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## Business owner to run for District 4 supervisor

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A South County independent who wants to put “people before politics” has entered the race for a seat on the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, the second candidate who will challenge incumbent Jimmy Paulding in what is now a three-person contest.



Tyler Brewer

Local business owner Tyler Brewer announced his candidacy for District 4 supervisor in the 2026 election, his campaign announced in a news release.

Brewer describes himself as an independent populist, according to his campaign website.

“I believe government should serve the people — not special interests, not political insiders, and not the wealthy elite,” he said. “District 4 deserves leadership that listens, acts and delivers results for the working families, farmers and small businesses who make our communities strong.”

Brewer owns Family Paralegal Associates — formerly known as Stuart Legal — in Arroyo Grande. The business, which assists with legal document preparation, is not a law firm and does not provide legal advice, its website says. “As the owner of Family Paralegal Associates, I’ve seen firsthand the challenges families face navigating complicated systems,” Brewer said. “I’m running to make government work better for the people it’s meant to serve.”

Brewer’s top issues listed on his campaign website include water storage and recycling, agriculture, public safety, affordable housing, addressing the

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## Contested sexual assault bill dies in California legislature

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A San Luis Obispo County lawmaker introduced a bill to protect public entities from the financial burden of childhood sexual assault cases — but local leaders and survivor groups say

it would come at the expense of the survivors themselves.

That’s because it would reduce the statute of limitations certain survivors had to file their cases, critics of the bill said.

Now, much to its critics’ relief, Senate Bill 577 will no longer make it to a vote this

year.

Also, in an unusual twist, the dispute occurred between two Democratic lawmakers who both hail from the Central Coast, with legislation from one potentially undoing that of another.

Championed by Sen. John Laird, D-Santa Cruz, SB 577

was meant to shield public entities like school districts, counties or cities from going bankrupt over decades-old sexual abuse settlements that can reach into the millions of dollars — an issue that has threatened the survival of

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## Cal Poly student wins Lego contest with Italy-themed design

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When Cal Poly student Alex Sahli was a young child playing with Legos, he never imagined that he’d someday see his own face on one of the brand’s characteristic plastic minifigures.

Fast forward to this summer, when Sahli’s own “Italian Riviera” set design hit the shelves of Lego shops worldwide — complete with a 4-centimeters-tall figurine depicting him as a camera-wielding tourist in the middle of a bustling seaside village.

“I’ve made it in the Lego world,” Sahli said in a Cal Poly news release. “Can’t ask for more than that.”

Sahli’s set came to fruition through the Lego Ideas initiative, which allows fans to enter their own build concepts for potential development.

His design beat out dozens of others, getting thousands of votes from the Lego community and going through a revision process with the company’s designers.

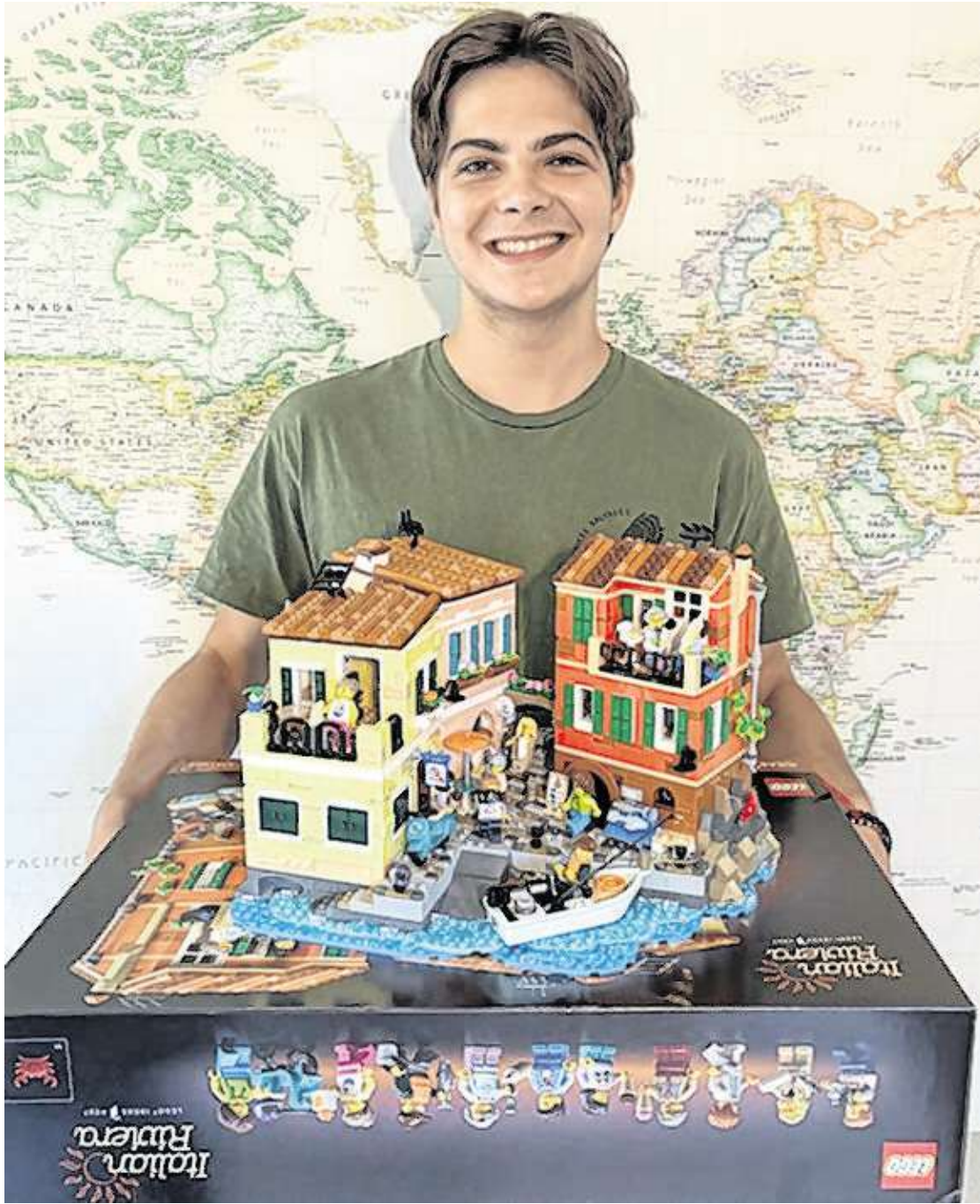
It became the 67th fan design to be developed since 2008, according to Cal Poly.

“This has always been like a dream of mine and ... again, it’s not a very common thing to actually have happen,” Sahli told The Tribune. “It was amazing to, you know, see it actually work and see my set in stores.”

### LEGO DEVELOPS CAL POLY STUDENT’S ITALY-INSPIRED DESIGN

Sahli’s winning Lego design was inspired by a family trip to Italy in 2022.

While researching his destination, Sahli wanted to replicate what he saw using the iconic plastic blocks he’d been designing with since his early childhood.



COURTESY OF ALEX SAHLI

Alex Sahli, a third-year computer science student at Cal Poly, designed an Italy-inspired Lego set through the Lego Ideas program. The build features Sahli himself as a tourist with a camera.

He submitted the design to Lego Ideas knowing the chances of it being chosen were slim. He was still a senior in

high school at the time.

It took about a year and a half for his design to get the 10,000 votes necessary to

move forward in the selection process, and even longer for

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## What happens in SLO County as Planned Parenthood is defunded?

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The latest legal fight over the future of reproductive health is set to cut off access to Planned Parenthood’s services for mil-

lions of Americans — but in San Luis Obispo County, the impact may be tempered.

On Thursday, the First District Court of Appeals upheld a motion from the federal Department of Justice in a lawsuit between the reproductive

health provider and the Trump administration that would prevent people covered by Medicaid from using it to pay for services provided by Planned Parenthood.

While Planned Parenthood and 22 states including Cali-

fornia continue to fight the ruling in court, the coverage status of millions of patients will be left up in the air.

In a statement, Planned Parenthood of California Central Coast CEO Jenna Tosh said the decision to effectively defund reproductive healthcare for millions of Americans will impact all Planned Parenthoods across the nation, including the six clinics on the Central Coast.

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