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Program Abbreviations

AT	=	Across the Tracks	NEWS	=	All Things Considered
CCV	=	Central Coast Voices	NEWS	=	Morning Edition
CE	=	The Cutting Edge	NT	=	Night Train
CS	=	Classical Showcase	OBP	=	Our Body Politic
EB	=	Evening Blues	RT	=	The Reluctant Therapist
IC	=	KCBX in Concert	TRH	=	The Road Home
I&I	=	Issues & Ideas	TRO	=	Trotamundos
MC	=	The Morning Cup	SP	=	Special

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Agriculture

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NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *Author Dorothea Deley's new book helps 'pet parents' navigate the issues surrounding euthanasia*

Pet parents often feel conflicted when it's time to make a decision about ending their pet's life. Dorothea Deley hopes her book "How to Say Goodbye to Your Dear Dog: 10 questions to help you decide when it's time to euthanasia" will offer guidance.

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I&I DEC 13, 2021 *"The Sinking of the SS Montebello", SLO City advisory boards, black holes and Monarch butterflies*

Kim Bisheff hosts "Agenda Breakdown": help the city of San Luis Obispo make policy decisions by volunteering on an advisory committee. Author Stuart McDowell has a new book about the Japanese torpedo sinking of the oil tanker off the Cambria coast in December 1941: *The Sinking of the SS Montebello*. He speaks with KCBX's Tom Wilmer. A UC Santa Barbara physics professor Steven Giddings is dedicated to solving the "paradox" of black hole information and the laws that govern our universe. KCBX intern Shayna Weldon reports. Monarch butterfly populations are in decline but butterflies have returned to the Central Coast in higher numbers this winter. Contributor Beth Thornton reports.

Business

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NEWS OCT 29, 2021 *Finding of Denial released for local Exxon oil trucking proposal and more financial relief available for businesses*

Santa Barbara County staff released their Finding of Denial for ExxonMobil's proposal to truck oil on Highways 101 and 166. Plus, more financial relief is being made available to qualified small businesses.

NEWS NOV 3, 2021 *Pismo Beach ordinance to regulate massage businesses, fight human trafficking stirs debate*

A Pismo Beach ordinance regulating massage businesses is stirring up debate in the city.

I&I NOV 8, 2021 *Memories of Vietnam as a Seabee, collaborative workspaces, and singer songwriter Sierra Hull*
Morro Bay resident U.S. retired Navy Commander Kenneth Vogel talks about his three tours of duty in Vietnam as a Seabee. Also, the owner of the Backlots, Dane Hodgson, and Cal Poly CIE's John Townsend, talk about collaborative workspaces. Finally, Sierra Hull, an American bluegrass singer-songwriter, talks about life and music.

NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *SLO City brings back local shopping incentive, and Paso Robles names new assistant city manager*
In today's KCBX News Update: the City of San Luis Obispo is bringing back its local shopping incentive program, and the City of Paso Robles has named a new assistant city manager.

CCV NOV 18, 2021 *Your New French Hospital*
Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from French Hospital Medical Center as they celebrate a major milestone — their 75th anniversary! — and discuss their plans to build a hospital of the future. Hear from Alan Ifiniuk, president and CEO; Anita Robinson, chair the Community Board; and Tom Lebens, chair of the Foundation Board.

I&I NOV 22, 2021 *Munger Hall, the Grape Nut, Once Upon a Tyme, and Stepladder Ranch*
UC Santa Barbara is proposing to build a “megadorm” that would house 4,500 students. Get some tips on which wines to serve with your Thanksgiving meal as the Grape Nut, Betsey Nash, continues her conversation with local sommelier Jenna Congdon. Cambria clock shop owner offers insights about timepieces old and new. On “Playing with Food,” Father Ian visits Stepladder Ranch and Creamery near Cambria to show you how every aspect of the life of their goat herd is part of making a high-quality cheese.

NEWS NOV 26, 2021 *Holiday shopping begins as downtown SLO fills with bargain hunters*
Black Friday almost looks normal in downtown San Luis Obispo this year, as hundreds of shoppers filled stores, hoping to get the best holiday deals.

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NEWS DEC 10, 2021 *Local car dealers struggle with lack of inventory amid pandemic-related supply chain issues*

Supply bottlenecks brought on from the pandemic continue to impact U.S. car sales. While it's a competitive market to buy a new car, dealers say it's a good time to sell a used car.

NEWS DEC 20, 2021 *New owners and new plans in store for historic Alex Bar-B-Q location in Pismo Beach*

There are new owners and new plans for the old historic Alex Bar-B-Q in Shell Beach, which has been vacant for several years after the building was demolished in 2018.

NEWS DEC 23, 2021 *Despite the storm, shoppers pack stores for last-minute holiday shopping*

Despite a global pandemic, high inflation and supply chain issues around the country, Americans are still shopping this holiday season — and local stores are busy with last-minute shoppers.

NEWS DEC 28, 2021 *'We've seen this a lot through the years': Big Sur businesses feel impact of Highway 1 rockslides*

Highway 1 is closed from just north of San Simeon to Ragged Point. Big Sur restaurants and hotels say road closures over the years have put pressure on business.

Cannabis & Hemp

NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *City of Goleta appeals cannabis cultivation project approved in Santa Barbara County*

The City of Goleta appealed a Santa Barbara County-approved cannabis cultivation site, delaying the forward motion of the project.

Career

NEWS OCT 7, 2021 *Central Coast nurses advocate for 'safe staffing' amid nurse shortage*

As hospitals throughout the state report they are struggling with nurse shortages amid the COVID-19 pandemic, registered nurses held a press conference Thursday at Sierra Vista Hospital in San Luis Obispo saying there isn't a nurse shortage, just a shortage of nurses willing to work under what they are calling "unfair and overworked conditions."

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NEWS DEC 30, 2021 *Local restaurant industry prepares for minimum wage increase in 2022*

According to the California Restaurant Association, tipped employees garner the greatest financial gains when there's a minimum wage increase.

Charities, Social Services & Non-Profits

NEWS OCT 1, 2021 *Redwings Horse Sanctuary opens facility in Paso Robles to end abuse and neglect of horses*

Redwings Horse Sanctuary, an organization that helps neglected, abused and unwanted horses, has now found a permanent facility in Paso Robles.

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Amid nationwide diaper shortage, Santa Barbara County non-profit opens 'diaper bank' for families*

Diapers are one of the latest pandemic shortages as prices per pack climb. Now, a local non-profit in Santa Barbara is helping to fill the need with the county's first diaper bank.

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CCV OCT 14, 2021 *Igniting passion for nature through film*

Host Fred Munroe is joined by guests Sue Eisaguirre, founder and executive director of NatureTrack Foundation and NatureTrack Film Festival, and two festival filmmakers, Michael Love and Sarah Koenigsberg. They will discuss the goal of the upcoming NatureTrack Film Festival, the important work of the NatureTrack Foundation, and what is in store for film festival attendees.

NEWS OCT 14, 2021 *SLO County artists open studios to public, share works and creative process*

The San Luis Obispo County Open Studios Art Tour is a yearly program hosted by the SLO County Arts Council. Artists welcome the public to their studios to share their art and creative process.

CCV OCT 21, 2021 *ReDefineSLO*

Often through the media, young boys learn the way to earn respect is to react through violence and to limit their emotional expression of anger, jealousy, and despondence. In partnership with Lumina Alliance, ReDefineSLO is a new county-wide social marketing campaign focused on the emotional, physical, and relational well-being of San Luis Obispo's pre-teen boys in an effort to decrease incidents of violence in the community. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from Lumina Alliance, including Christina Kaviani, education and communications director, and Janae Sargent, prevention manager. They discuss the campaign's goal to equip parents, teachers, and influential adults with the tools needed to have meaningful conversations and raise emotionally intelligent children.

I&I OCT 25, 2021 *GleanSLO, Media Literacy Week, and a possible new police station for San Luis Obispo*

There is no shortage of fresh foods on the Central Coast, but some people still go hungry. GleanSLO is a SLO Food Bank program aimed at getting fresh food to those who need it. October 25-29 is Media Literacy Week and we'll hear from journalism professor Dr. Bobbie Eisenstock about media literacy education and the recent congressional hearings regarding social media. Also, you'll hear the second episode of Kim Bisheffs podcast "Agenda Breakdown", where she explores how a city's decisions are made and how you can participate.

RT OCT 26, 2021 *Breaking the cycles of sexual assault and intimate partner violence*

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence can be greatly reduced with an intense investment in sex education, healthy modeling, and ongoing conversations. Elizabeth Barrett speaks with guest Janae Sargent from Lumina Alliance about what can be done to increase overall access to relationship and communication skills, helping to bring an end to gender and power-based violence.

NEWS OCT 26, 2021 *Local nonprofit adjusts programs to empower girls, gender-diverse youth throughout pandemic*

Girls Rock Santa Barbara, a nonprofit that runs programs to empower girls and gender-expansive youth, adjusted its programming during the pandemic to continue serving youth safely.

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NEWS OCT 28, 2021 *Renovations and upgrades complete at ECHO's Atascadero transitional homeless shelter*

A church in Atascadero that was converted into a transitional homeless shelter a few years ago recently got a much-needed upgrade.

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CCV NOV 4, 2021 *SLO equity: Engaging our community*

The Diversity Coalition of San Luis Obispo County is celebrating its ten-year anniversary since it was created in 2011 as a response to a widely-reported incident involving the burning of a cross in Arroyo Grande. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from the Diversity Coalition about their work to provide programs and resources that celebrate SLO County's diversity and promote inclusion of all members of the community. You'll hear from board members Cornel N. Morton, Ph.D., Michael Boyer, and Jill Stollmeyer.

NEWS NOV 5, 2021 *San Luis Obispo County food bank sees staggering need ahead of holiday season*

At the SLO County Food Bank, the number of people in need is staggering, and the food bank is stocking up now to help families for the upcoming holiday season.

NEWS NOV 10, 2021 *A new app that helps people in need find a meal selects Santa Barbara as a pilot city*

Much like UberEats and DoorDash, the MealPass App allows people to get food from local restaurants and food vendors by using a mobile application. But the goal of the MealPass App is to connect restaurants and food vendors with people who are food insecure by allowing app users to pick up donated meals.

CCV NOV 11, 2021 *A Legacy of Service, Hope for the Future*

Disabled American Veterans Charity (DAV) provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations, helping more than 1 million veterans in positive, life-changing ways each year. DAV empowers our nation's heroes and their families by helping to provide the resources they need – like connecting them with meaningful employment or hosting job fairs – to ensure the nation keeps the promises made to them. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from DAV in Santa Maria as they discuss how their work ensures that veterans have the opportunity to participate in the American Dream that has been made possible by their sacrifices.

NEWS NOV 12, 2021 *Thanksgiving for Paso Robles returns to traditional sit-down; Pismo Beach brings back modified version this year*

The holiday season is coming up, and it'll be the second year people will be celebrating Thanksgiving amid a pandemic.

NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *San Luis Obispo invests in child care pilot program to help meet demand*

The city of San Luis Obispo is investing \$54,000 in a new pilot program to expand child care options within the next year.

NEWS NOV 23, 2021 *SLO Botanical Gardens to host "Free Day at the Garden," and SLO airport reopens COVID-19 testing facility*

In today's KCBX News Update: the SLO airport reopens its COVID-19 testing facility, and the SLO Botanical Gardens will host a "Free Day at the Garden" this Friday.

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NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *Giving Tuesday fundraising to help area nonprofit groups amid pandemic struggles*

After scoring deals during Black Friday and Cyber Monday, non-profit organizations are hoping people will support the work they do in the community by donating on Giving Tuesday.

NEWS DEC 1, 2021 *Operation Santa SLO County sees an increase in need with caseload going up during pandemic*

Each year, the SLO County Department of Social Services hosts a program called Operation Santa to help fulfill wishes from local children in need, and this year, they say the need has drastically increased.

NEWS DEC 6, 2021 *Salvation Army bell ringers return with increased need this holiday season*

The bells are ringing again this year, as the Salvation Army is back out in front of shopping centers seeking donations.

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CCV DEC 9, 2021 *A crisis in foster care*

There is currently a crisis in the availability of foster homes for youth in the community, an issue that has been significantly impacted by the pandemic. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests with the Child Welfare Program of the SLO County Department of Social Services as they discuss the urgent need for community assistance to help youth in need and the opportunities available within the foster system.

NEWS DEC 16, 2021 *SLO County nonprofit to sue over controversial redistricting map it says violates California election law*

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors formally adopted a controversial district map on Tuesday that makes major changes to the district boundaries in the county. Now, a nonprofit called San Luis Obispo County Citizens for Good Government plans to sue over the map, which they say violates California election law and favors Republican interests.

NEWS DEC 17, 2021 *Omicron detected in SLO County, and SLO County libraries expand free job training programs*

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NEWS DEC 21, 2021 *Volunteers needed for care and rescue as seal pupping season begins on California coast*

Volunteers can assist in rescue and response as well as animal care for seal pups that are experiencing malnutrition, illness or infections.

NEWS DEC 24, 2021 *SLO County seeks volunteers for upcoming Point-In-Time Count of unhoused population*

The next Point-In-Time Count is scheduled for January 26, 2022. Right now, SLO County is working on old data from the last count in 2019.

NEWS DEC 27, 2021 *Local unhoused community takes shelter in libraries, 40 Prado during rainstorm*

40 Prado Homeless Services Center increases its capacity during cold and wet weather to accommodate more people in its shelter.

NEWS DEC 29, 2021 *Single-unit shelter programs coming to Santa Barbara and Grover Beach*

The temporary single-unit shelter programs include social services.

NEWS DEC 30, 2021 *SB County Women, Infants and Children program aims to support families during pandemic*

In Santa Barbara County, pregnant mothers and families with limited incomes — including migrant and military families — may qualify for assistance under the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

Civil Rights

OBP OCT 3, 2021 *Why the Economic Recovery Has Been Slow for Women of Color, Research Says Millennials of Color Are Worried and Hopeful about Money, and How Pauli Murray's Writing and Thinking Still Influence Us Today*

A look at the life of Pauli Murray, a long-neglected and extremely influential activist. As a student at Howard University School of Law, Pauli wrote a paper that ultimately helped to shape the argument to win *Brown v. Board of Education*.

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Hear from Dr. Anita Hill on the intersection of gender and race-based assault, and how to protect Black women in the workplace. Thirty years after catapulting into the public eye, she reflects on the work left to be done to end gender violence.

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OBP NOV 7, 2021 *What the Elections Teach Us About Swing Voter Issues Today, How Race and Ethnicity Shape Young People of Color Politically, and Why Welcoming Refugees Helps Us*

Hear how efforts to welcome Afghan refugees across the country are impacting the broader immigrant rights conversation. Some say there is an encouraging bipartisan spirit among this group of refugees, but there's still more work to be done.

NEWS NOV 16, 2021 *Prescribed burn in Montaña de Oro, NAACP of SLO County to hold vaccine clinic, and redistricting commission adds more time slots*

In today's KCBX News Update: Montaña de Oro State Park will be the site of prescribed burns, the NAACP of SLO County will hold a mobile vaccine clinic, and the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has added more time slots to its public input meetings.

Community

NEWS OCT 5, 2021 *SLO community members can help determine the future of the city's urban forest*

There are more than 20,000 trees in San Luis Obispo's urban forest. Now, the City is asking for help to determine how that forest will be cared for in the future. The City is asking residents to fill out an online survey that will help guide the development of San Luis Obispo's Urban Forest Master Plan. It will be designed to help manage, enhance and grow the community's tree resources over the next 20 to 30 years.

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CCV NOV 4, 2021 *SLO equity: Engaging our community*

The Diversity Coalition of San Luis Obispo County is celebrating its ten-year anniversary since it was created in 2011 as a response to a widely-reported incident involving the burning of a cross in Arroyo Grande. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from the Diversity Coalition about their work to provide programs and resources that celebrate SLO County's diversity and promote inclusion of all members of the community. You'll hear from board members Cornel N. Morton, Ph.D., Michael Boyer, and Jill Stollmeyer.

I&I NOV 15, 2021 *Agenda Breakdown, the Grape Nut, and Orchestra Novo*

Agenda Breakdown host Kim Bisheff explains how the local redistricting process works, and highlights the ways residents can get involved. Also, Betsey Nash, the "Grape Nut" sat down with local sommelier Jenna Congdon to learn some useful wine terms. Orchestra Novo's Artistic Director Michael Nowak, and musician Inga Swearingen talk to Ben Purper about the upcoming November 20th performance.

NEWS NOV 23, 2021 *Santa Claus set to return to Holidays in Mission Plaza San Luis Obispo*

Crews are busy setting up the 45th annual holiday display at Mission Plaza, where Santa's house and the attraction open this Friday.

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OBP DEC 12, 2021 *Voting Rights Activism from Fannie Lou Hamer to Today, Tackling High Maternal Mortality Rates in the U.S., and How to Reframe Abortion as a Liberty Issue for All*

Take a look at the enduring message of voting rights pioneer, Fannie Lou Hamer, and the work that remains.

Crafts & Fine Art

NEWS OCT 14, 2021 *SLO County artists open studios to public, share works and creative process*

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Crime

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A Pismo Beach ordinance regulating massage businesses is stirring up debate in the city.

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In today's KCBX News Update: there will be a maintenance project on Highway 101, and an extremism researcher worries about a potential rise in gun violence in the U.S.

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OBP NOV 21, 2021 *Honoring the Emanuel Nine, What We Can Do about Information Disorder, and Critical Race Theory as a Political Football*

Revisit the painful memory of the shooting at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC, and hear from those most impacted.

NEWS DEC 6, 2021 *Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commission chooses final map, and Paul and Ruben Flores appear in court via Zoom*

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NEWS DEC 15, 2021 *City of San Luis Obispo files for dismissal of lawsuit alleging criminalization of homelessness*

The lawsuit claims the city is violating the constitutional rights of the unhoused population by breaking up encampments during the pandemic and illegally seizing and destroying individuals' property.

NEWS DEC 16, 2021 *SLO County nonprofit to sue over controversial redistricting map it says violates California election law*

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors formally adopted a controversial district map on Tuesday that makes major changes to the district boundaries in the county. Now, a nonprofit called San Luis Obispo County Citizens for Good Government plans to sue over the map, which they say violates California election law and favors Republican interests.

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.

Economics

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NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *SLO City brings back local shopping incentive, and Paso Robles names new assistant city manager*

In today's KCBX News Update: the City of San Luis Obispo is bringing back its local shopping incentive program, and the City of Paso Robles has named a new assistant city manager.

NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *Researchers on Central Coast are developing the next generation of products for the Blue Economy*

Two researchers on the Central Coast have received awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Convergence Accelerator program to develop products for the Blue Economy.

NEWS NOV 22, 2021 *San Luis Obispo begins free parking days during holiday season*

Parking Services wants to encourage economic activity downtown by making structure parking free on 13 days.

NEWS NOV 24, 2021 *Supply chain issues continue to plague California ports, and famous gray wolf who ventured through SLO County found dead*

In today's KCBX News Update: Supply chain issues continue to plague California ports, and the famous gray wolf OR-93 who ventured through SLO County was found dead earlier this month in Kern County.

NEWS NOV 26, 2021 *Holiday shopping begins as downtown SLO fills with bargain hunters*

Black Friday almost looks normal in downtown San Luis Obispo this year, as hundreds of shoppers filled stores, hoping to get the best holiday deals.

NEWS NOV 29, 2021 *Christmas tree demand high amid supply chain issues, fuel increases and wildfires*

With Thanksgiving over, families are now in the process of finding the perfect Christmas tree — but with demand up, and some areas facing a tree shortage, people are encouraged to get their trees early.

NEWS DEC 10, 2021 *Local car dealers struggle with lack of inventory amid pandemic-related supply chain issues*

Supply bottlenecks brought on from the pandemic continue to impact U.S. car sales. While it's a competitive market to buy a new car, dealers say it's a good time to sell a used car.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *Holiday gas prices dropping locally as Omicron variant spreads*

Analysts predict prices will continue to fall at the pump over the holidays and into the New Year.

NEWS DEC 28, 2021 *'We've seen this a lot through the years': Big Sur businesses feel impact of Highway 1 rockslides*

Highway 1 is closed from just north of San Simeon to Ragged Point. Big Sur restaurants and hotels say road closures over the years have put pressure on business.

NEWS DEC 23, 2021 *Despite the storm, shoppers pack stores for last-minute holiday shopping*

Despite a global pandemic, high inflation and supply chain issues around the country, Americans are still shopping this holiday season — and local stores are busy with last-minute shoppers.

NEWS DEC 30, 2021 *Local restaurant industry prepares for minimum wage increase in 2022*

According to the California Restaurant Association, tipped employees garner the greatest financial gains when there's a minimum wage increase.

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NEWS OCT 18, 2021 *SLO County residents join statewide protest against public school vaccine mandates*

Parents, teachers and students across California participated in a school sit-out Monday to protest statewide COVID-19 vaccination requirements for students. KCBX's Rachel Showalter attended a local protest and has this report.

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I&I OCT 25, 2021 *GleanSLO, Media Literacy Week, and a possible new police station for San Luis Obispo*

There is no shortage of fresh foods on the Central Coast, but some people still go hungry. GleanSLO is a SLO Food Bank program aimed at getting fresh food to those who need it. October 25-29 is Media Literacy Week and we'll hear from journalism professor Dr. Bobbie Eisenstock about media literacy education and the recent congressional hearings regarding social media. Also, you'll hear the second episode of Kim Bisheffs podcast "Agenda Breakdown", where she explores how a city's decisions are made and how you can participate.

RT OCT 26, 2021 *Breaking the cycles of sexual assault and intimate partner violence*

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence can be greatly reduced with an intense investment in sex education, healthy modeling, and ongoing conversations. Elizabeth Barrett speaks with guest Janae Sargent from Lumina Alliance about what can be done to increase overall access to relationship and communication skills, helping to bring an end to gender and power-based violence.

NEWS OCT 29, 2021 *HWY 1 remains closed after rockslide and Paso Robles breaks ground on housing project*

Crews continue work to clear Highway 1 after a rockslide near Ragged Point. Plus, a new housing project broke ground in Paso Robles and the San Luis Unified School District is expected to hire new counseling aids for elementary school students.

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I&I NOV 8, 2021 *Memories of Vietnam as a Seabee, collaborative workspaces, and singer songwriter Sierra Hull*

Morro Bay resident U.S. retired Navy Commander Kenneth Vogel talks about his three tours of duty in Vietnam as a Seabee. Also, the owner of the Backlots, Dane Hodgson, and Cal Poly CIE's John Townsend, talk about collaborative workspaces. Finally, Sierra Hull, an American bluegrass singer-songwriter, talks about life and music.

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NEWS NOV 22, 2021 *Proposed UCSB "megadorm" draws criticism from local architects and designers; university defends building*

UC Santa Barbara has made national headlines for its proposed “megadorm” designed and partially financed by billionaire investor Charles Munger. The building, called Munger Hall, would house 4,500 students, potentially doubling the university’s student housing stock.

I&I NOV 22, 2021 *Munger Hall, the Grape Nut, Once Upon a Tyme, and Stepladder Ranch*

UC Santa Barbara is proposing to build a “megadorm” that would house 4,500 students. Get some tips on which wines to serve with your Thanksgiving meal as the Grape Nut, Betsey Nash, continues her conversation with local sommelier Jenna Congdon. Cambria clock shop owner offers insights about timepieces old and new. On “Playing with Food,” Father Ian visits Stepladder Ranch and Creamery near Cambria to show you how every aspect of the life of their goat herd is part of making a high-quality cheese.

NEWS NOV 29, 2021 *UCSB professor to present on grizzly bears in Morro Bay, and SLO County urges vaccination amid news of omicron variant*

In today's KCBX News Update: a UCSB professor will present on the history of the California grizzly bear in Morro Bay tomorrow, and San Luis Obispo County is urging residents to get vaccinated as news of the omicron variant spreads.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *SLO Police Department urges safe driving this holiday season, and UC doctor discusses Omicron variant*

In today's KCBX News Update, the San Luis Obispo Police Department is urging safe driving this holiday season and a University of California doctor discusses the Omicron variant.

NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *Central Coast school districts eligible to apply for electric school bus incentive program*

Central Coast Community Energy is offering incentives to encourage eligible communities to replace their diesel buses with electric ones.

NEWS DEC 7, 2021 *UC Santa Barbara physics professor explains the conflict in our understanding of black holes*

A UC Santa Barbara physics professor is trying to understand what Einstein couldn't. With the support of the Heising-Simons Foundation, Professor Steven Giddings is able to explore gravity and space. KCBX’s Shayna Weldon spoke with Giddings about the physics of matter and energy.

NEWS DEC 8, 2021 *Cal Poly SLO to hold two commencement ceremonies this weekend, and 40 Prado opens warming center amid chance of rain*

In today's KCBX News Update: Cal Poly SLO will hold two commencement ceremonies this weekend, and 40 Prado Homeless Services Center will open a warming center amid a high chance of rain today and tomorrow.

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NEWS DEC 21, 2021 *North SLO County grouped with South San Jose in new congressional maps, and UC schools may go back to remote instruction*
In today's KCBX News Update: North SLO County has been grouped with South San Jose in final congressional maps approved by the California state redistricting commission, and University of California schools will require boosters for all eligible students and may temporarily transition back to remote learning.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *Booster shots required at CSU and UC systems, free rapid test pop-up event in Grover Beach, and Central Coast otter pup relocated to Long Beach*
In today's KCBX News Update: Booster shots will be required at CSU and UC schools in the new year, there will be a free rapid COVID-19 test pop-up event in Grover Beach, and an otter pup rescued off the Central Coast has been relocated to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

OBP DEC 26, 2021 *Best Of 2021: Addressing Maternal Physical and Mental Health, the Ongoing Crisis over What to Teach Kids, and How One Activist Disrupts from Within Institutions*
Revisit some of *Our Body Politic's* most-loved segments, including an interview with educator Lydia X. Z. Brown, and what's at stake for maternal physical and mental health.

Energy

NEWS OCT 13, 2021 *Pacific Gas & Electric plans for power shutoffs in north SLO County amid wildfires*
Pacific Gas & Electric warns another power safety shut-off could happen this week due to the Alisal Fire, and with residents in northern SLO County still experiencing ongoing unplanned outages, PG&E held a town hall meeting Tuesday night discussing the issue.

NEWS NOV 1, 2021 *The Morro Bay smokestacks are coming down. Here's how that could impact the city*
After a 4 to 1 deciding vote by the city council, the three smokestacks in Morro Bay are set to come down by January 1, 2028.

NEWS NOV 23, 2021 *PG&E testing artificial intelligence locally that could provide early wildfire detection*
The technology is also designed to filter out things that look like smoke such as haze or fog.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *PG&E advises conservation, fire-safety as holiday lights pop-up across Central Coast*
Winter electricity usage typically increases as temperatures drop and holiday decorations go up. PG&E has tips for conserving electricity and reducing the chance of starting a fire.

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NEWS DEC 6, 2021 *Scientists, elected officials rally against closure of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant*
Advocates for the plant say renewable energy production isn't happening fast enough to replace the energy generated by Diablo Canyon.

Environment

NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *Local beekeepers' alliance encourages bee conservation amid commercial beekeeping losses*
Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-third of the world's food supply, but the honeybee population has been declining rapidly throughout the last twenty years, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *DANGEROUS AIR: As California burns, America breathes toxic smoke*
by FARIDA JHABVALA ROMERO & CALEIGH WELLS & AARON GLANTZ & ALISON SALDANHA
Western wildfires pose a much broader threat to human health than to just those forced to evacuate the path of the blazes. Smoke from these fires, which have burned millions of acres in California alone, is choking vast swaths of the country, an analysis of federal satellite imagery by NPR's California Newsroom and Stanford University's Environmental Change and Human Outcomes Lab found.

I&I OCT 4, 2021 *Saying Goodbye to Your Dear Dog, and preparing pomegranates*
by BETH THORNTON, BRIAN REYNOLDS, FRANCISCO MARTINEZ & CAROL TANGEMAN & IAN DELINGER & CALEIGH WELLS/KCRW
In this edition of "Beyond the Furrows", our series covering farmworkers on the Central Coast, we'll introduce you to Maria. She's been on an 18 year quest for US citizenship. "Dangerous Air" is a collaborative investigation, and answers the question: How much wildfire smoke have we been breathing and what are the health risks? You'll learn about new legislation requiring grocery stores and food distributors to donate unused edible food instead of wasting it. Author Dorothea Deley talks about her book "Saying Good-bye to Your Dear Dog".

NEWS OCT 7, 2021 *California condor deaths are rising due to lead poisoning — again*

The California condor, one of the state's most iconic birds, went extinct in the wild in the 1980's — but it's since been reintroduced into areas like the Central Coast. However, lead deaths have been rising among wild condors in the last few years, once again threatening this critically endangered species.

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as site to restore native oysters*

A recent study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as a priority location for restoring the native Olympia oyster population through conservation aquaculture. It's a project that unites shellfish lovers and conservationists on the Central Coast.

I&I OCT 11, 2021 *The local wine harvest, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters on the NAACP*

In the last of our farmworker profiles, and the last episode of Beyond the Furrows- you'll meet Amancio- a farmworker who wants to see positive change in his line of work. It's harvest time for wineries all over the Central Coast, and Betsey Nash- who we call the "Grape Nut", wanted to get a closer look. So, she headed to Talley Vineyards. On the Nonprofit Story, Dr. Consuelo Meux has a conversation about the importance of the NAACP with Congresswoman Maxine Waters. And finally, KCBX's Angel Russel reports on a local group working to help the honeybee population.

CCV OCT 14, 2021 *Igniting passion for nature through film*

Host Fred Munroe is joined by guests Sue Eisaguirre, founder and executive director of NatureTrack Foundation and NatureTrack Film Festival, and two festival filmmakers, Michael Love and Sarah Koenigsberg. They will discuss the goal of the upcoming NatureTrack Film Festival, the important work of the NatureTrack Foundation, and what is in store for film festival attendees.

NEWS OCT 15, 2021 *California lists leatherback sea turtle as endangered; fisheries defend practices*

Leatherback sea turtles are now listed under California's Endangered Species Act after a deciding vote by the state's Fish and Game Commission. KCBX's Rachel Showalter has more about how this impacts the species and local fisheries.

NEWS OCT 19, 2021 *As drought continues, La Niña is back; first winter storm could arrive before Halloween*

Early models indicate an atmospheric river could bring two to six inches of rain along the Central Coast Sunday into Monday.

NEWS OCT 25, 2021 *SLO County areas see 5+ inches of rain and COVID-19 vaccine booster eligibility expands*

In today's KCBX newscast, some areas of San Luis Obispo County saw more than five inches of rain Sunday and Monday. Plus, COVID-19 vaccine booster eligibility is expanding to more San Luis Obispo County residents.

NEWS OCT 26, 2021 *Officials urge public to avoid ocean after storm and SLO County records 100+ new COVID-19 cases*

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department is advising the public to avoid getting in the ocean after the storm. Plus, the County Public Health Department has reported 135 new cases of the virus locally.

NEWS OCT 27, 2021 *Rockslide closes Highway 1, storms give some communities whiplash*

In today's KCBX News update, a rockslide has closed parts of Highway 1 and CapRadio's Scott Rodd reports on how recent storms are giving some California communities whiplash.

NEWS NOV 2, 2021 *Winter storms raise concerns over possible mudslides, debris flow in the Alisal Fire burn scar area*

Rockslides, mudslides, and debris flow continue to pose a risk for people living within the Alisal Fire area, which ignited in Santa Barbara County on October 11 and charred nearly 17,000 acres of vegetation.

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The study's lead author called this a "hidden effect" of climate change. The loss of nutrition in giant kelp could have cascading ecological and economic impacts.

NEWS NOV 9, 2021 *Proposed Chumash marine sanctuary off Central Coast moves closer to official status*

The National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration today announced that it is starting a process to designate a marine sanctuary off the Central Coast as the Chumash National Heritage Marine Sanctuary.

NEWS NOV 9, 2021 *Free electric bike loan in Santa Barbara County encourages alternative modes of transportation*

In an effort to help lower Santa Barbara County's carbon footprint, residents and workers there can now loan an electric bike without charge this month through the EZ Bike project.

NEWS NOV 11, 2021 *Storms, wet weather create breeding ground for mosquitoes on Central Coast*

Pools of stagnant water are ideal areas for female mosquitoes to lay their eggs. One local expert says there are mitigation steps residents can take.

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NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *Wishcycling: The dos and don'ts of responsible recycling*
Every week, a waste collector comes to pick up your recyclables in the blue bin — but Shad Springer with Santa Maria Public Works says people aren't always getting it right on what can be recycled.

NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *SLO park rangers urge proper trail use to maintain open space during rainy season*
Use of closed trails and off-trail open space can contribute to erosion and damage vegetation.

NEWS NOV 18, 2021 *Locals express needs for future of Isla Vista transportation infrastructure*
The Isla Vista Community Services District announced a timeline for an equity-based, climate-forward future.

NEWS NOV 18, 2021 *Paso Robles adopts new waste ordinance aimed at reducing organic waste in landfills*
Come January 1, 2022, when Paso Robles residents and businesses roll out their three waste container bins, food waste from the trash bin must now go into the green waste container instead.

NEWS NOV 25, 2021 *San Luis Obispo recognized as global climate leader*
The city was designated by the Carbon Disclosure Project as one of 95 cities across the globe to be a leader in environmental action and transparency.

NEWS NOV 29, 2021 *Low-snow winters could impact local, state water reservoir supply*
A recent study suggests persistent low-to-no-snow winters could become a reality in the next 35 to 60 years.

CCV DEC 2, 2021 *Protecting the Heritage of the Central Coast*
Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with guests Violet Sage Walker, the vice chairwoman of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, and P.J. Webb, a public interest attorney and advisor to the Northern Chumash Tribal Council. They discuss how the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary has the potential to help address the global biodiversity crisis. They also discuss accelerated nature-based solutions through inclusive partnerships and collaboration among California Native American Tribes and federal, state, and local governments.

NEWS DEC 7, 2021 *"An encouraging sign": monarch butterflies return to Central Coast for winter*
Western monarch butterflies are returning to local eucalyptus groves in much higher numbers than last year.

NEWS DEC 13, 2021 *Santa Barbara County Jail reports 17 COVID-positive inmates, winter weather batters Central Coast*
In today's KCBX News Update: The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office says 17 inmates have tested positive at the main jail, and winter weather is hitting the Central Coast.

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NEWS DEC 14, 2021 *Winter weather continues across Central Coast, and SLO County to choose final district map*
In today's KCBX News Update: Winter weather continues across the Central Coast, and Santa Barbara County has chosen a final district map while SLO County is poised to do the same tonight.

NEWS DEC 16, 2021 *Oceano Dunes camping reservations cancelled, and SLO County Public Health Department issues guidance on at-home COVID-19 tests*
In today's KCBX News Update: camping reservations at Oceano Dunes have been cancelled due to weather, and the SLO County Public Health Department has issued guidance on at-home COVID-19 test results.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *Rainy Christmas expected as first of storm series hits Central Coast*
Storms are expected to sweep across the entire state this week, bringing rain and snow which may complicate travel plans for the holidays.

NEWS DEC 23, 2021 *Winter storm brings flood advisories, emergency warnings across Central Coast*
Emergency warnings are in place across the Central Coast today amid the heavy storm.

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Highway 1 is closed from just north of San Simeon to Ragged Point. Big Sur restaurants and hotels say road closures over the years have put pressure on business.

NEWS DEC 28, 2021 *Caltrans busy clearing rockslides as storm system continues*

Caltrans is trying to take advantage of the break in the storm after the recent rains led to several rock and mudslides, causing delays and road closures throughout the Central Coast.

NEWS DEC 30, 2021 *Iconic Spooner's Cove arch crumbles: 'I was lucky to have seen it for decades'*

The arch likely came down during a recent storm as large waves and winds battered the rock.

Family & Children

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Amid nationwide diaper shortage, Santa Barbara County non-profit opens 'diaper bank' for families*

Diapers are one of the latest pandemic shortages as prices per pack climb. Now, a local non-profit in Santa Barbara is helping to fill the need with the county's first diaper bank.

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NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *San Luis Obispo invests in child care pilot program to help meet demand*

The city of San Luis Obispo is investing \$54,000 in a new pilot program to expand child care options within the next year.

RT NOV 23, 2021 *Navigating reconnecting with loved ones*

As we head into the holidays and gently step back into our family gatherings, it can be a bit challenging. Tune in for a "Best of" conversation with the Reluctant Therapist and guest Dr. Joshua Coleman, a psychologist and author, about the pain, shame, embarrassment, and guilt that often accompanies estrangements that occur between parents and their children. What can you do to help bridge divides with those you love before the rift becomes too large?

NEWS NOV 23, 2021 *Santa Claus set to return to Holidays in Mission Plaza San Luis Obispo*

Crews are busy setting up the 45th annual holiday display at Mission Plaza, where Santa's house and the attraction open this Friday.

NEWS NOV 29, 2021 *Christmas tree demand high amid supply chain issues, fuel increases and wildfires*

With Thanksgiving over, families are now in the process of finding the perfect Christmas tree — but with demand up, and some areas facing a tree shortage, people are encouraged to get their trees early.

NEWS DEC 1, 2021 *Operation Santa SLO County sees an increase in need with caseload going up during pandemic*

Each year, the SLO County Department of Social Services hosts a program called Operation Santa to help fulfill wishes from local children in need, and this year, they say the need has drastically increased.

CCV DEC 9, 2021 *A crisis in foster care*

There is currently a crisis in the availability of foster homes for youth in the community, an issue that has been significantly impacted by the pandemic. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests with the Child Welfare Program of the SLO County Department of Social Services as they discuss the urgent need for community assistance to help youth in need and the opportunities available within the foster system.

OBP DEC 26, 2021 *Best Of 2021: Addressing Maternal Physical and Mental Health, the Ongoing Crisis over What to Teach Kids, and How One Activist Disrupts from Within Institutions*

Revisit some of *Our Body Politic*'s most-loved segments, including an interview with educator Lydia X. Z. Brown, and what's at stake for maternal physical and mental health.

NEWS DEC 30, 2021 *SB County Women, Infants and Children program aims to support families during pandemic*

In Santa Barbara County, pregnant mothers and families with limited incomes — including migrant and military families — may qualify for assistance under the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

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Gusty winds have propelled the uncontained Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County to 6,000 acres, according to Santa Barbara County Fire.

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The Alisal Fire burning in Santa Barbara Canyon has burned 8,000 acres, closed down parts of Highway 101 and prompted evacuation orders.

NEWS OCT 13, 2021 *Pacific Gas & Electric plans for power shutoffs in north SLO County amid wildfires*
Pacific Gas & Electric warns another power safety shut-off could happen this week due to the Alisal Fire, and with residents in northern SLO County still experiencing ongoing unplanned outages, PG&E held a town hall meeting Tuesday night discussing the issue.

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NEWS OCT 14, 2021 *Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County now stands at more than 16,800 acres with 5% containment*
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NEWS OCT 15, 2021 *Alisal Fire now at 41% containment; Highway 101 near fire reopened*
Highway 101 has reopened in the Alisal Fire area. The fire is now 41% contained.

NEWS OCT 15, 2021 *Santa Maria Air Tanker Base bustling with planes amid Alisal Fire, more favorable winds in Santa Barbara County*
When the Alisal Fire broke out on Monday, fierce winds prevented air support from taking off to help. But ever since Tuesday, when winds turned more favorable, the Santa Maria Air Tanker Base has been bustling with jets coming in and out all day.

NEWS OCT 18, 2021 *Alisal Fire up to 80% containment and 17,254 acres*
The Alisal Fire now stands at 17,254 acres and 80% containment, according to the last update from Santa Barbara County Fire.

NEWS OCT 19, 2021 *Alisal Fire containment up to 93% as acreage remains at 17,254*
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NEWS OCT 21, 2021 *Estimated fire damage at Tajiguas Landfill in Santa Barbara County stands at \$20 million*

The estimated damage from the Alisal Fire at the Tajiguas Landfill currently stands at \$20 million.

NEWS NOV 2, 2021 *Winter storms raise concerns over possible mudslides, debris flow in the Alisal Fire burn scar area*

Rockslides, mudslides, and debris flow continue to pose a risk for people living within the Alisal Fire area, which ignited in Santa Barbara County on October 11 and charred nearly 17,000 acres of vegetation.

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The technology is also designed to filter out things that look like smoke such as haze or fog.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *PG&E advises conservation, fire-safety as holiday lights pop-up across Central Coast*

Winter electricity usage typically increases as temperatures drop and holiday decorations go up. PG&E has tips for conserving electricity and reducing the chance of starting a fire.

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Food

NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *Local beekeepers' alliance encourages bee conservation amid commercial beekeeping losses*

Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-third of the world's food supply, but the honeybee population has been declining rapidly throughout the last twenty years, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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I&I OCT 25, 2021 *GleanSLO, Media Literacy Week, and a possible new police station for San Luis Obispo*

There is no shortage of fresh foods on the Central Coast, but some people still go hungry. GleanSLO is a SLO Food Bank program aimed at getting fresh food to those who need it. October 25-29 is Media Literacy Week and we'll hear from journalism professor Dr. Bobbie Eisenstock about media literacy education and the recent congressional hearings regarding social media. Also, you'll hear the second episode of Kim Bisheffs podcast "Agenda Breakdown", where she explores how a city's decisions are made and how you can participate.

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NEWS NOV 10, 2021 *A new app that helps people in need find a meal selects Santa Barbara as a pilot city*

Much like UberEats and DoorDash, the MealPass App allows people to get food from local restaurants and food vendors by using a mobile application. But the goal of the MealPass App is to connect restaurants and food vendors with people who are food insecure by allowing app users to pick up donated meals.

NEWS NOV 12, 2021 *Thanksgiving for Paso Robles returns to traditional sit-down; Pismo Beach brings back modified version this year*

The holiday season is coming up, and it'll be the second year people will be celebrating Thanksgiving amid a pandemic.

NEWS NOV 18, 2021 *Paso Robles adopts new waste ordinance aimed at reducing organic waste in landfills*

Come January 1, 2022, when Paso Robles residents and businesses roll out their three waste container bins, food waste from the trash bin must now go into the green waste container instead.

I&I NOV 22, 2021 *Munger Hall, the Grape Nut, Once Upon a Tyme, and Stepladder Ranch*

UC Santa Barbara is proposing to build a "megadorm" that would house 4,500 students. Get some tips on which wines to serve with your Thanksgiving meal as the Grape Nut, Betsey Nash, continues her conversation with local sommelier Jenna Congdon. Cambria clock shop owner offers insights about timepieces old and new. On "Playing with Food," Father Ian visits Stepladder Ranch and Creamery near Cambria to show you how every aspect of the life of their goat herd is part of making a high-quality cheese.

OBP NOV 28, 2021 *How Feminists in China Fight Authoritarianism, Facing Food Apartheid in the U.S., and Black Women Get Real about Preparing for Retirement*

First, a discussion about how feminists face up to the China's authoritarian regime, and the similarities with gender-equality struggles in the US. Then, the CEO of the nonprofit Think of Us shares his experience in the foster care system, and what the organization is doing to reform it. Plus, Chef Kia Damon explains why she prefers the term "food apartheid." And, dive into the details of what it's like saving for retirement as a Black woman.

I&I DEC 6, 2021 *Animals In Need Fund, journalist Ivor Davis, a second-generation business owner, and cooking for Hanukkah*

On this edition of Issues & Ideas, you'll hear from journalist Ivor Davis, who was a witness to pivotal moments in Southern California and U.S. history while reporting for the London Daily Express. On the Nonprofit Story, host Dr. Consuelo Muex speaks with Eric Ream, the Executive Director of Animals in Need Fund. The SLO Chamber's Jim Dantona has a conversation with FrameWorks' Ali Jensen about being the second-generation owner of a business, in this edition of Working Lunch. And finally, Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, recalls the miracle of a one-day's supply of lamp oil lasting a full eight days, and Fr. Ian learns how oil takes center stage in the preparation of the holiday treats on this episode of Playing With Food.

NEWS DEC 20, 2021 *New owners and new plans in store for historic Alex Bar-B-Q location in Pismo Beach*

There are new owners and new plans for the old historic Alex Bar-B-Q in Shell Beach, which has been vacant for several years after the building was demolished in 2018.

I&I DEC 20, 2021 *Christmas tamales, Michael Young of the Foundation at Hearst Castle, and the Jewish Community Center*

During the holidays, many of us enjoy playing with food. In Mexico and for many Mexican-American families, Christmas is tamale time. Here's a popular holiday episode of Playing With Food from the KCBX archives. Michael Young is the executive director of the Foundation at Hearst Castle- formerly Friends of Hearst Castle. Today we'll hear some stories about a very different life he led before he and his family moved to the Central Coast. On this week's Nonprofit Story, host Dr. Consuelo Meux talks to Bobbie Naimark of the JCC Foundation about the work they do in the community.

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As hospitals throughout the state report they are struggling with nurse shortages amid the COVID-19 pandemic, registered nurses held a press conference Thursday at Sierra Vista Hospital in San Luis Obispo saying there isn't a nurse shortage, just a shortage of nurses willing to work under what they are calling "unfair and overworked conditions."

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Report finds San Luis Obispo tourism industry on fast road to recovery*

The tourism industry took a huge hit at the start of the pandemic when non-essential travel was discouraged. But according to San Luis Obispo's Tourism Annual Report, the industry is making a comeback.

RT OCT 12, 2021 *Factoring in new mental health challenges to our already existing ones in the age of Covid*

As we continue to make our way back into the societal fold following an intense year-and-a-half of staying at home, avoiding people, and trying to be safe, we're at a crossroads: How do we juggle our heightened awareness of mental health challenges as a result of the pandemic's impact, on top of the problems we all grapple with? Host Elizabeth Barrett speaks with local guest Kyle Berlin for this week's *Conversation with the Reluctant Therapist*.

OBP OCT 17, 2021 *Anita Hill on Fighting Gender Violence for Thirty Years, How the Digital Economy Infringes on Our Civil Rights, and the Mask Debate in Schools*
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The ongoing pandemic has affected the supply of several things, but one of the most crucial supplies is blood for transfusions.

NEWS OCT 25, 2021 *LA County dog flu outbreak concerning Central Coast dog owners*

A large outbreak of canine influenza in Los Angeles County is causing concern for pet owners in SLO County, with cases starting to show up locally.

NEWS OCT 25, 2021 *SLO County areas see 5+ inches of rain and COVID-19 vaccine booster eligibility expands*

In today's KCBX newscast, some areas of San Luis Obispo County saw more than five inches of rain Sunday and Monday. Plus, COVID-19 vaccine booster eligibility is expanding to more San Luis Obispo County residents.

NEWS OCT 26, 2021 *Local nonprofit adjusts programs to empower girls, gender-diverse youth throughout pandemic*

Girls Rock Santa Barbara, a nonprofit that runs programs to empower girls and gender-expansive youth, adjusted its programming during the pandemic to continue serving youth safely.

NEWS OCT 26, 2021 *Officials urge public to avoid ocean after storm and SLO County records 100+ new COVID-19 cases*

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department is advising the public to avoid getting in the ocean after the storm. Plus, the County Public Health Department has reported 135 new cases of the virus locally.

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NEWS NOV 4, 2021 *With thousands of Central Coast residents without health insurance, Covered CA urges enrollment*

Covered California sells individual health insurance plans to people who can't get coverage through their job, but many Californians and residents of the Central Coast still aren't signing up for health insurance.

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In today's KCBX News Update: Santa Barbara County extends its indoor mask mandate, and a trucking expert discusses driver shortage and supply chain issues.

NEWS NOV 9, 2021 *SLO Repertory Theatre reopens with holiday production after fall closure*

SLO Rep reopened this summer for the first time and then promptly shut down again as the Delta variant surged.

NEWS NOV 11, 2021 *Storms, wet weather create breeding ground for mosquitoes on Central Coast*

Pools of stagnant water are ideal areas for female mosquitoes to lay their eggs. One local expert says there are mitigation steps residents can take.

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NEWS NOV 17, 2021 *SLO County Public Health Department releases COVID recommendations for Thanksgiving gatherings*

A year ago, many of us stayed home or went to small gatherings for Thanksgiving. But this year, holiday travel is expected to be up, according to forecasts from AAA.

NEWS NOV 17, 2021 *New SLO County vaccine statistics, Central Coast flu season starts, and SLO Board of Supervisors to hold redistricting hearing on Friday*

In today's KCBX News Update: SLO County has updated their vaccine statistics now that children ages 5 to 11 are eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, flu season has started on the Central Coast, and the SLO County Board of Supervisors will hold a redistricting hearing on Friday.

CCV NOV 18, 2021 *Your New French Hospital*

Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from French Hospital Medical Center as they celebrate a major milestone — their 75th anniversary! — and discuss their plans to build a hospital of the future. Hear from Alan Iftiniuk, president and CEO; Anita Robinson, chair the Community Board; and Tom Lebens, chair of the Foundation Board.

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NEWS NOV 24, 2021 *Holiday travel is expected to be busier this year; experts advise to plan for airport lines and traffic congestion*

Thanksgiving traffic is seeing an uptick as families throughout the country plan to reunite now that there are coronavirus vaccines available.

NEWS NOV 29, 2021 *UCSB professor to present on grizzly bears in Morro Bay, and SLO County urges vaccination amid news of omicron variant*

In today's KCBX News Update: a UCSB professor will present on the history of the California grizzly bear in Morro Bay tomorrow, and San Luis Obispo County is urging residents to get vaccinated as news of the omicron variant spreads.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *SLO Police Department urges safe driving this holiday season, and UC doctor discusses Omicron variant*

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NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *As President Biden unveils new COVID-19 measures, a local doctor urges precaution with winter holiday gatherings*

The first U.S. case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has been detected in San Francisco, and health officials say it's only a matter of time before more cases are confirmed.

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Since news of the Omicron variant broke out last week, local pharmacists say they've seen a jump in demand for people getting the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots.

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Take a look at what it'll take for white Americans to take extremism seriously.

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OBP DEC 12, 2021 *Voting Rights Activism from Fannie Lou Hamer to Today, Tackling High Maternal Mortality Rates in the U.S., and How to Reframe Abortion as a Liberty Issue for All*

Take a look at the enduring message of voting rights pioneer, Fannie Lou Hamer, and the work that remains.

NEWS DEC 13, 2021 *Santa Barbara County Jail reports 17 COVID-positive inmates, winter weather batters Central Coast*

In today's KCBX News Update: The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office says 17 inmates have tested positive at the main jail, and winter weather is hitting the Central Coast.

NEWS DEC 16, 2021 *Oceano Dunes camping reservations cancelled, and SLO County Public Health Department issues guidance on at-home COVID-19 tests*

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NEWS DEC 21, 2021 *Rapid COVID-19 tests in high demand amid Omicron spread, holiday travel*

With the holidays approaching and the Omicron variant surging, demand for rapid at-home COVID-19 tests is higher than ever, and local pharmacies are trying to keep up with the need.

NEWS DEC 21, 2021 *North SLO County grouped with South San Jose in new congressional maps, and UC schools may go back to remote instruction*

In today's KCBX News Update: North SLO County has been grouped with South San Jose in final congressional maps approved by the California state redistricting commission, and University of California schools will require boosters for all eligible students and may temporarily transition back to remote learning.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *Holiday gas prices dropping locally as Omicron variant spreads*

Analysts predict prices will continue to fall at the pump over the holidays and into the New Year.

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NEWS DEC 28, 2021 *SB County Jail outbreak grows to 87 active cases, and SLO Public Health to hold rapid test event in Atascadero*

In today's KCBX News Update: the COVID-19 outbreak at the Santa Barbara County Jail has grown to 87 active cases, and San Luis Obispo County Public Health will hold a rapid COVID-19 test event in Atascadero on Thursday.

NEWS DEC 29, 2021 *Local veterinarians backlogged amid pandemic pet boom*

The pandemic has sparked a massive boost in pet adoptions, and now local veterinarians are trying to keep up with the demand for appointments.

NEWS DEC 29, 2021 *Santa Barbara County offering free rapid COVID tests, and California surpasses five million case mark*

In today's KCBX News Update: Santa Barbara County is offering free rapid COVID tests, and California has surpassed the five million COVID-19 case mark.

NEWS DEC 30, 2021 *SB County Women, Infants and Children program aims to support families during pandemic*

In Santa Barbara County, pregnant mothers and families with limited incomes — including migrant and military families — may qualify for assistance under the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

History

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NEWS NOV 29, 2021 *UCSB professor to present on grizzly bears in Morro Bay, and SLO County urges vaccination amid news of omicron variant*

In today's KCBX News Update: a UCSB professor will present on the history of the California grizzly bear in Morro Bay tomorrow, and San Luis Obispo County is urging residents to get vaccinated as news of the omicron variant spreads.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *New documentary chronicles life of journalist Ivor Davis*
A new documentary chronicles the life of British journalist Ivor Davis.

I&I DEC 6, 2021 *Animals In Need Fund, journalist Ivor Davis, a second-generation business owner, and cooking for Hanukkah*

On this edition of Issues & Ideas, you'll hear from journalist Ivor Davis, who was a witness to pivotal moments in Southern California and U.S. history while reporting for the London Daily Express. On the Nonprofit Story, host Dr. Consuelo Muex speaks with Eric Ream, the Executive Director of Animals in Need Fund. The SLO Chamber's Jim Dantona has a conversation with FrameWorks' Ali Jensen about being the second-generation owner of a business, in this edition of Working Lunch. And finally, Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, recalls the miracle of a one-day's supply of lamp oil lasting a full eight days, and Fr. Ian learns how oil takes center stage in the preparation of the holiday treats on this episode of Playing With Food.

I&I DEC 13, 2021 *"The Sinking of the SS Montebello", SLO City advisory boards, black holes and Monarch butterflies*
Kim Bisheff hosts "Agenda Breakdown": help the city of San Luis Obispo make policy decisions by volunteering on an advisory committee. Author Stuart McDowell has a new book about the Japanese torpedo sinking of the oil tanker off the Cambria coast in December 1941: The Sinking of the SS Montebello. He speaks with KCBX's Tom Wilmer. A UC Santa Barbara physics professor Steven Giddings is dedicated to solving the "paradox" of black hole information and the laws that govern our universe. KCBX intern Shayna Weldon reports. Monarch butterfly populations are in decline but butterflies have returned to the Central Coast in higher numbers this winter. Contributor Beth Thornton reports.

OBP DEC 19, 2021 *How Confronting the Myth of American Innocence Can Stop Our Slide into Authoritarianism, and a Look Ahead at the Political Lessons We Carry into 2022*
Take a look at what it really means to acknowledge the US's complicated past. Some say a much more interesting country emerges when the myth of American innocence ends.

Homeless Issues

NEWS OCT 28, 2021 *Renovations and upgrades complete at ECHO's Atascadero transitional homeless shelter*
A church in Atascadero that was converted into a transitional homeless shelter a few years ago recently got a much-needed upgrade.

NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *Public addresses San Luis Obispo's homelessness response development plan*
A number of people called into the November 16 city council meeting to make suggestions for the city's homelessness response plan.

NEWS DEC 8, 2021 *Cal Poly SLO to hold two commencement ceremonies this weekend, and 40 Prado opens warming center amid chance of rain*
In today's KCBX News Update: Cal Poly SLO will hold two commencement ceremonies this weekend, and 40 Prado Homeless Services Center will open a warming center amid a high chance of rain today and tomorrow.

NEWS DEC 15, 2021 *City of San Luis Obispo files for dismissal of lawsuit alleging criminalization of homelessness*
The lawsuit claims the city is violating the constitutional rights of the unhoused population by breaking up encampments during the pandemic and illegally seizing and destroying individuals' property.

NEWS DEC 24, 2021 *SLO County seeks volunteers for upcoming Point-In-Time Count of unhoused population*
The next Point-In-Time Count is scheduled for January 26, 2022. Right now, SLO County is working on old data from the last count in 2019.

NEWS DEC 27, 2021 *Local unhoused community takes shelter in libraries, 40 Prado during rainstorm*
40 Prado Homeless Services Center increases its capacity during cold and wet weather to accommodate more people in its shelter.

Land Use & Development

NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *Public encouraged to attend workshop for Hollister Ranch coastal access plan*

The Central Coast community is invited to weigh in on a plan for opening access to 8.5 miles of shoreline located on privately-owned Hollister Ranch in Gaviota. An online public workshop is scheduled for October 14, 2021.

NEWS OCT 5, 2021 *SLO community members can help determine the future of the city's urban forest*

There are more than 20,000 trees in San Luis Obispo's urban forest. Now, the City is asking for help to determine how that forest will be cared for in the future. The City is asking residents to fill out an online survey that will help guide the development of San Luis Obispo's Urban Forest Master Plan. It will be designed to help manage, enhance and grow the community's tree resources over the next 20 to 30 years.

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NEWS OCT 29, 2021 *HWY 1 remains closed after rockslide and Paso Robles breaks ground on housing project*

Crews continue work to clear Highway 1 after a rockslide near Ragged Point. Plus, a new housing project broke ground in Paso Robles and the San Luis Unified School District is expected to hire new counseling aids for elementary school students.

NEWS NOV 3, 2021 *Morro Bay coronavirus testing hours, pedestrian safety operation in SLO, and Atascadero construction project*

In today's KCBX News Update: the coronavirus testing site in Morro Bay is changing its hours, a pedestrian safety operation will take place in San Luis Obispo, and an Atascadero construction project begins.

NEWS NOV 4, 2021 *SLO's Police Station could be replaced with a Public Safety Center. Here's what that means*

The \$52 million Public Safety Center would include a Community Room and Emergency Operation Center. If approved, construction would begin in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

NEWS NOV 22, 2021 *Proposed UCSB "megadorm" draws criticism from local architects and designers; university defends building*

UC Santa Barbara has made national headlines for its proposed “megadorm” designed and partially financed by billionaire investor Charles Munger. The building, called Munger Hall, would house 4,500 students, potentially doubling the university’s student housing stock.

I&I NOV 22, 2021 *Munger Hall, the Grape Nut, Once Upon a Tyme, and Stepladder Ranch*

UC Santa Barbara is proposing to build a “megadorm” that would house 4,500 students. Get some tips on which wines to serve with your Thanksgiving meal as the Grape Nut, Betsey Nash, continues her conversation with local sommelier Jenna Congdon. Cambria clock shop owner offers insights about timepieces old and new. On “Playing with Food,” Father Ian visits Stepladder Ranch and Creamery near Cambria to show you how every aspect of the life of their goat herd is part of making a high-quality cheese.

NEWS DEC 16, 2021 *Expect traffic delays, detours as Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility construction continues*

South Bay Boulevard is expected to be closed for about 8 weeks, instead of operating with one lane open, like previously planned.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer Issues

NEWS OCT 19, 2021 *LGBTQ+ students to hold forum after vandalization of Pride flag at Paso Robles High School*

LGBTQ+ students at Paso Robles High School are holding a forum to address the vandalization of a classroom pride flag.

NEWS OCT 26, 2021 *Local nonprofit adjusts programs to empower girls, gender-diverse youth throughout pandemic*

Girls Rock Santa Barbara, a nonprofit that runs programs to empower girls and gender-expansive youth, adjusted its programming during the pandemic to continue serving youth safely.

NEWS NOV 16, 2021 *Paso Robles Joint Unified School District shares plans to improve and support LGBTQ+ students following Pride flag vandalism*

Following a homophobic incident of a Pride flag being vandalized within the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, the district has released plans on making improvements to support LGBTQ+ students.

NEWS DEC 9, 2021 *Central Coast Queer Archive Project to hold video premiere and public forum at SLO Museum of Art*

The Central Coast Queer Archive Project, which gathers stories of LGBTQ+ people on the Central Coast and presents them to the public, will hold a video premiere and public forum this Sunday at the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art. KCBX’s Benjamin Purper spoke with some of the organizers and has this report.

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Mental Health

NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *Author Dorothea Deley's new book helps 'pet parents' navigate the issues surrounding euthanasia*

Pet parents often feel conflicted when it's time to make a decision about ending their pet's life. Dorothea Deley hopes her book "How to Say Goodbye to Your Dear Dog: 10 questions to help you decide when it's time to euthanasia" will offer guidance.

CCV OCT 7, 2021 *Profound and Life-Changing Encounters with Horses*
Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests about the mission of Equine Experience, a life coaching service that provides profound encounters with horses to offer support to people and give back to those who serve the community. Hear from Jutta Thoerner and Kasia Roether, directors and master coaches of Equine Experience; Shannon McOuat, executive director of Hospice of San Luis Obispo County; and Alexis Masters, housing administrative coordinator of Restorative Partners.

RT OCT 12, 2021 *Factoring in new mental health challenges to our already existing ones in the age of Covid*

As we continue to make our way back into the societal fold following an intense year-and-a-half of staying at home, avoiding people, and trying to be safe, we're at a crossroads: How do we juggle our heightened awareness of mental health challenges as a result of the pandemic's impact, on top of the problems we all grapple with? Host Elizabeth Barrett speaks with local guest Kyle Berlin for this week's *Conversation with the Reluctant Therapist*.

CCV OCT 21, 2021 *ReDefineSLO*

Often through the media, young boys learn the way to earn respect is to react through violence and to limit their emotional expression of anger, jealousy, and despondence. In partnership with Lumina Alliance, ReDefineSLO is a new county-wide social marketing campaign focused on the emotional, physical, and relational well-being of San Luis Obispo's pre-teen boys in an effort to decrease incidents of violence in the community. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from Lumina Alliance, including Christina Kaviani, education and communications director, and Janae Sargent, prevention manager. They discuss the campaign's goal to equip parents, teachers, and influential adults with the tools needed to have meaningful conversations and raise emotionally intelligent children.

RT NOV 2, 2021 *Thriving In spite of Mental Illness*

History provides examples of artists, writers, and visionaries who have pursued their full potential despite addiction, depression, eating disorders, and other serious conditions. Elizabeth Barrett speaks with psychiatrist Margaret Chisolm, MD, about her work helping patients to manage their illnesses and flourish in their lives. After decades of clinical work and teaching at John Hopkins University School of Medicine, Dr. Chisolm wrote a guidebook for patients and their family members titled *From Survive to Thrive: Living Your Best Life with Mental Illness*.

RT NOV 9, 2021 *Bridging across cultures through experiential healing*

Elizabeth Barrett speaks with guest Ed Aguilar, a shaman, guide, and teacher of the ancient arts. Ed has spent a lifetime learning from indigenous helpers and wise elders, honing his gifts and bridging different cultural beliefs. These lessons helped to create his path of experiential healing – a practice that balances heart, soul, body, and mind – which he shares with his many clients and students.

RT NOV 16, 2021 *Are You Ready to Gather?*

As the holiday season approaches, families are cautiously coming back together after 18 months of isolation and social distancing. Are you ready to be social again? Elizabeth Barrett discusses finding one's way through the potential challenges of coming together with family again.

RT NOV 23, 2021 *Navigating reconnecting with loved ones*

As we head into the holidays and gently step back into our family gatherings, it can be a bit challenging. Tune in for a "Best of" conversation with the Reluctant Therapist and guest Dr. Joshua Coleman, a psychologist and author, about the pain, shame, embarrassment, and guilt that often accompanies estrangements that occur between parents and their children. What can you do to help bridge divides with those you love before the rift becomes too large?

RT NOV 30, 2021 *Tapping into the power of emotional intelligence for our daily lives*

Todd Armstrong is an advocate, activist, drummer, spin instructor, vegetarian cook, reader, dog lover, and father of three. After 20 years in the tech industry, he tapped in to the power of emotional intelligence and changed his life's purpose and direction. Elizabeth Barrett speaks with Todd about discovering one's purpose, energizing one's life, and using that fuel to inspire others towards self-actualization by connecting them to emotional intelligence and purposeful activism.

RT DEC 14, 2021 *Taking your creativity and using it to help balance your mental health*

It's through adversity that people can find openings toward growth, and finding a guide can help navigate the pathway out of pain and into joy. Hear a conversation with Leslie St. John about her personal road to healing. She's an author, instructor, and founder of Prose and Poses, an embodied practice of yoga, movement, and writing.

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IC OCT 20, 2021 *Halloween*

Host Emma Levine shares a Halloween-inspired playlist. Begin with Franz Liszt's *Totentanz*, or *Dance of the Dead*, as performed by pianist Alfred Brendel and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. The works is a set of six variations on the *Dies irae*, a medieval plainchant associated with the Mass for the Dead.

AT OCT 21, 2021 *A Country Halloween*

Join Brad Kyle on this week's *Across the Tracks* for a fun-sized show packed with two hours of spooky country songs to get you in the mood for Halloween. Listen in Thursday night starting at 8:00 here on KCBX... if you dare!

IC OCT 27, 2021 *Halloween part II*

Host Craig Russell explores scary music for Halloween with frightening scores by Paul Dukas, George Crumb, Modest Mussorgsky, John Williams, and more. Be prepared to be quivering in your easy chair... BOO!

EB OCT 30, 2021 *A Bluesy Halloween*

Join Dee-troit Deb this Saturday night from 6 to 9 for a bluesy celebration of Halloween, right here on listener supported KCBX. Prepare to get spookified!

IC NOV 3, 2021 *Piano music*

Host Emma Levine shares some of her all-time favorite works featuring piano. She explores a piece written by Frédéric Chopin, who composed four ballades, or single-movement works for solo piano. You'll hear a performance by pianist Murray Perahia of Chopin's *Ballade No. 4 in F minor, Op. 52*.

I&I NOV 8, 2021 *Memories of Vietnam as a Seabee, collaborative workspaces, and singer songwriter Sierra Hull*
Morro Bay resident U.S. retired Navy Commander Kenneth Vogel talks about his three tours of duty in Vietnam as a Seabee. Also, the owner of the Backlots, Dane Hodgson, and Cal Poly CIE's John Townsend, talk about collaborative workspaces. Finally, Sierra Hull, an American bluegrass singer-songwriter, talks about life and music.

NEWS NOV 8, 2021 *Mandolin virtuoso Sierra Hull talks about her life and music ahead of Central Coast appearance*
Sierra Hull is an American bluegrass singer-songwriter and has been described as a mandolin virtuoso. She's coming to the Central Coast this week, playing at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts in Arroyo Grande this Thursday. KCBX News Director Benjamin Purper spoke with Hull about her life and music.

MC NOV 10, 2021 *Celebrating Public Radio Music Day ft. Miss Leo*
In celebration of Public Radio Music Day, Neal Losey shares a full three hours of music by Central Coast musicians from a wide variety of genres, including jazz, soul, world music, Americana, alternative rock and more. And be sure to tune in for a live, in-studio appearance by singer-songwriter Miss Leo, whose new album *All I Need* features some tasty, retro, soulgrass folk.

IC NOV 10, 2021 *Public Radio Music Day*
Host Craig Russell unites with other public radio stations nationwide to celebrate Public Radio Music Day. Craig shines his musical flashlight on the outstanding musicians and ensembles in the community, including a festive lineup of conductors, composers, pianists, and stars who chat with Craig about the remarkable musical community here on the Central Coast.

CS NOV 10, 2021 *Celebrating Public Radio Music Day*
To celebrate Public Radio Music Day, Rob Kimball continues the day's theme of featuring Central Coast musicians. Tune in to hear the *Concierto Romántico*, a beautiful contemporary guitar concerto by Dr. Craig Russell, played by Jose Maria Gallardo del Rey with the San Luis Obispo Symphony.

CE NOV 10, 2021 *Celebrating Public Radio Music Day with local jazz*
Every week Ron Eminhizer features jazz to finish up your Wednesday night, and this week he highlights local musicians in celebration of Public Radio Music Day. Ron features Inga Swearingen, the Cuesta jazz ensembles, Charles Lloyd, Nicole Stromsoe and many others.

I&I NOV 15, 2021 *Agenda Breakdown, the Grape Nut, and Orchestra Novo*
Agenda Breakdown host Kim Bisheff explains how the local redistricting process works, and highlights the ways residents can get involved. Also, Betsey Nash, the "Grape Nut" sat down with local sommelier Jenna Congdon to learn some useful wine terms. Orchestra Novo's Artistic Director Michael Nowak, and musician Inga Swearingen talk to Ben Purper about the upcoming November 20th performance.

NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *Inga Swearingen and Michael Nowak discuss "unfinished business" ahead of Orchestra Novo concert*

Ahead of an Orchestra Novo performance this Saturday, musicians Inga Swearingen and Michael Nowak discuss the theme of the concert: "unfinished business."

IC NOV 17, 2021 *Beethoven's Pastoral Sonata, Walton, and Fugues*

Host Craig Russell begins with a recording of Dr. Terry Spiller performing Beethoven's *Piano Sonata No. 15, "The Pastoral."* Then, Craig explores the influences of English Renaissance music on William Walton when he composed the sound score for the film *Henry V*. Craig ends the show with a feast of fugues by Handel and Bach, and dessert with the Cal Poly Polyphonics singing in lush harmony.

TRH NOV 18, 2021 *Rediscovered*

It's an evening of Americana music, its roots and branches with Marisa Waddell, who welcomes singer-songwriter Dulcie Taylor into the studio to play a few tunes live and chat about her latest EP, *Rediscovered*.

IC NOV 24, 2021 *Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Debussy Songs, Dvorak Serenade, and Film Music!*

Host Craig Russell explores Sergei Rachmaninoff's thrilling *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. Then, take another excursion into the shimmering choral music of Claude Debussy. To conclude the show, Craig will play a Dvořák serenade and some film scores by Bernard Herman and John Williams.

TRH NOV 25, 2021 *The Road Home for Thanksgiving*

Marisa Waddell shares Americana music for Thanksgiving. It's a soundtrack for your holiday gathering, including songs of gratitude, songs about home, autumn, and food—especially pie! Tune in for music from bluegrass to the blues to accompany your celebration.

IC DEC 1, 2021 *Winter*

Host Emma Levine rings in the first day of December with a winter-inspired playlist. The show begins with Rimsky Korsakov's *The Snow Maiden Suite* performed by Gerard Schwarz and the Seattle Symphony Orchestra. This opera is based on a Russian folktale that tells the love story of the Snow Maiden, the daughter of spring and winter, who chooses a mortal life, which brings death to her and her lover.

IC DEC 8, 2021 *Stephen Sondheim, Hanukkah. Christmas*

Host Craig Russell celebrates the legacy of Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim, who died last week. Then, celebrate both Hanukkah and Christmas with various vocal and instrumental compositions that were composed for this festive season.

TRO DEC 13, 2021 *A Tribute to Vicente Fernandez*

Join David Figueroa as he honors Mexican ranchera icon Vicente Fernandez, whose passing was announced yesterday. David will share music by Fernandez in a brief tribute, together with other great music from throughout the Latin world.

IC DEC 15, 2021 *Exploring Handel's Messiah*
Hear an interview with host Craig Russell and Dr. Tom Davies as they explore the first third of Handel's *Messiah* (titled "Prophecies and Incarnation") and a few other excerpts from this well-loved oratorio. Then they explore "Questi vaghi concerti" from Book V of Claudio Monteverdi's Madrigals, performed by the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble.

NT DEC 18, 2021 *Soulful Sounds of the Season*
Host Fred Friedman shares a special holiday edition of Night Train. You'll hear doo-wop, funk, Motown, and lots of other soulful sounds to celebrate the season. What would Christmas be without hearing The Drifters perform White Christmas or Clarence Carter singing Back Door Santa? Tune in for a merry evening of fun music.

IC DEC 22, 2021 *Celebrating Winter and the Christmas Holiday with music*
Host Craig Russell celebrates winter and the Christmas holiday. First, hear part one of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. Then, it's Christmas settings by Santa Cruz native Susan LaBarr and Rebecca Dale of the ASCAP Film Scoring Lab in Hollywood. And, hear "Welcome to the Star of the Sea" from seventeenth century Baroque Spain, which acclaims Mary's virtues in Bethlehem. Also, hear lullabies for Baby Jesus from around the world, a few carols, and holiday treats by jazz virtuosos Dave Brubeck, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Stevie Wonder, and Duke Ellington.

SP DEC 22, 2021 *Classical Showcase: Rob plays Amahl and the Night Visitors*
As the Christmas holiday approaches, Rob Kimball shares the story of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Based on Italian folktales of the first Christmas, this opera brings to life the story of the Three Kings who have traveled long distances to bear gifts for the child born in Bethlehem.

SP DEC 24, 2021 *A Holiday Morning Cup with Jerome Taylor*
Jerome Taylor is our musical Santa Claus, sharing a sleigh full of songs from many genres. You'll hear everything from Christmas blues to comical novelty songs. Jerome's collection of holiday music is staggering, so expect to hear plenty of variety, including new takes on old favorites, along with songs you've never heard but will come to love.

SP DEC 25, 2021 *Broken Spoke Holiday Special*
It's a Broken Spoke Holiday Special! Hear both traditional favorites and new releases, and listen to songs from local performers, as well as all of the best holiday music in the acoustic, folk, indie, and bluegrass genres. Celebrate the season with the Broken Spoke on Christmas Day.

SP DEC 25, 2021 *Big Daddy Cain's Christmas Music Extravaganza*
Big Daddy Cain takes you on a six-hour Christmas music marathon, diving deep into his giant personal collection of holiday music. He'll feature songs from many different genres, including blues, R&B, soul, funk, jazz, country, and even polka!

IC DEC 29, 2021 *New Year's (almost)*

Host Craig Russell celebrates fabulous releases from 2021, relishing the enchanting voice of Sabine Devieille with France's Pygmalion orchestra as they perform Bach and Handel. This year also featured recordings from top-notch composers of color, such as Jessie Montgomery, Carlos Simón, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, the jazz-tinged Gonzalo Grau, and the Vijay Iyer Trio. Craig will also dabble in music by some Icelandic choral composers as sung by VOCES8 and the Finnish super-group Club for Five. Then, round out the year with recordings by vocalists Sarah Jarosz, Judith Hill, and Caroline Shaw.

Natural Resources

NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *Planning Commission rejects ExxonMobil proposal to truck oil off Santa Barbara coast*

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission voted to deny an ExxonMobil proposal to temporarily transport oil along Highways 101 and 166, despite recommended approval by planning staff. This essentially bars the company from restarting three of its offshore drilling platforms.

NEWS OCT 20, 2021 *SLO County Board of Supervisors allow new oil wells in Arroyo Grande*

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 Tuesday to allow 31 new oil wells in Arroyo Grande over the next three years.

NEWS OCT 22, 2021 *KCBX Two-Way: SLO Board of Supervisors approve new oil wells in Arroyo Grande*

On Tuesday, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors denied an appeal from the Center for Biological Diversity and allowed additional time to be allotted to an oil company to drill 31 of the 95 approved oil wells in Arroyo Grande. KCBX's Benjamin Purper spoke with *San Luis Obispo Tribune* reporter Mackenzie Shuman about the decision.

NEWS OCT 29, 2021 *Finding of Denial released for local Exxon oil trucking proposal and more financial relief available for businesses*

Santa Barbara County staff released their Finding of Denial for ExxonMobil's proposal to truck oil on Highways 101 and 166. Plus, more financial relief is being made available to qualified small businesses.

Performing Arts

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OBP OCT 10, 2021 *How to Heal from Racial Trauma in the Workplace, Celebrating Women of Color in Hollywood's Nerdiest Genres, and a Frank Conversation About the Future of the U.S. Military*

It's a discussion about the Black women making their mark on some of the biggest franchises in Hollywood: Marvel and Star Wars. Plus, hear from one author on the trauma of racism in the workplace.

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Cal Poly Theatre production canceled amid concerns of appropriate casting representation*

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's fall production of 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories' has been canceled amid concerns about adequate character and cultural representation among the cast.

CCV OCT 14, 2021 *Igniting passion for nature through film*

Host Fred Munroe is joined by guests Sue Eisaguirre, founder and executive director of NatureTrack Foundation and NatureTrack Film Festival, and two festival filmmakers, Michael Love and Sarah Koenigsberg. They will discuss the goal of the upcoming NatureTrack Film Festival, the important work of the NatureTrack Foundation, and what is in store for film festival attendees.

IC OCT 20, 2021 *Halloween*

Host Emma Levine shares a Halloween-inspired playlist. Begin with Franz Liszt's *Totentanz*, or *Dance of the Dead*, as performed by pianist Alfred Brendel and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. The works is a set of six variations on the *Dies irae*, a medieval plainchant associated with the Mass for the Dead.

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It's a roundup all about vaccines with Our Body Politic's public health expert, who recommends getting a flu shot out of concern for healthcare systems.

IC NOV 3, 2021 *Piano music*

Host Emma Levine shares some of her all-time favorite works featuring piano. She explores a piece written by Frédéric Chopin, who composed four ballades, or single-movement works for solo piano. You'll hear a performance by pianist Murray Perahia of Chopin's *Ballade No. 4 in F minor, Op. 52*.

I&I NOV 8, 2021 *Memories of Vietnam as a Seabee, collaborative workspaces, and singer songwriter Sierra Hull*

Morro Bay resident U.S. retired Navy Commander Kenneth Vogel talks about his three tours of duty in Vietnam as a Seabee. Also, the owner of the Backlots, Dane Hodgson, and Cal Poly CIE's John Townsend, talk about collaborative workspaces. Finally, Sierra Hull, an American bluegrass singer-songwriter, talks about life and music.

NEWS NOV 8, 2021 *Mandolin virtuoso Sierra Hull talks about her life and music ahead of Central Coast appearance*

Sierra Hull is an American bluegrass singer-songwriter and has been described as a mandolin virtuoso. She's coming to the Central Coast this week, playing at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts in Arroyo Grande this Thursday. KCBX News Director Benjamin Purper spoke with Hull about her life and music.

NEWS NOV 9, 2021 *SLO Repertory Theatre reopens with holiday production after fall closure*

SLO Rep reopened this summer for the first time and then promptly shut down again as the Delta variant surged.

MC NOV 10, 2021 *Celebrating Public Radio Music Day*

In celebration of Public Radio Music Day, Neal Losey shares a full three hours of music by Central Coast musicians from a wide variety of genres, including jazz, soul, world music, Americana, alternative rock and more. And be sure to tune in for a live, in-studio appearance by singer-songwriter Miss Leo, whose new album *All I Need* features some tasty, retro, soulgrass folk.

CS NOV 10, 2021 *Celebrating Public Radio Music Day*

To celebrate Public Radio Music Day, Rob Kimball continues the day's theme of featuring Central Coast musicians. Tune in to hear the *Concierto Romántico*, a beautiful contemporary guitar concerto by Dr. Craig Russell, played by Jose Maria Gallardo del Rey with the San Luis Obispo Symphony.

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NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *Inga Swearingen and Michael Nowak discuss "unfinished business" ahead of Orchestra Novo concert*

Ahead of an Orchestra Novo performance this Saturday, musicians Inga Swearingen and Michael Nowak discuss the theme of the concert: "unfinished business."

IC NOV 17, 2021 *Beethoven's Pastoral Sonata, Walton, and Fugues*

Host Craig Russell begins with a recording of Dr. Terry Spiller performing Beethoven's *Piano Sonata No. 15, "The Pastoral."* Then, Craig explores the influences of English Renaissance music on William Walton when he composed the sound score for the film *Henry V*. Craig ends the show with a feast of fugues by Handel and Bach, and dessert with the Cal Poly Polyphonics singing in lush harmony.

IC NOV 24, 2021 *Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Debussy Songs, Dvorak Serenade, and Film Music!*
Host Craig Russell explores Sergei Rachmaninoff's thrilling *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. Then, take another excursion into the shimmering choral music of Claude Debussy. To conclude the show, Craig will play a Dvořák serenade and some film scores by Bernard Herman and John Williams.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *Monterey County Dance Theatre to hold first live, in-person performance in almost two years*
After almost two years with no live, in-person performances, the Monterey County Dance Theatre is finally returning to the stage to perform the 62nd Nutcracker Ballet at the Robert Stanton Theatre in King City in December.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *New documentary chronicles life of journalist Ivor Davis*
A new documentary chronicles the life of British journalist Ivor Davis.

IC DEC 1, 2021 *Winter*
Host Emma Levine rings in the first day of December with a winter-inspired playlist. The show begins with Rimsky Korsakov's The Snow Maiden Suite performed by Gerard Schwarz and the Seattle Symphony Orchestra. This opera is based on a Russian folktale that tells the love story of the Snow Maiden, the daughter of spring and winter, who chooses a mortal life, which brings death to her and her lover.

IC DEC 8, 2021 *Stephen Sondheim, Hanukkah. Christmas*
Host Craig Russell celebrates the legacy of Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim, who died last week. Then, celebrate both Hanukkah and Christmas with various vocal and instrumental compositions that were composed for this festive season.

IC DEC 15, 2021 *Exploring Handel's Messiah*
Hear an interview with host Craig Russell and Dr. Tom Davies as they explore the first third of Handel's *Messiah* (titled "Prophecies and Incarnation") and a few other excerpts from this well-loved oratorio. Then they explore "Questi vaghi concerti" from Book V of Claudio Monteverdi's Madrigals, performed by the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble.

IC DEC 29, 2021 *New Year's (almost)*
Host Craig Russell celebrates fabulous releases from 2021, relishing the enchanting voice of Sabine Devieille with France's Pygmalion orchestra as they perform Bach and Handel. This year also featured recordings from top-notch composers of color, such as Jessie Montgomery, Carlos Simón, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, the jazz-tinged Gonzalo Grau, and the Vijay Iyer Trio. Craig will also dabble in music by some Icelandic choral composers as sung by VOCES8 and the Finnish super-group Club for Five. Then, round out the year with recordings by vocalists Sarah Jarosz, Judith Hill, and Caroline Shaw.

Pets & Animal Welfare

NEWS OCT 1, 2021 *Redwings Horse Sanctuary opens facility in Paso Robles to end abuse and neglect of horses*

Redwings Horse Sanctuary, an organization that helps neglected, abused and unwanted horses, has now found a permanent facility in Paso Robles.

NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *Local beekeepers' alliance encourages bee conservation amid commercial beekeeping losses*

Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-third of the world's food supply, but the honeybee population has been declining rapidly throughout the last twenty years, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

I&I OCT 4, 2021 *Saying Goodbye to Your Dear Dog, and preparing pomegranates*

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NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *Author Dorothea Deley's new book helps 'pet parents' navigate the issues surrounding euthanasia*

Pet parents often feel conflicted when it's time to make a decision about ending their pet's life. Dorothea Deley hopes her book "How to Say Goodbye to Your Dear Dog: 10 questions to help you decide when it's time to euthanasia" will offer guidance.

NEWS OCT 7, 2021 *California condor deaths are rising due to lead poisoning — again*

The California condor, one of the state's most iconic birds, went extinct in the wild in the 1980's — but it's since been reintroduced into areas like the Central Coast. However, lead deaths have been rising among wild condors in the last few years, once again threatening this critically endangered species.

CCV OCT 7, 2021 *Profound and Life-Changing Encounters with Horses*

Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests about the mission of Equine Experience, a life coaching service that provides profound encounters with horses to offer support to people and give back to those who serve the community. Hear from Jutta Thoerner and Kasia Roether, directors and master coaches of Equine Experience; Shannon McOuat, executive director of Hospice of San Luis Obispo County; and Alexis Masters, housing administrative coordinator of Restorative Partners.

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as site to restore native oysters*

A recent study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as a priority location for restoring the native Olympia oyster population through conservation aquaculture. It's a project that unites shellfish lovers and conservationists on the Central Coast.

I&I OCT 11, 2021 *The local wine harvest, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters on the NAACP*

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NEWS OCT 15, 2021 *California lists leatherback sea turtle as endangered; fisheries defend practices*

Leatherback sea turtles are now listed under California's Endangered Species Act after a deciding vote by the state's Fish and Game Commission. KCBX's Rachel Showalter has more about how this impacts the species and local fisheries.

NEWS OCT 25, 2021 *LA County dog flu outbreak concerning Central Coast dog owners*

A large outbreak of canine influenza in Los Angeles County is causing concern for pet owners in SLO County, with cases starting to show up locally.

NEWS OCT 27, 2021 *Butterfly counters record 'massive jump' in Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove numbers*

Wednesday morning, Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove counters recorded more than 14,000 butterflies fluttering within the trees.

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is limiting crab traps in certain California Fishing Zones to avoid potentially entangling whales and turtles.

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The National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration today announced that it is starting a process to designate a marine sanctuary off the Central Coast as the Chumash National Heritage Marine Sanctuary.

NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *UC Santa Barbara team leads bee data project to better understand species' decline*

The Big-Bee project will catalog more than 1.3 million images of bee specimens, enabling researchers to better study bee resiliency in a changing climate.

NEWS NOV 24, 2021 *Supply chain issues continue to plague California ports, and famous gray wolf who ventured through SLO County found dead*

In today's KCBX News Update: Supply chain issues continue to plague California ports, and the famous gray wolf OR-93 who ventured through SLO County was found dead earlier this month in Kern County.

I&I DEC 6, 2021 *Animals In Need Fund, journalist Ivor Davis, a second-generation business owner, and cooking for Hanukkah*

On this edition of Issues & Ideas, you'll hear from journalist Ivor Davis, who was a witness to pivotal moments in Southern California and U.S. history while reporting for the London Daily Express. On the Nonprofit Story, host Dr. Consuelo Muex speaks with Eric Ream, the Executive Director of Animals in Need Fund. The SLO Chamber's Jim Dantona has a conversation with FrameWorks' Ali Jensen about being the second-generation owner of a business, in this edition of Working Lunch. And finally, Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, recalls the miracle of a one-day's supply of lamp oil lasting a full eight days, and Fr. Ian learns how oil takes center stage in the preparation of the holiday treats on this episode of Playing With Food.

NEWS DEC 7, 2021 *"An encouraging sign": monarch butterflies return to Central Coast for winter*

Western monarch butterflies are returning to local eucalyptus groves in much higher numbers than last year.

I&I DEC 13, 2021 *"The Sinking of the SS Montebello", SLO City advisory boards, black holes and Monarch butterflies*

Kim Bisheff hosts "Agenda Breakdown": help the city of San Luis Obispo make policy decisions by volunteering on an advisory committee. Author Stuart McDowell has a new book about the Japanese torpedo sinking of the oil tanker off the Cambria coast in December 1941: The Sinking of the SS Montebello. He speaks with KCBX's Tom Wilmer. A UC Santa Barbara physics professor Steven Giddings is dedicated to solving the "paradox" of black hole information and the laws that govern our universe. KCBX intern Shayna Weldon reports. Monarch butterfly populations are in decline but butterflies have returned to the Central Coast in higher numbers this winter. Contributor Beth Thornton reports.

NEWS DEC 13, 2021 *SLO County Animal Services moving away from taking in healthy stray cats*

The department says there is no substantial benefit in bringing healthy stray cats into shelters, claiming it can cause overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia in shelters while doing very little to reduce the total stray cat population.

NEWS DEC 21, 2021 *Volunteers needed for care and rescue as seal pupping season begins on California coast*

Volunteers can assist in rescue and response as well as animal care for seal pups that are experiencing malnutrition, illness or infections.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *Booster shots required at CSU and UC systems, free rapid test pop-up event in Grover Beach, and Central Coast otter pup relocated to Long Beach*

In today's KCBX News Update: Booster shots will be required at CSU and UC schools in the new year, there will be a free rapid COVID-19 test pop-up event in Grover Beach, and an otter pup rescued off the Central Coast has been relocated to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

NEWS DEC 29, 2021 *Local veterinarians backlogged amid pandemic pet boom*

The pandemic has sparked a massive boost in pet adoptions, and now local veterinarians are trying to keep up with the demand for appointments.

Politics & Government

OBP OCT 3, 2021 *Why the Economic Recovery Has Been Slow for Women of Color, Research Says Millennials of Color Are Worried and Hopeful about Money, and How Pauli Murray's Writing and Thinking Still Influence Us Today*

A look at the life of Pauli Murray, a long-neglected and extremely influential activist. As a student at Howard University School of Law, Pauli wrote a paper that ultimately helped to shape the argument to win *Brown v. Board of Education*.

NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *What's at stake for Newsom's biggest recall campaign donors*

by LAUREL ROSENHALL & CALMATTERS

As Gov. Gavin Newsom wraps up a month of high-stakes decisions about what should become law in California, he's also making calls that impact many of the donors who just spent millions of dollars to help him defeat the historic Sept. 14 recall.

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NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *Public encouraged to attend workshop for Hollister Ranch coastal access plan*

The Central Coast community is invited to weigh in on a plan for opening access to 8.5 miles of shoreline located on privately-owned Hollister Ranch in Gaviota. An online public workshop is scheduled for October 14, 2021.

NEWS OCT 5, 2021 *SLO community members can help determine the future of the city's urban forest*

There are more than 20,000 trees in San Luis Obispo's urban forest. Now, the City is asking for help to determine how that forest will be cared for in the future. The City is asking residents to fill out an online survey that will help guide the development of San Luis Obispo's Urban Forest Master Plan. It will be designed to help manage, enhance and grow the community's tree resources over the next 20 to 30 years.

NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *City of Goleta appeals cannabis cultivation project approved in Santa Barbara County*

The City of Goleta appealed a Santa Barbara County-approved cannabis cultivation site, delaying the forward motion of the project.

NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *Planning Commission rejects ExxonMobil proposal to truck oil off Santa Barbara coast*

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission voted to deny an ExxonMobil proposal to temporarily transport oil along Highways 101 and 166, despite recommended approval by planning staff. This essentially bars the company from restarting three of its offshore drilling platforms.

NEWS OCT 7, 2021 *New San Luis Obispo mayor, council member share goals for future of city*

Erica A. Stewart is San Luis Obispo's new mayor. She was appointed to the position after her predecessor, Heidi Harmon, stepped down. Council member Carlyn Christianson was also appointed as Vice Mayor and City Planning Commissioner Michelle Shoresman was appointed to fill the open council seat.

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NEWS OCT 12, 2021 *Elaina Cano appointed to fill Tommy Gong's vacancy as SLO County Clerk-Recorder*

On Tuesday, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors chose Elaina Cano, Santa Barbara County Chief Deputy Clerk-Recorder, to take over the position of SLO County Clerk-Recorder.

NEWS OCT 20, 2021 *SLO County Board of Supervisors allow new oil wells in Arroyo Grande*

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 Tuesday to allow 31 new oil wells in Arroyo Grande over the next three years.

NEWS OCT 21, 2021 *Central Coast families celebrate fall pumpkin-picking attractions after federal officials give green light to trick-or-treating*

This Halloween will mark the second spooky holiday navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. But according to health officials, holiday celebrations like trick-or-treating can be done safely.

NEWS OCT 22, 2021 *KCBX Two-Way: SLO Board of Supervisors approve new oil wells in Arroyo Grande*

On Tuesday, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors denied an appeal from the Center for Biological Diversity and allowed additional time to be allotted to an oil company to drill 31 of the 95 approved oil wells in Arroyo Grande. KCBX's Benjamin Purper spoke with *San Luis Obispo Tribune* reporter Mackenzie Shuman about the decision.

NEWS OCT 24, 2021 *Winter night hiking could be here to stay at Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve*

The San Luis Obispo City Council is set to hold a special meeting November 9 to decide whether to allow permanent winter season night-use of Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve.

OBP OCT 24, 2021 *A Haitian Author on Her Family's Immigration Story, Celebrating and Supporting Black Women in the Media, and What We Lose Politically with the Death of Colin Powell*

Hear from author Edwidge Danticat about her own family's trauma within the US systems and the complexity of immigration – especially for Black refugee seekers from Haiti.

I&I OCT 25, 2021 *GleanSLO, Media Literacy Week, and a possible new police station for San Luis Obispo*

There is no shortage of fresh foods on the Central Coast, but some people still go hungry. GleanSLO is a SLO Food Bank program aimed at getting fresh food to those who need it. October 25-29 is Media Literacy Week and we'll hear from journalism professor Dr. Bobbie Eisenstock about media literacy education and the recent congressional hearings regarding social media. Also, you'll hear the second episode of Kim Bisheffs podcast "Agenda Breakdown", where she explores how a city's decisions are made and how you can participate.

NEWS OCT 29, 2021 *Finding of Denial released for local Exxon oil trucking proposal and more financial relief available for businesses*

Santa Barbara County staff released their Finding of Denial for ExxonMobil's proposal to truck oil on Highways 101 and 166. Plus, more financial relief is being made available to qualified small businesses.

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I&I NOV 1, 2021 *"Vaccines and Bayonets", SLO's new mayor, and the SLO Food Bank*

KCBX contributor Tom Wilmer visits with Santa Barbara author Bee Bloeser. Her new book is *Vaccines & Bayonets: Fighting Smallpox in Africa amid Tribalism, Terror, and the Cold War*. The SLO Chamber's Executive Director Jim Dantona, speaks with Erica A. Stewart, San Luis Obispo's new mayor. On the Nonprofit Story, host Dr. Consuelo Meux focuses on the SLO Food Bank, in a conversation with Executive Director Garret Olson.

NEWS NOV 1, 2021 *The Morro Bay smokestacks are coming down. Here's how that could impact the city*

After a 4 to 1 deciding vote by the city council, the three smokestacks in Morro Bay are set to come down by January 1, 2028.

NEWS NOV 2, 2021 *Paso vaccination site moves to train station, crews make repairs to Highway 101*

In today's KCBX News update: SLO County is consolidating its North County COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites into one facility at the Paso Robles Train Station, crews make repairs to Highway 101 after the Alisal Fire and a federal judge strikes down part of a California law that limits protests at vaccination sites.

NEWS NOV 3, 2021 *Pismo Beach ordinance to regulate massage businesses, fight human trafficking stirs debate*

A Pismo Beach ordinance regulating massage businesses is stirring up debate in the city.

NEWS NOV 4, 2021 *SLO's Police Station could be replaced with a Public Safety Center. Here's what that means*

The \$52 million Public Safety Center would include a Community Room and Emergency Operation Center. If approved, construction would begin in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

NEWS NOV 4, 2021 *Maintenance project on Highway 101, and extremism researcher worries about gun violence*

In today's KCBX News Update: there will be a maintenance project on Highway 101, and an extremism researcher worries about a potential rise in gun violence in the U.S.

NEWS NOV 5, 2021 *SB County extends indoor mask mandate, and trucking expert discusses supply chain issues*

In today's KCBX News Update: Santa Barbara County extends its indoor mask mandate, and a trucking expert discusses driver shortage and supply chain issues.

OBP NOV 7, 2021 *What the Elections Teach Us About Swing Voter Issues Today, How Race and Ethnicity Shape Young People of Color Politically, and Why Welcoming Refugees Helps Us*

Hear how efforts to welcome Afghan refugees across the country are impacting the broader immigrant rights conversation. Some say there is an encouraging bipartisan spirit among this group of refugees, but there's still more work to be done.

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is limiting crab traps in certain California Fishing Zones to avoid potentially entangling whales and turtles.

NEWS NOV 8, 2021 *Morro Bay City Council eyes implementing paid parking along Embarcadero*

Unlike other popular beach towns, Morro Bay currently keeps its nearly 2,000 parking spots in the downtown core area free of charge. But now, the city is looking at whether to implement a paid parking system with hour limitations to keep up with the demand the city is seeing.

NEWS NOV 8, 2021 *Infrastructure bill passes House of Representatives, redistricting commission nears key deadline*

In today's KCBX News Update: the House of Representatives has passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill, and the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is nearing a key deadline in releasing preliminary draft maps.

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NEWS NOV 10, 2021 *SLO Transit wins award, and SLO City Council advances nighttime hiking ordinance*

In today's KCBX News Update: SLO Transit has won an award for improving bus service for those with disabilities, and the SLO City Council has voted to create a nighttime hiking ordinance for Cerro San Luis.

NEWS NOV 11, 2021 *Prescribed burn on Diablo Canyon property, and CA Redistricting Commission releases draft maps ahead of schedule*

In today's KCBX News Update: there will be a prescribed burn on Diablo Canyon property, and the California Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission has released draft maps ahead of schedule.

NEWS NOV 12, 2021 *Man who crashed into pro-Trump rally in Santa Maria will stand trial, and CA independent redistricting commission faces criticism*

In today's KCBX News Update: a man who crashed into a pro-Trump rally in Santa Maria last year will stand trial, and the California Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission is facing criticism.

OBP NOV 14, 2021 *The Challenge to Define Accountability in the Criminal Justice System, Anti-racism in Media, and What's Really Going On with Facebook*

Hear from one doctor who found herself working to influence Capitol Hill and wants politics to be taken out of the conversation about reproductive rights.

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NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *SLO City brings back local shopping incentive, and Paso Robles names new assistant city manager*

In today's KCBX News Update: the City of San Luis Obispo is bringing back its local shopping incentive program, and the City of Paso Robles has named a new assistant city manager.

NEWS NOV 16, 2021 *Prescribed burn in Montaña de Oro, NAACP of SLO County to hold vaccine clinic, and redistricting commission adds more time slots*

In today's KCBX News Update: Montaña de Oro State Park will be the site of prescribed burns, the NAACP of SLO County will hold a mobile vaccine clinic, and the California Citizens Redistricting Commission has added more time slots to its public input meetings.

NEWS NOV 17, 2021 *New SLO County vaccine statistics, Central Coast flu season starts, and SLO Board of Supervisors to hold redistricting hearing on Friday*

In today's KCBX News Update: SLO County has updated their vaccine statistics now that children ages 5 to 11 are eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, flu season has started on the Central Coast, and the SLO County Board of Supervisors will hold a redistricting hearing on Friday.

NEWS NOV 18, 2021 *Locals express needs for future of Isla Vista transportation infrastructure*

The Isla Vista Community Services District announced a timeline for an equity-based, climate-forward future.

NEWS NOV 18, 2021 *Prescribed burn in Los Olivos, and Bonta asks for rehearing in private prisons case*

In today's KCBX News Update: there will be a prescribed burn in Los Olivos from today until Saturday, and California Attorney General Rob Bonta asks for a rehearing in a private prisons case.

NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *San Luis Obispo invests in child care pilot program to help meet demand*

The city of San Luis Obispo is investing \$54,000 in a new pilot program to expand child care options within the next year.

NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *Public addresses San Luis Obispo's homelessness response development plan*

A number of people called into the November 16 city council meeting to make suggestions for the city's homelessness response plan.

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OBP NOV 21, 2021 *Honoring the Emanuel Nine, What We Can Do about Information Disorder, and Critical Race Theory as a Political Football*

Revisit the painful memory of the shooting at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC, and hear from those most impacted.

NEWS NOV 22, 2021 *SLO Public Health Director urges vaccination ahead of Thanksgiving gatherings, and Cal Fire gives tips on how to prevent holiday house fires*

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NEWS NOV 24, 2021 *Vehicular access at Oceano Dunes remains controversial despite California Coastal Commission vote to phase out OHV access*

Months after the California Coastal Commission voted to phase out off-highway vehicle access at Oceano Dunes, the issue remains a hot topic.

NEWS NOV 25, 2021 *San Luis Obispo recognized as global climate leader*

The city was designated by the Carbon Disclosure Project as one of 95 cities across the globe to be a leader in environmental action and transparency.

NEWS DEC 1, 2021 *SLO County Board of Supervisors vote to redraw county's district lines after full day of public comment*

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors selected a map last night that redraws the county's district lines. The conservative board majority picked the Patten Map, which has been supported by the local Republican Party.

CCV DEC 2, 2021 *Protecting the Heritage of the Central Coast*
Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with guests Violet Sage Walker, the vice chairwoman of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, and P.J. Webb, a public interest attorney and advisor to the Northern Chumash Tribal Council. They discuss how the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary has the potential to help address the global biodiversity crisis. They also discuss accelerated nature-based solutions through inclusive partnerships and collaboration among California Native American Tribes and federal, state, and local governments.

NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *As President Biden unveils new COVID-19 measures, a local doctor urges precaution with winter holiday gatherings*
The first U.S. case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has been detected in San Francisco, and health officials say it's only a matter of time before more cases are confirmed.

NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *King tides lead to canceled camping reservations at Oceano Dunes, and SLO County urges action amid Omicron news*
In today's KCBX News Update: King tides lead to canceled camping reservations at Oceano Dunes, and SLO County urges action after the detection of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in California.

NEWS DEC 3, 2021 *Alisal Fire now officially out, SB County mask mandate extended and Omicron detected in LA County*
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NEWS DEC 14, 2021 *SLO County Board of Supervisors finalizes Patten map as final district map for next ten years*

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors finalized the Patten map as the final district map for SLO County for the next ten years. The map is supported by the local Republican Party and the conservative supervisors, and splits the North Coast into three pieces, among other changes.

NEWS DEC 16, 2021 *SLO County nonprofit to sue over controversial redistricting map it says violates California election law*

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors formally adopted a controversial district map on Tuesday that makes major changes to the district boundaries in the county. Now, a nonprofit called San Luis Obispo County Citizens for Good Government plans to sue over the map, which they say violates California election law and favors Republican interests.

CCV DEC 16, 2021 *Redistricting done differently*

Host Lata Murti speaks with guests from the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission (SB CIRC), Chairman Glenn Morris, and Commissioners Megan Turley and Jannet Rios. They discuss how the SB CIRC approached redistricting differently, how the commission process functioned, and lessons learned in the first effort of this new commission.

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NEWS DEC 17, 2021 *Central Coast parks to see upgrades, renovations through state grant*

The City of Guadalupe was awarded almost \$5 million to renovate Central Park. The plans include a skatepark, dog park and climbing wall.

OBP DEC 19, 2021 *How Confronting the Myth of American Innocence Can Stop Our Slide into Authoritarianism, and a Look Ahead at the Political Lessons We Carry into 2022*

Take a look at what it really means to acknowledge the US's complicated past. Some say a much more interesting country emerges when the myth of American innocence ends.

NEWS DEC 21, 2021 *North SLO County grouped with South San Jose in new congressional maps, and UC schools may go back to remote instruction*

In today's KCBX News Update: North SLO County has been grouped with South San Jose in final congressional maps approved by the California state redistricting commission, and University of California schools will require boosters for all eligible students and may temporarily transition back to remote learning.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *California redistricting: What to know about the final maps*
by SAMEEA KAMAL / CALMATTERS

California voters have the brand new districts they'll use to elect their members of Congress and state legislators, after the state's independent redistricting commission voted unanimously Monday night to approve its final maps.

OBP DEC 26, 2021 *Best Of 2021: Addressing Maternal Physical and Mental Health, the Ongoing Crisis over What to Teach Kids, and How One Activist Disrupts from Within Institutions*

Revisit some of *Our Body Politic*'s most-loved segments, including an interview with educator Lydia X. Z. Brown, and what's at stake for maternal physical and mental health.

NEWS DEC 28, 2021 *SB County Jail outbreak grows to 87 active cases, and SLO Public Health to hold rapid test event in Atascadero*

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Race

OBP OCT 3, 2021 *Why the Economic Recovery Has Been Slow for Women of Color, Research Says Millennials of Color Are Worried and Hopeful about Money, and How Pauli Murray's Writing and Thinking Still Influence Us Today*

A look at the life of Pauli Murray, a long-neglected and extremely influential activist. As a student at Howard University School of Law, Pauli wrote a paper that ultimately helped to shape the argument to win *Brown v. Board of Education*.

OBP OCT 10, 2021 *How to Heal from Racial Trauma in the Workplace, Celebrating Women of Color in Hollywood's Nerdiest Genres, and a Frank Conversation About the Future of the U.S. Military*

It's a discussion about the Black women making their mark on some of the biggest franchises in Hollywood: Marvel and Star Wars. Plus, hear from one author on the trauma of racism in the workplace.

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Cal Poly Theatre production canceled amid concerns of appropriate casting representation*

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's fall production of 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories' has been canceled amid concerns about adequate character and cultural representation among the cast.

I&I OCT 11, 2021 *The local wine harvest, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters on the NAACP*

In the last of our farmworker profiles, and the last episode of *Beyond the Furrows*- you'll meet Amancio- a farmworker who wants to see positive change in his line of work. It's harvest time for wineries all over the Central Coast, and Betsey Nash- who we call the "Grape Nut", wanted to get a closer look. So, she headed to Talley Vineyards. On the *Nonprofit Story*, Dr. Consuelo Meux has a conversation about the importance of the NAACP with Congresswoman Maxine Waters. And finally, KCBX's Angel Russel reports on a local group working to help the honeybee population.

OBP OCT 17, 2021 *Anita Hill on Fighting Gender Violence for Thirty Years, How the Digital Economy Infringes on Our Civil Rights, and the Mask Debate in Schools*
Hear from Dr. Anita Hill on the intersection of gender and race-based assault, and how to protect Black women in the workplace. Thirty years after catapulting into the public eye, she reflects on the work left to be done to end gender violence.

OBP OCT 24, 2021 *A Haitian Author on Her Family's Immigration Story, Celebrating and Supporting Black Women in the Media, and What We Lose Politically with the Death of Colin Powell*
Hear from author Edwidge Danticat about her own family's trauma within the US systems and the complexity of immigration – especially for Black refugee seekers from Haiti.

CCV NOV 4, 2021 *SLO equity: Engaging our community*
The Diversity Coalition of San Luis Obispo County is celebrating its ten-year anniversary since it was created in 2011 as a response to a widely-reported incident involving the burning of a cross in Arroyo Grande. Host Kris Kington-Barker speaks with guests from the Diversity Coalition about their work to provide programs and resources that celebrate SLO County's diversity and promote inclusion of all members of the community. You'll hear from board members Cornel N. Morton, Ph.D., Michael Boyer, and Jill Stollmeyer.

OBP NOV 7, 2021 *What the Elections Teach Us About Swing Voter Issues Today, How Race and Ethnicity Shape Young People of Color Politically, and Why Welcoming Refugees Helps Us*
Hear how efforts to welcome Afghan refugees across the country are impacting the broader immigrant rights conversation. Some say there is an encouraging bipartisan spirit among this group of refugees, but there's still more work to be done.

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OBP NOV 21, 2021 *Honoring the Emanuel Nine, What We Can Do about Information Disorder, and Critical Race Theory as a Political Football*
Revisit the painful memory of the shooting at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC, and hear from those most impacted.

OBP NOV 28, 2021 *How Feminists in China Fight Authoritarianism, Facing Food Apartheid in the U.S., and Black Women Get Real about Preparing for Retirement*
First, a discussion about how feminists face up to the China's authoritarian regime, and the similarities with gender-equality struggles in the US. Then, the CEO of the nonprofit Think of Us shares his experience in the foster care system, and what the organization is doing to reform it. Plus, Chef Kia Damon explains why she prefers the term "food apartheid." And, dive into the details of what it's like saving for retirement as a Black woman.

CCV DEC 2, 2021 *Protecting the Heritage of the Central Coast*
Host Mario Espinoza-Kulick speaks with guests Violet Sage Walker, the vice chairwoman of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, and P.J. Webb, a public interest attorney and advisor to the Northern Chumash Tribal Council. They discuss how the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary has the potential to help address the global biodiversity crisis. They also discuss accelerated nature-based solutions through inclusive partnerships and collaboration among California Native American Tribes and federal, state, and local governments.

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Real Estate & Housing

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NEWS NOV 2, 2021 *'I don't recognize myself anymore'; How the pandemic drowned a working mom in debt*

by JESSE BEDAYN/CALMATTERS

Commercial real estate agent Maybelle Manio is one of many middle-class Californians who found themselves financially stranded by the pandemic. The 42-year-old commercial real estate agent turned to public support for the first time in her life.

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NEWS DEC 29, 2021 *Single-unit shelter programs coming to Santa Barbara and Grover Beach*

The temporary single-unit shelter programs include social services.

Recreation

NEWS OCT 4, 2021 *Public encouraged to attend workshop for Hollister Ranch coastal access plan*

The Central Coast community is invited to weigh in on a plan for opening access to 8.5 miles of shoreline located on privately-owned Hollister Ranch in Gaviota. An online public workshop is scheduled for October 14, 2021.

NEWS OCT 21, 2021 *Central Coast families celebrate fall pumpkin-picking attractions after federal officials give green light to trick-or-treating*

This Halloween will mark the second spooky holiday navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. But according to health officials, holiday celebrations like trick-or-treating can be done safely.

NEWS OCT 24, 2021 *Winter night hiking could be here to stay at Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve*

The San Luis Obispo City Council is set to hold a special meeting November 9 to decide whether to allow permanent winter season night-use of Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve.

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NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *SLO park rangers urge proper trail use to maintain open space during rainy season*

Use of closed trails and off-trail open space can contribute to erosion and damage vegetation.

NEWS NOV 22, 2021 *Pismo Preserve sees unanticipated visitor traffic; maintenance adjusted for impact*

By September 2021, more than 142,000 people had been documented in the Preserve this year. More than 200,000 are expected by the end of the year.

NEWS NOV 24, 2021 *Vehicular access at Oceano Dunes remains controversial despite California Coastal Commission vote to phase out OHV access*

Months after the California Coastal Commission voted to phase out off-highway vehicle access at Oceano Dunes, the issue remains a hot topic.

NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *King tides lead to canceled camping reservations at Oceano Dunes, and SLO County urges action amid Omicron news*

In today's KCBX News Update: King tides lead to canceled camping reservations at Oceano Dunes, and SLO County urges action after the detection of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in California.

NEWS DEC 7, 2021 *Hikers will need night passes to see Cerro San Luis holiday tree this year*

Every night, little specks of light from headlamps and flashlights shine from Madonna Mountain as people trek up to see the famous lighted holiday tree. But hikers will need night passes this year.

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NEWS DEC 27, 2021 *Warning signs to stay up by Morro Rock after man killed in apparent great white attack on Christmas Eve*

"Enter at your own risk" signs will stay up all week by Morro Rock after a 31-year-old boogie boarder was killed in what officials say appears to be a shark attack.

Relationships

RT OCT 5, 2021 *A conversation with new friend Jim Christensen*

Nothing is better than meeting a stranger who then becomes a friend. Meet Jim Christensen from Ashton, Idaho, an ordinary person doing extraordinary things. Jim is an avid fly fisherman, expert welder, boat builder, and an open book – all of which are traits for a great conversation.

RT OCT 26, 2021 *Breaking the cycles of sexual assault and intimate partner violence*

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence can be greatly reduced with an intense investment in sex education, healthy modeling, and ongoing conversations. Elizabeth Barrett speaks with guest Janae Sargent from Lumina Alliance about what can be done to increase overall access to relationship and communication skills, helping to bring an end to gender and power-based violence.

RT NOV 16, 2021 *Are You Ready to Gather?*

As the holiday season approaches, families are cautiously coming back together after 18 months of isolation and social distancing. Are you ready to be social again? Elizabeth Barrett discusses finding one's way through the potential challenges of coming together with family again.

RT NOV 23, 2021 *Navigating reconnecting with loved ones*
As we head into the holidays and gently step back into our family gatherings, it can be a bit challenging. Tune in for a "Best of" conversation with the Reluctant Therapist and guest Dr. Joshua Coleman, a psychologist and author, about the pain, shame, embarrassment, and guilt that often accompanies estrangements that occur between parents and their children. What can you do to help bridge divides with those you love before the rift becomes too large?

RT DEC 7, 2021 *Enhancing the mentor-mentee relationship and getting the best out of it*

A mentor is someone who teaches or offers help, advice, and guidance to someone with less experience – and who is often younger – and shares similar interests, goals, and values. The true beauty of this arrangement is the exchange that happens when the mentee also inspires and invigorates the life of the mentor, which can lead to greater opportunities for both. Hear a conversation with Drs. Peter Whitehouse and Daniel George about the rich friendship which has developed between mentor and mentee.

Science

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as site to restore native oysters*

A recent study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as a priority location for restoring the native Olympia oyster population through conservation aquaculture. It's a project that unites shellfish lovers and conservationists on the Central Coast.

NEWS NOV 6, 2021 *UCSB researchers find long-term rising sea temperature decreases the nutritional value of giant kelp*

The study's lead author called this a "hidden effect" of climate change. The loss of nutrition in giant kelp could have cascading ecological and economic impacts.

NEWS NOV 15, 2021 *UC Santa Barbara team leads bee data project to better understand species' decline*

The Big-Bee project will catalog more than 1.3 million images of bee specimens, enabling researchers to better study bee resiliency in a changing climate.

NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *Researchers on Central Coast are developing the next generation of products for the Blue Economy*

Two researchers on the Central Coast have received awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Convergence Accelerator program to develop products for the Blue Economy.

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NEWS DEC 7, 2021 *UC Santa Barbara physics professor explains the conflict in our understanding of black holes*

A UC Santa Barbara physics professor is trying to understand what Einstein couldn't. With the support of the Heising-Simons Foundation, Professor Steven Giddings is able to explore gravity and space. KCBX's Shayna Weldon spoke with Giddings about the physics of matter and energy.

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Sports

NEWS DEC 9, 2021 *Para surfing athletes from around the world competing in Pismo Beach this week*

For the first time, Pismo Beach is hosting the world's largest para surfing championship with more than 300 athletes from all around the world competing this week.

Technology

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RT OCT 19, 2021 *American Dementia: Brain Health in an Unhealthy Environment*

There is currently no magic pill that can successfully treat or reverse Alzheimer's or dementia, in spite of decades-long efforts by biological scientists and Big Pharma to find a cure. In their book, *American Dementia*, Drs. Peter Whitehouse and Daniel George explore how faith in innovation, technology, and medicine as pathways to the ultimate life have led to personal and global destruction. Elizabeth Barrett speaks with the authors about their comprehensive plan to reverse outdated beliefs about brain health and cognitive decline.

I&I OCT 25, 2021 *GleanSLO, Media Literacy Week, and a possible new police station for San Luis Obispo*

There is no shortage of fresh foods on the Central Coast, but some people still go hungry. GleanSLO is a SLO Food Bank program aimed at getting fresh food to those who need it. October 25-29 is Media Literacy Week and we'll hear from journalism professor Dr. Bobbie Eisenstock about media literacy education and the recent congressional hearings regarding social media. Also, you'll hear the second episode of Kim Bisheffs podcast "Agenda Breakdown", where she explores how a city's decisions are made and how you can participate.

NEWS NOV 10, 2021 *A new app that helps people in need find a meal selects Santa Barbara as a pilot city*

Much like UberEats and DoorDash, the MealPass App allows people to get food from local restaurants and food vendors by using a mobile application. But the goal of the MealPass App is to connect restaurants and food vendors with people who are food insecure by allowing app users to pick up donated meals.

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NEWS NOV 23, 2021 *PG&E testing artificial intelligence locally that could provide early wildfire detection*

The technology is also designed to filter out things that look like smoke such as haze or fog.

Tourism

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Report finds San Luis Obispo tourism industry on fast road to recovery*

The tourism industry took a huge hit at the start of the pandemic when non-essential travel was discouraged. But according to San Luis Obispo's Tourism Annual Report, the industry is making a comeback.

NEWS OCT 18, 2021 *Downtown SLO under construction for improvement projects; officials urge public to prepare for delays and parking disruptions*

Downtown San Luis Obispo visitors and people who work in the area are encouraged to allow for extra time arriving and leaving the city's core, as two city projects are underway to improve road conditions as well as pedestrian and cyclist safety.

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The City of Paso Robles has directed staff to develop a new extension for the operation of short-term vacation rentals in the city.

NEWS NOV 8, 2021 *Morro Bay City Council eyes implementing paid parking along Embarcadero*

Unlike other popular beach towns, Morro Bay currently keeps its nearly 2,000 parking spots in the downtown core area free of charge. But now, the city is looking at whether to implement a paid parking system with hour limitations to keep up with the demand the city is seeing.

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Transportation

NEWS OCT 6, 2021 *Planning Commission rejects ExxonMobil proposal to truck oil off Santa Barbara coast*

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission voted to deny an ExxonMobil proposal to temporarily transport oil along Highways 101 and 166, despite recommended approval by planning staff. This essentially bars the company from restarting three of its offshore drilling platforms.

NEWS OCT 12, 2021 *Alisal Fire burning in Santa Barbara County prompts evacuations, Highway 101 closures*

Gusty winds have propelled the uncontained Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County to 6,000 acres, according to Santa Barbara County Fire.

NEWS OCT 12, 2021 *Alisal Fire evacuation centers give evacuees place to "catch their breath"*

The Alisal Fire burning in Santa Barbara Canyon has burned 8,000 acres, closed down parts of Highway 101 and prompted evacuation orders.

NEWS OCT 13, 2021 *Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County grows to 14,500 acres; parts of Highway 101 remain closed*

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NEWS OCT 14, 2021 *Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County now stands at more than 16,800 acres with 5% containment*

The Alisal Fire has grown to more than 16,800 acres. Highway 101 has reopened as of Thursday evening.

NEWS OCT 15, 2021 *Alisal Fire now at 41% containment; Highway 101 near fire reopened*

Highway 101 has reopened in the Alisal Fire area. The fire is now 41% contained.

NEWS OCT 15, 2021 *Santa Maria Air Tanker Base bustling with planes amid Alisal Fire, more favorable winds in Santa Barbara County*
When the Alisal Fire broke out on Monday, fierce winds prevented air support from taking off to help. But ever since Tuesday, when winds turned more favorable, the Santa Maria Air Tanker Base has been bustling with jets coming in and out all day.

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NEWS OCT 27, 2021 *Rockslide closes Highway 1, storms give some communities whiplash*
In today's KCBX News update, a rockslide has closed parts of Highway 1 and CapRadio's Scott Rodd reports on how recent storms are giving some California communities whiplash.

NEWS OCT 29, 2021 *Finding of Denial released for local Exxon oil trucking proposal and more financial relief available for businesses*
Santa Barbara County staff released their Finding of Denial for ExxonMobil's proposal to truck oil on Highways 101 and 166. Plus, more financial relief is being made available to qualified small businesses.

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Crews continue work to clear Highway 1 after a rockslide near Ragged Point. Plus, a new housing project broke ground in Paso Robles and the San Luis Unified School District is expected to hire new counseling aids for elementary school students.

NEWS NOV 2, 2021 *Paso vaccination site moves to train station, crews make repairs to Highway 101*
In today's KCBX News update: SLO County is consolidating its North County COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites into one facility at the Paso Robles Train Station, crews make repairs to Highway 101 after the Alisal Fire and a federal judge strikes down part of a California law that limits protests at vaccination sites.

NEWS NOV 3, 2021 *Morro Bay coronavirus testing hours, pedestrian safety operation in SLO, and Atascadero construction project*
In today's KCBX News Update: the coronavirus testing site in Morro Bay is changing its hours, a pedestrian safety operation will take place in San Luis Obispo, and an Atascadero construction project begins.

NEWS NOV 4, 2021 *Maintenance project on Highway 101, and extremism researcher worries about gun violence*
In today's KCBX News Update: there will be a maintenance project on Highway 101, and an extremism researcher worries about a potential rise in gun violence in the U.S.

NEWS NOV 5, 2021 *SB County extends indoor mask mandate, and trucking expert discusses supply chain issues*

In today's KCBX News Update: Santa Barbara County extends its indoor mask mandate, and a trucking expert discusses driver shortage and supply chain issues.

NEWS NOV 9, 2021 *Free electric bike loan in Santa Barbara County encourages alternative modes of transportation*

In an effort to help lower Santa Barbara County's carbon footprint, residents and workers there can now loan an electric bike without charge this month through the EZ Bike project.

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NEWS NOV 18, 2021 *Locals express needs for future of Isla Vista transportation infrastructure*

The Isla Vista Community Services District announced a timeline for an equity-based, climate-forward future.

NEWS NOV 24, 2021 *Holiday travel is expected to be busier this year; experts advise to plan for airport lines and traffic congestion*

Thanksgiving traffic is seeing an uptick as families throughout the country plan to reunite now that there are coronavirus vaccines available.

NEWS NOV 30, 2021 *SLO Police Department urges safe driving this holiday season, and UC doctor discusses Omicron variant*

In today's KCBX News Update, the San Luis Obispo Police Department is urging safe driving this holiday season and a University of California doctor discusses the Omicron variant.

NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *Construction begins on crosswalk safety projects across SLO County*

The Public Works Department is installing new flashing beacon systems to three crosswalks with high levels of pedestrian traffic.

NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *Central Coast school districts eligible to apply for electric school bus incentive program*

Central Coast Community Energy is offering incentives to encourage eligible communities to replace their diesel buses with electric ones.

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NEWS DEC 13, 2021 *Winter storm prompts evacuations, road closures along Central Coast*

A winter storm is prompting evacuations and road closures in Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

NEWS DEC 16, 2021 *Expect traffic delays, detours as Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility construction continues*

South Bay Boulevard is expected to be closed for about 8 weeks, instead of operating with one lane open, like previously planned.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *Rainy Christmas expected as first of storm series hits Central Coast*

Storms are expected to sweep across the entire state this week, bringing rain and snow which may complicate travel plans for the holidays.

NEWS DEC 22, 2021 *Holiday gas prices dropping locally as Omicron variant spreads*

Analysts predict prices will continue to fall at the pump over the holidays and into the New Year.

NEWS DEC 23, 2021 *Winter storm brings flood advisories, emergency warnings across Central Coast*

Emergency warnings are in place across the Central Coast today amid the heavy storm.

NEWS DEC 28, 2021 *'We've seen this a lot through the years': Big Sur businesses feel impact of Highway 1 rockslides*

Highway 1 is closed from just north of San Simeon to Ragged Point. Big Sur restaurants and hotels say road closures over the years have put pressure on business.

NEWS DEC 28, 2021 *Despite the storm, shoppers pack stores for last-minute holiday shopping*

Despite a global pandemic, high inflation and supply chain issues around the country, Americans are still shopping this holiday season — and local stores are busy with last-minute shoppers.

Veteran's Affairs

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I&I NOV 8, 2021 *Memories of Vietnam as a Seabee, collaborative workspaces, and singer songwriter Sierra Hull*
Morro Bay resident U.S. retired Navy Commander Kenneth Vogel talks about his three tours of duty in Vietnam as a Seabee. Also, the owner of the Backlots, Dane Hodgson, and Cal Poly CIE's John Townsend, talk about collaborative workspaces. Finally, Sierra Hull, an American bluegrass singer-songwriter, talks about life and music.

CCV NOV 11, 2021 *A Legacy of Service, Hope for the Future*
Disabled American Veterans Charity (DAV) provides a lifetime of support for veterans of all generations, helping more than 1 million veterans in positive, life-changing ways each year. DAV empowers our nation's heroes and their families by helping to provide the resources they need – like connecting them with meaningful employment or hosting job fairs – to ensure the nation keeps the promises made to them. Host Fred Munroe speaks with guests from DAV in Santa Maria as they discuss how their work ensures that veterans have the opportunity to participate in the American Dream that has been made possible by their sacrifices.

NEWS NOV 22, 2021 *San Luis Obispo begins free parking days during holiday season*
Parking Services wants to encourage economic activity downtown by making structure parking free on 13 days.

Water

NEWS OCT 11, 2021 *Study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as site to restore native oysters*
A recent study identifies Morro Bay Estuary as a priority location for restoring the native Olympia oyster population through conservation aquaculture. It's a project that unites shellfish lovers and conservationists on the Central Coast.

NEWS OCT 19, 2021 *As drought continues, La Niña is back; first winter storm could arrive before Halloween*
Early models indicate an atmospheric river could bring two to six inches of rain along the Central Coast Sunday into Monday.

NEWS OCT 21, 2021 *Local, state officials urge water conservation ahead of rain on Central Coast*
It could rain this weekend in the Central Coast region, but local and state officials are urging water conservation anyway due to the drought emergency in California.

NEWS OCT 25, 2021 *SLO County areas see 5+ inches of rain and COVID-19 vaccine booster eligibility expands*
In today's KCBX newscast, some areas of San Luis Obispo County saw more than five inches of rain Sunday and Monday. Plus, COVID-19 vaccine booster eligibility is expanding to more San Luis Obispo County residents.

NEWS OCT 26, 2021 *Officials urge public to avoid ocean after storm and SLO County records 100+ new COVID-19 cases*
The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department is advising the public to avoid getting in the ocean after the storm. Plus, the County Public Health Department has reported 135 new cases of the virus locally.

NEWS NOV 6, 2021 *UCSB researchers find long-term rising sea temperature decreases the nutritional value of giant kelp*
The study's lead author called this a "hidden effect" of climate change. The loss of nutrition in giant kelp could have cascading ecological and economic impacts.

NEWS NOV 19, 2021 *Researchers on Central Coast are developing the next generation of products for the Blue Economy*
Two researchers on the Central Coast have received awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Convergence Accelerator program to develop products for the Blue Economy.

NEWS NOV 29, 2021 *Low-snow winters could impact local, state water reservoir supply*
A recent study suggests persistent low-to-no-snow winters could become a reality in the next 35 to 60 years.

NEWS DEC 2, 2021 *King tides lead to canceled camping reservations at Oceano Dunes, and SLO County urges action amid Omicron news*
In today's KCBX News Update: King tides lead to canceled camping reservations at Oceano Dunes, and SLO County urges action after the detection of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in California.

NEWS DEC 6, 2021 *SLO Valley Basin Groundwater declining; sustainability plan outlines path forward*
The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors and SLO City Council are set to approve the SLO Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, or GSP.

NEWS DEC 13, 2021 *Winter storm prompts evacuations, road closures along Central Coast*
A winter storm is prompting evacuations and road closures in Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

NEWS DEC 27, 2021 *Warning signs to stay up by Morro Rock after man killed in apparent great white attack on Christmas Eve*
"Enter at your own risk" signs will stay up all week by Morro Rock after a 31-year-old boogie boarder was killed in what officials say appears to be a shark attack.

Wine

I&I OCT 11, 2021 *The local wine harvest, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters on the NAACP*

In the last of our farmworker profiles, and the last episode of Beyond the Furrows- you'll meet Amancio- a farmworker who wants to see positive change in his line of work. It's harvest time for wineries all over the Central Coast, and Betsey Nash- who we call the "Grape Nut", wanted to get a closer look. So, she headed to Talley Vineyards. On the Nonprofit Story, Dr. Consuelo Meux has a conversation about the importance of the NAACP with Congresswoman Maxine Waters. And finally, KCBX's Angel Russel reports on a local group working to help the honeybee population.

I&I NOV 15, 2021 *Agenda Breakdown, the Grape Nut, and Orchestra Novo*
Agenda Breakdown host Kim Bisheff explains how the local redistricting process works, and highlights the ways residents can get involved. Also, Betsey Nash, the "Grape Nut" sat down with local sommelier Jenna Congdon to learn some useful wine terms. Orchestra Novo's Artistic Director Michael Nowak, and musician Inga Swearingen talk to Ben Purper about the upcoming November 20th performance.

I&I NOV 22, 2021 *Munger Hall, the Grape Nut, Once Upon a Tyme, and Stepladder Ranch*

UC Santa Barbara is proposing to build a "megadorm" that would house 4,500 students. Get some tips on which wines to serve with your Thanksgiving meal as the Grape Nut, Betsey Nash, continues her conversation with local sommelier Jenna Congdon. Cambria clock shop owner offers insights about timepieces old and new. On "Playing with Food," Father Ian visits Stepladder Ranch and Creamery near Cambria to show you how every aspect of the life of their goat herd is part of making a high-quality cheese.

Women's Issues

OBP OCT 3, 2021 *Why the Economic Recovery Has Been Slow for Women of Color, Research Says Millennials of Color Are Worried and Hopeful about Money, and How Pauli Murray's Writing and Thinking Still Influence Us Today*

A look at the life of Pauli Murray, a long-neglected and extremely influential activist. As a student at Howard University School of Law, Pauli wrote a paper that ultimately helped to shape the argument to win Brown v. Board of Education.

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OBP OCT 17, 2021 *Anita Hill on Fighting Gender Violence for Thirty Years, How the Digital Economy Infringes on Our Civil Rights, and the Mask Debate in Schools*
Hear from Dr. Anita Hill on the intersection of gender and race-based assault, and how to protect Black women in the workplace. Thirty years after catapulting into the public eye, she reflects on the work left to be done to end gender violence.

OBP OCT 24, 2021 *A Haitian Author on Her Family’s Immigration Story, Celebrating and Supporting Black Women in the Media, and What We Lose Politically with the Death of Colin Powell*
Hear from author Edwidge Danticat about her own family’s trauma within the US systems and the complexity of immigration – especially for Black refugee seekers from Haiti.

NEWS OCT 26, 2021 *Local nonprofit adjusts programs to empower girls, gender-diverse youth throughout pandemic*
Girls Rock Santa Barbara, a nonprofit that runs programs to empower girls and gender-expansive youth, adjusted its programming during the pandemic to continue serving youth safely.

OBP NOV 14, 2021 *The Challenge to Define Accountability in the Criminal Justice System, Anti-racism in Media, and What’s Really Going On with Facebook*
Hear from one doctor who found herself working to influence Capitol Hill and wants politics to be taken out of the conversation about reproductive rights.

OBP NOV 28, 2021 *How Feminists in China Fight Authoritarianism, Facing Food Apartheid in the U.S., and Black Women Get Real about Preparing for Retirement*
First, a discussion about how feminists face up to the China’s authoritarian regime, and the similarities with gender-equality struggles in the US. Then, the CEO of the nonprofit Think of Us shares his experience in the foster care system, and what the organization is doing to reform it. Plus, Chef Kia Damon explains why she prefers the term “food apartheid.” And, dive into the details of what it’s like saving for retirement as a Black woman.

OBP DEC 5, 2021 *Why Voters Lose When Democrats Fight Each Other, Back to Basics with Covid-19 Prevention, and a Call to Action for Women of Color*
Take a look at what it’ll take for white Americans to take extremism seriously.

OBP DEC 12, 2021 *Voting Rights Activism from Fannie Lou Hamer to Today, Tackling High Maternal Mortality Rates in the U.S., and How to Reframe Abortion as a Liberty Issue for All*
Take a look at the enduring message of voting rights pioneer, Fannie Lou Hamer, and the work that remains.

NEWS DEC 30, 2021 *SB County Women, Infants and Children program aims to support families during pandemic*
In Santa Barbara County, pregnant mothers and families with limited incomes — including migrant and military families — may qualify for assistance under the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.