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AVPA Fundraiser at San Gennaro's

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People looking for something to do on Saturday, March 4, should come to San Gennaro Café, 9543 Culver Blvd. in Culver City between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for a spaghetti lunch fundraiser. This event will earn money for the film department of the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School. But this is no ordinary spaghetti lunch fundraiser. Clay Bravo Conroy and her comedy company will present a form of spoken word comedy during lunch. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

This fundraiser will help the film department raise money to produce their spring project which will be shot in High Definition (HD) format—a first for the film department. Frank Clark, a CCHS senior and the student body president, wrote the script and is slated to produce and edit the film. Jeff Goebert, another senior, will direct it.

James Bentley, the creative director for AVPA's film department, is well aware of the costs and the challenges of this project. Even with a generous grant from Culver City's Education Foundation for the project, the students will still need to take on several fundraising activities to make the film a reality. According to Bentley, "We are looking toward the future and the next generation of film processes in producing this film – our first HD film. We're very proud of being able to offer our students state-of-the-art experiences like this."

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area. For more information about the Academy, go to www.avpa.org or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or x6009.

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