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## TRIPLE CROWNED

American Pharoah ended a 37-year wait, galloping to an easy win in the Belmont Stakes and becoming the first horse since 1978 to win the Triple Crown. Page B1

## Helping out

Volunteers gathered at the Santa Rita Flower Farm on Saturday to pick up roughly 10,000 pounds of organic carrots for the Santa Barbara County Foodbank. Page A3



## LOMPOC, CABRILLO SENIORS PREPARE FOR GRADUATION

# LEADING BY EXAMPLE



Len Wood, Staff

Lompoc High School's Claudia Carrillo, who says her involvement in on-campus clubs and sports brought her out of her 'shell,' will graduate Thursday and head for UC Davis.

### » Lompoc High School

## Claudia Carrillo: Involvement helped senior break out of shell

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When Claudia Carrillo first arrived at Lompoc High School four years ago, she describes her former self as shy, quiet and not very outgoing.

Almost right away — thanks in part to a recommendation by her older sister, Sarah, who was a senior at LHS at the time — Carrillo came up with a plan to break out of her shell.

Carrillo, now a senior, made an effort to become involved in clubs and groups throughout campus and the surrounding community. As she nears graduation this week — Lompoc High School's commencement ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m. Thursday — she looks back on those efforts as the foundation for the success she has gone on to enjoy.

"(Becoming involved) really helped me step out of my shell and not be afraid to meet new people and interact with them," she said. "It's really something that's helped me step out of my bubble."

Carrillo, who is among the academic leaders in her class, has been involved in Lompoc High School's Associated Student Body, Renaissance Club and its California Scholarship Federation chapter. She also is a four-year member of the school's track and cross-country programs.

Outside of school, Carrillo was a member of Lompoc's Youth Commission, a group that works with city staff to advocate for youth issues and activities, and also is involved in her church, among other organizations.

Her positive outlook and newfound outgoing nature has not gone unnoticed by those around her.

"She is a leader among her peers," said Casey Brooks, who teaches AP History at LHS. "She's genuine, nice and is one of the most respectful students you will ever meet."



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### Lompoc High graduation

Lompoc High School will host its 123rd commencement ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Huyck Stadium, located on the Lompoc High campus.

The ceremony will feature 304 graduating seniors.

### » Cabrillo High School



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Cabrillo High graduating senior Floyd Stern, who has excelled in the classroom and on the basketball court for CHS, plans to major in biology at Pepperdine University.

## Floyd Stern: Hoops captain eyes career in medical industry

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When Cabrillo High School basketball coach Gary West got his first look two years ago at Floyd Stern, who at the time was a sophomore transfer to the school, the coach said he was instantly impressed.

It wasn't Stern's talent on the court that led West to put the young newcomer on the school's varsity squad right away but rather the intangibles that the coach said were immediately clear.

"He has a magnetism that draws you to him, so I saw that right away," West said of Stern. "He's a good basketball player, but he's a better person than he is a basketball player and that's why I wanted him on my team."

### Cabrillo High commencement

Cabrillo High School will hold its 49th annual commencement ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the football stadium behind the school.

The ceremony will feature 290 graduating seniors.

Stern, who went on to excel in the classroom in addition to the basketball gym, is now looking to utilize those qualities on a grander stage.

The senior will graduate from Cabrillo High during Thursday's commencement ceremony, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Following graduation, he

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# Council shares budget thoughts

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With the special budget meetings just around the corner, the City Council took some time to give their initial thoughts on the proposed biennial budget presented by staff earlier this week.

"First of all, I just want to tell you how appreciative I am of the city administrator and the city staff," Lompoc Mayor Bob Lingl said. "This budget is not like the other budgets the city has seen. This has been built from the ground up. I'm going to lock myself in a closet this weekend and review it."

The proposed budget features significant increases in both general fund revenues and expenditures. Revenues are expected to rise roughly \$9.2 million and expenses about \$9.8 million. The budget will require the use of reserves to balance it.

Councilman DeWayne Holmdahl also was pleased with the presentation, praising staff for adopting a zero-based budget, which requires managers to justify all expenses.

"I thought the presentation was good and the layout was good," Holmdahl said. "Now we have five meetings that give the general public a chance to look at it."

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## ABOUT TOWN

### Congressional candidate to speak

The Lompoc Valley Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday at the LVDC office at 104 South H St.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the program set to start at 7.

The featured speaker will be Helene Schneider, who is running for the 24th Congressional district seat that will be vacated by Rep. Lois Capps. There will also be a recap of last month's North County Grassroots Organizing Convention, which was held in Lompoc.

For membership information, call 291-3007.

### Ride wristbands on sale for Flower Festival

Carnival wristbands are currently on sale for the 63rd annual Lompoc Valley Flower Festival to be held June 24 to 28.

Wristbands, which will allow the wearer unlimited rides on the carnival attractions at Ryon Park, are available for \$20 through June 24 at the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department, local grocery stores, area banks, and the Flower Festival office, 414 W. Ocean Ave. The wristbands will be \$30 at the event.

For all information on pre-sale tickets, rides, booths, parade and entertainment, visit [www.lompocvalleyfestivals.com](http://www.lompocvalleyfestivals.com) or [www.facebook.com/lompocvalley.flowerfestival](http://www.facebook.com/lompocvalley.flowerfestival) or call 735-8511.

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