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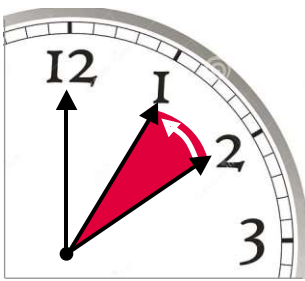
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The city of Paso Robles spent nearly \$200,000 on its own legal fees in the public records lawsuit between the city, Councilmember Chris Bausch and The Tribune.

That puts the grand total of the city’s expenses toward the claims and lawsuits related to the fallout of harassment allegations against Bausch at more than \$841,000.

The Tribune’s public records lawsuit, filed in March after Bausch refused to turn over records stored on his personal devices and accounts to fulfill Tribune requests, was settled on Sept. 8. The Tribune submitted requests for those records as part of its investigation into harassment allegations made against Bausch in a \$2.2 million claim filed by then-city manager

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TIME CHANGE FALL BACK

We hope you remembered to set your clocks back one hour. Daylight saving time ended Sunday at 2 a.m.

SLO County teacher sentenced for ‘satanic’ child porn

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Editor’s note: This story contains graphic child sexual abuse.

A former substitute teacher from Nipomo who fantasized about kidnapping toddlers, raping and torturing them before sacrificing them to Satan, was sentenced to eight years in state prison on Tuesday.

Gregory Allen Kornman, 55, was caught masturbating inside his car in a public place near Los Berros Road and Highway 101 in Nipomo on March 13, court documents said.

That incident eventually led investigators to discovering a plethora of child pornography on Kornman’s devices and his involvement in a satanic and sadistic pedophilic community.

Around 3,000 videos of child sexual abuse and more than 600 images of child sexual abuse were eventually found between Kornman’s phone and computer, court documents said. He also sent child pornography at least 159 times to 68 separate accounts.

The San Luis Obispo County District Attorney’s Office charged Kornman with 19 felo-

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Gregory Allen Kornman listens at his sentencing hearing for 19 felony counts of transmission of child pornography, two felony counts of possession of child pornography and one misdemeanor count of a public lewd act, on Oct. 28. He was sentenced to eight years in prison.



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Thrifty Beaches co-owners Adam Kemp and Maria Trott find a new life for clothing and furnishings on Sept. 16, 2025.

Kemp wants to be a billionaire with Thrifty Beaches empire

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Before becoming a household name on the Central Coast for secondhand items and his risky-but-successful business ventures, Adam Kemp grew up surrounded by blank, white

walls. As he and his family moved around to various California cities, Kemp dreamed of a very different sort of future.

“I just spent so much of my time just visualizing the life I want to have and visualizing the things I want to do,” he said. “I was only 7, but I knew

that when I got older, I would be able to create the life I want, but also do something impactful.”

Today, he’s well on his way, as the bare walls of his childhood have been replaced by an eclectic array of vintage clothing, accessories and furniture at his astoundingly popular

Thrifty Beaches locations. “I feel really proud, but sometimes it almost doesn’t feel like I did it,” the 25-year-old told The Tribune in a recent interview. “It’s weird. Even though I am the person that did this, it’s just weird.”

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Unsafe levels of bacteria fester in Pismo Lagoon, group says

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While surfers stretched and squeezed on their wetsuits one October morning, a biologist

dipped a test jar into the Pismo Lagoon.

For seven years, retired biologist Dr. Stanley Rice has taken regular water samples at Pismo Creek for the Surfrider Foundation’s Blue Water Task Force. Every year, he finds unsafe

levels of bacteria in the water.

That day, Pismo Creek flowed under Cypress Street Bridge into a warm, shallow pool known as the Pismo Lagoon. Long, green strands of duckweed grew on the surface of the water, while ducks

squawked and paddled around. A berm of sand trapped the water in the lagoon — preventing the bacteria from escaping. “It’s really nasty water,” Rice said.

During the winter, high surf or heavy rain often breaks the berm, allowing a stream of water to trickle into the ocean and release some of the built-up bacteria.

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