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Program Abbreviations

AB	=	Arts Beat	NEWS	=	Morning Edition
CCV	=	Central Coast Voices	OBP	=	Our Body Politic
IC	=	KCBX in Concert	RT	=	The Reluctant Therapist
I&I	=	Issues & Ideas	SP	=	Special
NEWS	=	All Things Considered			

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Addiction

NEWS JUL 23, 2021 *San Luis Obispo adds mental health crisis teams to address mental & substance abuse calls*

As cities across the country grapple with the issue of police responding to mental health and substance abuse crisis related calls, the city of San Luis Obispo is expanding on one program — and creating another — to help shift intervention away from law enforcement, and into the hands of health-related experts.

NEWS AUG 20, 2021 *SLO County's first drug & alcohol detox center now complete, set to serve clients this fall*

Despite the pandemic delaying construction and creating financial hurdles, San Luis Obispo County's first medically-assisted withdrawal treatment center, also known as a detox facility, is now complete. A withdrawal treatment facility for SLO County has been a goal for nearly thirty years, said Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) CEO Biz Steinberg. "That's how long we've dreamed of it," Steinberg said. "It's a miracle that this last year has been focused on it."

NEWS AUG 31, 2021 *Atascadero mom brings attention to International Overdose Awareness Day*

It's been a year since an Atascadero mom lost her son to a fentanyl overdose. Today, for International Overdose Awareness Day, she and others will be at an event in San Luis Obispo to raise awareness of drug-related deaths, and to help prevent it from happening to others. Atascadero mom Cindy Sarantos said her 18-year-old son, Dylan, had big dreams of opening his own clothing line one day. "He was artistic," Sarantos said. "He did his drawings for his clothing, he would make some of his clothing by hand."

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RT AUG 3, 2021 *Meeting agriculture at the crossroad of sustainability*

As the world population grows, water becomes scarcer and access to healthy foods is more challenging. How will we meet the demands on agriculture in this country? Hear from two farmers from very different backgrounds who are trying to keep the art of growing crops alive in creative and sustainable ways. Meet Farmer John from Half Moon Bay, CA, and Bloom Liepman from SLO (and many other corners of the planet).

I&I AUG 9, 2021 *Monterey's Car Week, a covid update, ECHO homeless services and farmworkers' rights*

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On Issues & Ideas, we take a look at the labor rights of farm workers in "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's 12 part series. Car Week in Monterey is this week, and 85 thousand visitors are expected, adding 67 million dollars to the local economy. Dr. Allen Radner, the chief medical officer at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, talks about the continued threat of the Delta Variant in Monterey County. You'll hear from local earthquake experts about the probability of "The Big One", and it's potential damage to the Central Coast. On this week's Nonprofit Story, you'll hear from Amy Lewis of ECHO, about their 20 years of helping unhoused individuals. And finally, you'll hear from SLO County's 1st District Supervisor John Peschong on redistricting.

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NEWS AUG 19, 2021 *Local farms switch to water-conserving irrigation systems during drought*

According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, all of San Luis Obispo County is currently experiencing severe drought and 17% of San Luis Obispo County is experiencing exceptional drought.

NEWS AUG 20, 2021 *'We Are Not Strangers Here: ' Exhibit highlights history of Black Americans in rural California*

The Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro State Park is hosting a traveling exhibit that explores the histories of Black Americans across rural California. The exhibit is called 'We Are Not Strangers Here: African American Histories in Rural California.' Amy Hart is the state historian for the San Luis Obispo Coast District of California State Parks. She said the exhibit is made up of a number of panels meant to highlight unknown and untold stories of Black farmers, ranchers and rural residents across the state.

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Books

OBP AUG 8, 2021 *Making the Most of College, Books that Educate and Empower, and Two New Models of Community-based Journalism*

A look at how higher education is funded and what it'll take to make it more accessible. In most other countries, college is much more affordable, and sometimes free.

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CCV SEP 30, 2021 *Changing lives through literacy*

Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from Literacy for Life about how they work to transform the community and empower individuals by removing barriers to success and strengthening relationships through the power of literacy. Guests include Bernadette Bernardi, executive director; Kelsey Molina, family literacy coordinator; and Marylou Hessellund, the volunteer center director in Arroyo Grande and volunteer of 17 years.

Business

NEWS JUL 9, 2021 *SLO parking rates increase, free parking hours decrease; online petition opposes changes*

The City of San Luis Obispo has increased the fee to park downtown, and will be decreasing the hours of free street parking in the next couple of weeks. While the city said the increase will help fund a parking garage project, some downtown business owners and employees are opposing the changes.

OBP JUL 11, 2021 *Engaging the Latino Electorate, the Challenges of Immigration Reform, and Women of Color Building Their Own Institutions*

Examining the diverse Latino electorate, including the increased support among Latinos for Donald Trump in the 2020 election. And, how the government can, and should, help small businesses.

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *California's first offshore wind project has Morro Bay fishermen worried*

by KATHRYN BARNES & KCRW

Fishermen in Morro Bay are about to get a much taller neighbor than the ancient volcanic mound that stands like a giant at the tip of the harbor. Wind turbines are coming. "These things are as big as skyscrapers," says Chris Pavone, who's among roughly 120 fishermen who trap, troll, and drop lines off Morro Bay and Avila Beach. He's worried about what could become the first offshore wind farm on the West Coast. Approved by the Biden administration, the project would bring roughly 200 floating turbines into the open ocean off the Central Coast.

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NEWS JUL 14, 2021 *New Avila Beach campground opening soon, locals expect boost in business*

A new campground is nearing completion on Babe Lane in Avila Beach and local businesses are expecting to see a boost in customers when it opens. The Flying Flags campground has been in the making for years and is now just about six weeks away from its soft opening. Port San Luis Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker said this means some sites will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but the phased construction of more sites will continue over the next few months.

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NEWS JUL 27, 2021 *Restaurants go digital to survive the pandemic*

A wave of lockdown mandates in March of 2020 halted many aspects of life as we knew it. It was especially true for the restaurant industry, which dove deeper into digital technologies to stay competitive and in many cases, just to stay alive. Here's the story of two sisters -- one tech savvy and the other not so much -- who run their own eateries in Cambria, California.

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NEWS AUG 5, 2021 *Santa Barbara business owners react to new mask mandate in SB County*

In response to rising COVID cases, Santa Barbara County has announced that masks will be required indoors at all public spaces — regardless of vaccination status — starting Friday at 5 p.m. "I saw it coming, I think everybody saw it coming," Katrina Carl with the Santa Barbara Museum of Art said. "I think given the recent COVID numbers, I think everybody was anticipating it." Carl said they aren't waiting for the official mandate to take effect Friday evening, and are already mandating guests to wear a mask to enter.

NEWS AUG 16, 2021 *Small movie theater struggles to survive as pandemic surges*

In June of this year, when COVID-19 cases plummeted, movie theaters saw people returning to fill auditoriums. But with the recent surge of the virus, Park Cinemas theatre in Paso Robles said they are once again in the position of trying to keep their doors open. While movie theaters have so far survived the growing popularity of streaming movies online, cinemas have never faced a threat as great as COVID-19.

NEWS AUG 24, 2021 *SLO County regional waste management authority in "turmoil;" waste rates could increase*

San Luis Obispo County's regional waste management authority faces an uncertain future. The Board of Supervisors recently voted to withdraw from the Integrated Waste Management Authority, or IWMA. Then their interim director, Paavo Ogren, resigned. KCBX's Benjamin Purper spoke with San Luis Obispo Tribune reporter Lindsey Holden about her reporting on the IWMA.

CCV AUG 26, 2021 *What it takes to be one of the fastest-growing companies in the nation*

Last week, Inc. Magazine revealed its annual Inc. 5000 list, the most prestigious ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies, and 10 companies on the Central Coast made the cut. Many well-known names gained their first national exposure as honorees on the list, including Intuit, Zappos, Under Armour, Microsoft, and Patagonia. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with several SLO County companies that made the list to discuss building a successful business on the Central Coast, how the region works at fostering entrepreneurial growth, and how growth has enabled them to give back to the community.

NEWS SEP 1, 2021 *Local businesses express support for SLO County mask mandate*

An indefinite mask mandate went into effect last night for San Luis Obispo County and local businesses are now enforcing it. The mask mandate applies to all indoor public spaces including restaurants, retail stores and fitness centers. Several businesses are openly expressing support for the new mandate, echoing the need to keep the community safe.

NEWS SEP 7, 2021 *Local free pantries get boost from businesses, community to stay stocked amid pandemic*

HelpSLO is a local mutual aid Facebook group that started back in March of 2020 in response to the pandemic. In addition to other activities, group members began building and filling pantries around the county where people can visit to pick up things like food or hygiene products for free. Leah Wood is the founder of HelpSLO. She said the mutual aid group is a way for people in San Luis Obispo County to come together. She said people use the group for all kinds of help.

OBP SEP 12, 2021 *A Latina Veteran on the U.S.'s Role in the World Today, Following the Corporate Money Pledged to Racial Equality, and Roundtable Guests Reflect on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11*

US companies pledged \$50 billion to address racial inequality, but where's that money now? Hear from one source who says more than 90% of those commitments were actually in the form of loans and investments, or basically things from which companies could profit.

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NEWS SEP 17, 2021 *Paso Robles & Pismo Beach seek to end temporary parklets, explore other outdoor dining solutions*
Last summer, cities gave a lifeline to restaurants battling indoor dining restrictions by allowing temporary curbside parklets. But with the parklets taking up parking revenue, the cities of Pismo Beach and Paso Robles recently debated the fate of their outdoor dining programs.

NEWS SEP 17, 2021 *Solid waste collection rate increases proposed in Santa Maria*
For the first time in five years, Santa Maria residents could see a rate increase for trash and recycling services.

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NEWS SEP 29, 2021 *Local grocery stores will soon have to donate excess food to feed people and combat climate change*

With the combined goal of feeding hungry people and combating climate change, grocery stores and large food distributors must start donating excess edible food instead of wasting it, per legislation that takes effect in January.

Cannabis & Hemp

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *SLO Supervisors keep cannabis tax rate at 6%; some growers call for looser restrictions*

In 2018, San Luis Obispo County voters approved Measure B-18, which imposed a tax on gross receipts on cannabis business beginning at 4% and increasing annually to a maximum of 10%. But at the June 25 board meeting, the supervisors voted to keep the tax rate at 6% ahead of July 1, when it was scheduled to increase to 8%.

NEWS JUL 6, 2021 *Lompoc is first city on Central Coast to allow cannabis lounges; Grover Beach may be next*

The Central Coast's first cannabis lounge, a place where people can consume cannabis on site, recently opened in Lompoc — and now, Grover Beach is exploring the idea and may become the first city in SLO County to open one.

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OBP AUG 1, 2021 *Black Women on Writing with Purpose, and What History Says about Overlooking the Insurrection*

Hear from author Roxane Gay about the struggles of marginalized writers like those of color, women, and queer writers. She thinks people don't recognize the true craft in their work. And, the weekly political roundtable explores the latest news and how women of color are making an impact.

NEWS AUG 24, 2021 *Amid bus driver and substitute teacher shortage, Lucia Mar Unified School District offers incentives*

As kids are returning to school, the Lucia Mar School District is struggling to fill in job vacancies they desperately need to be filled — and the district is offering financial incentives in hopes of enticing people to apply.

NEWS AUG 27, 2021 *SLO Mayor Heidi Harmon stepping down, will take on new career as climate advocate*

San Luis Obispo Mayor Heidi Harmon said she's leaving her position as mayor in a month to pursue a new career opportunity. In a news conference Thursday, Harmon said she is stepping down to pursue a new career as a senior public affairs director with the Romero's Institute's 'Let's Green California initiative,' which pushes the awareness of climate change. "I recognize that this decision is unexpected and unusual," Harmon said. "But these are not usual times."

RT SEP 14, 2021 *It's never too late to live a dream*

Hear a conversation with Marty Ross, who discovered his comic genius at age 80. He's competed on America's Got Talent and traveled the world to share his brand of humor. On September 18, he'll be headlining a night of stand-up comedy under the stars at Judd Manor Event Center in San Miguel.

CCV SEP 16, 2021 *Connecting employees with employers*

Eckerd Connects believes a good job also serves as a career path, stability, and independence. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from Eckerd Connects' Workforce Development Program to discuss how their one-stop delivery system helps connect employees with employers to provide a range of career services for adults, dislocated workers, and youth ages 16 and older. Hear from Allison Schiavo, area manager, and Dawn Boulanger, workforce development board director.

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Charities, Social Services & Non-Profits

NEWS JUL 6, 2021 *SLO County non-profit sees Accessory Dwelling Units as potential growth area for affordable housing*

Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, are secondary residences generally added to already existing properties. ADUs can be completely separate units that are detached from the house or built into a spare bedroom or garage in the existing structure. Homeowners often use them for housing extra family members, live-in caregivers or renters to provide extra income. Now, a San Luis Obispo County non-profit is encouraging local ADU construction as a potential for affordable housing.

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NEWS JUL 15, 2021 *Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Office continues effort to reduce number of inmates with mental illness*

The U.S. Department of Justice recognizes mental illness as a major issue among inmates. In 2015, the Stepping Up Initiative was formed to help reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail, instead connecting them with resources and treatment. Santa Barbara County joined the Stepping Up Initiative in 2016 and local leaders meet every two months to report on relevant projects and collaborate about how to move forward. Kevin Huddle is a Commander with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Department Coordinator for the Stepping Up Initiative.

CCV JUL 15, 2021 *Why are RISE and Stand Strong merging?* □

Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from Stand Strong and RISE SLO as they discuss the recent merger of these two nonprofit groups that offer support and resources to survivors of domestic violence. The merger will allow for a consolidation of administrative activities and reallocation of resources to offer streamlined services in order to better serve survivors and their families throughout San Luis Obispo County.

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Child abuse cases in San Luis Obispo County saw a drop during the pandemic, but with in-person schooling starting back up, SLO County child advocacy group C.A.S.A. — Court Appointed Special Advocates — said they are preparing for an influx of child abuse cases. C.A.S.A. of San Luis Obispo County is made up of volunteers designated by a judge to work in the best interests of children who have been victimized by abuse or neglect. Teresa Tardiff, executive director of C.A.S.A. SLO County, said during the pandemic, child abuse cases took a plunge.

AB JUL 22, 2021 *Even a COVID-19 pandemic can't stop 'Infinite Music'*
The coronavirus pandemic was devastating to many arts organizations that had to cancel in-person events, workshops and classes. But Central Coast nonprofit Infinite Music found that pivoting to online instruction had a silver lining.

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As part of the KCBX Arts Beat, we're taking a look at how three local music organizations survived the pandemic: Festival Mozaic, the SLO Symphony, and Infinite Music. In our 3rd episode of KCBX's 12 part series 'Beyond the Furrows' reporter Francisco Martinez explores how labor trafficking affects farmworkers and what's being done locally. The Land Conservancy of SLO County is starting to assess usage potential for the Santa Rita Ranch along Highway 46. You'll hear from Around Downtown's Bettina Swigger as she speaks with Erica Crawford of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce. Finally, we'll join Fr. Ian Dellinger as he explores sheep milk ice cream on Playing With Food.

CCV JUL 29, 2021 *The Dunes Center- Promoting conservation and restoration*

Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from The Dunes Center, a nonprofit organization located in historic downtown Guadalupe, CA, that promotes the conservation and restoration of the local ecosystem through education, research, and the support of cooperative stewardship. They will discuss all that the beautiful natural history museum has to offer and their upcoming reopening celebration. The Center celebrates and expands appreciation for the region's unique history and natural treasures, like the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes, which are a National Natural Landmark and a perfect place to visit and enjoy nature.

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Redwings Horse Rescue and Sanctuary began in May 1991 as a non-profit organization in Carmel, CA, with a mission to end the abuse, neglect, and slaughter of horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, and burros through rescue and foster care. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests with Redwings Horse Rescue and Sanctuary to discuss their work rescuing abused and neglected equines, providing sanctuary, locating adoptive homes, and educating the community to prevent future issues.

NEWS AUG 13, 2021 *County, nonprofit partner in workshop to help parents prepare kids for return to in-person learning*

After a year of virtual learning, kids will be stepping back on school campus this month with COVID-19 protocols in place — and the transition might be a tough one.

I&I AUG 16, 2021 *Literacy for Life, the recall election, and the Edna Valley wine region*

Beyond the Furrows is KCBX's 12 part series on farmworkers on the Central Coast, and in this week's episode Francisco Martinez reports on the efforts to vaccinate farmworkers as the Delta variant spreads. Literacy for Life in San Luis Obispo is a non-profit organization that partners with libraries throughout the county to teach adult learners English language skills. Ballots are being sent out to all registered voters in California for the recall election of Governor Gavin Newsome, and we'll hear from Santa Barbara County Clerk Recorder Joseph Holland.

NEWS AUG 17, 2021 *Local drive to collect menstrual products addresses 'period poverty' in SLO County*

The San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls is holding a panel and menstrual product collection drive to address 'period poverty.'

CCV AUG 19, 2021 *Ending period stigma and poverty*

Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from the San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women. They discuss the mission to improve the lives of women and girls in SLO County by advocating for equal rights and collaborating with agencies and programs that support the health, socioeconomic, and professional well-being of women and girls in the community. They also discuss the current campaign focused on the issue of period poverty, period equity, and ending the stigma surrounding menstruation due to lack of access to supplies or financial resources.

NEWS AUG 20, 2021 *SLO County's first drug & alcohol detox center now complete, set to serve clients this fall*

Despite the pandemic delaying construction and creating financial hurdles, San Luis Obispo County's first medically-assisted withdrawal treatment center, also known as a detox facility, is now complete. A withdrawal treatment facility for SLO County has been a goal for nearly thirty years, said Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) CEO Biz Steinberg. "That's how long we've dreamed of it," Steinberg said. "It's a miracle that this last year has been focused on it."

NEWS AUG 23, 2021 *Need for more foster care parents is urgent in SLO County, says Department of Social Services*

Family breakdowns during the pandemic have increased the need for foster care to help vulnerable children, but according to San Luis Obispo County, there are simply not enough foster homes to keep up with the demand — and now, the county is calling for people to help. At any given time, there are around 350 youth in the foster care system in SLO County, according to the Department of Social Services. But with kids returning to school, Roxi Selck, manager of child welfare at DSS, said they are anticipating a sharp increase in children entering the foster care system.

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NEWS AUG 27, 2021 *SLO County Air Pollution Control District works to expand local air quality monitoring*
The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is asking for the public’s help in expanding its air quality monitoring on the Central Coast. The APCD manages and operates regulatory monitors across the county to track air quality. The county also has a number of PurpleAir particulate matter sensors across the Central Coast that contribute to air quality tracking. The APCD is looking to expand its breadth of tracking by encouraging people to host a PurpleAir sensor at their home in areas that have fewer existing monitors and sensors.

I&I AUG 30, 2021 *Transportation projects, a local poet, and a visit to an urban farm*
Beyond the Furrows is a 12 part series on local farmworkers; we explore pesticide regulations, and the education efforts surrounding them. Poet and former principal of San Luis Obispo High School, Will Jones, talks about his new book. You’ll get a transportation update from Peter Rodgers of SLOCOG. And finally, a visit to Fairview Gardens, an Urban Farm in Goleta.

CCV SEP 2, 2021 *What is Toastmasters?*
Toastmasters is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from Toastmasters International as they discuss why people join Toastmasters and how they benefit. Hear from Eumi Sprague, current director of Area D2, District 33, and member of two San Luis Obispo-based Toastmasters clubs, SLO Noontime and SLO Motion; Dr. Joseph Skoda, the former director of District 33; and David Figueroa, secretary and former president of SLO Toastmasters Club 83.

NEWS SEP 7, 2021 *Paso Robles receives funding from The Center on Rural Innovation, aims to launch digital innovation*
The City of Paso Robles has been awarded funding from the Center on Rural Innovation to help bring in tech-related jobs.

NEWS SEP 7, 2021 *Local free pantries get boost from businesses, community to stay stocked amid pandemic*
HelpSLO is a local mutual aid Facebook group that started back in March of 2020 in response to the pandemic. In addition to other activities, group members began building and filling pantries around the county where people can visit to pick up things like food or hygiene products for free. Leah Wood is the founder of HelpSLO. She said the mutual aid group is a way for people in San Luis Obispo County to come together. She said people use the group for all kinds of help.

I&I SEP 13, 2021 *Old vine wines, Lives Well Lived, and Slow Money SLO*
On this edition of Issues & Ideas we'll explore an important aspect of some farmworker's lives- Labor Contractors. Betsey Nash, KCBX's Grape Nut, takes you along on her search for her wine tasting roots, and in the process learns about old vine zinfandel. You'll hear from Sky Bergman, a local award-winning filmmaker whose documentary film "Lives Well Lived: Celebrating the Secrets, Wit, and Wisdom of Age" has just started airing on PBS. And finally, you'll learn about Slow Money SLO; a nonprofit that supports the sustainable growth of small food and farm businesses.

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California Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 18, and thousands of volunteers are expected to participate by heading to local beaches and creeks to pick up trash. Activities on the Central Coast will continue throughout the month.

NEWS SEP 22, 2021 *Lawsuit filed against City of SLO alleges criminalization of homelessness*
A group of non-profit legal firms are filing a lawsuit against the City of San Luis Obispo seeking to end alleged criminalization of homelessness by the city.

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Civil Rights

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *Farmworkers strike for better wages in Nipomo; employers dispute claims of unfair wages*

Strawberry field workers in San Luis Obispo County struck for a second day July 2, demanding better wages. Workers are demanding West Coast Berry Farms pay them \$14 hourly wages, \$1.25 per strawberry box and \$2 per unit of juice. The strike was organized by the farm workers and received a publicity boost on Instagram from the Mixteco Indígena Community Organizing Project.

OBP JUL 4, 2021 *Voting Rights under Attack, Talking to Loved Ones about the Covid-19 Vaccine, and Freeing Ourselves from Political Myths*

Hear from thinkers and leaders about the political and cultural landscape. And, learn about the place that women of color are claiming for themselves within the Black Lives Matter movement.

OBP JUL 11, 2021 *Engaging the Latino Electorate, the Challenges of Immigration Reform, and Women of Color Building Their Own Institutions*

Examining the diverse Latino electorate, including the increased support among Latinos for Donald Trump in the 2020 election. And, how the government can, and should, help small businesses.

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OBP JUL 18, 2021 *Next-Level Thinking for Public Safety, Meet a 10-Year-Old Chess National Master, and the Biden-Harris Administration Toughens Up on Covid-19 and Voting Rights*

Hear from young people of color about their thoughts on policing. Explore the narratives that limit discussions of protests, policing, and incarceration, and find out how to imagine new narratives.

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A nurse in scrubs waves a sign at traffic that reads "I am informed, and I do not consent." She's joined by about fifty other healthcare workers, teachers and families who are against Governor Newsom's mandate that all healthcare workers and educators must get vaccinated, or take weekly tests for COVID-19. It's part of a peaceful protest against the mandate held Wednesday evening in front of the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Health Building.

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OBP AUG 15, 2021 *A Deep Dive into Voting Rights, the Impact of Cuomo's Resignation, and Politics in Haiti in Context*

Take a look at the history of voting rights to fully understand why democracy is under threat today. Hear from representative Bee Nguyen of the Georgia General Assembly about why protecting voting rights is central to her campaign for Georgia Secretary of State. Then, a look from an important historical perspective to help understand the political upheaval in Haiti. And, it's New York politics on Sippin' the Political Tea.

RT AUG 17, 2021 *Vaccine collectivism in the age of autonomy*

In a country and culture that esteems the individual's civil liberties and personal freedoms, at what point are people responsible for the health and well-being of the collective? What happened to the moral imperative in taking actions that are in the best interest of the greater good and not personal self-service? Elizabeth Barrett speaks with Religious Studies professor Stephen Lloyd-Moffett about the need for more people taking actions that improve all lives instead of focusing on their own.

CCV SEP 23, 2021 *Challenges and opportunities for unaccompanied youth*

The southern border crisis continues, and August brought more than 200,000 migrant encounters at the US-Mexico border, a 21-year high. Proportionally, there has also been an increase in the number of unaccompanied minors attempting to cross the border. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from the Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center about the work they do to provide deportation defense to the Central Coast immigrant community. Hear from Executive Director Julissa Peña and Staff Attorney Maria Vega about their recently expanded services to prioritize legal representation for unaccompanied children, and the challenges and opportunities for unaccompanied youth.

Community

RT JUL 20, 2021 *A return to live music in community*

In honor of getting back together to celebrate live music in community again, hear a conversation from The Reluctant Therapist's vault. In a 2019 conversation backstage at Live Oak, host Elizabeth Barrett spoke to the Shook Twins and John Craigie, and they had some backstage banter together.

CCV JUL 22, 2021 *Belonging is back*

Back by popular demand, R.A.C.E. Matters SLO is hosting its multimedia, multi-location experience entitled BELONGING. This two-month long event features Black voices who are members of the San Luis Obispo County community. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from R.A.C.E. Matters SLO as they discuss their work to amplify the voices of Black and other people of color in an effort to build an actively anti-racist Central Coast.

NEWS JUL 27, 2021 *Cannabis site stalled in Paso Robles amid neighbor concerns; developers say it brings many benefits*

Many in the Paso Robles area live a life of farming and agriculture, like resident Jo Capaldi. "I just live here — [and] take care of the horses and what have you," Capaldi said.

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OBP AUG 8, 2021 *Making the Most of College, Books that Educate and Empower, and Two New Models of Community-based Journalism*

A look at how higher education is funded and what it’ll take to make it more accessible. In most other countries, college is much more affordable, and sometimes free.

CCV AUG 26, 2021 *What it takes to be one of the fastest-growing companies in the nation*

Last week, Inc. Magazine revealed its annual Inc. 5000 list, the most prestigious ranking of the nation’s fastest-growing private companies, and 10 companies on the Central Coast made the cut. Many well-known names gained their first national exposure as honorees on the list, including Intuit, Zappos, Under Armour, Microsoft, and Patagonia. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with several SLO County companies that made the list to discuss building a successful business on the Central Coast, how the region works at fostering entrepreneurial growth, and how growth has enabled them to give back to the community.

NEWS AUG 27, 2021 *SLO Mayor Heidi Harmon stepping down, will take on new career as climate advocate*

San Luis Obispo Mayor Heidi Harmon said she's leaving her position as mayor in a month to pursue a new career opportunity. In a news conference Thursday, Harmon said she is stepping down to pursue a new career as a senior public affairs director with the Romero’s Institute’s ‘Let’s Green California initiative,’ which pushes the awareness of climate change. “I recognize that this decision is unexpected and unusual,” Harmon said. "But these are not usual times.”

NEWS AUG 31, 2021 *\$11.9 million in federal funding could come to eight community projects along Central Coast*

Nearly \$12 million in federal funding could be coming to Central Coast community projects, after Democratic Congressman Salud Carbajal’s spending bill passed in the House of Representatives.

NEWS SEP 9, 2021 *Morro Bay discusses future of smokestacks; residents voice ideas for keeping them as attraction*

The company that owns the iconic smokestacks that tower over Morro Bay wants to demolish them. But with the community split over that idea, Vistra Corporation and the City of Morro Bay held a town meeting Wednesday night to get input from residents on what should happen to the stacks.

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OBP SEP 19, 2021 *The January Insurrection According to Rep. Pramila Jayapal, What Families Need to Know about Covid in Kids, and Our Roundtable Debates AOC's Met Gala Moment*
Hear from Representative Pramila Jayapal on Republican efforts to restrict abortion access, as well as the January 6th insurrection. She says it's about control over choice and further radicalizing political points.

Crime

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *Central Coast Water Authority files suit against County of Santa Barbara*
The Central Coast Water Authority has filed a lawsuit in Santa Barbara Superior Court against the County of Santa Barbara over how the State Water Project will be managed going forward.

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NEWS JUL 16, 2021 *San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT: Who they are, and when they are called in*
In the past two weeks, the San Luis Obispo Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team has been called in to assist in two separate barricaded suspects situations. One in Pismo Beach resulted in a peaceful arrest of the suspect, while the other in Paso Robles ended in a fatal shooting of the suspect while police were attempting arrest.

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Child abuse cases in San Luis Obispo County saw a drop during the pandemic, but with in-person schooling starting back up, SLO County child advocacy group C.A.S.A. — Court Appointed Special Advocates — said they are preparing for an influx of child abuse cases. C.A.S.A. of San Luis Obispo County is made up of volunteers designated by a judge to work in the best interests of children who have been victimized by abuse or neglect. Teresa Tardiff, executive director of C.A.S.A. SLO County, said during the pandemic, child abuse cases took a plunge.

I&I JUL 26, 2021 *Arts groups back on stage, land conservation, and changes in Morro Bay*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, ANGEL RUSSELL, RACHEL SHOWALTER & FR. IAN DELINGER & BETTINA SWIGGER

As part of the KCBX Arts Beat, we're taking a look at how three local music organizations survived the pandemic: Festival Mozaic, the SLO Symphony, and Infinite Music. In our 3rd episode of KCBX's 12 part series 'Beyond the Furrows' reporter Francisco Martinez explores how labor trafficking affects farmworkers and what's being done locally. The Land Conservancy of SLO County is starting to assess usage potential for the Santa Rita Ranch along Highway 46. You'll hear from Around Downtown's Bettina Swigger as she speaks with Erica Crawford of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce. Finally, we'll join Fr. Ian Dellinger as he explores sheep milk ice cream on Playing With Food.

NEWS AUG 2, 2021 *Kristin Smart Case: Four witnesses in first day of preliminary hearing – Susan Flores won't testify*

Today was the first day of the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores in the Kristin Smart case.

NEWS AUG 3, 2021 *Kristin Smart Case: Witness recounts last night she saw Smart alive*

During the second day of the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores, the prosecution called four witnesses to the stand including Steven Fleming, who was Kristin Smart's friend and lived in Muir Hall which was the same dorm as Smart; Matthew Toomey, a Crandall Way party attendee, Cheryl Manzer, who was one of last people to see Smart alive; and Clinton Cole, a SLO County Sheriff's Office detective.

NEWS AUG 4, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: Sheriff's detective and retired Cal Poly police detective testify at hearing*

On the third day of the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores, the morning resumed with San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office Det. Clint Cole on the stand in San Luis Obispo Superior Court.

NEWS AUG 5, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: Smart's neighbor testifies; says she was frustrated by Cal Poly investigation*

On the fourth day of the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores, the morning started with retired Cal Poly Police Det. Lawrence Kennedy still on the stand.

NEWS AUG 9, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: Det. Clint Cole says other potential suspects were ruled out*

As the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores continued into the second week, Det. Clint Cole from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department remained on the stand to continue cross examination by Robert Sanger, representing Paul Flores, and Harold Mesick, representing Ruben Flores.

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NEWS AUG 12, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: 16 witnesses testify so far in preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores*

More than a dozen people have testified so far in the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores relating to the 1996 disappearance of Cal Poly student Kristin Smart.

NEWS AUG 18, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: Judge denies defense request for release of Paul Flores*

After an extended chambers conference – where the defense and prosecution has a discussion in the judge's chambers – this morning, the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores in the Kristin Smart case is set to continue Friday, Aug 20 with the judge hearing various motions and possible witness testimony.

NEWS AUG 20, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: Prosecution says preliminary hearing will last until Sept. 3*

Aug. 20 was the 11th day of the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores who are being charged in relation to Cal Poly student Kristin Smart's disappearance on May 25, 1996. Paul Flores is being charged with murder and is accused of killing Smart during an attempted or completed rape. Ruben Flores, Paul Flores' father, is being charged with accessory after the fact.

NEWS AUG 25, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: Judge denies defense motion to disqualify SLO DA over wearing purple clothing*

On the 13th day of the preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores, presiding Judge Craig van Rooyen heard the defense's motion to disqualify the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office as well as Deputy District Attorney Christopher Peuvrelle from prosecuting the case. The judge denied the defense's motion to disqualify the DA's Office and Peuvrelle.

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NEWS SEP 7, 2021 *Kristin Smart case: Archaeologists testify about "potential burial" site under Ruben Flores' deck*

The preliminary hearing for Paul and Ruben Flores began the sixth week of proceedings today, Sept. 7. The prosecution took two witnesses out of order today since the witnesses are coming from out-of-town. The cross-examination of Shelby Liddell, a San Luis Obispo Sheriff's forensic specialist, is expected to continue later in proceedings.

NEWS SEP 21, 2021 *\$4 million settlement reached in uninhabitable Paso Robles Grand View Apartments case*

A class-action lawsuit was filed against the owners and managers of the Paso Robles Grand View Apartments in 2019, alleging they knowingly allowed their tenants to live in uninhabitable, vermin-infested conditions for years.

NEWS SEP 22, 2021 *Lawsuit filed against City of SLO alleges criminalization of homelessness*

A group of non-profit legal firms are filing a lawsuit against the City of San Luis Obispo seeking to end alleged criminalization of homelessness by the city.

NEWS SEP 27, 2021 *Attorney for Kristin Smart's family discusses upcoming trial*

Paul Flores, the person last seen with Kristin Smart before she vanished from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 25 years ago, will now stand trial on a murder charge in her suspected death — while his father, Ruben Flores, will stand trial as an accomplice.

Earthquakes

NEWS AUG 3, 2021 *The 'Big One: ' How could it affect the Central Coast?*
It's been more than 100 years since the 1906 earthquake that caused severe damage to San Francisco. Since then, Californians have long-anticipated another 'Big One' to hit along the San Andreas Fault.

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A new campground is nearing completion on Babe Lane in Avila Beach and local businesses are expecting to see a boost in customers when it opens. The Flying Flags campground has been in the making for years and is now just about six weeks away from its soft opening. Port San Luis Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker said this means some sites will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but the phased construction of more sites will continue over the next few months.

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Education

CCV JUL 1, 2021 *The future of democracy in America*

Join host Fred Munroe in a celebration of Independence Day. He speaks with guests from the Cal Poly Political Science Department as they discuss the American experiment in democracy, the challenges we face in the near future, and the promise and peril of reform movements aimed at improving the way we govern. Hear from Nancy Arrington, assistant professor; Michael Latner, professor and Kendall Voting Rights Fellow awarded by the Union of Concerned Scientists; and Martin Battle, professor and director of the Master of Public Policy program at Cal Poly.

CCV JUL 8, 2021 *What is Critical Race Theory and why is it under attack?*

Host Fred Munroe speaks with educators and students to discuss the current debate around critical race theory and the controversy that has sprung from proposals to teach ethnic studies curriculum in high school and elsewhere. You'll hear from local high school teachers and students, as well as Dr. Mario Espinoza-Kulick, lecturer with the Ethnic Studies and Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies Departments at Cal Poly, and inaugural Ethnic Studies faculty at Cuesta College, Dr. Lata Murti, associate professor of sociology for the School of Arts and Sciences at Brandman University.

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *Cal Poly students design toothbrush fertility tracker to assist in conception process*

A group of Cal Poly students are in the next stages of testing a product they designed to help women track their fertility and conceive. The fertility tracker is called OvuBrush. It's designed as a toothbrush that predicts ovulation. Janis Iourovitski is one of four co-founders of OvuBrush and just graduated from Cal Poly. The group met in a Cal Poly class called Engineering for Maternal Health and were tasked with pitching an idea for healthcare technology to address infertility.

NEWS JUL 21, 2021 *Health officials advocating for children to get vaccinated before upcoming school year*

With COVID19 cases back on the rise, and kids returning to school in a few weeks, health officials are urging parents to get children 12 and older vaccinated. But not every pediatric office has the ability to give the vaccine.

AB JUL 22, 2021 *Even a COVID-19 pandemic can't stop 'Infinite Music'*
The coronavirus pandemic was devastating to many arts organizations that had to cancel in-person events, workshops and classes. But Central Coast nonprofit Infinite Music found that pivoting to online instruction had a silver lining.

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NEWS AUG 3, 2021 *Templeton Unified School District ranks among top 10 most equitable school districts in the state*
Personal finance website WalletHub released a report Tuesday ranking the Templeton Unified School District in San Luis Obispo County among the top 10 most equitable school districts in California. WalletHub ranked the school district as 8th most equitable among more than 900 California districts.

OBP AUG 8, 2021 *Making the Most of College, Books that Educate and Empower, and Two New Models of Community-based Journalism*
A look at how higher education is funded and what it'll take to make it more accessible. In most other countries, college is much more affordable, and sometimes free.

NEWS AUG 11, 2021 *Paso Robles school board approves ban on "specific elements" of critical race theory teachings*
After several meetings and heated public discussions this past summer, the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District passed a resolution banning elements of critical race theory from being taught within the classroom.

NEWS AUG 13, 2021 *County, nonprofit partner in workshop to help parents prepare kids for return to in-person learning*

After a year of virtual learning, kids will be stepping back on school campus this month with COVID-19 protocols in place — and the transition might be a tough one.

NEWS AUG 13, 2021 *The Art of Doing Science: Demystifying the process of headline-making breakthroughs*

The Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics (KITP) at UC Santa Barbara is hosting a new virtual series called The Art of Doing Science. KITP is a world-renowned physics institute that welcomes scientists from around the world every year to collaborate and do physics. Lars Bildsten is the director of KITP and a professor in the UCSB Physics Department. He said there is no other institute in the world where scientists come together at this scale.

I&I AUG 16, 2021 *Literacy for Life, the recall election, and the Edna Valley wine region*

Beyond the Furrows is KCBX's 12 part series on farmworkers on the Central Coast, and in this week's episode Francisco Martinez reports on the efforts to vaccinate farmworkers as the Delta variant spreads. Literacy for Life in San Luis Obispo is a non-profit organization that partners with libraries throughout the county to teach adult learners English language skills. Ballots are being sent out to all registered voters in California for the recall election of Governor Gavin Newsome, and we'll hear from Santa Barbara County Clerk Recorder Joseph Holland.

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NEWS AUG 19, 2021 *California to provide meals for all K-12 students*

As California students head back to school, they won't need to pack a lunch. The new state budget for education allocates funds for universal meal plans for the next three years.

NEWS AUG 24, 2021 *Amid bus driver and substitute teacher shortage, Lucia Mar Unified School District offers incentives*

As kids are returning to school, the Lucia Mar School District is struggling to fill in job vacancies they desperately need to be filled — and the district is offering financial incentives in hopes of enticing people to apply.

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I&I AUG 30, 2021 *Transportation projects, a local poet, and a visit to an urban farm*

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Can a vaccine verification system help save lives? Hear from a public health professional on COVID-19 vaccine refusal and what it means.

NEWS SEP 10, 2021 *PBS celebrates Grandparent's Day by airing Cal Poly professor's documentary "Lives Well Lived"*

A local film director gathered dozens of older adults to find their wisdom and advice on living a happy life, and her documentary "Lives Well Lived" is now airing on PBS this Sunday in honor of Grandparent's day.

NEWS SEP 13, 2021 *Majority of Cal Poly, SLO students vaccinated as students return to campus*

The Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo campus is coming back to life, with students moving in this week and school starting next week. But with most people walking around in masks, campus life isn't the typical college experience as COVID-19 continues to cause concern. "It's weird that we are living in a pandemic, but it is what it is," second-year student Cole Turner said. "We can't really do anything about it." Although there are still COVID rules in place, he's excited to actually meet people in person this year — since his first year of college was all virtual.

NEWS SEP 13, 2021 *Cal Poly, SLO continues to address student mental health needs as the pandemic persists*

The need for mental health services has increased in recent years, especially during the pandemic. Colleges and universities across the nation have had to figure out alternative ways to address their students' needs.

NEWS SEP 15, 2021 *High COVID-19 case rates in SLO County prompt new incentives, action on pandemic*

With daily COVID-19 positive case rates remaining high in San Luis Obispo County, the Public Health Department and a local school district are making some changes.

NEWS SEP 16, 2021 *Congressman Salud Carbajal visits Laguna Middle School to address food insecurity*

Feeding America estimates one in six children are food insecure in the United States. Local Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo as part of a tour to address food insecurity on the Central Coast.

NEWS SEP 20, 2021 *SLO County Public Health releases new guidelines as Cal Poly students return to in-person learning*

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department released new safety guidelines ahead of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo students returning to in-person learning this week. The guidance clarifies state and county requirements and provides recommended best practices for youth sports, performing arts and large gatherings. County Public Health Information Officer Michelle Shoresman said there have been so many different guidelines released by different state and federal agencies recently that the county wanted to help clarify requirements.

NEWS SEP 21, 2021 *Cal Poly team creates artificial intelligence 'Damage Map' to assess wildfire structure damage*

When a wildfire strikes, people are often left wondering for several days or even weeks whether their house is still standing or not. Now, a pair of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo professors and students from both Cal Poly and Stanford have invented an artificial intelligence damage map to assess damage from a wildfire more quickly.

I&I SEP 27, 2021 *A multi-city suicide summit, a student start-up, and wildlife in urban areas*

On this week's episode of "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's Francisco Martinez introduces you to a farmworker who has spent much of her life giving back- to her kids, and to her community. In our new feature "Agenda Breakdown" Kim Bisheff explains the process used when a city's mayor steps down. Also, from student reporters at UC Santa Barbara, you'll learn about ways to coexist with the wildlife which is increasingly showing up in urban areas. In the "Nonprofit Story", Jill Bolster-White of Transitions Mental Health Association talks about helping others with mental health struggles. And finally, on "Working Lunch" you'll meet Walt Lafky, co-founder of the successful Cal Poly student start-up Harvestly.

Energy

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *California's first offshore wind project has Morro Bay fishermen worried*

by KATHRYN BARNES & KCRW

Fishermen in Morro Bay are about to get a much taller neighbor than the ancient volcanic mound that stands like a giant at the tip of the harbor. Wind turbines are coming. "These things are as big as skyscrapers," says Chris Pavone, who's among roughly 120 fishermen who trap, troll, and drop lines off Morro Bay and Avila Beach. He's worried about what could become the first offshore wind farm on the West Coast. Approved by the Biden administration, the project would bring roughly 200 floating turbines into the open ocean off the Central Coast.

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NEWS JUL 19, 2021 *Central Coast electric vehicle infrastructure expansions expected with new incentives for locals*

\$12 million in funding is coming to the Central Coast over the next two years to incentivize the building of electric vehicle chargers in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The money is coming from the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project, or CALeVIP's, South Central Coast Incentive Project. The goal is to provide rebates for the purchase and installation of chargers.

NEWS JUL 21, 2021 *Santa Barbara City Council votes to prohibit natural gas infrastructure in new buildings*

The Santa Barbara City Council voted unanimously July 20 to prohibit natural gas in all new construction in the city.

NEWS AUG 2, 2021 *Santa Barbara community choice energy program coming soon, residents will be opted in*
Santa Barbara residents can expect to find information in their mailboxes this week about their new energy options as the city prepares to transition to its new community choice program.

NEWS AUG 17, 2021 *Anaerobic Digesters on Central Coast turn organic waste into energy and compost*
Working toward California's legislative goal of diverting 75% of organic waste from landfills, anaerobic digesters are being put to use on the Central Coast. This technology reduces methane emissions and generates renewable energy.

NEWS AUG 26, 2021 *Pacific Gas & Electric discusses repurposing Diablo Canyon after plant is decommissioned in 2025*
The last nuclear power plant in California, Diablo Canyon, is set to be decommissioned by the year 2025. A virtual public meeting held Wednesday night, discussed what could happen to the land after the plant closes.

NEWS SEP 20, 2021 *Unplanned power outages affecting northern SLO County, PG&E says safety feature 'overreacting'*
A recent wave of power outages has been affecting people in northern San Luis Obispo County for several weeks, with some of the outages lasting up to 20 hours.

Environment

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *Meteorologist John Lindsey on how declining sea star population could affect Central Coast*
In a recent article for the SLO Tribune, meteorologist John Lindsey reported that a severe decline in the sea star population has led to a massive die-off of the kelp forests along the Northern California coastline. KCBX's Sophie Lincoln spoke with Lindsey about the phenomenon and how it might affect the Central Coast.

NEWS JUL 6, 2021 *Drought conditions bring more rattlesnakes into Central Coast backyards*
The return of drought conditions across California has forced many animals to seek refuge closer to where humans live. While bears have been spotted recently in urban areas, an even more dangerous predator — rattlesnakes — are moving in closer to people's homes.

NEWS JUL 7, 2021 *San Luis Obispo City Council unanimously approves first-ever plan for carbon neutral city operations*
In a July 6 meeting, the San Luis Obispo City Council approved the first-ever plan for carbon neutral city operations. San Luis Obispo already had a community wide net carbon neutrality goal for 2035. But this new approved plan, known as Lead by Example, outlines steps the city can take to reach carbon neutrality among its municipal operations by 2030. The plan includes ways to reduce greenhouse gas emission production and remove existing emissions from the atmosphere.

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NEWS JUL 30, 2021 *Endangered orca habitat protection area expanded as far south as Monterey County*

The federal government finalized a new rule Friday which expands critical habitat protection along the West Coast for endangered killer whales as far south as Monterey County. The National Marine Fisheries Service designated nearly 16-thousand square miles of new critical habitat for orcas that spans across the coast of Washington, Oregon and Northern California. The new habitat covers important foraging areas, river mouths and migratory pathways for marine life.

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San Luis Obispo Mayor Heidi Harmon said she's leaving her position as mayor in a month to pursue a new career opportunity. In a news conference Thursday, Harmon said she is stepping down to pursue a new career as a senior public affairs director with the Romero's Institute's 'Let's Green California initiative,' which pushes the awareness of climate change. "I recognize that this decision is unexpected and unusual," Harmon said. "But these are not usual times."

NEWS AUG 27, 2021 *SLO County Air Pollution Control District works to expand local air quality monitoring*

The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is asking for the public's help in expanding its air quality monitoring on the Central Coast. The APCD manages and operates regulatory monitors across the county to track air quality. The county also has a number of PurpleAir particulate matter sensors across the Central Coast that contribute to air quality tracking. The APCD is looking to expand its breadth of tracking by encouraging people to host a PurpleAir sensor at their home in areas that have fewer existing monitors and sensors.

OBP AUG 29, 2021 *Centering the Experiences of Afghan Women, Why the U.N. Climate Report is a Gift, and #MeToo as a Social Justice Issue*

Hear from an Afghan-American author about how to center the voices of the women most impacted by war and extremism. And, a look at climate and the choices humanity has left.

NEWS SEP 16, 2021 *Coastal Cleanup events organized to remove trash from local beaches and waterways*

California Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 18, and thousands of volunteers are expected to participate by heading to local beaches and creeks to pick up trash. Activities on the Central Coast will continue throughout the month.

NEWS SEP 22, 2021 *Repair work to begin on Avila Beach Pier with goal of reopening in 2022*

After more than five years of closure, a repair plan is in place for the Avila Beach Pier. The project cleared a major hurdle by getting a permit from the California Coastal Commission.

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If you're driving a diesel vehicle, there's a new option for cleaner fuel at a San Luis Obispo pump: renewable diesel.

Family & Children

NEWS JUL 8, 2021 *Social media platforms must get direct parental consent for minors under new California law*

For kids in California, it won't be as easy as clicking and agreeing to the terms and conditions to open an account on social media platforms. Soon, they will have to get direct parental permission, after Central Coast Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham's bill AB891 was signed into law recently by Governor Gavin Newsom.

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NEWS JUL 20, 2021 *California Mid-State Fair returns to Paso Robles*

After being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Mid-State Fair returns Wednesday — bringing back crowds, rides, and live musical performances. Usually, planning for a fair takes several months. But this year, with the uncertainty of when things would re-open, fair organizers only had a few weeks to pull it off.

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With COVID19 cases back on the rise, and kids returning to school in a few weeks, health officials are urging parents to get children 12 and older vaccinated. But not every pediatric office has the ability to give the vaccine.

AB JUL 28, 2021 *Sol Treasures creates “samurais of peace” at 2021 summer camp*

South Monterey County art center Sol Treasures is putting on a summer camp this year themed around Japanese culture. Staff say their goal is to mold kids into “samurais of peace” to create a positive impact in their King City community.

I&I AUG 2, 2021 *Farmworkers in Guadalupe, Fort Hunter Liggett's new commander, and Port San Luis*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, RACHEL SHOWALTER, LAUREN WALIKE & TOM WILMER & JIM DANTONA & MARCUS COCOVA

In the 4th part of our 12 episode series on farmworkers called Beyond the Furrows, KCBXs Francisco Martinez explores Guadalupe. Local business SLOCAL Roots is proposing a cannabis cultivation project in Paso Robles, although neighbors of the site have concerns. The King City art center Sol Treasures is putting on a summer camp this year with a theme of “samurais of peace” for the children. A passion for dance pays off as a King City dancer is accepted to Kirov Academy in Washington DC.

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After a year of virtual learning, kids will be stepping back on school campus this month with COVID-19 protocols in place — and the transition might be a tough one.

NEWS AUG 19, 2021 *California to provide meals for all K-12 students*
As California students head back to school, they won't need to pack a lunch. The new state budget for education allocates funds for universal meal plans for the next three years.

OBP AUG 22, 2021 *Documenting Extremist Youth Recruitment, the Power of Protest, and Examining Our Narratives about Afghanistan*
A journalist goes in depth on white extremism, and how vulnerable people are caught up in this dangerous web. Plus, hear from the Texas State Senator who filibustered to defend voting rights—for 15 hours!

NEWS AUG 23, 2021 *Need for more foster care parents is urgent in SLO County, says Department of Social Services*
Family breakdowns during the pandemic have increased the need for foster care to help vulnerable children, but according to San Luis Obispo County, there are simply not enough foster homes to keep up with the demand — and now, the county is calling for people to help. At any given time, there are around 350 youth in the foster care system in SLO County, according to the Department of Social Services. But with kids returning to school, Roxi Selck, manager of child welfare at DSS, said they are anticipating a sharp increase in children entering the foster care system.

NEWS AUG 26, 2021 *Central Coast museums offer Museums for All program*
Museums for All was launched in 2014 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Association of Children's Museums to remove barriers and increase access to museums for low-income families. Currently, more than 700 locations participate nationwide — including several on the Central Coast. The museums offer reduced admission fees of \$3 or less per person (up to four people) to visitors who present their SNAP/CalFresh EBT card. This means a family of four can visit for \$12 or less.

NEWS AUG 31, 2021 *Atascadero mom brings attention to International Overdose Awareness Day*
It's been a year since an Atascadero mom lost her son to a fentanyl overdose. Today, for International Overdose Awareness Day, she and others will be at an event in San Luis Obispo to raise awareness of drug-related deaths, and to help prevent it from happening to others. Atascadero mom Cindy Sarantos said her 18-year-old son, Dylan, had big dreams of opening his own clothing line one day. "He was artistic," Sarantos said. "He did his drawings for his clothing, he would make some of his clothing by hand."

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Hear from Representative Pramila Jayapal on Republican efforts to restrict abortion access, as well as the January 6th insurrection. She says it's about control over choice and further radicalizing political points.

RT SEP 21, 2021 *Launching our children into new steps of life*

From the day they are born, parents are preparing children to be ready to set out on their own. But with every successful launching comes the inevitable empty nest, the too-quiet house, the senses of loss and loss of purpose. However, there's also the joyous heartache of knowing the world is shifting in all the right ways and that it's time to step aside. Elizabeth Barrett shares a conversation about the pain, pride, sorrow, and joy that accompany each experience of letting go.

CCV SEP 23, 2021 *Challenges and opportunities for unaccompanied youth*

The southern border crisis continues, and August brought more than 200,000 migrant encounters at the US-Mexico border, a 21-year high. Proportionally, there has also been an increase in the number of unaccompanied minors attempting to cross the border. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from the Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center about the work they do to provide deportation defense to the Central Coast immigrant community. Hear from Executive Director Julissa Peña and Staff Attorney Maria Vega about their recently expanded services to prioritize legal representation for unaccompanied children, and the challenges and opportunities for unaccompanied youth.

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RT SEP 28, 2021 *Keeping pregnancy termination secret can be harmful to mental health*

Everyone has secrets, and many of us are harmed by the effects of keeping them, especially surrounding our most personal decisions, like the termination of a pregnancy. Often our best way out of the negative emotions surrounding holding on to these secrets is to share them. In this powerful hour, hear The Reluctant Therapist Elizabeth Barrett share her story and hear from others who have made this life altering choice.

Fire

NEWS JUL 16, 2021 *Are you prepared for a wildfire? What to do during an evacuation*

With temperatures rising around the Central Coast, fire experts say it's important to be prepared for wildfires and have a plan in place in case you need to evacuate.

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NEWS JUL 30, 2021 *As Salinas Riverbed cleanup efforts continue, police begin making arrests*

As workers continue to clear out homeless encampments along the Salinas riverbed in Paso Robles, law enforcement officers are beginning to arrest people who are returning to set up camp. On May 24, 2021, notice was provided around the Salinas Riverbed in Paso Robles that the Fire Chief had designated the area as high fire risk. With that declaration, homeless individuals living along the riverbed were told they needed to pack up and evacuate.

NEWS AUG 16, 2021 *Western wildfires expected to intensify over the next 10 years before declining, UCSB research says*

New research led by scientists at UC Santa Barbara and the University of Washington suggests Western wildfires are likely to intensify over the next 10 years before experiencing a gradual decline.

NEWS SEP 2, 2021 *San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara Counties send mutual aid to assist with Caldor Fire*

Local law enforcement personnel from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties are providing assistance in El Dorado County in response to the Caldor Fire. Local departments deployed law enforcement on September 1 to fulfill a request for mutual aid through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The personnel sent are part of more than 100 law enforcement members deployed from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

NEWS SEP 8, 2021 *Paso Robles wine experts say current harvest is promising despite drought*

Harvest season for wine grapes in Paso Robles is underway, and locals in the industry say it's going well despite the persisting impacts of drought. Wine experts say years of continuing drought and wildfire exacerbated by climate change has impacted grape yield and harvest. Last year, longer heat waves paired with smoke affected the fruit quality in Paso Robles. Molly Lonborg is the Winemaker at Alta Colina in Paso Robles. She said this year, things are off to a good start.

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NEWS SEP 21, 2021 *Cal Poly team creates artificial intelligence 'Damage Map' to assess wildfire structure damage*

When a wildfire strikes, people are often left wondering for several days or even weeks whether their house is still standing or not. Now, a pair of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo professors and students from both Cal Poly and Stanford have invented an artificial intelligence damage map to assess damage from a wildfire more quickly.

NEWS SEP 29, 2021 *Conception boat fire prompts bill to update 170-year-old maritime rule*

In response to the 2019 Conception boat fire off the Central Coast that killed 34 people, Congressman Salud Carbajal and Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced a new bill to ensure families of victims of such tragedies receive compensation.

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As part of the KCBX Arts Beat, we're taking a look at how three local music organizations survived the pandemic: Festival Mozaic, the SLO Symphony, and Infinite Music. In our 3rd episode of KCBX's 12 part series 'Beyond the Furrows' reporter Francisco Martinez explores how labor trafficking affects farmworkers and what's being done locally. The Land Conservancy of SLO County is starting to assess usage potential for the Santa Rita Ranch along Highway 46. You'll hear from Around Downtown's Bettina Swigger as she speaks with Erica Crawford of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce. Finally, we'll join Fr. Ian Dellinger as he explores sheep milk ice cream on Playing With Food.

NEWS JUL 27, 2021 *Restaurants go digital to survive the pandemic*

A wave of lockdown mandates in March of 2020 halted many aspects of life as we knew it. It was especially true for the restaurant industry, which dove deeper into digital technologies to stay competitive and in many cases, just to stay alive. Here's the story of two sisters -- one tech savvy and the other not so much -- who run their own eateries in Cambria, California.

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NEWS SEP 7, 2021 *Local free pantries get boost from businesses, community to stay stocked amid pandemic*

HelpSLO is a local mutual aid Facebook group that started back in March of 2020 in response to the pandemic. In addition to other activities, group members began building and filling pantries around the county where people can visit to pick up things like food or hygiene products for free. Leah Wood is the founder of HelpSLO. She said the mutual aid group is a way for people in San Luis Obispo County to come together. She said people use the group for all kinds of help.

I&I SEP 13, 2021 *Old vine wines, Lives Well Lived, and Slow Money SLO*

On this edition of Issues & Ideas we'll explore an important aspect of some farmworker's lives- Labor Contractors. Betsey Nash, KCBX's Grape Nut, takes you along on her search for her wine tasting roots, and in the process learns about old vine zinfandel. You'll hear from Sky Bergman, a local award-winning filmmaker whose documentary film "Lives Well Lived: Celebrating the Secrets, Wit, and Wisdom of Age" has just started airing on PBS. And finally, you'll learn about Slow Money SLO; a nonprofit that supports the sustainable growth of small food and farm businesses.

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Last summer, cities gave a lifeline to restaurants battling indoor dining restrictions by allowing temporary curbside parklets. But with the parklets taking up parking revenue, the cities of Pismo Beach and Paso Robles recently debated the fate of their outdoor dining programs.

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NEWS SEP 29, 2021 *Local grocery stores will soon have to donate excess food to feed people and combat climate change*

With the combined goal of feeding hungry people and combating climate change, grocery stores and large food distributors must start donating excess edible food instead of wasting it, per legislation that takes effect in January.

Health & Healthcare

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *Independence Day: Pismo Beach prepares for large crowds with return of fireworks show*

The Fourth of July fireworks show, returning to Pismo beach this year after it was canceled last year due to COVID restrictions, is expected to bring in thousands of people — and the city is preparing. The Fourth of July Fireworks Show in Pismo Beach is the largest city-produced event in the area, turning the town of nearly 8,000 into a crowd of up to 100,000. Police Chief Jeff Smith said it's all hands on deck. “Everyone knows on the Fourth of July, they will all be working,” Smith said. “So our entire department will be here and deployed throughout the city.”

OBP JUL 4, 2021 *Voting Rights under Attack, Talking to Loved Ones about the Covid-19 Vaccine, and Freeing Ourselves from Political Myths*

Hear from thinkers and leaders about the political and cultural landscape. And, learn about the place that women of color are claiming for themselves within the Black Lives Matter movement.

NEWS JUL 7, 2021 *SLO County mobile vaccine clinics aim to reach more people; Delta variant stoking concern*

San Luis Obispo County is stepping up mobile vaccination clinics throughout the area in an effort to encourage people to take the COVID-19 vaccine, especially as the Delta variant is spreading. The Delta variant, first detected in India, is now increasing in numbers throughout the world. Dr. Penny Borenstein, SLO County's public health officer said this variant has shown to spread more easily. "I'm most concerned about people who are unvaccinated getting this disease," Borenstein said. "The research is still ongoing, but it may take a greater toll on people's health."

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *Cal Poly students design toothbrush fertility tracker to assist in conception process*

A group of Cal Poly students are in the next stages of testing a product they designed to help women track their fertility and conceive. The fertility tracker is called OvuBrush. It's designed as a toothbrush that predicts ovulation. Janis Iourovitski is one of four co-founders of OvuBrush and just graduated from Cal Poly. The group met in a Cal Poly class called Engineering for Maternal Health and were tasked with pitching an idea for healthcare technology to address infertility.

I&I JUL 12, 2021 *Wind turbines for Morro Bay, farmworkers' rights, and Healthy People Healthy Trails*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, BETH THORNTON & SOPHIE LINCOLN & JIM DANTONA & KATHERINE BARNES/KCRW

On Issues & Ideas we're exploring the history of farmworkers' rights in California, and how that history affects people on the Central Coast. We're also taking a look at redistricting on the Central Coast, and some of the challenges being faced. And, we explore the possibility of wind turbines in Morro Bay, and the reaction of some in the fishing industry. We're checking in with Healthy People Healthy Trails is a community initiative in Santa Barbara County to promote health and well-being through the use and enjoyment of nature. Meteorologist John Lindsey reports that a serious decline in the sea star population has led to a massive die-off of the kelp forests along the Northern California coastline. And finally, the San Luis Obispo City manager Derek Johnson talks about job strategies and city projects.

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AB JUL 22, 2021 *Even a COVID-19 pandemic can't stop 'Infinite Music'*

The coronavirus pandemic was devastating to many arts organizations that had to cancel in-person events, workshops and classes. But Central Coast nonprofit Infinite Music found that pivoting to online instruction had a silver lining.

NEWS JUL 22, 2021 *SLO Symphony set to return to stage for the first time in a year*

The pandemic shut down live musical performances last year, and the San Luis Obispo Symphony was no exception.

NEWS JUL 26, 2021 *Central Coast hospitals see "mild" uptick in COVID-19 cases amid concerns about 'vaccine hesitancy'*

More than a month since the state's reopening, health officials say they are beginning to notice cases of COVID-19 rising, with an uptick in patients returning to hospitals seeking care from the virus. While the surge of COVID-19 cases throughout the nation is overwhelming some hospitals, on the Central Coast, patient numbers are still relatively low but increasing. Robert Cook, Chief Nursing Officer for Twin Cities Community Hospital, said the Delta variant of the virus is partially fueling the upswing.

NEWS JUL 27, 2021 *Santa Barbara County seeing "dramatic" shift in the pandemic, concerns over 'rapid spike'*
Santa Barbara County health officials are reporting a significant shift in pandemic numbers, seeing positive infection rates they haven't seen since the start of the pandemic in March 2020.

NEWS JUL 28, 2021 *Central Coast locals scramble to find new health care providers amid failed contract negotiations*
Insurance provider Anthem Blue Cross dropped Dignity Health hospitals and medical groups after the groups failed to reach an agreement in their contract negotiations, leaving thousands of people racing to find services. The contract between the insurance entity and medical care provider expired July 15, so members of certain Anthem health insurance plans are no longer covered at Dignity Health medical facilities.

NEWS JUL 29, 2021 *SLO County COVID-19 cases spike among the unvaccinated; officials urge vaccination*
San Luis Obispo County health officials held a briefing July 29 to urge community members to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as the county is seeing a spike in cases among unvaccinated individuals. SLO County Health Officer Dr. Penny Borenstein said since June 15, the county has seen a jump from 50 active cases to 274 active cases as of Monday. Four additional COVID-19 related deaths have been recorded since that date.

NEWS AUG 3, 2021 *State workers must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination; testing facilities preparing for weekly tests*
As COVID testing sites are seeing a spike in patients, a new requirement is now in effect for California state workers to show proof of vaccination — or they will soon be mandated to get tested for the virus weekly.

RT AUG 3, 2021 *Meeting agriculture at the crossroad of sustainability*
As the world population grows, water becomes scarcer and access to healthy foods is more challenging. How will we meet the demands on agriculture in this country? Hear from two farmers from very different backgrounds who are trying to keep the art of growing crops alive in creative and sustainable ways. Meet Farmer John from Half Moon Bay, CA, and Bloom Liepman from SLO (and many other corners of the planet).

NEWS AUG 5, 2021 *What we know about the Delta variant on the Central Coast*
In recent weeks, the Central Coast has seen an increase in COVID-19 positivity rates due to the highly transmissible Delta variant. Infectious Disease specialist Dr. Lynn Fitzgibbons, Cottage Health, monitors the variant in Santa Barbara County.

NEWS AUG 5, 2021 *Santa Barbara business owners react to new mask mandate in SB County*

In response to rising COVID cases, Santa Barbara County has announced that masks will be required indoors at all public spaces — regardless of vaccination status — starting Friday at 5 p.m. “I saw it coming, I think everybody saw it coming,” Katrina Carl with the Santa Barbara Museum of Art said. “I think given the recent COVID numbers, I think everybody was anticipating it.” Carl said they aren’t waiting for the official mandate to take effect Friday evening, and are already mandating guests to wear a mask to enter.

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NEWS AUG 6, 2021 *Solvang Danish Days 2021 canceled for second year in a row due to COVID-19 uncertainty*

This year’s Solvang Danish Days celebration is officially canceled, as the organizers felt uncertain about the state of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I&I AUG 9, 2021 *Monterey's Car Week, a covid update, ECHO homeless services and farmworkers' rights*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ & SOPHIE LINCOLN & DOUG MCKNIGHT/KAZU & JERAMIAH OETTING/KAZU & CONSUELO MEUX & JIM DANTONA

On Issues & Ideas, we take a look at the labor rights of farm workers in "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's 12 part series. Car Week in Monterey is this week, and 85 thousand visitors are expected, adding 67 million dollars to the local economy. Dr. Allen Radner, the chief medical officer at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, talks about the continued threat of the Delta Variant in Monterey County. You’ll hear from local earthquake experts about the probability of “The Big One”, and it's potential damage to the Central Coast. On this week’s Nonprofit Story, you’ll hear from Amy Lewis of ECHO, about their 20 years of helping unhoused individuals. And finally, you’ll hear from SLO County's 1st District Supervisor John Peschong on redistricting.

NEWS AUG 10, 2021 *SLO County looks to expand COVID-19 testing sites as demand exceeds capacity at current sites*

Coronavirus cases are increasing across the nation, and testing sites — including here in San Luis Obispo County — are trying to keep up with the increase in demand.

NEWS AUG 12, 2021 *California's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers & educators spurs protest in SLO*

A nurse in scrubs waves a sign at traffic that reads “I am informed, and I do not consent.” She's joined by about fifty other healthcare workers, teachers and families who are against Governor Newsom’s mandate that all healthcare workers and educators must get vaccinated, or take weekly tests for COVID-19. It's part of a peaceful protest against the mandate held Wednesday evening in front of the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Health Building.

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I&I AUG 16, 2021 *Literacy for Life, the recall election, and the Edna Valley wine region*

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NEWS AUG 16, 2021 *Small movie theater struggles to survive as pandemic surges*

In June of this year, when COVID-19 cases plummeted, movie theaters saw people returning to fill auditoriums. But with the recent surge of the virus, Park Cinemas theatre in Paso Robles said they are once again in the position of trying to keep their doors open. While movie theaters have so far survived the growing popularity of streaming movies online, cinemas have never faced a threat as great as COVID-19.

RT AUG 17, 2021 *Vaccine collectivism in the age of autonomy*

In a country and culture that esteems the individual’s civil liberties and personal freedoms, at what point are people responsible for the health and well-being of the collective? What happened to the moral imperative in taking actions that are in the best interest of the greater good and not personal self-service? Elizabeth Barrett speaks with Religious Studies professor Stephen Lloyd-Moffett about the need for more people taking actions that improve all lives instead of focusing on their own.

NEWS AUG 18, 2021 *Vaccine booster shots are now available for immunocompromised people*

Health officials are recommending all Americans get COVID-19 booster shots to shore up their protection amid the surging Delta variant, but for now, only those who are immunocompromised can get one — including here on the Central Coast. People with compromised immune systems who already got two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine can now get a third shot to boost their protection from COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is not currently recommending a booster shot for those who received the single shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

NEWS AUG 18, 2021 *"We're dealing with a different pandemic at this moment in time," officials say of Delta variant*

County Public Health Officer Doctor Penny Borenstein urged residents in San Luis Obispo County to wear masks indoors at a COVID-19 briefing Aug. 18.

CCV AUG 19, 2021 *Ending period stigma and poverty*

Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from the San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women. They discuss the mission to improve the lives of women and girls in SLO County by advocating for equal rights and collaborating with agencies and programs that support the health, socioeconomic, and professional well-being of women and girls in the community. They also discuss the current campaign focused on the issue of period poverty, period equity, and ending the stigma surrounding menstruation due to lack of access to supplies or financial resources.

NEWS AUG 20, 2021 *SLO County's first drug & alcohol detox center now complete, set to serve clients this fall*

Despite the pandemic delaying construction and creating financial hurdles, San Luis Obispo County's first medically-assisted withdrawal treatment center, also known as a detox facility, is now complete. A withdrawal treatment facility for SLO County has been a goal for nearly thirty years, said Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) CEO Biz Steinberg. "That's how long we've dreamed of it," Steinberg said. "It's a miracle that this last year has been focused on it."

NEWS AUG 31, 2021 *Atascadero mom brings attention to International Overdose Awareness Day*

It's been a year since an Atascadero mom lost her son to a fentanyl overdose. Today, for International Overdose Awareness Day, she and others will be at an event in San Luis Obispo to raise awareness of drug-related deaths, and to help prevent it from happening to others. Atascadero mom Cindy Sarantos said her 18-year-old son, Dylan, had big dreams of opening his own clothing line one day. "He was artistic," Sarantos said. "He did his drawings for his clothing, he would make some of his clothing by hand."

NEWS SEP 1, 2021 *SLO County indoor mask mandate in effect; officials say pandemic is worse now than ever before*

In a public briefing yesterday, San Luis Obispo County Public Health Officer Dr. Penny Borenstein put into effect a mandatory mask mandate for all public indoor operations.

NEWS SEP 1, 2021 *Local businesses express support for SLO County mask mandate*

An indefinite mask mandate went into effect last night for San Luis Obispo County and local businesses are now enforcing it. The mask mandate applies to all indoor public spaces including restaurants, retail stores and fitness centers. Several businesses are openly expressing support for the new mandate, echoing the need to keep the community safe.

NEWS SEP 3, 2021 *Labor Day weekend sparks concern of increasing COVID-19 cases; hospital preparing for influx*

Labor Day weekend is here, and beaches along the Central Coast are filling up with visitors. But with rising concerns over the Delta variant, health officials said they are preparing for what the holiday could bring as COVID-19 cases continue to surge. Infectious disease specialist Trees Ritter said the projections for COVID-19 don't look promising, with the busy holiday weekend expecting to draw large crowds together. "After every single holiday this year — after New Year, after spring break, after Fourth of July, we saw a surge about 10-14 days later," Ritter said.

NEWS SEP 3, 2021 *UCSB gives health and economic update for Santa Barbara County amid surging Delta variant*

In a webinar Sept. 2, the UCSB Economic Forecast Project gave an update on current health and economic conditions for Santa Barbara County.

OBP SEP 5, 2021 *When Public Health Saves Lives, Returning to In-Person Education with a Disability, and Texas Abortion Ban's Impact on Women of Color*

Can a vaccine verification system help save lives? Hear from a public health professional on COVID-19 vaccine refusal and what it means.

NEWS SEP 7, 2021 *Local free pantries get boost from businesses, community to stay stocked amid pandemic*

HelpSLO is a local mutual aid Facebook group that started back in March of 2020 in response to the pandemic. In addition to other activities, group members began building and filling pantries around the county where people can visit to pick up things like food or hygiene products for free. Leah Wood is the founder of HelpSLO. She said the mutual aid group is a way for people in San Luis Obispo County to come together. She said people use the group for all kinds of help.

CCV SEP 9, 2021 *The dangers of drinking while pregnant*

Alcohol is the leading preventable cause of birth defects and developmental disorders in the US. Annually on September 9th, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day serves as a reminder that there is no "safe" level of alcohol consumption while pregnant. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests about the range of conditions that can result from alcohol use during pregnancy. Hear from Judge Charles Crandall, Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County, and Dr. Nisha Abdul Cader, medical director for the Suspected Abuse Response Team and pediatric consultant for Martha's Place Children's Assessment Center.

NEWS SEP 13, 2021 *Majority of Cal Poly, SLO students vaccinated as students return to campus*

The Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo campus is coming back to life, with students moving in this week and school starting next week. But with most people walking around in masks, campus life isn't the typical college experience as COVID-19 continues to cause concern. "It's weird that we are living in a pandemic, but it is what it is," second-year student Cole Turner said. "We can't really do anything about it." Although there are still COVID rules in place, he's excited to actually meet people in person this year — since his first year of college was all virtual.

NEWS SEP 13, 2021 *Cal Poly, SLO continues to address student mental health needs as the pandemic persists*

The need for mental health services has increased in recent years, especially during the pandemic. Colleges and universities across the nation have had to figure out alternative ways to address their students' needs.

NEWS SEP 15, 2021 *High COVID-19 case rates in SLO County prompt new incentives, action on pandemic*

With daily COVID-19 positive case rates remaining high in San Luis Obispo County, the Public Health Department and a local school district are making some changes.

OBP SEP 19, 2021 *The January Insurrection According to Rep. Pramila Jayapal, What Families Need to Know about Covid in Kids, and Our Roundtable Debates AOC's Met Gala Moment*

Hear from Representative Pramila Jayapal on Republican efforts to restrict abortion access, as well as the January 6th insurrection. She says it's about control over choice and further radicalizing political points.

NEWS SEP 20, 2021 *SLO County Public Health releases new guidelines as Cal Poly students return to in-person learning*

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department released new safety guidelines ahead of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo students returning to in-person learning this week. The guidance clarifies state and county requirements and provides recommended best practices for youth sports, performing arts and large gatherings. County Public Health Information Officer Michelle Shoresman said there have been so many different guidelines released by different state and federal agencies recently that the county wanted to help clarify requirements.

NEWS SEP 23, 2021 *Cambria Christmas Market to return this year; petition urges lodge to hold off during pandemic*

The Cambria Christmas Market is set to return this November — but not everyone is excited. An online petition is gathering signatures hoping to stop the annual event this year, citing pandemic concerns.

NEWS SEP 30, 2021 *COVID-19 vaccine booster now available; health officials encourage flu shots at the same time*

The COVID-19 booster shot is starting to roll out, and health officials are also encouraging people to get their flu shot at the same time.

History

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *Farmworkers on the Central Coast: From the 1930s to now*
To tell the story of farmworkers in this country, let alone the Central Coast, Cesar Chavez needs to be mentioned. In a 1984 speech to the Commonwealth Club of California, Chavez outlined the mission of his work. "All my life, I have been driven by one dream, one goal, one vision: to overthrow a farm labor system in this nation that treats farm workers as if they were not important human beings," Chavez said. His work has been recognized in California with a state holiday in his honor.

I&I JUL 12, 2021 *Wind turbines for Morro Bay, farmworkers' rights, and Healthy People Healthy Trails*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, BETH THORNTON & SOPHIE LINCOLN & JIM DANTONA & KATHERINE BARNES/KCRW

On Issues & Ideas we're exploring the history of farmworkers' rights in California, and how that history affects people on the Central Coast. We're also taking a look at redistricting on the Central Coast, and some of the challenges being faced. And, we explore the possibility of wind turbines in Morro Bay, and the reaction of some in the fishing industry. We're checking in with Healthy People Healthy Trails is a community initiative in Santa Barbara County to promote health and well-being through the use and enjoyment of nature. Meteorologist John Lindsey reports that a serious decline in the sea star population has led to a massive die-off of the kelp forests along the Northern California coastline. And finally, the San Luis Obispo City manager Derek Johnson talks about job strategies and city projects.

CCV JUL 29, 2021 *The Dunes Center- Promoting conservation and restoration*
Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from The Dunes Center, a nonprofit organization located in historic downtown Guadalupe, CA, that promotes the conservation and restoration of the local ecosystem through education, research, and the support of cooperative stewardship. They will discuss all that the beautiful natural history museum has to offer and their upcoming reopening celebration. The Center celebrates and expands appreciation for the region's unique history and natural treasures, like the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes, which are a National Natural Landmark and a perfect place to visit and enjoy nature.

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Hear from author Roxane Gay about the struggles of marginalized writers like those of color, women, and queer writers. She thinks people don't recognize the true craft in their work. And, the weekly political roundtable explores the latest news and how women of color are making an impact.

OBP AUG 15, 2021 *A Deep Dive into Voting Rights, the Impact of Cuomo's Resignation, and Politics in Haiti in Context*

Take a look at the history of voting rights to fully understand why democracy is under threat today. Hear from representative Bee Nguyen of the Georgia General Assembly about why protecting voting rights is central to her campaign for Georgia Secretary of State. Then, a look from an important historical perspective to help understand the political upheaval in Haiti. And, it's New York politics on Sippin' the Political Tea.

NEWS AUG 20, 2021 *'We Are Not Strangers Here:' Exhibit highlights history of Black Americans in rural California*

The Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro State Park is hosting a traveling exhibit that explores the histories of Black Americans across rural California. The exhibit is called 'We Are Not Strangers Here: African American Histories in Rural California.' Amy Hart is the state historian for the San Luis Obispo Coast District of California State Parks. She said the exhibit is made up of a number of panels meant to highlight unknown and untold stories of Black farmers, ranchers and rural residents across the state.

OBP SEP 12, 2021 *A Latina Veteran on the U.S.'s Role in the World Today, Following the Corporate Money Pledged to Racial Equality, and Roundtable Guests Reflect on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11*

US companies pledged \$50 billion to address racial inequality, but where's that money now? Hear from one source who says more than 90% of those commitments were actually in the form of loans and investments, or basically things from which companies could profit.

NEWS SEP 23, 2021 *Portland's first female police chief and long-time Morro Bay resident, Penny Harrington, dies at 79*

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Homeless Issues

NEWS JUL 15, 2021 *New program aims to house homeless in SLO County along with financial bonus to attract landlords*

A new housing program in SLO County aims to take more than 150 people off the streets. The Housing Authority of SLO (HaSLO) is calling the program "Welcome Home." The organization said finding homeless people needing housing is the easy part, but finding landlords willing to take these people in is proving challenging.

NEWS JUL 30, 2021 *As Salinas Riverbed cleanup efforts continue, police begin making arrests*

As workers continue to clear out homeless encampments along the Salinas riverbed in Paso Robles, law enforcement officers are beginning to arrest people who are returning to set up camp. On May 24, 2021, notice was provided around the Salinas Riverbed in Paso Robles that the Fire Chief had designated the area as high fire risk. With that declaration, homeless individuals living along the riverbed were told they needed to pack up and evacuate.

I&I AUG 9, 2021 *Monterey's Car Week, a covid update, ECHO homeless services and farmworkers' rights*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ & SOPHIE LINCOLN & DOUG MCKNIGHT/KAZU & JERAMIAH OETTING/KAZU & CONSUELO MEUX & JIM DANTONA

On Issues & Ideas, we take a look at the labor rights of farm workers in "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's 12 part series. Car Week in Monterey is this week, and 85 thousand visitors are expected, adding 67 million dollars to the local economy. Dr. Allen Radner, the chief medical officer at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, talks about the continued threat of the Delta Variant in Monterey County. You'll hear from local earthquake experts about the probability of "The Big One", and it's potential damage to the Central Coast. On this week's Nonprofit Story, you'll hear from Amy Lewis of ECHO, about their 20 years of helping unhoused individuals. And finally, you'll hear from SLO County's 1st District Supervisor John Peschong on redistricting.

NEWS AUG 17, 2021 *SLO County opens 'safe parking' site for unhoused residents*

Responding to an increase of residents living in their vehicles in Los Osos, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors opened its first "safe parking" site on county-owned land — but the pilot program is drawing backlash. At the corner of Kansas and Oklahoma avenues off Highway 1, cars are pulling up to a gated dirt parking lot, checking in with a security guard to let them in so they can sleep in their cars for the night. Cole Parker is one of the first to arrive Monday evening. "I didn't know what to expect," Parker said. "I figured I'd try it out."

NEWS SEP 22, 2021 *Lawsuit filed against City of SLO alleges criminalization of homelessness*

A group of non-profit legal firms are filing a lawsuit against the City of San Luis Obispo seeking to end alleged criminalization of homelessness by the city.

NEWS SEP 24, 2021 *'Pallet' shelters could be coming to Grover Beach to address homelessness crisis*

Personal, tiny-home-style shelter units built for individuals experiencing homelessness may be coming to Grover Beach — if the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors approves the one-year pilot program next week.

Land Use & Development

NEWS JUL 14, 2021 *New Avila Beach campground opening soon, locals expect boost in business*

A new campground is nearing completion on Babe Lane in Avila Beach and local businesses are expecting to see a boost in customers when it opens. The Flying Flags campground has been in the making for years and is now just about six weeks away from its soft opening. Port San Luis Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker said this means some sites will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but the phased construction of more sites will continue over the next few months.

NEWS JUL 21, 2021 *Santa Barbara City Council votes to prohibit natural gas infrastructure in new buildings*

The Santa Barbara City Council voted unanimously July 20 to prohibit natural gas in all new construction in the city.

NEWS JUL 22, 2021 *Land Conservancy explores opportunities for Santa Rita Ranch, could expand educational programs*

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is in the beginning stages of assessing usage potential for the Santa Rita Ranch along Highway 46.

I&I JUL 26, 2021 *Arts groups back on stage, land conservation, and changes in Morro Bay*

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NEWS SEP 9, 2021 *Morro Bay discusses future of smokestacks; residents voice ideas for keeping them as attraction*

The company that owns the iconic smokestacks that tower over Morro Bay wants to demolish them. But with the community split over that idea, Vistra Corporation and the City of Morro Bay held a town meeting Wednesday night to get input from residents on what should happen to the stacks.

NEWS SEP 9, 2021 *SLO City Council approves tentative housing project amid parking, environmental concerns*

23 new lots could be made into residential units in San Luis Obispo after the City Council approved a tentative map of a proposed development project.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer Issues

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I&I SEP 20, 2021 *Off the Grid cooking, inclusive weddings, and the wildfire litigation industry*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ & FR. IAN DELINGER & JIM DANTONA & CAROL TANGEMAN & LILY JAMALI/KQED

In our series “Beyond the Furrows”, KCBX’s Francisco Martinez introduces us to a local farmworker who came to the U.S. from Oaxaca Mexico; her dream is to return to her home country someday. In “Playing With Food”, Father Ian explores the homestead of former SLO city council member Aaron Gomez to learn about Off the Grid cooking. In “Working Lunch”, you’ll meet local photographer and activist Ranoda Campbell, who specializes in LGBTQ and BIPOC weddings. Finally, the emerging wildfire litigation industry in California has become big business for attorneys in recent years.

Libraries

I&I AUG 16, 2021 *Literacy for Life, the recall election, and the Edna Valley wine region*

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Mental Health

RT JUL 6, 2021 *Finding new life outlooks through positive actions*

As our communities reopen, we continue to find our way back to our lives in all of the ways that they've changed, we've changed, and the world has changed. Elizabeth Barrett speaks with clinician Nicole Boughton about small steps and positive actions you can take to help you and your family make re-entry into the social world less challenging. Listener calls and comments will be welcomed and encouraged.

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *“A collective trauma:” How reopenings are impacting mental health*

Recent reopenings across California have left some people feeling relieved. But, others are experiencing a very different response. Transitions-Mental Health Association (TMHA) is a local nonprofit that provides services to promote recovery and wellness for people with mental illness. Michael Kaplan is the community engagement director at TMHA. He said people can be affected differently by the reopenings.

NEWS JUL 15, 2021 *Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Office continues effort to reduce number of inmates with mental illness*

The U.S. Department of Justice recognizes mental illness as a major issue among inmates. In 2015, the Stepping Up Initiative was formed to help reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail, instead connecting them with resources and treatment. Santa Barbara County joined the Stepping Up Initiative in 2016 and local leaders meet every two months to report on relevant projects and collaborate about how to move forward. Kevin Huddle is a Commander with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Department Coordinator for the Stepping Up Initiative.

NEWS JUL 23, 2021 *San Luis Obispo adds mental health crisis teams to address mental & substance abuse calls*

As cities across the country grapple with the issue of police responding to mental health and substance abuse crisis related calls, the city of San Luis Obispo is expanding on one program — and creating another — to help shift intervention away from law enforcement, and into the hands of health-related experts.

OBP JUL 25, 2021 *The Complex Task of Public Safety Reform, Live Entertainment Slowly Regains Steam, and An Astrophysicist Takes on Bias in STEM*

How the mayor of St. Louis is tackling public safety, and what Defund the Police means to her. She says it's not about having more police, but it's about deploying existing resources and matching the right professional to the right call.

RT JUL 27, 2021 *From the vault, making inroads to spirituality's center*

Spiritualism is a religious practice that utilizes the work of mediums to bring forth messages from relatives who have passed over to help guide and inform the individual's spiritual journey. Elizabeth Barrett shares a conversation from Lilydale, New York, the birthplace of spiritualism and a part of the women's suffrage movement.

RT AUG 10, 2021 *Finding reasons to persevere in the face of challenges*

In spite of the challenges the world is facing in light of current events, what is it that still gets you out of bed in the morning? Elizabeth Barrett welcomes listener calls as she uncovers the nuggets that make life worth living, even in the face of dark realities.

NEWS AUG 11, 2021 *San Luis Obispo seeks to add mental health clinician to expand city's Community Action Team*

The City of San Luis Obispo is looking to add another mental health clinician and specially-trained police officer to its Community Action Team (CAT).

NEWS AUG 18, 2021 *Santa Barbara senior care service launches program to combat elderly isolation, loneliness*

According to a survey done by Home Instead, a senior in-home care service in Santa Barbara, seniors who eat most of their meals alone are more than twice as likely to feel lonely compared to those who enjoy meals with others. Home Instead Senior Care assists seniors who are living independently at home by helping them with daily living activities like meal preparation, housekeeping and making it to appointments. The organization also helps manage end-of-life care.

NEWS AUG 19, 2021 *Sudden collapse of Afghanistan brings local veteran mental health to light*

The chaos and government collapse in Afghanistan is bringing a flood of emotions for some U.S. veterans who served in the country. As many of us are watching images and videos from the chaos unfolding in Afghanistan, veterans who have served in that country are experiencing it differently.

NEWS SEP 13, 2021 *Cal Poly, SLO continues to address student mental health needs as the pandemic persists*

The need for mental health services has increased in recent years, especially during the pandemic. Colleges and universities across the nation have had to figure out alternative ways to address their students' needs.

NEWS SEP 14, 2021 *Local winery raises awareness of suicide prevention, dedicates bottle to loved one*

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and one local winery is remembering a family member lost to suicide.

RT SEP 21, 2021 *Launching our children into new steps of life*

From the day they are born, parents are preparing children to be ready to set out on their own. But with every successful launching comes the inevitable empty nest, the too-quiet house, the senses of loss and loss of purpose. However, there's also the joyous heartache of knowing the world is shifting in all the right ways and that it's time to step aside. Elizabeth Barrett shares a conversation about the pain, pride, sorrow, and joy that accompany each experience of letting go.

I&I SEP 27, 2021 *A multi-city suicide summit, a student start-up, and wildlife in urban areas*

On this week's episode of "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's Francisco Martinez introduces you to a farmworker who has spent much of her life giving back- to her kids, and to her community. In our new feature "Agenda Breakdown" Kim Bisheff explains the process used when a city's mayor steps down. Also, from student reporters at UC Santa Barbara, you'll learn about ways to coexist with the wildlife which is increasingly showing up in urban areas. In the "Nonprofit Story", Jill Bolster-White of Transitions Mental Health Association talks about helping others with mental health struggles. And finally, on "Working Lunch" you'll meet Walt Lafky, co-founder of the successful Cal Poly student start-up Harvestly.

RT SEP 28, 2021 *Keeping pregnancy termination secret can be harmful to mental health*

Everyone has secrets, and many of us are harmed by the effects of keeping them, especially surrounding our most personal decisions, like the termination of a pregnancy. Often our best way out of the negative emotions surrounding holding on to these secrets is to share them. In this powerful hour, hear The Reluctant Therapist Elizabeth Barrett share her story and hear from others who have made this life altering choice.

Music

IC JUL 7, 2021 *Chaconne (Part 2)*

Host Craig Russell continues exploring the legacy of the chord progression known as the chaconne, paying particular attention to modern composers, such as Britten, Harbison, Gould, and Berg. The show culminates in the spectacular performance of John Corigliano's The Red Violin Concerto as performed at Festival Mozaic in 2011 with soloist Caroline Campbell.

IC JUL 14, 2021 *Mendelssohn Octet*

Host Craig Russell delves into the wonderful and inexplicably gorgeous works that Felix Mendelssohn wrote between the ages 14 and 16. The program culminates in a Festival Mozaic performance of Mendelssohn's *String Octet in E-flat major, Opus 20*, that he dashed off with apparent ease in 1825, just before his 17th birthday.

NEWS JUL 20, 2021 *"Tradition of excellence:" Festival Mozaic returns with a focus on women composers*

Festival Mozaic, the popular Central Coast music festival, is back. After having their 2020 season cancelled because of the pandemic, the festival is putting on a smaller set of concerts this year, with a focus on chamber music and women composers.

RT JUL 20, 2021 *A return to live music in community*

In honor of getting back together to celebrate live music in community again, hear a conversation from The Reluctant Therapist's vault. In a 2019 conversation backstage at Live Oak, host Elizabeth Barrett spoke to the Shook Twins and John Craigie, and they had some backstage banter together.

IC JUL 21, 2021 *Schumann Piano Concerto & Papillons*

Host Craig Russell explores two major works by Robert Schumann: his *Piano Concerto in A-minor*, and his earlier piano experiment, *Papillons*. Performers include the San Luis Obispo Symphony with soloist Salomé Jordania and then the piano virtuosity of Terry Spiller. Then, Craig ties things up with a piano masterpiece by Franz Liszt and an improvisation, both performed by Alexander Kato-Willis.

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IC JUL 28, 2021 *SLO Symphony*

Host Emma Levine previews some of the music that the SLO Symphony will be performing this year. She'll work backwards from the final concert of the season to the first of their upcoming season.

IC AUG 4, 2021 *Local Performances in August 2021*

Host Craig Russell explores the many live concerts that will soon be offered by Opera San Luis Obispo, the San Luis Obispo Symphony, the choir Resonance, and fundraising concerts by Jack Cimo and Brynn Albanese to help kick off the concert season of the Santa Maria Philharmonic Society and Orchestra Novo.

IC AUG 11, 2021 *The music of Krzysztof Meyerto*

Host Emma Levine celebrates the birthday of Polish composer, pianist, and music scholar Krzysztof Meyerto, who turned 79 years old on August 11th, by exploring some of his music.

IC AUG 18, 2021 *Neglected Songs*

Host Craig Russell explores a panorama of "forgotten" songs (especially those that are accompanied by strings), some from Latin America, some from the early Baroque, some from the English Renaissance, and some from the present day. Craig invites you to join him on his journey into these enchanting tunes that are so often overlooked.

IC AUG 25, 2021 *Romantic Chamber Music*

Host Emma Levine shares some of her favorite pieces of romantic chamber music. One piece you'll hear is pianist Menahem Pressler and the Emerson String Quartet performing Robert Schumann's *Piano Quintet in E flat major, Op. 44*, which was composed in 1842 and originally performed by Felix Mendelssohn.

IC SEP 1, 2021 *William Walton and Benjamin Britten: English Voices from the Mid-Twentieth Century*

Host Craig Russell explores several masterworks from England in the mid-twentieth century, including William Walton's film score for the Shakespeare play *Henry V* and Benjamin Britten's *Nocturnal*. Craig will devote special attention to the Elizabethan models from the sixteenth century that Walton and Britten used as source material for these "modern works."

IC SEP 8, 2021 *Festival Mozaic - Fall*
Host Emma Levine shares works that will be performed during Festival Mozaic's fall series, like *Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, Op. 19*. This piece is the focus of the "Notable Encounter" series hosted by Scott Yoo that explores the last work of chamber music Rachmaninoff ever wrote.

IC SEP 15, 2021 *French, from Baroque to Modern*
Host Craig Russell focuses on the delectable, magical, musical offerings from France, beginning with Baroque masters François Couperin and Elisabeth Jacquet de La Guerre. Then, Craig explores the French flavors of the twentieth century.

IC SEP 22, 2021 *Autumn*
Host Emma Levine shares music that celebrates the season as today marks the first day of fall. One piece you'll hear is "Autumn" from Antonio Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, a collection of violin concertos published in 1725.

IC SEP 29, 2021 *National Hispanic Heritage Month: Modern Mexico*
Host Craig Russell celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month by featuring modern Mexican composers from the twentieth century. Hear music by Mexican maestro Manuel Ponce and his guitar concerto. Then, it's the music of Chávez and Revueltas with their use of indigenous folk rhythms and instruments. Before closing, Craig also delves into enchanting works by Bernal Jiménez, Rolón, and Touissant.

Natural Resources

NEWS JUL 21, 2021 *Santa Barbara City Council votes to prohibit natural gas infrastructure in new buildings*
The Santa Barbara City Council voted unanimously July 20 to prohibit natural gas in all new construction in the city.

NEWS AUG 26, 2021 *Reports outline repurposing potential for Phillips 66 Santa Maria Oil Refinery*
The Central Coast Economic Recovery Initiative (ERI) partnered with a group of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo students to produce two reports on six potential repurposing uses of the Phillips 66 Oil Refinery in Santa Maria. The repurposing reports were produced through student-led projects at Cal Poly for the Phillips 66 facility that is expected to shut down in the next few years.

NEWS SEP 28, 2021 *First 'renewable diesel' pump on Central Coast arrives in San Luis Obispo*
If you're driving a diesel vehicle, there's a new option for cleaner fuel at a San Luis Obispo pump: renewable diesel.

Performing Arts

IC JUL 7, 2021 *Chaconne (Part 2)*

Host Craig Russell continues exploring the legacy of the chord progression known as the chaconne, paying particular attention to modern composers, such as Britten, Harbison, Gould, and Berg. The show culminates in the spectacular performance of John Corigliano's The Red Violin Concerto as performed at Festival Mozaic in 2011 with soloist Caroline Campbell.

RT JUL 13, 2021 *Coming "Together" once again for live performances*

It's been a long time without live theatre, and there's nothing else like it. To celebrate the return of live theatre to our lives, host Elizabeth Barrett welcomes PCPA casting director Erik Stein. The two chat about the PCPA's new live show Together, which Stein wrote, that celebrates the return of live arts and entertainment, as well as about Stein's career.

IC JUL 14, 2021 *Mendelssohn Octet*

Host Craig Russell delves into the wonderful and inexplicably gorgeous works that Felix Mendelssohn wrote between the ages 14 and 16. The program culminates in a Festival Mozaic performance of Mendelssohn's *String Octet in E-flat major, Opus 20*, that he dashed off with apparent ease in 1825, just before his 17th birthday.

NEWS JUL 20, 2021 *"Tradition of excellence:" Festival Mozaic returns with a focus on women composers*

Festival Mozaic, the popular Central Coast music festival, is back. After having their 2020 season cancelled because of the pandemic, the festival is putting on a smaller set of concerts this year, with a focus on chamber music and women composers.

RT JUL 20, 2021 *A return to live music in community*

In honor of getting back together to celebrate live music in community again, hear a conversation from The Reluctant Therapist's vault. In a 2019 conversation backstage at Live Oak, host Elizabeth Barrett spoke to the Shook Twins and John Craigie, and they had some backstage banter together.

IC JUL 21, 2021 *Schumann Piano Concerto & Papillons*

Host Craig Russell explores two major works by Robert Schumann: his *Piano Concerto in A-minor*, and his earlier piano experiment, *Papillons*. Performers include the San Luis Obispo Symphony with soloist Salomé Jordania and then the piano virtuosity of Terry Spiller. Then, Craig ties things up with a piano masterpiece by Franz Liszt and an improvisation, both performed by Alexander Kato-Willis.

CCV JUL 22, 2021 *Belonging is back*

Back by popular demand, R.A.C.E. Matters SLO is hosting its multimedia, multi-location experience entitled BELONGING. This two-month long event features Black voices who are members of the San Luis Obispo County community. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from R.A.C.E. Matters SLO as they discuss their work to amplify the voices of Black and other people of color in an effort to build an actively anti-racist Central Coast.

AB JUL 22, 2021 *Even a COVID-19 pandemic can't stop 'Infinite Music'*
The coronavirus pandemic was devastating to many arts organizations that had to cancel in-person events, workshops and classes. But Central Coast nonprofit Infinite Music found that pivoting to online instruction had a silver lining.

NEWS JUL 22, 2021 *SLO Symphony set to return to stage for the first time in a year*
The pandemic shut down live musical performances last year, and the San Luis Obispo Symphony was no exception.

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How the mayor of St. Louis is tackling public safety, and what Defund the Police means to her. She says it's not about having more police, but it's about deploying existing resources and matching the right professional to the right call.

I&I JUL 26, 2021 *Arts groups back on stage, land conservation, and changes in Morro Bay*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, ANGEL RUSSELL, RACHEL SHOWALTER & FR. IAN DELINGER & BETTINA SWIGGER

As part of the KCBX Arts Beat, we're taking a look at how three local music organizations survived the pandemic: Festival Mozaic, the SLO Symphony, and Infinite Music. In our 3rd episode of KCBX's 12 part series 'Beyond the Furrows' reporter Francisco Martinez explores how labor trafficking affects farmworkers and what's being done locally. The Land Conservancy of SLO County is starting to assess usage potential for the Santa Rita Ranch along Highway 46. You'll hear from Around Downtown's Bettina Swigger as she speaks with Erica Crawford of the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce. Finally, we'll join Fr. Ian Dellinger as he explores sheep milk ice cream on Playing With Food.

AB JUL 26, 2021 *Learning life lessons through the performing arts at ARIEL Theatrical*

When you look at a performing arts program, there are some things you can expect to learn such as singing, dancing or acting – but at ARIEL Theatrical, kids learn so much more.

IC JUL 28, 2021 *SLO Symphony*

Host Emma Levine previews some of the music that the SLO Symphony will be performing this year. She'll work backwards from the final concert of the season to the first of their upcoming season.

AB JUL 29, 2021 *Passion for dance pays off as King City dancer is accepted to Kirov Academy*

When you think of ballet, you probably think of a major company like the Bolshoi Ballet or the New York City Ballet Company — but one dancer from King City in Monterey County is proving you can start in a small town if you have the dedication.

I&I AUG 2, 2021 *Farmworkers in Guadalupe, Fort Hunter Liggett's new commander, and Port San Luis*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, RACHEL SHOWALTER, LAUREN WALIKE & TOM WILMER & JIM DANTONA & MARCUS COCOVA

In the 4th part of our 12 episode series on farmworkers called Beyond the Furrows, KCBX's Francisco Martinez explores Guadalupe. Local business SLOCAL Roots is proposing a cannabis cultivation project in Paso Robles, although neighbors of the site have concerns. The King City art center Sol Treasures is putting on a summer camp this year with a theme of "samurais of peace" for the children. A passion for dance pays off as a King City dancer is accepted to Kirov Academy in Washington DC.

IC AUG 4, 2021 *Local Performances in August 2021*

Host Craig Russell explores the many live concerts that will soon be offered by Opera San Luis Obispo, the San Luis Obispo Symphony, the choir Resonance, and fundraising concerts by Jack Cimo and Brynn Albanese to help kick off the concert season of the Santa Maria Philharmonic Society and Orchestra Novo.

IC SEP 1, 2021 *William Walton and Benjamin Britten: English Voices from the Mid-Twentieth Century*

Host Craig Russell explores several masterworks from England in the mid-twentieth century, including William Walton's film score for the Shakespeare play *Henry V* and Benjamin Britten's *Nocturnal*. Craig will devote special attention to the Elizabethan models from the sixteenth century that Walton and Britten used as source material for these "modern works."

IC SEP 8, 2021 *Festival Mozaic - Fall*

Host Emma Levine shares works that will be performed during Festival Mozaic's fall series, like *Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, Op. 19*. This piece is the focus of the "Notable Encounter" series hosted by Scott Yoo that explores the last work of chamber music Rachmaninoff ever wrote.

NEWS SEP 10, 2021 *PBS celebrates Grandparent's Day by airing Cal Poly professor's documentary "Lives Well Lived"*

A local film director gathered dozens of older adults to find their wisdom and advice on living a happy life, and her documentary "Lives Well Lived" is now airing on PBS this Sunday in honor of Grandparent's day.

I&I SEP 13, 2021 *Old vine wines, Lives Well Lived, and Slow Money SLO*

On this edition of Issues & Ideas we'll explore an important aspect of some farmworker's lives- Labor Contractors. Betsey Nash, KCBX's Grape Nut, takes you along on her search for her wine tasting roots, and in the process learns about old vine zinfandel. You'll hear from Sky Bergman, a local award-winning filmmaker whose documentary film "Lives Well Lived: Celebrating the Secrets, Wit, and Wisdom of Age" has just started airing on PBS. And finally, you'll learn about Slow Money SLO; a nonprofit that supports the sustainable growth of small food and farm businesses.

Pets & Animal Welfare

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *Meteorologist John Lindsey on how declining sea star population could affect Central Coast*

In a recent article for the SLO Tribune, meteorologist John Lindsey reported that a severe decline in the sea star population has led to a massive die-off of the kelp forests along the Northern California coastline. KCBX's Sophie Lincoln spoke with Lindsey about the phenomenon and how it might affect the Central Coast.

NEWS JUL 6, 2021 *Drought conditions bring more rattlesnakes into Central Coast backyards*

The return of drought conditions across California has forced many animals to seek refuge closer to where humans live. While bears have been spotted recently in urban areas, an even more dangerous predator — rattlesnakes — are moving in closer to people's homes.

I&I JUL 12, 2021 *Wind turbines for Morro Bay, farmworkers' rights, and Healthy People Healthy Trails*

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NEWS JUL 23, 2021 *Pacific rattlesnakes may benefit from climate change on the Central Coast*

Now, in the heat of summer, warmer temperatures on the Central may not be comfortable for everyone. But, a new study by a team of Cal Poly researchers found that Pacific rattlesnakes actually enjoy warmer temperatures and are more suited to conditions brought on by climate change.

NEWS JUL 29, 2021 *Recreational clamming could return to Pismo Beach; poachers and beachgoers may stop that progress*

Pismo clams are starting to show up in numbers not seen in decades on their namesake beach, Pismo Beach. While the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) is optimistic about the potential bright future of recreational fishery, they warn we aren't there yet.

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CCV AUG 12, 2021 *Sanctuary and help for horses in need*

Redwings Horse Rescue and Sanctuary began in May 1991 as a non-profit organization in Carmel, CA, with a mission to end the abuse, neglect, and slaughter of horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, and burros through rescue and foster care. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests with Redwings Horse Rescue and Sanctuary to discuss their work rescuing abused and neglected equines, providing sanctuary, locating adoptive homes, and educating the community to prevent future issues.

I&I SEP 27, 2021 *A multi-city suicide summit, a student start-up, and wildlife in urban areas*

On this week's episode of "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's Francisco Martinez introduces you to a farmworker who has spent much of her life giving back- to her kids, and to her community. In our new feature "Agenda Breakdown" Kim Bisheff explains the process used when a city's mayor steps down. Also, from student reporters at UC Santa Barbara, you'll learn about ways to coexist with the wildlife which is increasingly showing up in urban areas. In the "Nonprofit Story", Jill Bolster-White of Transitions Mental Health Association talks about helping others with mental health struggles. And finally, on "Working Lunch" you'll meet Walt Lafky, co-founder of the successful Cal Poly student start-up Harvestly.

Politics & Government

CCV JUL 1, 2021 *The future of democracy in America*

Join host Fred Munroe in a celebration of Independence Day. He speaks with guests from the Cal Poly Political Science Department as they discuss the American experiment in democracy, the challenges we face in the near future, and the promise and peril of reform movements aimed at improving the way we govern. Hear from Nancy Arrington, assistant professor; Michael Latner, professor and Kendall Voting Rights Fellow awarded by the Union of Concerned Scientists; and Martin Battle, professor and director of the Master of Public Policy program at Cal Poly.

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *SLO Supervisors keep cannabis tax rate at 6%; some growers call for looser restrictions*

In 2018, San Luis Obispo County voters approved Measure B-18, which imposed a tax on gross receipts on cannabis business beginning at 4% and increasing annually to a maximum of 10%. But at the June 25 board meeting, the supervisors voted to keep the tax rate at 6% ahead of July 1, when it was scheduled to increase to 8%.

OBP JUL 4, 2021 *Voting Rights under Attack, Talking to Loved Ones about the Covid-19 Vaccine, and Freeing Ourselves from Political Myths*

Hear from thinkers and leaders about the political and cultural landscape. And, learn about the place that women of color are claiming for themselves within the Black Lives Matter movement.

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In a July 6 meeting, the San Luis Obispo City Council approved the first-ever plan for carbon neutral city operations. San Luis Obispo already had a community wide net carbon neutrality goal for 2035. But this new approved plan, known as Lead by Example, outlines steps the city can take to reach carbon neutrality among its municipal operations by 2030. The plan includes ways to reduce greenhouse gas emission production and remove existing emissions from the atmosphere.

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For part two of our three-part series on redistricting on the Central Coast, we're looking at how the process works in the City and County of Santa Barbara. Redistricting is the process of redrawing district boundaries for things like House of Representatives seats, supervisorial districts, cities and more. It affects how and where we vote, and who we vote for.

NEWS JUL 8, 2021 *Redistricting on the Central Coast: How Santa Barbara and SLO say they're trying to avoid bias*

As part of our three-part series on redistricting on the Central Coast, we're looking at the different systems for redistricting in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

NEWS JUL 8, 2021 *Social media platforms must get direct parental consent for minors under new California law*

For kids in California, it won't be as easy as clicking and agreeing to the terms and conditions to open an account on social media platforms. Soon, they will have to get direct parental permission, after Central Coast Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham's bill AB891 was signed into law recently by Governor Gavin Newsom.

NEWS JUL 9, 2021 *SLO parking rates increase, free parking hours decrease; online petition opposes changes*

The City of San Luis Obispo has increased the fee to park downtown, and will be decreasing the hours of free street parking in the next couple of weeks. While the city said the increase will help fund a parking garage project, some downtown business owners and employees are opposing the changes.

OBP JUL 11, 2021 *Engaging the Latino Electorate, the Challenges of Immigration Reform, and Women of Color Building Their Own Institutions*

Examining the diverse Latino electorate, including the increased support among Latinos for Donald Trump in the 2020 election. And, how the government can, and should, help small businesses.

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NEWS JUL 14, 2021 *CA eviction moratorium extended through Sept. 30; tenant & landlord financial assistance available*

Following the state's recent decision to extend its COVID-19 eviction moratorium through Sept. 30, San Luis Obispo County officials are encouraging both landlords and renters who have fallen behind on their bills to seek financial assistance.

NEWS JUL 14, 2021 *New Coastal Commissioner Meagan Harmon discusses sea level rise and offshore wind energy*

The Southern Central Coast has a new Coastal Commissioner. Meagan Harmon discussed some of her priorities for the coast including sea level rise, offshore wind energy and the decision to phase out off-highway vehicles at Oceano Dunes.

NEWS JUL 15, 2021 *New program aims to house homeless in SLO County along with financial bonus to attract landlords*

A new housing program in SLO County aims to take more than 150 people off the streets. The Housing Authority of SLO (HaSLO) is calling the program "Welcome Home." The organization said finding homeless people needing housing is the easy part, but finding landlords willing to take these people in is proving challenging.

NEWS JUL 15, 2021 *Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Office continues effort to reduce number of inmates with mental illness*

The U.S. Department of Justice recognizes mental illness as a major issue among inmates. In 2015, the Stepping Up Initiative was formed to help reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail, instead connecting them with resources and treatment. Santa Barbara County joined the Stepping Up Initiative in 2016 and local leaders meet every two months to report on relevant projects and collaborate about how to move forward. Kevin Huddle is a Commander with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Department Coordinator for the Stepping Up Initiative.

NEWS JUL 16, 2021 *San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT: Who they are, and when they are called in*

In the past two weeks, the San Luis Obispo Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team has been called in to assist in two separate barricaded suspects situations. One in Pismo Beach resulted in a peaceful arrest of the suspect, while the other in Paso Robles ended in a fatal shooting of the suspect while police were attempting arrest.

OBP JUL 18, 2021 *Next-Level Thinking for Public Safety, Meet a 10-Year-Old Chess National Master, and the Biden-Harris Administration Toughens Up on Covid-19 and Voting Rights*

Hear from young people of color about their thoughts on policing. Explore the narratives that limit discussions of protests, policing, and incarceration, and find out how to imagine new narratives.

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How the mayor of St. Louis is tackling public safety, and what Defund the Police means to her. She says it's not about having more police, but it's about deploying existing resources and matching the right professional to the right call.

NEWS JUL 28, 2021 *SLO County clerk-recorder's office preparing for gubernatorial recall election on Sept 14*

As the seat for SLO County's clerk-recorder remains open since Tommy Gong resigned, the county's clerk-recorder office is busy preparing for the Governor's recall election.

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OBP AUG 1, 2021 *Black Women on Writing with Purpose, and What History Says about Overlooking the Insurrection*

Hear from author Roxane Gay about the struggles of marginalized writers like those of color, women, and queer writers. She thinks people don't recognize the true craft in their work. And, the weekly political roundtable explores the latest news and how women of color are making an impact.

CCV AUG 5, 2021 *Redistricting and representation on the Central Coast*

Redistricting is the process in which new boundaries for representational districts are redrawn every 10 years based on census data. If boundaries are drawn by elected officials, there is a risk of partisan or racial gerrymandering, which can distort representation. Host Fred Munroe speaks with experts in redistricting and gerrymandering about the causes and consequences of redistricting, and they'll discuss effective tools to ensure fair representation.

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I&I AUG 9, 2021 *Monterey's Car Week, a covid update, ECHO homeless services and farmworkers' rights*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ & SOPHIE LINCOLN & DOUG MCKNIGHT/KAZU & JERAMIAH OETTING/KAZU & CONSUELO MEUX & JIM DANTONA

On Issues & Ideas, we take a look at the labor rights of farm workers in "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's 12 part series. Car Week in Monterey is this week, and 85 thousand visitors are expected, adding 67 million dollars to the local economy. Dr. Allen Radner, the chief medical officer at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, talks about the continued threat of the Delta Variant in Monterey County. You'll hear from local earthquake experts about the probability of "The Big One", and its potential damage to the Central Coast. On this week's Nonprofit Story, you'll hear from Amy Lewis of ECHO, about their 20 years of helping unhoused individuals. And finally, you'll hear from SLO County's 1st District Supervisor John Peschong on redistricting.

NEWS AUG 12, 2021 *California's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers & educators spurs protest in SLO*

A nurse in scrubs waves a sign at traffic that reads “I am informed, and I do not consent.” She's joined by about fifty other healthcare workers, teachers and families who are against Governor Newsom’s mandate that all healthcare workers and educators must get vaccinated, or take weekly tests for COVID-19. It's part of a peaceful protest against the mandate held Wednesday evening in front of the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Health Building.

OBP AUG 15, 2021 *A Deep Dive into Voting Rights, the Impact of Cuomo’s Resignation, and Politics in Haiti in Context*

Take a look at the history of voting rights to fully understand why democracy is under threat today. Hear from representative Bee Nguyen of the Georgia General Assembly about why protecting voting rights is central to her campaign for Georgia Secretary of State. Then, a look from an important historical perspective to help understand the political upheaval in Haiti. And, it’s New York politics on Sippin’ the Political Tea.

I&I AUG 16, 2021 *Literacy for Life, the recall election, and the Edna Valley wine region*

Beyond the Furrows is KCBX's 12 part series on farmworkers on the Central Coast, and in this week's episode Francisco Martinez reports on the efforts to vaccinate farmworkers as the Delta variant spreads. Literacy for Life in San Luis Obispo is a non-profit organization that partners with libraries throughout the county to teach adult learners English language skills. Ballots are being sent out to all registered voters in California for the recall election of Governor Gavin Newsome, and we’ll hear from Santa Barbara County Clerk Recorder Joseph Holland.

NEWS AUG 17, 2021 *SLO County opens 'safe parking' site for unhoused residents*

Responding to an increase of residents living in their vehicles in Los Osos, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors opened its first “safe parking” site on county-owned land — but the pilot program is drawing backlash. At the corner of Kansas and Oklahoma avenues off Highway 1, cars are pulling up to a gated dirt parking lot, checking in with a security guard to let them in so they can sleep in their cars for the night. Cole Parker is one of the first to arrive Monday evening. “I didn’t know what to expect,” Parker said. “I figured I’d try it out.”

OBP AUG 22, 2021 *Documenting Extremist Youth Recruitment, the Power of Protest, and Examining Our Narratives about Afghanistan*

A journalist goes in depth on white extremism, and how vulnerable people are caught up in this dangerous web. Plus, hear from the Texas State Senator who filibustered to defend voting rights—for 15 hours!

NEWS AUG 24, 2021 *SLO County regional waste management authority in "turmoil;" waste rates could increase*

San Luis Obispo County's regional waste management authority faces an uncertain future. The Board of Supervisors recently voted to withdraw from the Integrated Waste Management Authority, or IWMA. Then their interim director, Paavo Ogren, resigned. KCBX's Benjamin Purper spoke with San Luis Obispo Tribune reporter Lindsey Holden about her reporting on the IWMA.

NEWS AUG 25, 2021 *Governor recall election ballots mailed, early return drop-offs are strong locally*

Vote-by-mail ballots for the gubernatorial recall election are arriving in mailboxes throughout the Central Coast, and local county clerk-recorders are reporting thousands have already been turned in. It's the second Governor recall election since 2003, and in less than three weeks, voters will decide if Governor Gavin Newsom gets to stay or will get replaced by one of the 46 people vying for his seat.

NEWS AUG 27, 2021 *SLO Mayor Heidi Harmon stepping down, will take on new career as climate advocate*

San Luis Obispo Mayor Heidi Harmon said she's leaving her position as mayor in a month to pursue a new career opportunity. In a news conference Thursday, Harmon said she is stepping down to pursue a new career as a senior public affairs director with the Romero's Institute's 'Let's Green California initiative,' which pushes the awareness of climate change. "I recognize that this decision is unexpected and unusual," Harmon said. "But these are not usual times."

NEWS AUG 30, 2021 *The recall is September 14. Here's what you need to know*
The San Luis Obispo County League of Women Voters hosted a virtual Lunch with the League today to help voters understand the September 14 recall election for California Governor Gavin Newsom.

I&I AUG 30, 2021 *Transportation projects, a local poet, and a visit to an urban farm*

Beyond the Furrows is a 12 part series on local farmworkers; we explore pesticide regulations, and the education efforts surrounding them. Poet and former principal of San Luis Obispo High School, Will Jones, talks about his new book. You'll get a transportation update from Peter Rodgers of SLOCOG. And finally, a visit to Fairview Gardens, an Urban Farm in Goleta.

NEWS AUG 31, 2021 *\$11.9 million in federal funding could come to eight community projects along Central Coast*

Nearly \$12 million in federal funding could be coming to Central Coast community projects, after Democratic Congressman Salud Carbajal's spending bill passed in the House of Representatives.

NEWS SEP 1, 2021 *SLO County indoor mask mandate in effect; officials say pandemic is worse now than ever before*

In a public briefing yesterday, San Luis Obispo County Public Health Officer Dr. Penny Borenstein put into effect a mandatory mask mandate for all public indoor operations.

NEWS SEP 2, 2021 *SLO Democrats discuss recall strategy; say Democrats should leave replacement question blank*

In less than two weeks, voters will decide whether Governor Gavin Newsom will be removed from office. The Democratic Party is urging people to vote 'no' on recalling Newsom, but with nine other Democrats on the ballot, what about voting on his potential replacement?

RT SEP 7, 2021 *A 1-on-1 with AdBusters co-founder Kalle Lasn*

Elizabeth Barrett shares a wide-covering conversation with Kalle Lasn, co-founder and editor-in-chief of AdBusters, a magazine that refers to itself as a "a global network of artists, activists, writers, pranksters, students, educators and entrepreneurs who want to advance the new social activist movement of the information age." They discuss Lasn's work with AdBusters and its influence on politics and explore the current climate crisis and what lies ahead for Generation Z.

NEWS SEP 8, 2021 *SLO City mayoral vacancy to be filled by appointment; residents can apply for mayor or council seat*

San Luis Obispo Mayor Heidi Harmon is stepping down on September 26, and now the search is on for who will fill her seat — or take a City Council seat — through an appointment process. At Tuesday's meeting, the San Luis Obispo City Council had a decision to make: whether to hold a special election to fill the mayoral seat, or to appoint someone to the position. With a special election estimated to cost between \$150,000-200,000, the City Council made a unanimous decision to do an appointment process instead.

NEWS SEP 8, 2021 *SLO County Clerk-Recorder's Office invites public to observe ballot-counting in transparency effort*

The San Luis Obispo Clerk-Recorder's Office is inviting the public to observe ballot-counting ahead of next week's gubernatorial recall election.

NEWS SEP 9, 2021 *Morro Bay discusses future of smokestacks; residents voice ideas for keeping them as attraction*

The company that owns the iconic smokestacks that tower over Morro Bay wants to demolish them. But with the community split over that idea, Vistra Corporation and the City of Morro Bay held a town meeting Wednesday night to get input from residents on what should happen to the stacks.

NEWS SEP 9, 2021 *SLO City Council approves tentative housing project amid parking, environmental concerns*

23 new lots could be made into residential units in San Luis Obispo after the City Council approved a tentative map of a proposed development project.

OBP SEP 12, 2021 *A Latina Veteran on the U.S.'s Role in the World Today, Following the Corporate Money Pledged to Racial Equality, and Roundtable Guests Reflect on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11*

US companies pledged \$50 billion to address racial inequality, but where's that money now? Hear from one source who says more than 90% of those commitments were actually in the form of loans and investments, or basically things from which companies could profit.

NEWS SEP 14, 2021 *SLO County voters head to polls to decide fate of Gov. Newsom in recall election*

Election day is finally here, and voters are making their way to the polls to determine if Governor Gavin Newsom will keep his seat, or be replaced by one of the 46 challengers on the ballot.

NEWS SEP 15, 2021 *Unofficial election results show majority of SLO County voters voting against Newsom recall*

After California's gubernatorial recall election yesterday, major media outlets have called the race in favor of Governor Gavin Newsom, who has defeated the attempt to recall him from office — and in San Luis Obispo County, early results show voters in general voted no on the recall.

SP SEP 14, 2021 *Recall Election Special Coverage*

Scott Shafer and Marisa Lagos from KQED's Political Breakdown take calls and bring you results and analysis from the California gubernatorial recall election. Along with results, the special will feature conversations with reporters, consultants and pollsters — along with interviews of candidates and coverage of election night events.

NEWS SEP 15, 2021 *San Luis Obispo County Republican, Democratic Parties react to recall election results*

Governor Gavin Newsom will remain in office after a majority of Californians voted against the recall.

NEWS SEP 16, 2021 *Congressman Salud Carbajal visits Laguna Middle School to address food insecurity*

Feeding America estimates one in six children are food insecure in the United States. Local Congressman Salud Carbajal visited Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo as part of a tour to address food insecurity on the Central Coast.

OBP SEP 19, 2021 *The January Insurrection According to Rep. Pramila Jayapal, What Families Need to Know about Covid in Kids, and Our Roundtable Debates AOC's Met Gala Moment*

Hear from Representative Pramila Jayapal on Republican efforts to restrict abortion access, as well as the January 6th insurrection. She says it's about control over choice and further radicalizing political points.

NEWS SEP 20, 2021 *SLO County Public Health releases new guidelines as Cal Poly students return to in-person learning*

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department released new safety guidelines ahead of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo students returning to in-person learning this week. The guidance clarifies state and county requirements and provides recommended best practices for youth sports, performing arts and large gatherings. County Public Health Information Officer Michelle Shoresman said there have been so many different guidelines released by different state and federal agencies recently that the county wanted to help clarify requirements.

NEWS SEP 22, 2021 *Lawsuit filed against City of SLO alleges criminalization of homelessness*

A group of non-profit legal firms are filing a lawsuit against the City of San Luis Obispo seeking to end alleged criminalization of homelessness by the city.

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I&I SEP 27, 2021 *A multi-city suicide summit, a student start-up, and wildlife in urban areas*

On this week's episode of "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's Francisco Martinez introduces you to a farmworker who has spent much of her life giving back- to her kids, and to her community. In our new feature "Agenda Breakdown" Kim Bisheff explains the process used when a city's mayor steps down. Also, from student reporters at UC Santa Barbara, you'll learn about ways to coexist with the wildlife which is increasingly showing up in urban areas. In the "Nonprofit Story", Jill Bolster-White of Transitions Mental Health Association talks about helping others with mental health struggles. And finally, on "Working Lunch" you'll meet Walt Lafky, co-founder of the successful Cal Poly student start-up Harvestly.

NEWS SEP 28, 2021 *New wine legislation expected to expand industry on the Central Coast and across California*

Three new wine-related bills will officially become law after being approved by the state legislature and getting Governor Newsom's signature.

NEWS SEP 29, 2021 *Conception boat fire prompts bill to update 170-year-old maritime rule*

In response to the 2019 Conception boat fire off the Central Coast that killed 34 people, Congressman Salud Carbajal and Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced a new bill to ensure families of victims of such tragedies receive compensation.

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Race

OBP JUL 4, 2021 *Voting Rights under Attack, Talking to Loved Ones about the Covid-19 Vaccine, and Freeing Ourselves from Political Myths*

Hear from thinkers and leaders about the political and cultural landscape. And, learn about the place that women of color are claiming for themselves within the Black Lives Matter movement.

CCV JUL 8, 2021 *What is Critical Race Theory and why is it under attack?*

Host Fred Munroe speaks with educators and students to discuss the current debate around critical race theory and the controversy that has sprung from proposals to teach ethnic studies curriculum in high school and elsewhere. You'll hear from local high school teachers and students, as well as Dr. Mario Espinoza-Kulick, lecturer with the Ethnic Studies and Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies Departments at Cal Poly, and inaugural Ethnic Studies faculty at Cuesta College, Dr. Lata Murti, associate professor of sociology for the School of Arts and Sciences at Brandman University.

OBP JUL 11, 2021 *Engaging the Latino Electorate, the Challenges of Immigration Reform, and Women of Color Building Their Own Institutions*

Examining the diverse Latino electorate, including the increased support among Latinos for Donald Trump in the 2020 election. And, how the government can, and should, help small businesses.

OBP JUL 18, 2021 *Next-Level Thinking for Public Safety, Meet a 10-Year-Old Chess National Master, and the Biden-Harris Administration Toughens Up on Covid-19 and Voting Rights*

Hear from young people of color about their thoughts on policing. Explore the narratives that limit discussions of protests, policing, and incarceration, and find out how to imagine new narratives.

CCV JUL 22, 2021 *Belonging is back*

Back by popular demand, R.A.C.E. Matters SLO is hosting its multimedia, multi-location experience entitled BELONGING. This two-month long event features Black voices who are members of the San Luis Obispo County community. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from R.A.C.E. Matters SLO as they discuss their work to amplify the voices of Black and other people of color in an effort to build an actively anti-racist Central Coast.

NEWS JUL 23, 2021 *NAACP SLO County hosts education series aimed at knowing your rights during police encounters*

The local San Luis Obispo County branch of the NAACP is hosting a virtual series aimed at helping people know their rights during encounters with law enforcement.

OBP AUG 1, 2021 *Black Women on Writing with Purpose, and What History Says about Overlooking the Insurrection*

Hear from author Roxane Gay about the struggles of marginalized writers like those of color, women, and queer writers. She thinks people don't recognize the true craft in their work. And, the weekly political roundtable explores the latest news and how women of color are making an impact.

NEWS AUG 11, 2021 *Paso Robles school board approves ban on "specific elements" of critical race theory teachings*

After several meetings and heated public discussions this past summer, the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District passed a resolution banning elements of critical race theory from being taught within the classroom.

NEWS AUG 20, 2021 *'We Are Not Strangers Here:' Exhibit highlights history of Black Americans in rural California*

The Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro State Park is hosting a traveling exhibit that explores the histories of Black Americans across rural California. The exhibit is called 'We Are Not Strangers Here: African American Histories in Rural California.' Amy Hart is the state historian for the San Luis Obispo Coast District of California State Parks. She said the exhibit is made up of a number of panels meant to highlight unknown and untold stories of Black farmers, ranchers and rural residents across the state.

OBP AUG 22, 2021 *Documenting Extremist Youth Recruitment, the Power of Protest, and Examining Our Narratives about Afghanistan*

A journalist goes in depth on white extremism, and how vulnerable people are caught up in this dangerous web. Plus, hear from the Texas State Senator who filibustered to defend voting rights—for 15 hours!

OBP AUG 29, 2021 *Centering the Experiences of Afghan Women, Why the U.N. Climate Report is a Gift, and #MeToo as a Social Justice Issue*

Hear from an Afghan-American author about how to center the voices of the women most impacted by war and extremism. And, a look at climate and the choices humanity has left.

OBP SEP 5, 2021 *When Public Health Saves Lives, Returning to In-Person Education with a Disability, and Texas Abortion Ban's Impact on Women of Color*

Can a vaccine verification system help save lives? Hear from a public health professional on COVID-19 vaccine refusal and what it means.

OBP SEP 12, 2021 *A Latina Veteran on the U.S.'s Role in the World Today, Following the Corporate Money Pledged to Racial Equality, and Roundtable Guests Reflect on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11*

US companies pledged \$50 billion to address racial inequality, but where's that money now? Hear from one source who says more than 90% of those commitments were actually in the form of loans and investments, or basically things from which companies could profit.

CCV SEP 23, 2021 *Challenges and opportunities for unaccompanied youth*
The southern border crisis continues, and August brought more than 200,000 migrant encounters at the US-Mexico border, a 21-year high. Proportionally, there has also been an increase in the number of unaccompanied minors attempting to cross the border. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from the Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center about the work they do to provide deportation defense to the Central Coast immigrant community. Hear from Executive Director Julissa Peña and Staff Attorney Maria Vega about their recently expanded services to prioritize legal representation for unaccompanied children, and the challenges and opportunities for unaccompanied youth.

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IC SEP 29, 2021 *National Hispanic Heritage Month: Modern Mexico*
Host Craig Russell celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month by featuring modern Mexican composers from the twentieth century. Hear music by Mexican maestro Manuel Ponce and his guitar concerto. Then, it's the music of Chávez and Revueltas with their use of indigenous folk rhythms and instruments. Before closing, Craig also delves into enchanting works by Bernal Jiménez, Rolón, and Touissant.

Real Estate & Housing

NEWS JUL 6, 2021 *SLO County non-profit sees Accessory Dwelling Units as potential growth area for affordable housing*
Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, are secondary residences generally added to already existing properties. ADUs can be completely separate units that are detached from the house or built into a spare bedroom or garage in the existing structure. Homeowners often use them for housing extra family members, live-in caregivers or renters to provide extra income. Now, a San Luis Obispo County non-profit is encouraging local ADU construction as a potential for affordable housing.

NEWS JUL 14, 2021 *CA eviction moratorium extended through Sept. 30; tenant & landlord financial assistance available*
Following the state's recent decision to extend its COVID-19 eviction moratorium through Sept. 30, San Luis Obispo County officials are encouraging both landlords and renters who have fallen behind on their bills to seek financial assistance.

NEWS JUL 15, 2021 *New program aims to house homeless in SLO County along with financial bonus to attract landlords*
A new housing program in SLO County aims to take more than 150 people off the streets. The Housing Authority of SLO (HaSLO) is calling the program "Welcome Home." The organization said finding homeless people needing housing is the easy part, but finding landlords willing to take these people in is proving challenging.

NEWS AUG 2, 2021 *Affordable housing complex in Pismo Beach set to break ground in fall 2021*

There's an affordable housing crunch throughout San Luis Obispo County, and to help meet the demand, a new housing development project in Pismo Beach is aiming to provide supportive housing to working families, transitional youth, and formerly homeless individuals.

NEWS SEP 9, 2021 *SLO City Council approves tentative housing project amid parking, environmental concerns*

23 new lots could be made into residential units in San Luis Obispo after the City Council approved a tentative map of a proposed development project.

NEWS SEP 21, 2021 *\$4 million settlement reached in uninhabitable Paso Robles Grand View Apartments case*

A class-action lawsuit was filed against the owners and managers of the Paso Robles Grand View Apartments in 2019, alleging they knowingly allowed their tenants to live in uninhabitable, vermin-infested conditions for years.

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NEWS SEP 24, 2021 *California's eviction moratorium is ending. Here's what local renters and landlords need to know*

California's eviction moratorium is ending September 30, after two extensions.

Recreation

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *Independence Day: Pismo Beach prepares for large crowds with return of fireworks show*

The Fourth of July fireworks show, returning to Pismo beach this year after it was canceled last year due to COVID restrictions, is expected to bring in thousands of people — and the city is preparing. The Fourth of July Fireworks Show in Pismo Beach is the largest city-produced event in the area, turning the town of nearly 8,000 into a crowd of up to 100,000. Police Chief Jeff Smith said it's all hands on deck. "Everyone knows on the Fourth of July, they will all be working," Smith said. "So our entire department will be here and deployed throughout the city."

NEWS JUL 14, 2021 *New Coastal Commissioner Meagan Harmon discusses sea level rise and offshore wind energy*

The Southern Central Coast has a new Coastal Commissioner. Meagan Harmon discussed some of her priorities for the coast including sea level rise, offshore wind energy and the decision to phase out off-highway vehicles at Oceano Dunes.

NEWS JUL 14, 2021 *New Avila Beach campground opening soon, locals expect boost in business*

A new campground is nearing completion on Babe Lane in Avila Beach and local businesses are expecting to see a boost in customers when it opens. The Flying Flags campground has been in the making for years and is now just about six weeks away from its soft opening. Port San Luis Harbor Manager Andrea Lueker said this means some sites will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but the phased construction of more sites will continue over the next few months.

NEWS JUL 20, 2021 *California Mid-State Fair returns to Paso Robles*

After being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Mid-State Fair returns Wednesday — bringing back crowds, rides, and live musical performances. Usually, planning for a fair takes several months. But this year, with the uncertainty of when things would re-open, fair organizers only had a few weeks to pull it off.

NEWS JUL 29, 2021 *Recreational clamming could return to Pismo Beach; poachers and beachgoers may stop that progress*

Pismo clams are starting to show up in numbers not seen in decades on their namesake beach, Pismo Beach. While the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) is optimistic about the potential bright future of recreational fishery, they warn we aren't there yet.

NEWS AUG 9, 2021 *Lopez Lake boat launch expected to close, drought conditions to blame*

Lopez Lake is in the height of summer visitor season and its boat access is a big draw for people coming from across California. But because of drought conditions and a decreasing lake level, the San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Department expects to close the lake's boat launch ramp in the next month.

NEWS AUG 16, 2021 *Small movie theater struggles to survive as pandemic surges*

In June of this year, when COVID-19 cases plummeted, movie theaters saw people returning to fill auditoriums. But with the recent surge of the virus, Park Cinemas theatre in Paso Robles said they are once again in the position of trying to keep their doors open. While movie theaters have so far survived the growing popularity of streaming movies online, cinemas have never faced a threat as great as COVID-19.

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NEWS SEP 22, 2021 *Repair work to begin on Avila Beach Pier with goal of reopening in 2022*

After more than five years of closure, a repair plan is in place for the Avila Beach Pier. The project cleared a major hurdle by getting a permit from the California Coastal Commission.

Relationships

NEWS JUL 8, 2021 *Two local nonprofits merge; continue providing services for sexual and intimate partner violence*

RISE and Stand Strong, two local nonprofits providing services for sexual and intimate partner violence, have merged.

CCV JUL 15, 2021 *Why are RISE and Stand Strong merging? □*

Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from Stand Strong and RISE SLO as they discuss the recent merger of these two nonprofit groups that offer support and resources to survivors of domestic violence. The merger will allow for a consolidation of administrative activities and reallocation of resources to offer streamlined services in order to better serve survivors and their families throughout San Luis Obispo County.

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RT AUG 24, 2021 *Keeping love aflame in an overworking world*

Maintaining a healthy marriage can be challenging, even in the best of circumstances. For award-winning photographer, author, and filmmaker Chris Burkard and his wife Breanne, keeping the love alive requires a lot of patience, resilience, and compromise. Hear a conversation with the Burkards about their life, their struggles, their joys, and how they've managed to "make it work" for over a decade.

Science

I&I JUL 12, 2021 *Wind turbines for Morro Bay, farmworkers' rights, and Healthy People Healthy Trails*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, BETH THORNTON & SOPHIE LINCOLN & JIM DANTONA & KATHERINE BARNES/KCRW

On Issues & Ideas we're exploring the history of farmworkers' rights in California, and how that history affects people on the Central Coast. We're also taking a look at redistricting on the Central Coast, and some of the challenges being faced. And, we explore the possibility of wind turbines in Morro Bay, and the reaction of some in the fishing industry. We're checking in with Healthy People Healthy Trails is a community initiative in Santa Barbara County to promote health and well-being through the use and enjoyment of nature. Meteorologist John Lindsey reports that a serious decline in the sea star population has led to a massive die-off of the kelp forests along the Northern California coastline. And finally, the San Luis Obispo City manager Derek Johnson talks about job strategies and city projects.

OBP JUL 25, 2021 *The Complex Task of Public Safety Reform, Live Entertainment Slowly Regains Steam, and An Astrophysicist Takes on Bias in STEM*

How the mayor of St. Louis is tackling public safety, and what Defund the Police means to her. She says it's not about having more police, but it's about deploying existing resources and matching the right professional to the right call.

NEWS AUG 4, 2021 *Paso Robles votes to explore developing a spaceport at the Municipal Airport*

With Vandenberg Space Force Base investing in space-related technological advancements, the City of Paso Robles is now hoping to capitalize on the growing global commercial space transportation industry by exploring the idea of building a spaceport at the city's Municipal Airport.

NEWS AUG 13, 2021 *The Art of Doing Science: Demystifying the process of headline-making breakthroughs*

The Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics (KITP) at UC Santa Barbara is hosting a new virtual series called The Art of Doing Science. KITP is a world-renowned physics institute that welcomes scientists from around the world every year to collaborate and do physics. Lars Bildsten is the director of KITP and a professor in the UCSB Physics Department. He said there is no other institute in the world where scientists come together at this scale.

NEWS SEP 21, 2021 *Cal Poly team creates artificial intelligence 'Damage Map' to assess wildfire structure damage*

When a wildfire strikes, people are often left wondering for several days or even weeks whether their house is still standing or not. Now, a pair of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo professors and students from both Cal Poly and Stanford have invented an artificial intelligence damage map to assess damage from a wildfire more quickly.

Seniors

NEWS AUG 18, 2021 *Santa Barbara senior care service launches program to combat elderly isolation, loneliness*

According to a survey done by Home Instead, a senior in-home care service in Santa Barbara, seniors who eat most of their meals alone are more than twice as likely to feel lonely compared to those who enjoy meals with others. Home Instead Senior Care assists seniors who are living independently at home by helping them with daily living activities like meal preparation, housekeeping and making it to appointments. The organization also helps manage end-of-life care.

RT AUG 31, 2021 *Reflecting on a life well-explored*

Dr. Lois Bristow reached her 90th year with much wisdom to share about her journey and the realities of aging. Hear Elizabeth Barrett's candid conversation from Bend, OR, with Lois about celebrating life, unexpected gifts, and the agelessness of friendship.

NEWS SEP 10, 2021 *PBS celebrates Grandparent's Day by airing Cal Poly professor's documentary "Lives Well Lived"*

A local film director gathered dozens of older adults to find their wisdom and advice on living a happy life, and her documentary "Lives Well Lived" is now airing on PBS this Sunday in honor of Grandparent's day.

I&I SEP 13, 2021 *Old vine wines, Lives Well Lived, and Slow Money SLO*

On this edition of Issues & Ideas we'll explore an important aspect of some farmworker's lives- Labor Contractors. Betsey Nash, KCBX's Grape Nut, takes you along on her search for her wine tasting roots, and in the process learns about old vine zinfandel. You'll hear from Sky Bergman, a local award-winning filmmaker whose documentary film "Lives Well Lived: Celebrating the Secrets, Wit, and Wisdom of Age" has just started airing on PBS. And finally, you'll learn about Slow Money SLO; a nonprofit that supports the sustainable growth of small food and farm businesses.

RT SEP 14, 2021 *It's never too late to live a dream*

Hear a conversation with Marty Ross, who discovered his comic genius at age 80. He's competed on America's Got Talent and traveled the world to share his brand of humor. On September 18, he'll be headlining a night of stand-up comedy under the stars at Judd Manor Event Center in San Miguel.

Society

RT SEP 7, 2021 *A 1-on-1 with AdBusters co-founder Kalle Lasn*

Elizabeth Barrett shares a wide-covering conversation with Kalle Lasn, co-founder and editor-in-chief of AdBusters, a magazine that refers to itself as a "a global network of artists, activists, writers, pranksters, students, educators and entrepreneurs who want to advance the new social activist movement of the information age." They discuss Lasn's work with AdBusters and its influence on politics and explore the current climate crisis and what lies ahead for Generation Z.

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Technology

NEWS JUL 8, 2021 *Social media platforms must get direct parental consent for minors under new California law*

For kids in California, it won't be as easy as clicking and agreeing to the terms and conditions to open an account on social media platforms. Soon, they will have to get direct parental permission, after Central Coast Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham's bill AB891 was signed into law recently by Governor Gavin Newsom.

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *Cal Poly students design toothbrush fertility tracker to assist in conception process*

A group of Cal Poly students are in the next stages of testing a product they designed to help women track their fertility and conceive. The fertility tracker is called OvuBrush. It's designed as a toothbrush that predicts ovulation. Janis Iourovitski is one of four co-founders of OvuBrush and just graduated from Cal Poly. The group met in a Cal Poly class called Engineering for Maternal Health and were tasked with pitching an idea for healthcare technology to address infertility.

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NEWS JUL 27, 2021 *Restaurants go digital to survive the pandemic*
A wave of lockdown mandates in March of 2020 halted many aspects of life as we knew it. It was especially true for the restaurant industry, which dove deeper into digital technologies to stay competitive and in many cases, just to stay alive. Here's the story of two sisters -- one tech savvy and the other not so much -- who run their own eateries in Cambria, California.

NEWS AUG 2, 2021 *Department of Water Resources conducts helicopter survey of Paso Robles-area groundwater basin*
If you live in Paso Robles or Atascadero, you may have seen a strange sight this weekend: a helicopter with a large hoop on it, flying 200 feet above the ground. The Department of Water Resources held something called an airborne electromagnetic survey of that area to collect data on the groundwater basin there. During one of these surveys, the helicopter tows electronic equipment — which looks like a large hoop — that sends signals into the ground, which then bounce back.

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NEWS AUG 17, 2021 *Anaerobic Digesters on Central Coast turn organic waste into energy and compost*
Working toward California's legislative goal of diverting 75% of organic waste from landfills, anaerobic digesters are being put to use on the Central Coast. This technology reduces methane emissions and generates renewable energy.

NEWS AUG 27, 2021 *SLO County Air Pollution Control District works to expand local air quality monitoring*
The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is asking for the public's help in expanding its air quality monitoring on the Central Coast. The APCD manages and operates regulatory monitors across the county to track air quality. The county also has a number of PurpleAir particulate matter sensors across the Central Coast that contribute to air quality tracking. The APCD is looking to expand its breadth of tracking by encouraging people to host a PurpleAir sensor at their home in areas that have fewer existing monitors and sensors.

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NEWS AUG 6, 2021 *Solvang Danish Days 2021 canceled for second year in a row due to COVID-19 uncertainty*

This year’s Solvang Danish Days celebration is officially canceled, as the organizers felt uncertain about the state of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I&I AUG 9, 2021 *Monterey's Car Week, a covid update, ECHO homeless services and farmworkers' rights*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ & SOPHIE LINCOLN & DOUG MCKNIGHT/KAZU & JERAMIAH OETTING/KAZU & CONSUELO MEUX & JIM DANTONA

On Issues & Ideas, we take a look at the labor rights of farm workers in "Beyond the Furrows", KCBX's 12 part series. Car Week in Monterey is this week, and 85 thousand visitors are expected, adding 67 million dollars to the local economy. Dr. Allen Radner, the chief medical officer at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, talks about the continued threat of the Delta Variant in Monterey County. You’ll hear from local earthquake experts about the probability of “The Big One”, and it's potential damage to the Central Coast. On this week’s Nonprofit Story, you’ll hear from Amy Lewis of ECHO, about their 20 years of helping unhoused individuals. And finally, you’ll hear from SLO County's 1st District Supervisor John Peschong on redistricting.

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Transportation

NEWS JUL 9, 2021 *SLO parking rates increase, free parking hours decrease; online petition opposes changes*

The City of San Luis Obispo has increased the fee to park downtown, and will be decreasing the hours of free street parking in the next couple of weeks. While the city said the increase will help fund a parking garage project, some downtown business owners and employees are opposing the changes.

NEWS JUL 13, 2021 *New San Luis Obispo protected intersection gets mixed reviews from residents*

The final touches are being done on a new protected intersection in San Luis Obispo that is expected to be completed later this summer. Now some residents are expressing mixed feelings about the design.

NEWS JUL 19, 2021 *Central Coast electric vehicle infrastructure expansions expected with new incentives for locals*

\$12 million in funding is coming to the Central Coast over the next two years to incentivize the building of electric vehicle chargers in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The money is coming from the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project, or CALeVIP's, South Central Coast Incentive Project. The goal is to provide rebates for the purchase and installation of chargers.

NEWS AUG 10, 2021 *San Luis Obispo breaks ground on new roundabout at Orcutt and Tank Farm Roads*

The intersection at Orcutt and Tank Farm in San Luis Obispo is getting a makeover as crews begin work this week to install a new roundabout. The city's goal with the roundabout is to reduce traffic delays and improve public safety. Jennifer Rice is a Transportation Planner Engineer for San Luis Obispo. She said the city is prioritizing roundabouts because they generally result in fewer traffic delays and emissions compared to signaled intersections.

I&I AUG 30, 2021 *Transportation projects, a local poet, and a visit to an urban farm*

Beyond the Furrows is a 12 part series on local farmworkers; we explore pesticide regulations, and the education efforts surrounding them. Poet and former principal of San Luis Obispo High School, Will Jones, talks about his new book. You'll get a transportation update from Peter Rodgers of SLOCOG. And finally, a visit to Fairview Gardens, an Urban Farm in Goleta.

NEWS SEP 1, 2021 *As Highway 46 improvement project impacts wetlands, CalTrans proposes Centennial Creek restoration*

The fastest route connecting the Central Valley to the Central Coast, Highway 46, has also been a notoriously dangerous one. CalTrans has been working on a \$23 million State Route 46 4-Lane Widening Project to help reduce the accident rate, and to ease congestion.

NEWS SEP 27, 2021 *San Luis Obispo limits bus routes due to driver shortage*
The City of San Luis Obispo is operating fewer bus routes right now due to a driver shortage.

NEWS SEP 28, 2021 *First 'renewable diesel' pump on Central Coast arrives in San Luis Obispo*
If you're driving a diesel vehicle, there's a new option for cleaner fuel at a San Luis Obispo pump: renewable diesel.

Veteran's Affairs

I&I AUG 2, 2021 *Farmworkers in Guadalupe, Fort Hunter Liggett's new commander, and Port San Luis*
by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, RACHEL SHOWALTER, LAUREN WALIKE & TOM WILMER & JIM DANTONA & MARCUS COCOVA
In the 4th part of our 12 episode series on farmworkers called Beyond the Furrows, KCBXs Francisco Martinez explores Guadalupe. Local business SLOCAL Roots is proposing a cannabis cultivation project in Paso Robles, although neighbors of the site have concerns. The King City art center Sol Treasures is putting on a summer camp this year with a theme of “samurais of peace” for the children. A passion for dance pays off as a King City dancer is accepted to Kirov Academy in Washington DC.

NEWS AUG 19, 2021 *Sudden collapse of Afghanistan brings local veteran mental health to light*
The chaos and government collapse in Afghanistan is bringing a flood of emotions for some U.S. veterans who served in the country. As many of us are watching images and videos from the chaos unfolding in Afghanistan, veterans who have served in that country are experiencing it differently.

OBP SEP 12, 2021 *A Latina Veteran on the U.S.'s Role in the World Today, Following the Corporate Money Pledged to Racial Equality, and Roundtable Guests Reflect on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11*
US companies pledged \$50 billion to address racial inequality, but where's that money now? Hear from one source who says more than 90% of those commitments were actually in the form of loans and investments, or basically things from which companies could profit.

Water

NEWS JUL 2, 2021 *Central Coast Water Authority files suit against County of Santa Barbara*
The Central Coast Water Authority has filed a lawsuit in Santa Barbara Superior Court against the County of Santa Barbara over how the State Water Project will be managed going forward.

NEWS JUL 6, 2021 *Drought conditions bring more rattlesnakes into Central Coast backyards*
The return of drought conditions across California has forced many animals to seek refuge closer to where humans live. While bears have been spotted recently in urban areas, an even more dangerous predator — rattlesnakes — are moving in closer to people's homes.

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *California's first offshore wind project has Morro Bay fishermen worried*

by KATHRYN BARNES & KCRW

Fishermen in Morro Bay are about to get a much taller neighbor than the ancient volcanic mound that stands like a giant at the tip of the harbor. Wind turbines are coming. “These things are as big as skyscrapers,” says Chris Pavone, who’s among roughly 120 fishermen who trap, troll, and drop lines off Morro Bay and Avila Beach. He’s worried about what could become the first offshore wind farm on the West Coast. Approved by the Biden administration, the project would bring roughly 200 floating turbines into the open ocean off the Central Coast.

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *'Cash for Grass' rebate program back in Arroyo Grande*

A water-saving rebate program that led hundreds of people in Arroyo Grande to take out their green lawns during the years of 2009 to 2015 in exchange for water-efficient landscape is back due to the severe drought. With Lopez Lake’s dwindling water supply, Arroyo Grande Utilities Manager Shane Taylor said more water restrictions may be coming down the pipe. To help conserve water, Taylor said the city is bringing back the popular Cash for Grass program.

I&I JUL 12, 2021 *Wind turbines for Morro Bay, farmworkers' rights, and Healthy People Healthy Trails*

by FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, BENJAMIN PURPER, BETH THORNTON & SOPHIE LINCOLN & JIM DANTONA & KATHERINE BARNES/KCRW

On Issues & Ideas we're exploring the history of farmworkers' rights in California, and how that history affects people on the Central Coast. We're also taking a look at redistricting on the Central Coast, and some of the challenges being faced. And, we explore the possibility of wind turbines in Morro Bay, and the reaction of some in the fishing industry. We're checking in with Healthy People Healthy Trails is a community initiative in Santa Barbara County to promote health and well-being through the use and enjoyment of nature. Meteorologist John Lindsey reports that a serious decline in the sea star population has led to a massive die-off of the kelp forests along the Northern California coastline. And finally, the San Luis Obispo City manager Derek Johnson talks about job strategies and city projects.

NEWS AUG 2, 2021 *Department of Water Resources conducts helicopter survey of Paso Robles-area groundwater basin*

If you live in Paso Robles or Atascadero, you may have seen a strange sight this weekend: a helicopter with a large hoop on it, flying 200 feet above the ground. The Department of Water Resources held something called an airborne electromagnetic survey of that area to collect data on the groundwater basin there. During one of these surveys, the helicopter tows electronic equipment — which looks like a large hoop — that sends signals into the ground, which then bounce back.

RT AUG 3, 2021 *Meeting agriculture at the crossroad of sustainability*

As the world population grows, water becomes scarcer and access to healthy foods is more challenging. How will we meet the demands on agriculture in this country? Hear from two farmers from very different backgrounds who are trying to keep the art of growing crops alive in creative and sustainable ways. Meet Farmer John from Half Moon Bay, CA, and Bloom Liepman from SLO (and many other corners of the planet).

NEWS AUG 9, 2021 *Lopez Lake boat launch expected to close, drought conditions to blame*

Lopez Lake is in the height of summer visitor season and its boat access is a big draw for people coming from across California. But because of drought conditions and a decreasing lake level, the San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Department expects to close the lake's boat launch ramp in the next month.

NEWS AUG 19, 2021 *Local farms switch to water-conserving irrigation systems during drought*

According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, all of San Luis Obispo County is currently experiencing severe drought and 17% of San Luis Obispo County is experiencing exceptional drought.

NEWS SEP 8, 2021 *Paso Robles wine experts say current harvest is promising despite drought*

Harvest season for wine grapes in Paso Robles is underway, and locals in the industry say it's going well despite the persisting impacts of drought. Wine experts say years of continuing drought and wildfire exacerbated by climate change has impacted grape yield and harvest. Last year, longer heat waves paired with smoke affected the fruit quality in Paso Robles. Molly Lonborg is the Winemaker at Alta Colina in Paso Robles. She said this year, things are off to a good start.

NEWS SEP 10, 2021 *Nacimiento reservoir low but officials say San Luis Obispo remains water-secure*

Officials say the City of San Luis Obispo is water-secure for now, despite several years of drought conditions.

Wine

I&I AUG 16, 2021 *Literacy for Life, the recall election, and the Edna Valley wine region*

Beyond the Furrows is KCBX's 12 part series on farmworkers on the Central Coast, and in this week's episode Francisco Martinez reports on the efforts to vaccinate farmworkers as the Delta variant spreads. Literacy for Life in San Luis Obispo is a non-profit organization that partners with libraries throughout the county to teach adult learners English language skills. Ballots are being sent out to all registered voters in California for the recall election of Governor Gavin Newsome, and we'll hear from Santa Barbara County Clerk Recorder Joseph Holland.

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I&I SEP 13, 2021 *Old vine wines, Lives Well Lived, and Slow Money SLO*
On this edition of Issues & Ideas we'll explore an important aspect of some farmworker's lives- Labor Contractors. Betsey Nash, KCBX's Grape Nut, takes you along on her search for her wine tasting roots, and in the process learns about old vine zinfandel. You'll hear from Sky Bergman, a local award-winning filmmaker whose documentary film "Lives Well Lived: Celebrating the Secrets, Wit, and Wisdom of Age" has just started airing on PBS. And finally, you'll learn about Slow Money SLO; a nonprofit that supports the sustainable growth of small food and farm businesses.

NEWS SEP 14, 2021 *Local winery raises awareness of suicide prevention, dedicates bottle to loved one*
September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and one local winery is remembering a family member lost to suicide.

NEWS SEP 28, 2021 *New wine legislation expected to expand industry on the Central Coast and across California*
Three new wine-related bills will officially become law after being approved by the state legislature and getting Governor Newsom's signature.

Women's Issues

OBP JUL 11, 2021 *Engaging the Latino Electorate, the Challenges of Immigration Reform, and Women of Color Building Their Own Institutions*
Examining the diverse Latino electorate, including the increased support among Latinos for Donald Trump in the 2020 election. And, how the government can, and should, help small businesses.

NEWS JUL 12, 2021 *Cal Poly students design toothbrush fertility tracker to assist in conception process*
A group of Cal Poly students are in the next stages of testing a product they designed to help women track their fertility and conceive. The fertility tracker is called OvuBrush. It's designed as a toothbrush that predicts ovulation. Janis Iourovitski is one of four co-founders of OvuBrush and just graduated from Cal Poly. The group met in a Cal Poly class called Engineering for Maternal Health and were tasked with pitching an idea for healthcare technology to address infertility.

NEWS JUL 20, 2021 *"Tradition of excellence:" Festival Mozaic returns with a focus on women composers*
Festival Mozaic, the popular Central Coast music festival, is back. After having their 2020 season cancelled because of the pandemic, the festival is putting on a smaller set of concerts this year, with a focus on chamber music and women composers.

RT JUL 27, 2021 *From the vault, making inroads to spirituality's center*
Spiritualism is a religious practice that utilizes the work of mediums to bring forth messages from relatives who have passed over to help guide and inform the individual's spiritual journey. Elizabeth Barrett shares a conversation from Lilydale, New York, the birthplace of spiritualism and a part of the women's suffrage movement.

OBP AUG 1, 2021 *Black Women on Writing with Purpose, and What History Says about Overlooking the Insurrection*

Hear from author Roxane Gay about the struggles of marginalized writers like those of color, women, and queer writers. She thinks people don't recognize the true craft in their work. And, the weekly political roundtable explores the latest news and how women of color are making an impact.

NEWS AUG 17, 2021 *Local drive to collect menstrual products addresses 'period poverty' in SLO County*

The San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls is holding a panel and menstrual product collection drive to address 'period poverty.'

CCV AUG 19, 2021 *Ending period stigma and poverty*

Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from the San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women. They discuss the mission to improve the lives of women and girls in SLO County by advocating for equal rights and collaborating with agencies and programs that support the health, socioeconomic, and professional well-being of women and girls in the community. They also discuss the current campaign focused on the issue of period poverty, period equity, and ending the stigma surrounding menstruation due to lack of access to supplies or financial resources.

OBP AUG 29, 2021 *Centering the Experiences of Afghan Women, Why the U.N. Climate Report is a Gift, and #MeToo as a Social Justice Issue*

Hear from an Afghan-American author about how to center the voices of the women most impacted by war and extremism. And, a look at climate and the choices humanity has left.

OBP SEP 5, 2021 *When Public Health Saves Lives, Returning to In-Person Education with a Disability, and Texas Abortion Ban's Impact on Women of Color*

Can a vaccine verification system help save lives? Hear from a public health professional on COVID-19 vaccine refusal and what it means.

CCV SEP 9, 2021 *The dangers of drinking while pregnant*

Alcohol is the leading preventable cause of birth defects and developmental disorders in the US. Annually on September 9th, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day serves as a reminder that there is no "safe" level of alcohol consumption while pregnant. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests about the range of conditions that can result from alcohol use during pregnancy. Hear from Judge Charles Crandall, Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County, and Dr. Nisha Abdul Cader, medical director for the Suspected Abuse Response Team and pediatric consultant for Martha's Place Children's Assessment Center.

OBP SEP 19, 2021 *The January Insurrection According to Rep. Pramila Jayapal, What Families Need to Know about Covid in Kids, and Our Roundtable Debates AOC's Met Gala Moment*

Hear from Representative Pramila Jayapal on Republican efforts to restrict abortion access, as well as the January 6th insurrection. She says it's about control over choice and further radicalizing political points.

NEWS SEP 23, 2021 *Portland's first female police chief and long-time Morro Bay resident, Penny Harrington, dies at 79*
Portland's first female police chief and long-time Morro Bay resident, Penny Harrington, has died at 79.