preschool and childcare programs it's had in place since the 1990's.

RT MAY 9, 2023 *What Makes someone an Adult? (Mental Health Awareness Month)*

What are the markers of adulthood? Without a clear path, framework, or set of expectations, many people get stuck in eternal adolescence. Not getting old and never growing up were once considered positive attributes, but are now linked to depression, despair, loneliness, anxiety, and failed relationships. Hear a conversation about changing the narrative about aging and creating a life of meaning and purpose.

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NEWS JUN 15, 2023 *Faerie Festival brings "spark of life" to SLO Botanical Garden*

The SLO Botanical Garden hosted their first Faerie Festival last month. It’s an opportunity for children and adults to bring some magic into their lives.

Fire

NEWS JUN 20, 2023 *Goat grazing in Paso Robles: An unconventional approach to fire prevention*

Goats and sheep are grazing on the Salinas River in Paso Robles right now. It’s a tactic some local governments are using to reduce wildfire risk.

NEWS JUN 27, 2023 *Santa Maria cracks down on illegal fireworks for Fourth of July*

The Santa Maria Fire Department will crack down on the use of illegal fireworks on the Fourth of July. They plan to fly an unmanned aerial vehicle with GPS technology to pinpoint where people are setting off fireworks.

Food

NEWS APR 4, 2023 *Santa Barbara Food Bank says CalFresh changes, high prices and storms add to food insecurity*

CalFresh COVID benefits ended in March, and thousands of households in Santa Barbara County are affected by the change. Recent storms have added to the challenges for agricultural workers.

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I&I MAY 22, 2023 *Turtle and Tortoise Rescue of Arroyo Grande, The SLO County History Museum, and making pretzels*

On this episode of *Issues & Ideas*, learn about turtles and tortoises, the SLO County History Museum, and freshly made pretzels.

I&I JUN 10, 2023 *NAACP SLO has a new president, barrels and yeast for winemaking, and edible flowers*

Meet Tobin Johnson, NAACP SLO County's new president as he talks with KCBX's Consuelo Meux on the *Nonprofit Story*. Vic Roberts, Templeton winemaker, talks about barrels and yeast. Fr. Ian searches for edible flowers in this episode of *Playing With Food* from the KCBX archives.

NEWS JUN 26, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: Budget negotiations could affect food benefits at CA farmers' markets*

Budget negotiations in the California legislature could lead to major cuts in food benefits for low-income Californians. The cuts would hit a program that lets CalFresh benefits count double at farmers' markets.

I&I JUN 24, 2023 *The Grape Nut explores sherry, Playing With Food is all about the spices*

There's something about sherry...and the Grape Nut— Betsey Nash— headed to The Spoon Trade restaurant to satisfy her curiosity and learn from owner Brooke Town. Also, we get to enjoy spices from all of the continents right in our homes. And the Central Coast has its very own spice trader, a purveyor of origin-sourced, high-quality spices, based in Paso Robles. Fr Ian of *Playing with food* visits with the owner of *Spice of Life*.

Health & Healthcare

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NEWS APR 19, 2023 *New UCSB research center will study aging and ways to slow it down*

Researchers at UC Santa Barbara say slowing the aging process and delaying age-related disease may be possible in the not-so-distant future.

NEWS APR 25, 2023 *Updated Omicron booster shot now available in SLO County*

An updated Omicron booster shot is now available for immunocompromised people and people over 65. This comes after the Biden Administration officially ended the COVID-19 pandemic as a national state of emergency.

OBP APR 30, 2023 *Innovative Solutions For A Growing Nationwide Mental Health Crisis*

We're in the midst of a full-blown mental health crisis. What is going on, and how do we fix it? Hear from former Surgeon General of California Dr. Nadine Burke Harris on changing our approach to care. And, award-winning poet Camonghe Felix discusses navigating a broken mental health care system as a teenager, a journey she shares in her new memoir, *Dyscalculia: A Love Story of Epic Miscalculation*. Plus, the “Sippin’ the Political Tea” roundtable looks at innovative approaches to treatment.

OBP MAY 7, 2023 *OBP Rewind: Collective Crises: Infectious Disease and Informed Democracy*

Hear an interview with LGBTQ scholar Steven Thrasher on his book, *The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll When Inequality and Diseases Collide*. Then, hear from Howard Polskin, president and founder of media company TheRighting, on far-right media.

OBP MAY 28, 2023 *Finding Joy in Wellness and Movement at Every Age*

In today's image-obsessed world, the pressure from celebrities, beauty brands, and pop culture to change and manipulate one's body can be overwhelming. Tune in to learn how we can cultivate joy and wellness within ourselves and the world of fitness and movement. And, host Farai Chideya speaks with two guests who are helping their clients connect the dots between physical health and mental health, building their communities and businesses, and who are aging not with grace, but with vigor.

NEWS MAY 29, 2023 *SLO County health officials respond to norovirus outbreak in Paso Robles*

San Luis Obispo County Public Health Officials say there's a norovirus outbreak in Paso Robles. There are nearly 100 confirmed cases of the highly contagious stomach virus.

RT MAY 30, 2023 *Meet Dr. Codie Place*

Meet Dr. Codie Place for a conversation about psychoactive drugs in mental health care, medical management, and social use.

NEWS JUN 5, 2023 *Santa Barbara County on the lookout for disease-carrying Asian tiger and yellow fever mosquitoes*

Mosquito season has kicked off, and the Santa Barbara County Mosquito and Vector Management District is on high alert for Asian tiger and yellow fever mosquitoes.

NEWS JUN 6, 2023 *SLO County Public Health distributing free Covid-19 tests this month*

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department is giving out free Covid-19 tests to residents.

RT JUN 6, 2023 *Dr. Darcia Narvaez: An Evolved Nest*

We are built for love, compassion, and peace when our basic needs are met. But people have created a culture of competitive detachment, which leads to lifelong suffering and has pushed human beings to the brink of extinction. Hear a conversation with professor and author Dr. Darcia Narvaez about how to foster a world built for optimal health, sustainability, and peace by providing an "evolved nest" and developing a "kinship worldview."

NEWS JUN 9, 2023 *SLO County offers free Mpox vaccinations during Pride month*

In conjunction with June's Pride celebrations, San Luis Obispo County's Public Health Department is providing free Mpox vaccinations this month. The virus was formerly called monkeypox.

OBP JUN 11, 2023 *Our Nation's Enduring Public Health Emergency: Gun Violence*

Uncover the links between gun violence, public health, and reproductive justice. First, a public health reporter for The Trace speaks on why we need to look at gun violence as a public health emergency. Then, Washington Post columnist Karen Attiah leads a special panel recorded live at Wesleyan University.

I&I JUN 19, 2023 *Asista helps immigrant survivors of gender violence; and Peace Love and Pets offers summer safety tips*

Meet Kirsten Rambo, executive director of Asista and hear about the gains they've made toward helping immigrant survivors of violence. Also, learn about summer pet safety with local mobile veterinarian Dr. Raffy Dorian.

NEWS JUN 29, 2023 *Local congressman says fentanyl trafficking is a national security threat*

Central Coast Congressman Salud Carbajal is working on legislation that calls for better coordination between federal agencies and border countries to help stop fentanyl from entering the United States.

History

NEWS APR 3, 2023 *Historic building in San Luis Obispo could get tax incentives for preservation and restoration*

The Establishment's owners want it issued under the Mills Act, a tax incentive program for preserving and restoring historic properties.

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NEWS APR 10, 2023 *Proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary approaches final steps of designation process*

The proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary is approaching the final steps in its designation process. The federal government is expected to hold a public review of the proposal next month.

NEWS MAY 1, 2023 *Andrew Carnegie's legacy--San Luis Obispo County History Center*

Thomas Kessler, Executive Director at the San Luis Obispo County History Center visits with correspondent Tom Wilmer.

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NEWS MAY 5, 2023 *A conversation with longtime Templeton, California grower, wine producer Vic Roberts*
Templeton, California grape grower and winemaker Vic Roberts talks about his journey from U.C. Davis in the late 70's to managing 80-acres of estate-grown grapes and producing award-winning wines.

NEWS MAY 18, 2023 *Exploring the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum*
A visit to the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum in San Luis Obispo, CA.

CCV MAY 18, 2023 *Celebrating Pride on the Central Coast*
Pride is held each year by LGBTQ+ communities the world over to celebrate accomplishments made toward gaining full civil rights, and to continue the push for more until equality is achieved. Host Lata Murti speaks with guests from throughout the Central Coast to discuss the history of Pride and share details about the upcoming Central Coast Pride events, as well as talk about continuing work to lift the LGBTQ+ community and how allies can assist with these efforts.

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NEWS JUN 7, 2023 *Wu Man brings ancient Chinese folk songs and modern East-West fusion to Ojai Music Festival*
Wu Man, a member of Yo-Yo Ma's Silkroad Ensemble, is a virtuoso of the traditional Chinese string instrument, the pipa. Melanie Senn spoke with Wu Man about the roots of her artistry and her upcoming performances at the Ojai Music Festival this month.

NEWS JUN 14, 2023 *"These are our lifebloods": New documentary spotlights nearly-forgotten Chumash craft*
A new documentary tells the story of an indigenous man based in Ventura who's been working to save a traditional Chumash craft. He builds tomols — canoes that local tribes used for thousands of years in coastal waters.

CCV JUN 15, 2023 *Celebrating Juneteenth*
Host Lata Murti speaks with guests from the Central Coast involved in organizing Juneteenth celebrations in their communities. Hear from the Rev. Stephen Vines, president of NAACP SLO County Branch, and Cheryl Vines, San Luis Obispo Juneteenth Chair. They will discuss the history and importance of Juneteenth, as well as share details about upcoming celebrations.

OBP JUN 18, 2023 *Juneteenth Celebration of Black Memory and Black Freedom*

This week, celebrate Black memory and Black freedom with this special presentation for Juneteenth. First, University of Virginia's Dr. Andrea Roberts talks about the roots of Juneteenth. Then, Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman and Amara Enyia discuss whether corporations should profit from Juneteenth or focus on policies to help Black employees and communities. Plus, Harvard Law Professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annette Gordon-Reed and listeners share their memories of freedom.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *John Steinbeck's legacy thrives in the city of Salinas*

The City of Salinas is home to one of the Central Coast's most important literary figures. It's the birthplace of John Steinbeck and the setting for some of his most famous novels like "East of Eden" and "Of Mice and Men."

NEWS JUN 28, 2023 *Sentimental journey aboard American Airlines' circa-1937 "Flagship Detroit"*

Retired American Airlines pilot restored and now flies the classic fully restored circa-1937 DC 3 Flagship Detroit.

Homeless Issues

NEWS APR 19, 2023 *Grover Beach's new camping ordinance takes effect at end of April*

Grover Beach City Council has adopted a new ordinance aimed at regulating camping and vehicle habitation in an effort to address homelessness.

I&I MAY 8, 2023 *Homeless service agencies join together to improve communication, the Working Lunch with SLO County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, and the JEDI program at UCSB*

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The City of SLO is distributing new funding to homeless services organizations. The city said it's part of their long-term plan to address and prevent homelessness.

Land Use & Development

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NEWS APR 20, 2023 *Negotiations extended for a proposed space education center in Lompoc*

Lompoc's City Council voted this week to extend negotiations with a developer to build a space education center. If approved, it's estimated to create hundreds of jobs and generate millions in tax revenue.

CCV APR 27, 2023 *A new stage*

Join host Fred Munroe as he speaks with guests with the San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre, or SLOREP, as they discuss the history of SLOREP, their many events, programs and educational opportunities, and how they plan to build a new state-of-the-art professional performing arts facility in downtown San Luis Obispo. Tune in for interviews with Kevin Harris, managing artistic director, Patty Thayer, development and Camp Capital campaign director, and Ellie Washington, Vice President of the SLOREP board.

NEWS MAY 4, 2023 *Santa Barbara Airport welcomes community involvement in Master Plan update*

Santa Barbara Airport is in the process of updating their Master Plan, a document used for long-term goals and planning.

NEWS MAY 11, 2023 *New parking structure project underway in downtown SLO*

The City of San Luis Obispo is making some changes to the downtown area with the start of a new parking structure project.

NEWS MAY 24, 2023 *Atascadero City Council greenlights long-awaited downtown enhancement project*

After years of planning, the Atascadero City Council has finally given the green light to a project that will bring major upgrades to the downtown area.

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NEWS APR 6, 2023 *In Between: Creating an inclusive workplace for queer people of color in SLO County*

Workplace discrimination is a problem affecting much of the LGTBQ+ community. In this episode of *In Between*, we hear from Dale Morenx, a SLO resident who sometimes feels out of place as a queer person of color.

NEWS APR 13, 2023 *In Between: Creating "brave" spaces for queer people of color in San Luis Obispo County*

Having safe spaces is important for queer people of color to be able to live safely, comfortably and authentically. But what does it mean to be in a safe space? Reporter Erick Gabriel talks to LGBTQ+ people of color in SLO County about what it means to them, and how the community can go beyond safe spaces to create “brave” spaces.

I&I APR 17, 2023 *The SLO Symphony's new executive director, The Lighthouse at Point San Luis, In Between, and Wine 4 Paws*

The SLO Symphony’s brand-new executive director, Rachel Sabalboro, talks about her vision for the orchestra and how it serves the community with its educational programs. Author Kathy Mastako talks about her book *The Lighthouse at Point San Luis*. In the 6th episode of *In Between*, LGBTQ+ people of color in SLO County share how the community can go beyond safe spaces to create “brave” spaces. *Wine 4 Paws* is a fundraiser, and on April 22-23, over 80 wine, cider, and olive oil producers throughout SLO County will donate 10% of sales to Woods Humane Society.

NEWS APR 20, 2023 *In Between: Let There Be Lesbians creates a sapphic space in SLO County*

All are welcome at *Let There Be Lesbians*, but it's an intentionally sapphic space — one meant for queer, feminine energy.

NEWS APR 20, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: Solvang City Council reverses its denial of Pride banners*

After public outcry, last week the Solvang City Council partially reversed their denial of a proposal to hang banners and paint crosswalks in celebration of pride month. KCBX’s Amanda Wernik speaks with Santa Maria Sun Reporter Taylor O’Connor about her two-part series on the controversy.

NEWS APR 28, 2023 *In Between: How the SLO County drag scene is creating an inclusive space on the Central Coast*

In this final episode of *In Between*, we explore the thriving drag scene in SLO County. What was once an underground subculture has now gone mainstream — not just here, but across the nation.

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OBP MAY 7, 2023 *OBP Rewind: Collective Crises: Infectious Disease and Informed Democracy*

Hear an interview with LGBTQ scholar Steven Thrasher on his book, *The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll When Inequality and Diseases Collide*. Then, hear from Howard Polskin, president and founder of media company TheRighting, on far-right media.

CCV MAY 18, 2023 *Celebrating Pride on the Central Coast*

Pride is held each year by LGBTQ+ communities the world over to celebrate accomplishments made toward gaining full civil rights, and to continue the push for more until equality is achieved. Host Lata Murti speaks with guests from throughout the Central Coast to discuss the history of Pride and share details about the upcoming Central Coast Pride events, as well as talk about continuing work to lift the LGBTQ+ community and how allies can assist with these efforts.

NEWS JUN 9, 2023 *SLO County offers free Mpox vaccinations during Pride month*

In conjunction with June’s Pride celebrations, San Luis Obispo County’s Public Health Department is providing free Mpox vaccinations this month. The virus was formerly called monkeypox.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *"We Are Family": Local art gallery celebrates Pride month with new exhibit*

A San Luis Obispo art gallery is displaying photos of eight LGBTQ+ families that live on the Central Coast. The exhibit was created in response to the sudden rise in anti-LGBTQ+ legislation that has swept across the country.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: State considers more funding to LGBTQ+ services at rural community colleges*
Few community colleges in rural and conservative areas of California have LGBTQ+ student centers. New funding from the state could help create these spaces or fund other LGBTQ+ services.

OBP JUN 25, 2023 *Transpolitics 101*
Guest host Imara Jones speaks with Farai to dig into the politics and policies impacting the trans community across the nation. Then, hear from Oklahoma State House Representative Mauree Turner, the first non-binary state legislator in the country. Plus, trans journalists covering trans issues with movement journalist Samantha Reidel and LGBTQ+ Reporter at The 19th, Orion Rummier.

Mental Health

RT APR 11, 2023 *Spring Fever*
The sun is out, the super bloom is on, students are feeling restless, and for many, mental health may take a tumble. Hear a conversation about the potential effects of spring fever on our moods, energy, and relationships. How do the longer, warmer days impact you?

RT APR 18, 2023 *What do you expect from therapy?*
Hear a conversation about understanding the purpose of therapy and the possibilities and limitations that can make the difference in whether counseling can help or hinder our mental health and well-being.

NEWS APR 24, 2023 *Santa Barbara County launches campaign focused on youth mental health*
The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness has launched a campaign to address mental health and substance misuse among local youth.

RT APR 25, 2023 *Words Matter*
Communication is fundamental to the health and well-being of our lives and relationships. It's a skill that needs to be practiced and exercised, and yet, it is rarely taught or prioritized in education. Hear a conversation about the importance of learning to listen, speak, and respond.

OBP APR 30, 2023 *Innovative Solutions For A Growing Nationwide Mental Health Crisis*
We're in the midst of a full-blown mental health crisis. What is going on, and how do we fix it? Hear from former Surgeon General of California Dr. Nadine Burke Harris on changing our approach to care. And, award-winning poet Camonghe Felix discusses navigating a broken mental health care system as a teenager, a journey she shares in her new memoir, *Dyscalculia: A Love Story of Epic Miscalculation*. Plus, the "Sippin' the Political Tea" roundtable looks at innovative approaches to treatment.

NEWS MAY 2, 2023 *UCSB grant for JEDI Project will train next generation of school psychologists*

UC Santa Barbara received a grant to grow their program for training school psychologists with an emphasis on equity and diversity.

RT MAY 2, 2023 *Is it a religion or a "cult"?*

In a world that feels both chaotic and lost, many people are searching for something that promises healing, hope, and redemption. Hear a conversation with Religious Studies Professor Stephen Lloyd-Moffett about the world of alternative religions, or cults, and why people are drawn to different spiritual movements.

RT MAY 9, 2023 *What Makes someone an Adult? (Mental Health Awareness Month)*

What are the markers of adulthood? Without a clear path, framework, or set of expectations, many people get stuck in eternal adolescence. Not getting old and never growing up were once considered positive attributes, but are now linked to depression, despair, loneliness, anxiety, and failed relationships. Hear a conversation about changing the narrative about aging and creating a life of meaning and purpose.

I&I MAY 8, 2023 *Homeless service agencies join together to improve communication, the Working Lunch with SLO County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, and the JEDI program at UCSB*

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RT MAY 23, 2023 *Preparing for the worst*

Life is full of expected and unexpected challenges. Hear a conversation about the skills needed to respond in healthy and productive ways and to maintain mental wellness.

OBP MAY 28, 2023 *Finding Joy in Wellness and Movement at Every Age*

In today's image-obsessed world, the pressure from celebrities, beauty brands, and pop culture to change and manipulate one's body can be overwhelming. Tune in to learn how we can cultivate joy and wellness within ourselves and the world of fitness and movement. And, host Farai Chideya speaks with two guests who are helping their clients connect the dots between physical health and mental health, building their communities and businesses, and who are aging not with grace, but with vigor.

RT MAY 30, 2023 *Meet Dr. Codie Place*

Meet Dr. Codie Place for a conversation about psychoactive drugs in mental health care, medical management, and social use.

RT JUN 6, 2023 *Dr. Darcia Narvaez: An Evolved Nest*
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RT JUN 27, 2023 *Ethics in Technology - the impacts of the expanding virtual world on our Collective Mental Health & Well-being*
Artificial intelligence is here to stay with little oversight or understanding of how this explosive growth will impact individuals, communities and the world. Hear a conversation with Dr. Deb Donig, professor, author and host of the podcast *Technically Human*, that explores the intersection of human rights and technology. What role will ethics play in guiding the future of our dependence on technology, our collective mental health, and creating a positive online experience?

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PT APR 11, 2023 *New Takes on Classic Hits*
Looking for an exciting way to spice up your Tuesday nights? Tune in to “Pickin’ Up the Tempo” for an epic lineup of Americana and folk-style covers of some of your all-time favorite songs. Get ready to experience a unique blend of classic hits and fresh new sounds that will leave you feeling inspired and energized. Whether you’re a die-hard music lover or just looking for something new to listen to, this show is guaranteed to have something for everyone.

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SLO Rep, formerly the SLO Little Theatre, is looking forward to a new home in the soon to be built Cultural Arts District. The SLO Chamber of Commerce's Jim Dantona discusses family friendly workplaces with Ty and Trudie Safreno of Trust Automation. In the 5th episode of our 8 part series 'In Between', reporter Erick Gabriel takes a look at workplace discrimination. KCBX's Gabriela Fernandez profiles two women who are championing more sustainable ways to shop.

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NEWS MAY 19, 2023 *USDA approves emergency vaccine to protect endangered California condors from bird flu*

An outbreak of bird flu has killed California condors in Arizona and Utah. The USDA has approved an emergency vaccine in response.

I&I MAY 22, 2023 *Turtle and Tortoise Rescue of Arroyo Grande, The SLO County History Museum, and making pretzels*

On this episode of *Issues & Ideas*, learn about turtles and tortoises, the SLO County History Museum, and freshly made pretzels.

NEWS MAY 22, 2023 *Peace, Love, & Pets: Turtle & Tortoise Sanctuary of Arroyo Grande*

Robin Coleman, host of *Peace Love & Pets*, speaks with Jeff Dobbs of Turtle & Tortoise Sanctuary of Arroyo Grande.

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A UC Santa Barbara researcher says brine fly productivity is threatened by low water levels and high salinity at Mono Lake.

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A new policy by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife formally recognizes beavers for their ecological contributions and calls for non-lethal solutions to conflicts.

Politics & Government

OBP APR 2, 2023 *Around the World: The Latest in Geopolitics from Ukraine to China to Nigeria.*
First, learn about the global impact of the Ukraine-Russia war with Nayyera Haq, Sirius XM host and former White House senior director, and Kimberly St. Julian-Varnon, doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania. Plus, Cornell Professor Jessica Chen Weiss puts US and China relations in context, and Brooklyn College Professor Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome shares the latest on elections in Nigeria.

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The Establishment's owners want it issued under the Mills Act, a tax incentive program for preserving and restoring historic properties.

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SLO Rep, formerly the SLO Little Theatre, is looking forward to a new home in the soon to be built Cultural Arts District. The SLO Chamber of Commerce's Jim Dantona discusses family friendly workplaces with Ty and Trudie Safreno of Trust Automation. In the 5th episode of our 8 part series 'In Between', reporter Erick Gabriel takes a look at workplace discrimination. KCBX's Gabriela Fernandez profiles two women who are championing more sustainable ways to shop.

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OBP APR 16, 2023 *Local, State, and National: The Power of Political Coalitions*

From the national stage to local politics to who gets the opportunity to run for office in the first place, elected officials owe a duty of care to the constituents they serve. Hear from three leading political figures on the national, state, and local levels about how they're giving more people access to the political process in their communities.

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Lompoc's City Council voted this week to extend negotiations with a developer to build a space education center. If approved, it's estimated to create hundreds of jobs and generate millions in tax revenue.

NEWS APR 21, 2023 *EPA closes pesticide violation case involving two Monterey County farms*

After a survey conducted by UC Merced revealed a widespread mishandling of pesticides across the state, the US Environmental Protection Agency has now closed an enforcement case involving two Monterey County farms.

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NEWS APR 24, 2023 *Santa Barbara County launches campaign focused on youth mental health*

The Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness has launched a campaign to address mental health and substance misuse among local youth.

NEWS APR 25, 2023 *Updated Omicron booster shot now available in SLO County*

An updated Omicron booster shot is now available for immunocompromised people and people over 65. This comes after the Biden Administration officially ended the COVID-19 pandemic as a national state of emergency.

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NEWS APR 20, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: Solvang City Council reverses its denial of Pride banners*

After public outcry, last week the Solvang City Council partially reversed their denial of a proposal to hang banners and paint crosswalks in celebration of pride month. KCBX's Amanda Wernik speaks with Santa Maria Sun Reporter Taylor O'Connor about her two-part series on the controversy.

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NEWS MAY 1, 2023 *Santa Barbara County Planning Commission denies oil pipeline upgrade proposal*

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission has denied plans proposed by ExxonMobil-affiliate Pacific Pipeline Corporation, to upgrade an oil pipeline that caused the 2015 Refugio Beach oil spill.

I&I MAY 1, 2023 *The Grape Nut visits the Santa Rita Hills, In Between, Solvang's Pride Banners, and making tortillas*

Betsey Nash, KCBX's Grape Nut, talks with Kathy Joseph of Fiddlehead Cellars about making wine in the Santa Rita Hills. In the final episode of In Between, we explore the thriving drag scene in SLO County. The Solvang City Council reverses its denial of Pride banners. Fr. Ian learns how to make tortillas on Playing With Food.

NEWS MAY 2, 2023 *Arroyo Grande City Council phasing out affordable childcare programs*
The city is phasing out their affordable preschool and childcare programs it's had in place since the 1990's.

NEWS MAY 3, 2023 *Nuclear Regulatory Commission to hold Diablo Canyon public forum in SLO tonight*
The forum is at 6p.m. both in-person at the SLO County Supervisor Chambers and over a live stream.

NEWS MAY 5, 2023 *SLO City awards final grants for arts and culture programs; opens next round of applications*
This week the City of San Luis Obispo announced the final three nonprofits that will receive grant funding for their arts and culture events until June. Now, the city is accepting new grant applications for events scheduled from July to December.

OBP MAY 7, 2023 *OBP Rewind: Collective Crises: Infectious Disease and Informed Democracy*
Hear an interview with LGBTQ scholar Steven Thrasher on his book, *The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll When Inequality and Diseases Collide*. Then, hear from Howard Polskin, president and founder of media company TheRighting, on far-right media.

I&I MAY 8, 2023 *Homeless service agencies join together to improve communication, the Working Lunch with SLO County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, and the JEDI program at UCSB*
Homeless Service Agencies join together to improve communication. Bruce Gibson talks about his job as a SLO County Supervisor. UCSB received a \$5.3 million grant from the Department of Education to train more school psychologists.

NEWS MAY 8, 2023 *Ousted Paso Robles school board member regains seat*
Today marks the first Paso Robles Joint Unified School board meeting since a special election was called in favor of Kenney Enney. He was removed from his seat last winter after more than 500 valid signatures were collected on a petition to unseat him.

NEWS MAY 11, 2023 *New parking structure project underway in downtown SLO*
The City of San Luis Obispo is making some changes to the downtown area with the start of a new parking structure project.

NEWS MAY 12, 2023 *Local officials urge Congress to provide more aid for California farms damaged in storms*
It's been a tough year for California farmers, with heavy storms causing flooding and crop damage. Local advocates and elected officials are asking Congress to pass a disaster relief package for affected farmers.

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NEWS MAY 15, 2023 *San Luis Obispo distributes funding toward homelessness prevention*
The City of SLO is distributing new funding to homeless services organizations. The city said it's part of their long-term plan to address and prevent homelessness.

NEWS MAY 18, 2023 *SLO County Board of Supervisors give themselves 26% salary raise*
This week, the SLO County Board of Supervisors voted to give themselves a 26% raise over the next few years.

NEWS MAY 19, 2023 *USDA approves emergency vaccine to protect endangered California condors from bird flu*
An outbreak of bird flu has killed California condors in Arizona and Utah. The USDA has approved an emergency vaccine in response.

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NEWS MAY 24, 2023 *Atascadero City Council greenlights long-awaited downtown enhancement project*
After years of planning, the Atascadero City Council has finally given the green light to a project that will bring major upgrades to the downtown area.

NEWS MAY 29, 2023 *SLO County health officials respond to norovirus outbreak in Paso Robles*
San Luis Obispo County Public Health Officials say there's a norovirus outbreak in Paso Robles. There are nearly 100 confirmed cases of the highly contagious stomach virus.

NEWS JUN 1, 2023 *New plastic regulations take effect in Goleta*
A new plastic reduction policy went into effect in Goleta today. It regulates single-use plastic items, Styrofoam and foil balloons.

NEWS JUN 5, 2023 *Santa Barbara County on the lookout for disease-carrying Asian tiger and yellow fever mosquitoes*
Mosquito season has kicked off, and the Santa Barbara County Mosquito and Vector Management District is on high alert for Asian tiger and yellow fever mosquitoes.

NEWS JUN 6, 2023 *SLO County Public Health distributing free Covid-19 tests this month*
The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department is giving out free Covid-19 tests to residents.

NEWS JUN 7, 2023 *"Hunger does not take a summer vacation": free meals available for Central Coast students*
School districts on the Central Coast will offer free meals during the summer months through a federally funded program.

NEWS JUN 9, 2023 *SLO County offers free Mpox vaccinations during Pride month*
In conjunction with June's Pride celebrations, San Luis Obispo County's Public Health Department is providing free Mpox vaccinations this month. The virus was formerly called monkeypox.

NEWS JUN 12, 2023 *Santa Barbara gun buyback program gets unwanted guns off the streets*
The Santa Barbara Police Department held a gun buyback event where community members surrendered unwanted firearms and received a \$100 gift card in exchange.

NEWS JUN 16, 2023 *Former SLO County Clerk-Recorder Tommy Gong reflects on election denialism after 2020 election*
Former SLO County Clerk recorder Tommy Gong stepped down from his position in 2021. At a Bay Area League of Women Voters meeting today, he reflected on the challenges he faced during the 2020 elections.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *The Nonprofit Story: NAACP SLO celebrates Juneteenth*
The Nonprofit Story's Dr. Consuelo Meux speaks with NAACP SLO's new president Tobin Johnson.

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *John Steinbeck's legacy thrives in the city of Salinas*
The City of Salinas is home to one of the Central Coast's most important literary figures. It's the birthplace of John Steinbeck and the setting for some of his most famous novels like "East of Eden" and "Of Mice and Men."

NEWS JUN 19, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: State considers more funding to LGBTQ+ services at rural community colleges*
Few community colleges in rural and conservative areas of California have LGBTQ+ student centers. New funding from the state could help create these spaces or fund other LGBTQ+ services.

NEWS JUN 20, 2023 *Goat grazing in Paso Robles: An unconventional approach to fire prevention*
Goats and sheep are grazing on the Salinas River in Paso Robles right now. It's a tactic some local governments are using to reduce wildfire risk.

NEWS JUN 21, 2023 *New state policy recognizes ecological benefits of beavers, promotes coexistence*
A new policy by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife formally recognizes beavers for their ecological contributions and calls for non-lethal solutions to conflicts.

NEWS JUN 22, 2023 *SLO County to host 'Clean Slate Clinic' to help people expunge their criminal record*
The San Luis Obispo District Attorney's Office and other legal organizations will help people apply to expunge their criminal records. The goal is to help people with criminal backgrounds more easily qualify for jobs and housing.

NEWS JUN 23, 2023 *Salinas Public Arts Master Plan promotes engagement with local artists — and more art*
The city of Salinas is funding more public art through budgeting and local partnerships. New murals are coming to three underpass tunnels of Highway 101, which bisects the city.

OBP JUN 25, 2023 *Transpolitics 101*
Guest host Imara Jones speaks with Farai to dig into the politics and policies impacting the trans community across the nation. Then, hear from Oklahoma State House Representative Mauree Turner, the first non-binary state legislator in the country. Plus, trans journalists covering trans issues with movement journalist Samantha Reidel and LGBTQ+ Reporter at The 19th, Orion Rummier.

NEWS JUN 26, 2023 *CA legislators consider media literacy education for K-12 students*
Two media literacy education bills are pending in Sacramento.

NEWS JUN 26, 2023 *KCBX Two-Way: Budget negotiations could affect food benefits at CA farmers' markets*
Budget negotiations in the California legislature could lead to major cuts in food benefits for low-income Californians. The cuts would hit a program that lets CalFresh benefits count double at farmers' markets.

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NEWS JUN 29, 2023 *Local congressman says fentanyl trafficking is a national security threat*

Central Coast Congressman Salud Carbajal is working on legislation that calls for better coordination between federal agencies and border countries to help stop fentanyl from entering the United States.

Race

GR APR 2, 2023 *Gateways Radio Week 9*

This week on Gateways Radio, clarinetist Anthony McGill is featured in Richard Danielpour's "From the Mountaintop," Florence Price's Violin Concerto No. 2, and works by R. Nathaniel Dett and James Cockerham.

CCV APR 6, 2023 *Advancing progressive change*

Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with guests about their work to create grants for community groups and coalitions across the region supporting long-term movements and emerging needs. Hear from Tania Reyes, grants manager with The Fund for Santa Barbara; Connie Alexander, executive director of Gateway Educational Services and president of the Santa Barbara NAACP; and Rachel Johnson, chief program officer of the Santa Barbara City College Foundation and co-chair of the Racial Equity Fund.

NEWS APR 6, 2023 *In Between: Creating an inclusive workplace for queer people of color in SLO County*

Workplace discrimination is a problem affecting much of the LGTBQ+ community. In this episode of In Between, we hear from Dale Morenx, a SLO resident who sometimes feels out of place as a queer person of color.

GR APR 9, 2023 *Gateways Radio Week 10*

This week's show features a chamber orchestra work by Gabriela Lena Frank, a fantasia on *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* by James Cockerham, music for piano by Scott Joplin, the "Afro-American" Symphony by William Grant Still, and more.

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A 19-year-old man was shot and killed by an off duty police officer in Orcutt last month. Some community members say it reflects the ongoing criminalization of indigenous groups in the Santa Maria area.

NEWS APR 13, 2023 *In Between: Creating "brave" spaces for queer people of color in San Luis Obispo County*

Having safe spaces is important for queer people of color to be able to live safely, comfortably and authentically. But what does it mean to be in a safe space? Reporter Erick Gabriel talks to LGBTQ+ people of color in SLO County about what it means to them, and how the community can go beyond safe spaces to create "brave" spaces.

NEWS APR 14, 2023 *Japanese-American author reflects on SLO's forgotten Japantown, holds writing workshop*

Japanese-American author Shizue Seigel has come back to the Central Coast decades after her family was pushed out by anti-Asian immigration laws. Now, she says she's on a journey to expand the land's historical narrative by holding writing workshops for creatives of all backgrounds to tell their stories.

I&I APR 17, 2023 *The SLO Symphony's new executive director, The Lighthouse at Point San Luis, In Between, and Wine 4 Paws*

The SLO Symphony's brand-new executive director, Rachel Sabalboro, talks about her vision for the orchestra and how it serves the community with its educational programs. Author Kathy Mastako talks about her book *The Lighthouse at Point San Luis*. In the 6th episode of *In Between*, LGBTQ+ people of color in SLO County share how the community can go beyond safe spaces to create "brave" spaces. *Wine 4 Paws* is a fundraiser, and on April 22-23, over 80 wine, cider, and olive oil producers throughout SLO County will donate 10% of sales to Woods Humane Society.

GR APR 23, 2023 *Gateways Radio Week 12*

This week, hear Michael Abels' "Dance for Martin's Dream" as well as works by Debussy, David Baker, James Lee III, and Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson.

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GR APR 30, 2023 *Gateways Radio Week 13*
This week, hear cellist Thapelo Masita’s riveting recital at the 2019 Gateways Music Festival, as well the Catalyst Quartet performing Jessie Montgomery’s “Banner” and more.

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CCV JUN 1, 2023 *Texture*
Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with guests from Race Matters SLO and others about *Texture*, a new salon and event space opening in San Luis Obispo, and the cultural and community significance of Black hair.

OBP JUN 4, 2023 *Layoffs, Shutdowns, and Cancellations: The Latest News About the News*
In light of the recent shake-ups in the news industry, hear what industry insiders are seeing, and learn about the growing crisis ahead. First, managing editor and host of *The Takeaway* Melissa Harris-Perry speaks on the challenges facing the media - especially for Black women. Then, Tina Nguyen, a national correspondent and founding partner at *Puck*, talks about her unique journey, from starting out in conservative media to covering it.

NEWS JUN 7, 2023 *Wu Man brings ancient Chinese folk songs and modern East-West fusion to Ojai Music Festival*

Wu Man, a member of Yo-Yo Ma's Silkroad Ensemble, is a virtuoso of the traditional Chinese string instrument, the pipa. Melanie Senn spoke with Wu Man about the roots of her artistry and her upcoming performances at the Ojai Music Festival this month.

I&I JUN 10, 2023 *NAACP SLO has a new president, barrels and yeast for winemaking, and edible flowers*

Meet Tobin Johnson, NAACP SLO County's new president as he talks with KCBX's Consuelo Meux on the Nonprofit Story. Vic Roberts, Templeton winemaker, talks about barrels and yeast. Fr. Ian searches for edible flowers in this episode of Playing With Food from the KCBX archives.

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CCV JUN 15, 2023 *Celebrating Juneteenth*

Host Lata Murti speaks with guests from the Central Coast involved in organizing Juneteenth celebrations in their communities. Hear from the Rev. Stephen Vines, president of NAACP SLO County Branch, and Cheryl Vines, San Luis Obispo Juneteenth Chair. They will discuss the history and importance of Juneteenth, as well as share details about upcoming celebrations.

OBP JUN 18, 2023 *Juneteenth Celebration of Black Memory and Black Freedom*

This week, celebrate Black memory and Black freedom with this special presentation for Juneteenth. First, University of Virginia's Dr. Andrea Roberts talks about the roots of Juneteenth. Then, Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman and Amara Enyia discuss whether corporations should profit from Juneteenth or focus on policies to help Black employees and communities. Plus, Harvard Law Professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annette Gordon-Reed and listeners share their memories of freedom.

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I&I JUN 19, 2023 *Asista helps immigrant survivors of gender violence; and Peace Love and Pets offers summer safety tips*

Meet Kirsten Rambo, executive director of Asista and hear about the gains they've made toward helping immigrant survivors of violence. Also, learn about summer pet safety with local mobile veterinarian Dr. Raffy Dorian.

Real Estate & Housing

NEWS APR 10, 2023 *Hundreds of tenants in Isla Vista displaced by renovations amid local housing crisis*

Hundreds of Isla Vista residents received notices terminating their leases so the apartment buildings can be renovated under new ownership.

Recreation

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Relationships

RT APR 4, 2023 *Siblings*

Siblings: our closest blood relatives and yet, often, our greatest foes, frustrations and most complex relationships. Hear a conversation about the highs and lows of these intimate family ties. How can we cultivate healthy and happy connections?

RT APR 11, 2023 *Spring Fever*

The sun is out, the super bloom is on, students are feeling restless, and for many, mental health may take a tumble. Hear a conversation about the potential effects of spring fever on our moods, energy, and relationships. How do the longer, warmer days impact you?

RT APR 25, 2023 *Words Matter*

Communication is fundamental to the health and well-being of our lives and relationships. It's a skill that needs to be practiced and exercised, and yet, it is rarely taught or prioritized in education. Hear a conversation about the importance of learning to listen, speak, and respond.

RT MAY 9, 2023 *What Makes someone an Adult? (Mental Health Awareness Month)*

What are the markers of adulthood? Without a clear path, framework, or set of expectations, many people get stuck in eternal adolescence. Not getting old and never growing up were once considered positive attributes, but are now linked to depression, despair, loneliness, anxiety, and failed relationships. Hear a conversation about changing the narrative about aging and creating a life of meaning and purpose.

RT JUN 6, 2023 *Dr. Darcia Narvaez: An Evolved Nest*

We are built for love, compassion, and peace when our basic needs are met. But people have created a culture of competitive detachment, which leads to lifelong suffering and has pushed human beings to the brink of extinction. Hear a conversation with professor and author Dr. Darcia Narvaez about how to foster a world built for optimal health, sustainability, and peace by providing an "evolved nest" and developing a "kinship worldview."

RT JUN 20, 2023 *Preparing for the Empty Nest*
Helping teens prepare for their life launch and to be able to thrive once they leave home requires parents to also get ready for big changes in their own lives. Hear a conversation with empowerment coach Jill Avery about strategies for letting go and adapting to new relationship dynamics.

Science

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NEWS JUN 15, 2023 *Scientists call for more data on environmental risks of Morro Bay offshore wind project*
Floating offshore wind turbines are planned for the waters off of Morro Bay, but a lot of details are up in the air. Local scientists are calling for more study of how offshore wind turbines will affect the marine environment.

NEWS JUN 28, 2023 *Santa Barbara botanists work to conserve rare plant found only in Lompoc*
A rare native plant was recently re-discovered on the Central Coast. Local botanists pieced together historical information to find the tiny Santa Ynez groundstar, a plant they say grows only in Lompoc.

Seniors

NEWS APR 19, 2023 *New UCSB research center will study aging and ways to slow it down*
Researchers at UC Santa Barbara say slowing the aging process and delaying age-related disease may be possible in the not-so-distant future.

OBP MAY 28, 2023 *Finding Joy in Wellness and Movement at Every Age*
In today's image-obsessed world, the pressure from celebrities, beauty brands, and pop culture to change and manipulate one's body can be overwhelming. Tune in to learn how we can cultivate joy and wellness within ourselves and the world of fitness and movement. And, host Farai Chideya speaks with two guests who are helping their clients connect the dots between physical health and mental health, building their communities and businesses, and who are aging not with grace, but with vigor.

Technology

NEWS APR 4, 2023 *Writing in the age of AI: Cal Poly professor discusses ChatGPT's impacts*
There's a new artificial intelligence technology called ChatGPT which can generate text that mimics human writing and conversation. But a Cal Poly English professor says the technology is only as good as its user.

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RT JUN 27, 2023 *Ethics in Technology - the impacts of the expanding virtual world on our Collective Mental Health & Well-being*

Artificial intelligence is here to stay with little oversight or understanding of how this explosive growth will impact individuals, communities and the world. Hear a conversation with Dr. Deb Donig, professor, author and host of the podcast *Technically Human*, that explores the intersection of human rights and technology. What role will ethics play in guiding the future of our dependence on technology, our collective mental health, and creating a positive online experience?

Transportation

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Each year, Cal Poly students put their tractors to the test at the Cal Poly Cotton Rosser rodeo complex. Students bring their modified trucks and tractors to a dirt path to test whose vehicle can pull a heavy platform the farthest.

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This year's heavy storms caused landslides in Big Sur, closing most of Highway 1 in the area. Now, parts of the highway are expected to partially reopen in July — but Caltrans says there's still one major slide delaying a full reopening.

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Retired American Airlines pilot restored and now flies the classic fully restored circa-1937 DC 3 Flagship Detroit.

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Veteran’s Affairs

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A visit to the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum in San Luis Obispo, CA.

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NEWS JUN 28, 2023 *Sentimental journey aboard American Airlines’ circa-1937 “Flagship Detroit”*

Retired American Airlines pilot restored and now flies the classic fully restored circa-1937 DC 3 Flagship Detroit.

Water

NEWS APR 7, 2023 *San Luis Obispo mayor urges residents join water conservation challenge*

The City of San Luis Obispo is participating in a challenge for residents to save water.

NEWS APR 11, 2023 *UC Santa Cruz professor says rising sea levels are a growing threat to coastal California*
According to the California Coastal Commission, the average sea level in California has risen 8 inches in the past century.

NEWS MAY 31, 2023 *UCSB research shows brine flies in decline at Mono Lake, threatening shorebirds' food source*
A UC Santa Barbara researcher says brine fly productivity is threatened by low water levels and high salinity at Mono Lake.

NEWS JUN 14, 2023 *"These are our lifebloods": New documentary spotlights nearly-forgotten Chumash craft*
A new documentary tells the story of an indigenous man based in Ventura who's been working to save a traditional Chumash craft. He builds tomols — canoes that local tribes used for thousands of years in coastal waters.

NEWS JUN 15, 2023 *Scientists call for more data on environmental risks of Morro Bay offshore wind project*
Floating offshore wind turbines are planned for the waters off of Morro Bay, but a lot of details are up in the air. Local scientists are calling for more study of how offshore wind turbines will affect the marine environment.

Wine

I&I APR 3, 2023 *From Chernobyl With Love, The Grape Nut, In Between, Halcyon Days, and the SLO Food Bank*
Author and journalist Katya Cengel talks about the paperback release of *From Chernobyl with Love: Reporting from the Ruins of the Soviet Union*. The Grape Nut, Betsey Nash shares some highlights of the recent SLO Coast Wine Classic. In the 4th in the 8 part series "In Between", we'll explore the local need for access to gender affirming care. An international team of audio producers want to tell the story of Ella Young, the "godmother of the Dunites". The San Luis Obispo Food Bank says more than 15,000 local households will have less money for groceries this month due to a change in CalFresh benefits.

NEWS APR 28, 2023 *SLO Film Fest screening award-winning documentary featuring local winemakers*
The San Luis Obispo International Film Festival is screening an award-winning documentary featuring San Luis Obispo County winemakers.

I&I MAY 1, 2023 *The Grape Nut visits the Santa Rita Hills, In Between, Solvang's Pride Banners, and making tortillas*
Betsey Nash, KCBX's Grape Nut, talks with Kathy Joseph of Fiddlehead Cellars about making wine in the Santa Rita Hills. In the final episode of *In Between*, we explore the thriving drag scene in SLO County. The Solvang City Council reverses its denial of Pride banners. Fr. Ian learns how to make tortillas on *Playing With Food*.

NEWS MAY 5, 2023 *A conversation with longtime Templeton, California grower, wine producer Vic Roberts*
Templeton, California grape grower and winemaker Vic Roberts talks about his journey from U.C. Davis in the late 70's to managing 80-acres of estate-grown grapes and producing award-winning wines.

NEWS MAY 8, 2023 *Long time Templeton wine producer talks yeast and oak*
Vic Roberts, owner of Victor Hugo Winery in Templeton, CA talks about two main variables in wine production—yeast and oak barrel selections.

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I&I JUN 10, 2023 *NAACP SLO has a new president, barrels and yeast for winemaking, and edible flowers*
Meet Tobin Johnson, NAACP SLO County's new president as he talks with KCBX's Consuelo Meux on the Nonprofit Story. Vic Roberts, Templeton winemaker, talks about barrels and yeast. Fr. Ian searches for edible flowers in this episode of Playing With Food from the KCBX archives.

I&I JUN 24, 2023 *The Grape Nut explores sherry, Playing With Food is all about the spices*
There's something about sherry...and the Grape Nut— Betsey Nash— headed to The Spoon Trade restaurant to satisfy her curiosity and learn from owner Brooke Town. Also, we get to enjoy spices from all of the continents right in our homes. And the Central Coast has its very own spice trader, a purveyor of origin-sourced, high-quality spices, based in Paso Robles. Fr Ian of Playing with food visits with the owner of Spice of Life.

Women's Issues

OBP APR 23, 2023 *Women and Transgender Athletes in Sports*
Hear from Emmy-winning sports journalist Jemele Hill on how the media targets young Black women athletes. Then, hear from college athlete Takunda Rusike, founder of women's rugby at Howard University. Plus, the "Sippin' the Political Tea" roundtable digs deep on what sports journalism needs to do better.

OBP MAY 21, 2023 *A Guest-Host Celebration!*

Our Body Politic was founded on a mission to give a platform to and uplift the voices of Black women and women of color. Tune in to hear three guest hosts showcase their amazing interviews. First, Natasha Alford speaks with Alisha Fernandez Miranda on embracing new paths in Alisha's memoir, *My What If Year*. Then, Karen Attiah talks business and Black hair with Janell Stephens, the CEO and founder of Camille Rose Naturals. Finally, Emmy-nominated producer Tanya Selvaratnam leads the "Sippin' the Political Tea" roundtable on South Asian creators.

OBP MAY 28, 2023 *Finding Joy in Wellness and Movement at Every Age*

In today's image-obsessed world, the pressure from celebrities, beauty brands, and pop culture to change and manipulate one's body can be overwhelming. Tune in to learn how we can cultivate joy and wellness within ourselves and the world of fitness and movement. And, host Farai Chideya speaks with two guests who are helping their clients connect the dots between physical health and mental health, building their communities and businesses, and who are aging not with grace, but with vigor.

OBP JUN 4, 2023 *Layoffs, Shutdowns, and Cancellations: The Latest News About the News*

In light of the recent shake-ups in the news industry, hear what industry insiders are seeing, and learn about the growing crisis ahead. First, managing editor and host of *The Takeaway* Melissa Harris-Perry speaks on the challenges facing the media - especially for Black women. Then, Tina Nguyen, a national correspondent and founding partner at *Puck*, talks about her unique journey, from starting out in conservative media to covering it.

OBP JUN 11, 2023 *Our Nation's Enduring Public Health Emergency: Gun Violence*

Uncover the links between gun violence, public health, and reproductive justice. First, a public health reporter for The Trace speaks on why we need to look at gun violence as a public health emergency. Then, Washington Post columnist Karen Attiah leads a special panel recorded live at Wesleyan University.

NEWS JUN 16, 2023 *Former SLO County Clerk-Recorder Tommy Gong reflects on election denialism after 2020 election*

Former SLO County Clerk recorder Tommy Gong stepped down from his position in 2021. At a Bay Area League of Women Voters meeting today, he reflected on the challenges he faced during the 2020 elections.