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'Prisoners' is a dark journey

'P'risoners" begins with every parent's worst nightmare. It's Thanksgiving, a time of family and celebration. Then two little girls go missing. There are a lot of ways that a film with this set up can go, and "Prisoners" explores them all. It is a dark film, with a lot of nuanced plot twists. It's a long film and it's hard to watch.

While there are some great performances, one can't help but wonder what the ultimate goal was for writer Aaron Guzikowski. Was it that we're all trapped here on earth with people filled with darkness? Was it that there's darkness within us all? That's one question the film never answers in its 154 minute run time.

"Prisoners" centers on two families who live a quiet suburban life. Keller Dover (Hugh Jackman) is a blue collar man who tries to provide for his family — including his wife, Grace (Maria Bello), son, Ralph (Dylan Minnette), and daughter, Anna (Erin Gerasimovich). A little ways down the block is the Birch family. Franklin (Terrence Howard) and Nancy (Viola Davis) are a little more white collar, but work equally hard to provide for their two daughters, Eliza (Zoe Lister-Jones) and Joy (Kyla Drew Walker).

On Thanksgiving, the two families gather to share a meal and enjoy each other's friendship. As they're all sitting back and talking after dinner, no one notices when Joy and Anna quietly slip out. By the time they realize the girls are missing, panic has set in. When Ralph remembers the girls playing near a strange RV in the neighborhood, the police have a target and a lead.

Detective Loki (Jake Gyllenhaal) is assigned to the case, and quickly comes across the RV in question. He takes its driver — Alex Jones (Paul Dano) — into custody and questions him about the missing girls. Quickly he realizes Alex isn't all there, and when he searches the house, Alex's aunt, Holly (Melissa Leo), fills in the missing pieces. Alex is in the right place at the right time, but he doesn't seem like the right suspect.

Despite angry protests from Keller, the police release Alex. Detective Loki is convinced he needs to find the real suspect, but Keller can't let it go. He decides to grab Alex and get the truth himself.

While Detective Loki hits dead ends and pursues leads to find the girls, Keller enlists Franklin and Nancy in his mission to beat the truth out of Alex. For all of them, time is running out.

This film has a moody
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A growth spurt for the Paso Robles Food Cooperative

Community owned and operated co-op secures grant funding, encourages community involvement

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FOR THE PASO ROBLES PRESS

PASO ROBLES — The Paso Robles Food Cooperative has cleared one hurdle in its mission to provide a community resource for locally-sourced sustenance: securing grant funding. The cooperative recently secured two grants, the

USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant and the Food Co-op Initiative Seed Grant.

These new funding sources will provide a great leap forward for the group, according to Paso Robles Food Cooperative Co-founder Montgomery Norton. The group applied for the USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant on July

15, 2013, through the California Center for Cooperative Development (CCCD). Norton received notice that the cooperative had secured the grant on Sept. 16.

"As a Cooperative Development Center, regional co-op support organization, they were able to apply for the grant on our behalf, in order to provide

technical assistance through our development process," said Norton.

The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals or entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other business entities. Grants

are awarded competitively on an annual basis to Rural Cooperative Development Centers who, in turn, provide technical assistance to individuals and entities.

"Because this is a technical expertise grant submitted on our behalf by the CCCD, we

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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT



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Artwork depicting San Miguel history is being placed along Mission Street in San Miguel. Several groups have come together to start the San Miguel History Project.

Bringing San Miguel history to life

Groups come together on history project

Allyson Oken
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SAN MIGUEL — A group is attempting to bring the town's colorful history to life through children's art.

The San Miguel Resource Connection, with the help of the Native Daughters and Sons of the Golden West, the Lions Club of San Miguel, the San Miguel Chamber of Commerce, the San Miguel Volunteer Fire Department and the San Miguel Senior Citizens group are opening up the annals of history to share San Miguel's past with everyone

by starting the San Miguel History Project. These groups held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 28 to educate the public concerning the work they plan to do and to commemorate the first of the history project's achievements.

San Miguel RC representative Laverne Buckman said the San Miguel History Project is underway with the installation of two sections of art on the Awalt's fence on Mission Street across from Father Reginald Park. The art was created with the contribution of student art from Lillian Larsen Elementary and the artistic interpretation and expertise of artist Steve

Kalar. At the ribbon cutting, they presented their new art and took a historical walking tour for all in attendance to enjoy.

"The historical walking tour that we put together takes people down Mission Street to 14th Street and walks past historical buildings like the Hoffman house and the former school site with the old school bell," said Buckman. "We also sold some souvenirs to help with the cost of these art installations. The four pieces, including the portrait we plan to put in of Father Reginald in the park that was named for him, will cost around \$1,000." Buckman also expressed that the group

is looking for local businesses and organizations to sponsor future pieces.

"There are specific guidelines for the art produced and installed in the township. We are here to help with ideas for outdoor art and to help with guidelines set by the state and to make sure they are being followed," said Buckman.

She went on to say that the project's goals for the future are to get more signage for historical buildings and to put in a kiosk with information about the town's history and a pamphlet that tells you where to start on the historical walking trail.

"To move forward, we would like to add more points of interest and art, and, eventually, we would like to build a museum for all to enjoy and share in our town's history," said Buckman. "There are quite a few locals that have been holding on to historical artifacts and waiting for the day when there will be a museum to house them. So once we have the space, we will have some great exhibits."

To help San Miguel make its history come to life for all to see, call Buckman at 467-3467 or visit the history project's web page for more information <https://sites.google.com/site/discover-sanmiguelcom/home/san-miguel-history-project>.



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Dr. Doug Major is awarded the 2013 Distinguished Service Award by Kiwanis Club President Norm Cone.