

# DECLINE

Abortions have declined in states where new laws make it hard to get one and also where rights are protected



# STOP IT

Author tells readers to 'Cancel the Pity Party' with advice to create your best life



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## Decision on trucking oil expected within days

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Permit opponents say county has legal right to deny application

A decision on whether to allow ExxonMobil to temporarily haul crude oil from a plant near Gavito to a San Luis Obispo facility is expected within days, officials said. Last week, the company submitted an emergency permit application to the county to transport oil from the Las Flores Canyon plant

to a Phillips 66 refinery on Willow Road in Arroyo Grande after the pipe normally used — owned and operated by Plains All American Pipeline — was shut down following the May 19 oil spill. The decision, which will be made by Planning and Development Assistant Director Dianne Black, would

be final and not open for appeal, Ms. Black told the News-Press. Despite this, public comment on the emergency permit is being accepted, and can be sent to Ms. Black at [dianne@countyofsb.org](mailto:dianne@countyofsb.org). Following the 101,000-gallon spill last month, ExxonMobil was forced to reduce the average daily produc-

tion of its Sanya Ynez Unit at Las Flores Canyon from 30,000 to 10,000 barrels, officials said. Despite the reduction, company officials say the Las Flores Canyon could still reach maximum on-site oil storage in less than one month. According to the permit application submitted last week, a one-

way truck trip is about 72 miles and would include Main Street and Bonita School Road in Santa Maria prior to heading north on State Route 1 to the refinery entrance west of town. The inability to move crude oil

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## County in the midst of heroin, opioid epidemic

OD fatalities now outnumber automobile deaths

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Following the deaths of three county residents as a result of apparent drug overdoses over the past several days, officials are warning of a prescription drug abuse and heroin epidemic both nationwide and throughout Santa Barbara County.

The county is now part of the national trend on opioid addiction and accidental overdose deaths, which currently exceed automobile accident deaths both locally and nationwide, according to the Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services Alcohol and Drug Prevention Division.

While the recent synergy between prescription drugs and heroin isn't a huge surprise, the depth and circulation of the problem has been an eye opener, according to Jack Doyle, program administrator for the county's Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services.

"Heroin is so good that there's always going to be an allure to it, but this rate is unbelievable," he said. When he began working for the county nearly ten years ago, heroin was the drug of choice for around 8 to 10 percent of clients.

This past year, heroin has been the drug of choice for nearly 30 percent of his 4,500 clients, he said.

The latest string of incidents began June 4, when a 27-year-old Lompoc man and a 32-year-old man in a Solvang hotel both died with evidence pointing to drug overdoses from heroin, said Kelly Hoover, spokeswoman for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

Sunday, a 31-year-old Santa Ynez woman was found deceased in a field after authorities received reports of a distressed female who was seen falling to the ground.

That woman was present in the Solvang hotel room at or near the time of the 32-year-old man's death, authorities said.

"Since the deaths were in such close proximity and time frame, the incidents raise suspicion," said Ms. Hoover.

During an initial investigation into the Solvang hotel room incident, deputies received information indicating the woman had removed evidence of drug use from

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## Search for funding begins



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Sheriff Bill Brown presents his budget to the County Board of Supervisors in the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara on Monday.

### Sheriff seeks \$300,000 for body cams

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Representatives from a range of county departments including Public Health, the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office took center stage Monday to present their budgets to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors at the first of three budget hearings in the County Administration Building.

Repercussions of the Refugio oil spill, infrastructure needs and potential tech-

nology updates prompted law enforcement officials to request additional funding and staffing for their departments.

The Sheriff's Office proposed an operating budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 of \$124.6 million, a 1.5 percent increase from its 2014-2015 adopted budget.

Sheriff Bill Brown said he is considering implementing body cameras in the field, but the decision is contingent upon the department's ability to properly store and manage the extra video equipment and to cover the more than \$300,000 cost.

"The cost of this technology is not simply the cost of cameras themselves," he said. "The larger costs, by far, are for the storage of the video data that's generated by

the cameras and who will pay for the storage, the retention and the administration necessary to manage requests for video evidence."

The highest priority in the sheriff's office expansion requests, Mr. Brown said, is the addition of a business analyst employee who would help with the improvement of data management, organization and structure at the cost of \$122,000.

"The funding for this position is critical," he said. "It will allow us to evaluate our programs and properly identify which inmates are most appropriate for early release (and) ... which strategies are most effective in terms of recidivism reduction."

Another position that both Sheriff Brown and members of the public expressed sup-

port for adding to the Sheriff's Office was a community resource deputy for the foot patrol contingent in Isla Vista. Though the estimated cost of the added position would be around \$180,000, Mr. Brown said that could be lowered by utilizing a deputy sheriff trainee rather than a special duty deputy in the position.

District Attorney Joyce Dudley requested an additional \$1.7 million from the county to cover legal fees associated with the Refugio oil spill while the County Fire Department requested funds to finance infrastructure improvement like facilities maintenance needs and inspections.

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Eddy Cue, Apple senior vice president of Internet Software and Services, speaks about music at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco on Monday.

## Apple takes on streaming music, improves wallet, SIRI

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SAN FRANCISCO — Apple announced a major new foray into streaming music on Monday as it showed off a host of new software features for its iPhones, iPads and Mac computers.

The \$10-a-month music service is called Apple Music and combines on-demand listening, a 24/7 radio station hosted by live DJs and a forum for artists to give fans behind-

the-scenes content from upcoming releases.

The service, which was announced during Apple's annual software conference Monday, will be launched later this month in more than 100 countries. It comes at a time when iTunes songs and album sales are falling, while streaming music leaders like Spotify and Deezer are gaining subscribers and revenue.

The music service was the biggest news of the company's five-day conference, but Apple also an-

nounced a host of new upgrades and services coming later this year to the operating software for its popular iPhones, iPads and Mac computers.

The new features including enhancements to Siri, the company's voice-activated digital assistant, as well as Apple Pay, Apple Maps and the Apple Watch. Executives also mentioned a new streaming TV service that Apple is reportedly hoping to announce later this year.

Analysts say the new services and upgrades, which will be

available when Apple releases free updates to its iOS and Mac OS software this fall, are part of a broader strategy to make Apple's devices indispensable.

While many companies make smartphones and computers, "Apple's crown jewels are its software and online services," said analyst Daniel Ives, who follows tech companies for FBR Capital Markets.

Some of the new features could provide new profits for the tech powerhouse. But perhaps more

importantly, they may help keep customers from defecting to rivals like Google, which showed off new features for its competing Android mobile software at its event last month.

Here's a look at the new features Apple announced:

### APPLE MUSIC

The service represents a chance for Apple to come from behind in a digital music field that it once led. With a lengthy three-month free

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