



A Cinematographic View of American Elections

Presented by: Mort & Judy Weisman

Three Mondays
September 12, 19, & 26, 2016

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Maravilla Theater
5486 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

In each of our three sessions, we will introduce one of the films listed below, providing information about its origins, background on the script writer and director, and other pertinent material. After the film is screened, we will lead a discussion based on questions prepared in advance. Each film takes two hours or less, leaving time for a lively discussion.

It is not our intention to focus on the politics of the current election, but rather to encourage discussion of the political system as it has evolved to the present day — along with some humor!



The Best Man (120 minutes) is a 1964 political drama starring Henry Fonda, Cliff Robertson, and Lee Tracy. The film details the seamy political maneuverings behind the nomination of a presidential candidate.

The Candidate (110 minutes) is a 1972 American satirical comedy/drama starring Robert Redford and Peter Boyle, and directed by Michael Ritchie. The Academy Award-winning screenplay examines various facets and machinations involved in political campaigns.



Wag the Dog (97 minutes) is a 1997 black comedy. Just days before a presidential election, a Washington, DC spin doctor (De Niro) distracts the electorate from a sex scandal by hiring a Hollywood film producer (Hoffman) to construct a fake war with Albania.

Deadline for registration: September 5th

Enrollment Form: *Cinematographic Elections*– Sept 12, 19, 26

VISTAS Members \$35 - Nonmembers \$52.50

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mail registration form to:

VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc., P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-3228

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<http://www.vistaslifelonglearning.org/upcoming.html>

Please check here if you would like to volunteer to help with refreshments _____

BIOGRAPHY: *Mort and Judy Weisman* have been watching movies since they were toddlers. As adults in Chicago, they were very active in the independent political movement that defeated Mayor Richard J. Daley and elected many independents to the Chicago City Council and to state offices. Discussing film and talking politics is a shared passion.



Please note that the theater has limited seating, so be sure to get your reservation in soon!

VISTAS Calendar			
Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Annual Picnic	Sunday, September 11	12:30 pm	Tuckers Grove
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Cinematographic Elections	Mon, Sept 12,19,26	9:30 am	Maravilla Theater
Initiative/Referendum Process	Thur, Sept 29, Oct 6,13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Trials of the Century	Mon, Oct 10-Nov 14	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Poetry & Metaphor	Tues, Oct 18,25, Nov 1	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
LGBT/Transgender/Transsexual: What Is Being Taught in College Courses Today?	Tues, Oct 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Post Election Analysis	Thurs, Nov 10	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
Eleanor Roosevelt	Wed, Nov 16	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Brazil's Econ/Political	TBD	TBD	TBD