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We've seen many community members rediscover a joy for cycling.

Ventura named a bike-friendly city by PeopleForBikes

The City of Ventura was honored as a top bicycle-friendly city by PeopleForBikes for its commitment to develop and improve bicycling while encouraging healthier and more sustainable transportation choices.

"Since 2005, the City has focused on integrating on and off-street bicycle network to help cyclists feel more comfortable on all types of trips. During COVID-19, we've seen many community members rediscover a joy for cycling and opting to ride a bike for transportation and recreation," Derek Towers, the City of Ventura's Active Transportation Coordinator. "It's exciting to see residents making the most of the investments the City's made toward more vibrant, healthy, sustainable and connected places."

The PlacesForBikes program ranks cities by scoring metrics such as bicycle ridership, safety, and how well the bicycle network serves all communities. This distinction recognizes the City's commitment to creating transportation and rec

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Covid testing at Ventura College is taking up to 3-hours. In some locations it is taking up to 8-hours (or people being turned away). Photo by Michael Gordon.



Demonstrators supporting Black Lives Matter marched through the streets of Ventura on Saturday, July 4, as a way of expressing their Fourth of July grievances. Hundreds of marchers gathered at Cemetery Memorial Park prior to heading to Harbor Boulevard up California Street to Main and returning to the park.

Vagabond Inn and Best Western Motel have ended their participation as homeless shelters

by Richard Lieberman

The Vagabond and Best Western Hotel recently turned into homeless shelter for the vulnerable homeless population has ended its lease with Ventura County. Citing difficulty with insurance coverage, and a desire by the insurance company to end coverage of the program. Ventura County Department of Public Health took steps to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus at the beginning of the emergency by securing housing in Ventura, Oxnard and Newbury Park. The county signed leases on two Ventura properties, the Vagabond and the Best Western

The cost of housing 400 homeless individuals is currently at 1.3 million dollars per month. The cost is shared 25% county and state and 75% by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and has been named "operation room key". Funding for the program was scheduled to end on June 30th, however FEMA extended funding through the end of July. All the motels in the program have opted to terminate their leases even with a funding extension.

A new program administered by the county and backed by federal funds called project "Home Key" will help in securing hotel and motel rooms throughout the county utilizing a voucher program for the homeless being displaced.

The Vagabond and the Best Western are owned by Vista Investments of El Segundo who acquired the properties in 1997. The company will be faced with extensive repairs and refurbishment that will be needed after the program ends.

Tara Carruth, program manager of

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There are a couple of ways to contribute and be a 2020 Honor Roll Donor. You can go to our website www.venturabreeze.com, where you will find a **Donate** link at the top of the page and use the PayPal button to make a donation, which allows you to pay by credit card or with your PayPal account. If you would rather pay by check or have the Breeze staff process your donation, you can use the form below and mail in your check or credit card information. You may also contribute by going to www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-ventura-breeze.

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Lynnette Coverly has been a consummate volunteer her entire life.

Coverly Professional Services celebrates 10 years in business

The full-service marketing project management firm achieves 10-year milestone helping local businesses grow with strategic marketing and public relations

Founded in July 2010, Coverly Professional Services (www.coverlypro.com) celebrates 10 years leading small and mid-size businesses in formulating effective marketing and public relations communications strategies. Known for its tagline, “creative ideas implemented daily,” CoverlyPro stands true to its mission of ensuring marketing isn’t just a creative idea but a fully implemented communications roadmap that helps to increase its clients’ bottom line.

“By design, Coverly Professional Services is a project management marketing firm rather than an advertising agency,” said Founder and CEO Lynnette Coverly. “Our strength is helping clients in the service industry reach their customers through a balance of creativity and advanced project management skills.”

With over 30 years of marketing leadership, Coverly’s breadth of experience as a project manager and marketer with a Sociology degree has allowed her to create a company with strengths in brand and marketing communications development, social media strategies

and management, media and public relations, SEO copywriting, ghostwriting, campaign layout and design, vendor negotiations, website content management and user experience (UX) direction, and strategic media placement.

CoverlyPro has also recently expanded to provide clients with virtual event solutions. “We were unsure what to do about our annual in-person event,” said client Linda Braunschweiger, CEO of Housing Trust Fund Ventura County. “We could not have dreamt what CoverlyPro designed for us with the completely virtual Everyone Deserves a Home Compassion Campaign, let alone pull it off amidst COVID-19. The amazing CoverlyPro team is the shining light in a time that could have been dark, scary, and without hope. Their dedication and tiring schedule has been seen and valued.” The company is also responsible for Housing Trust Fund VC’s recent rebranding.

The common theme of creating and implementing branding and marketing strategies for the service industry has become a CoverlyPro benchmark. Clients (past and present) represent multiple business sectors including, veterinary and pet-related companies, community non-profits and public agencies, banking, law firms, health and wellness (including health insurance), hospitality and food service, direct mail collectibles, professional services (engineering, donor development, human resources), in-home service companies (HVAC, home cleaning), public transportation, and technology.

Part of the company’s success comes from Coverly Professional Services philosophy of giving back. Lynnette Coverly has been a consummate volunteer her entire life and maintains that spirit in her business. She has been an integral volunteer and/or member of the board for community projects and events including, VEP’s Summerfest, Women Economic Ventures, FOOD Share’s Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat, Ventura County Medical Resource Foundation, Ventura County 4-H youth development program, and National Kidney Foundation. She is currently the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Ventura County and on the Executive Board for NAWBO California.

Board of Trustees is committed to diversity and inclusion

The Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees is committed to diversity and inclusion as key priorities in the organization’s values. At its June 23 meeting, the Board adopted a Resolution Affirming a Commitment to Student Success for Black and African American Students. Action items to remove systemic barriers for Black and African American students were addressed at the Board’s Planning Session on June 27.

The Board is dedicated to fostering a culture of inclusion for Black and African American students in which they feel safe, respected and valued. Students

will continue to be invited to share their unique perspective, talents and backgrounds.

“Through this resolution, we state our commitment to support our Black and African American students,” said Chair Bernardo M. Perez during the board meeting. “We know that we need more than words, our students deserve more than words, which is why we commit to action.”

“Passion, that’s what it takes in this movement, to be able to carry things through and to maintain courage and strength despite being the only one standing up,” added Trustee Gabriela Torres. “That’s what it takes to do this important work.”

In drafting the resolution, the Board incorporated information from the African American Student Success Virtual Townhall, which convened over 1,000 California community college practitioners, policymakers and national scholars. Townhall attendees discussed financial aid reform, housing, food, technology and transportation insecurities, impacts of COVID-19 on African

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American students, and policy recommendations to support this population.

“We believe that higher education should be available to everyone, in a culturally competent environment, and we call upon each other—students, faculty, classified professionals and administrators—to be catalysts for change,” said Chancellor Greg Gillespie.

At the board meeting, students from VCCCD colleges voiced their support for the resolution and encouraged the District to take action.

“I want to focus on not just bringing strategies and courses to the table, but actually doing it,” said Lorena Ortiz, president of Oxnard College’s Associated Student Government. “We bring ideas. I want to be mobilized. I want us to do the work.”

“This is beyond important,” added Moorpark College student Gerald Richardson III, who is the founder and president of Youthfully Evolved Society, where members volunteer and focus on ways to aid and assist vulnerable populations. “This is absolutely needed for African American students, especially in a critical time like this.”

As Student Trustee, Ashley Gonzales represents the approximately 32,000 students in the District. She stated: “We have to educate and be a part of change.

It takes all of us to be able to do this.”

The Board will collaborate with Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura colleges, and local, state and federal governments, businesses and community-based organizations. Together, stakeholders will provide race-conscious decision-making in support of Black and African American community college students as they complete their academic programs, transition to four-year universities and enter the workforce.

Dignity Health pediatrician discusses back to school safety

As school districts consider how to reopen, Dignity Health St. John’s Hospitals want community members to stay informed of precautionary measures to minimize exposure of COVID-19. Pediatrician Imelda De Forest, MD, shares steps parents can take to help protect children, teachers, and administrators as they prepare to head back to school.

“Parents are concerned for the health

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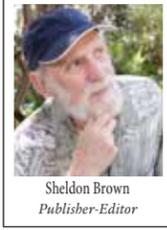
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— Frederick Douglass (1818-1895)

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ In this issue we launch a new **Social Justice** column. Please let me know what you think of the column? We hope readers will send in their thoughts to editor@venturabreeze.com.

■ The statue of Father **Junipero Serra** in Sacramento's Capitol Park was brought down amid a protest focusing on the rights and historical struggle of indigenous people. As you know, Ventura is deciding what to do with our statue. See coverage in this issue.

Truthfully, as a non-native American, I don't have a really strong feeling about this. However, since it offends people whose family members were negatively affected, we should listen to them and make it their decision. If the city decides to move it, I think putting it in the garden at the Mission would be a perfect place.

■ **Florida** reported 15,300 new COVID-19 cases – the most any state has reported in a single day. This number blew past the previous high, 12,274, by New York on April 4.

■ If you have heard the transcripts released of body camera footage leading up to **George Floyd's** death, you realize that the police officer just out and out killed him. "I'll do anything, I'll do anything y'all tell me to, man," he tells officers early into the transcript. "I'm not resisting, man. I'm not!" He told officers he couldn't breathe nearly 30 times. He was still being held down even after he died.

■ History 101: The British surrendered at Yorktown October 19, 1781. America declared its independence in 1776, but it took another five years to win freedom from the **British**. That day came on October 19, 1781, when the British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered his troops in Yorktown, Virginia.

■ A group of scientists at the University of Nottingham think they've come

up with a new "cosmic evolution" based calculation that says that there are likely to be at least 36 ongoing **intelligent civilizations** in our Milky Way galaxy.

The Milky Way (home to our Solar System) is estimated to have 100 billion to 400 billion stars, and roughly one exoplanet per star in our galaxy.

A key assumption is that it takes around five billion years for intelligent life to form on other planets, as it does on Earth (we aren't quite there yet).

■ Billionaire property developer **Joe Farrell**, a prominent Republican fundraiser, received up to \$1 million in taxpayer coronavirus relief funds, according to federal data released Monday. I only requested \$500,000 but haven't received it yet.

■ The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has expanded the number of **hand sanitizers** it recommends U.S. residents avoid due to the potential presence of a toxic substance.

The FDA has issued warnings about 59 different hand sanitizers, many of which contain methanol, which can be dangerous when absorbed through the skin or ingested. All of the sanitizers appear to have been produced in Mexico.

The FDA recommended recalls for the products and warned that it has "seen a sharp increase in hand sanitizer products that are labeled to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but that have tested positive for methanol contamination."

The following is about **President Trump** in case you don't want to read it.

"On Sunday, July 5, a segment on Ghislaine Maxwell during Fox News Channel's 'America's News HQ' mistakenly eliminated President Donald Trump from a photo alongside then Melania Knauss, Jeffrey Epstein and Maxwell," a spokesperson for the network said. The Fox News spokesperson added, "We regret the error." What they really regret is getting caught.

Dr. Anthony Fauci disagreed with President Trump's claim that

99% of coronavirus cases are "totally harmless." Trump said this after being told that only 1% of people infected die. Apparently he doesn't think (or understand) that post-viral syndrome associated with Covid-19 has incapacitated some patients for prolonged periods and could affect their health for the rest of their lives. Does he consider that to be "totally harmless."

In an interview published in The Financial Times, Dr. Fauci stated he last saw Trump in person at the White House on June 2 and has not briefed the president for at least two months.

Trump said of the virus, "I think that at some point that it's going to sort of just disappear, I hope." We all hope, and of course at some point it will go away but that would have been much quicker if it wasn't for his lack of acknowledgement and guidance. "Everything is being handled," he stated.

President Donald Trump visited the US-Mexico border Tuesday and tried to credit his new wall with stopping both undocumented immigration and the coronavirus.

President Trump is once more pushing to have his border wall painted black, a design change that is projected to add at least \$500 million in costs. He is insisting that the dark color will enhance its forbidding appearance and leave the steel too hot to touch during summer months.

A day after Fox News' latest national poll showed that presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden had opened up a 12-point edge over Trump, one of many such surveys in recent weeks that has Biden widening his lead, the president called the Fox poll fraudulent and claimed it was created by "haters."

President Donald Trump said some Americans might wear face masks not as a way to prevent the spread of coronavirus but as a way to "signal disapproval of him." Tell that to the over 130,000 Americans who are dead. How sad.

It's more work to put on a pair of pants or shoes than it is to put on a mask.

Mailbox

Dear Editor,

I understand that many historical artifacts adorning public places have become reminders of past events that brought pain and suffering to those around the area where the originator worked, lived, and followed his/her passions. There was a reason to create a long lasting reminder of that individuals' accomplishments, to inform future generations of those accomplishments.

Some historical artifacts were erected to celebrate great accomplishments, some were to remind all the pain and suffering they caused. If anybody reading this was there with Father Junipero Serra, or has immediate family members who were there, or first person recording of events inflicted upon family members; you may well have a right to demand removal of the statue. If anybody reading this was not there with Father Junipero Serra, what right do you have to deprive later generations of the reminders of what happened during his stay in Buena Ventura?

This all boils down to a single statement, uttered over 72-years ago:

"Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." – Sir Winston Churchill

If the statue is deemed to be moved by the prevailing political winds, then perhaps the best place to house it is in front of the Mission he helped to create. There it will be a religious artifact and protected by Federal Law.
Michael Gordon

Keep Father Serra Standing

As I write this letter the City Council is holding a hearing regarding the statue of Father Junipero Serra that stands in front of Ventura's City Hall. By the time this letter is in print, he may not be there, but I hope he will be. I am hearing the protestors (several very young and not even of voting age) speak and cry out as if they personally were subjected to what they perceive happened with the building of our great City and it's Mission by Father Serra.

There are thousands of "reminders/tributes" throughout the world of the suffering of all of our ancestors over the centuries. We have learned from their historically recorded mistakes and most of the time have successfully stopped the suffering and improved quality of life for generations. We have also been gifted by many of these historical figures with an

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Social Justice

by M. Scott

This is our first Social Justice column. As the consensus continues to grow regarding the stark reality of systemic racism in American life, the Ventura Breeze recognizes the important role played by the press in helping to increase awareness and foster conversation around this very important issue. The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement has garnered the support of activists from every walk of life. Nationwide, these activists have organized protests and demanded the removal of statues and monuments honoring public figures connected to slavery or crimes against indigenous people. They are highlighting discriminatory hiring practices, calling for the defunding and/or restructuring of police departments and much more. These deeply emotive, controversial issues are forcing many of us to engage in serious reflection and some difficult conversations as we acknowledge a larger systemic issue and shared responsibility to commit to change.

We look forward to your contributions and input about this difficult subject.

BLACK LIVES MATTER



Black Lives Matter Movement

BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. The Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc. is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes.

The Black Lives Matter website goes on to say that, "By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives."

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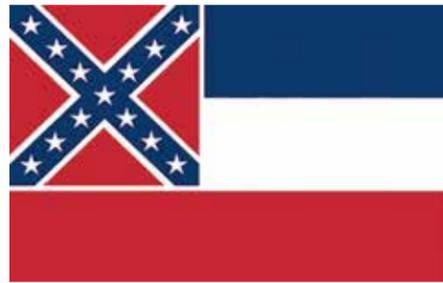
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Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial, often called "the granddaddy of all Confederate monuments," is once again at the center of an ongoing debate over a symbol that some see as a shrine of southern American heritage, and others see as a depiction of white supremacy etched into stone. Calls for racial equality have swelled in Georgia following the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and Rayshard Brooks.

The carvings of three Confederate leaders Gen. Robert E. Lee, General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis sits 400 feet above the ground, which is larger than a football field. The memorial overlooks an outdoor recreational park and casts a shadow over Stone Mountain, Georgia, a predominantly black city.

Mississippi has made it official: The state's flag, which bears the familiar cross of the Confederate battle flag, will officially be changed. The state's Republican governor, Tate Reeves signed the decision into law, solidifying yet another response to ongoing racial reckonings around the country.

Governor Reeves said: "There are people on either side of the flag debate who may never understand the other. We as a family must show empathy. We must understand that all who want change are not attempting to erase history. And all who want the status quo are not meanspirited or hateful."



Stop Hate for Profit: www.StopHateForProfit.org

'Stop Hate for Profit is a diverse and growing coalition that wants Facebook to take common-sense steps to address the rampant racism, disinformation and hate on its platform. It includes some of the most prominent civil rights groups and nonprofit organizations in the country including ADL, Color of Change, Common Sense, Free Press, LULAC, Mozilla, NAACP, National Hispanic Media Center, and Sleeping Giants.

More than 1,000 advertisers have joined in a month-long boycott of Facebook. The "Stop Hate for Profit" campaign has signed on big-name advertisers including Unilever (ticker: UL), Starbucks (SBUX), and Coca-Cola (KO).

College Athletics

College athletes in Mississippi and across the country have harnessed their collective power to call for the removal of Confederate monuments, symbols and honorifics and demand their institutions and communities account for racial inequities.

Stars from the University of Mississippi football team in this North Mississippi town have used their platform to push for the removal of Confederate statues on and off campus and marched alongside their coaches, fellow students and residents for social change. Meanwhile, a star running back at Mississippi State University, Kylin Hill, publicly threatened to quit his team if the Confederate battle emblem wasn't removed from the

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Lemon Grove neighborhood in Midtown Ventura pulled off another family event for the 4th. With the city celebration cancelled, and many people staying at home, the Lemon Grover's had their own Fourth of July Parade. Along Preble between Valmore and Borchard, a mini-festival of patriotism, independence and neighborhood rapport filled the street and sidewalk. Decorated wagons, strollers and bikes, skateboarders, bubble-blowers, banjo-players...and lots of smiles!

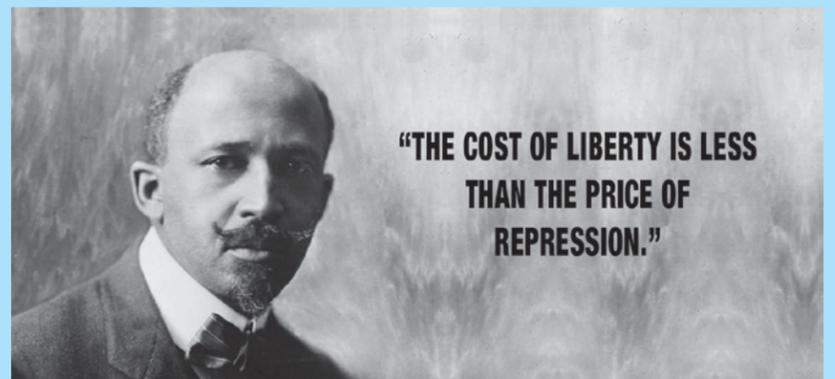
state flag that had flown in Mississippi since 1894.

The University of Oregon and Oregon State University Departments of Athletics have mutually agreed to no longer refer to Oregon-Oregon State rivalry games as the "Civil War." This decision is effective immediately and includes

all athletic competitions in the 2020-21 academic year and in the years ahead.

The schools made the decision following mutual discussions as well as conversations with university officials and input from current and former student-athletes from both schools.

Black Voices in History



William Edward Burghardt Du Bois

W. E. B. Du Bois (Feb. 23, 1868 to August 27, 1963 aged 95) was an American sociologist, historian, civil rights activist, Pan-Africanist, author, and editor. Born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, Du Bois grew up in a relatively tolerant and integrated community.

He was the first African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard. His thesis was "The Suppression of the African Slave-trade to the United States of America."

Some of what he said:

"We cannot escape the clear fact that what is going to win in this world is reason, if this ever becomes a reasonable world."

"There can be no perfect democracy curtailed by color, race, or poverty. But with all we accomplish all, even peace."

"There is in this world no such force as the force of a person determined to rise. The human soul cannot be permanently chained."

"Nothing in the world is easier in the United States than to accuse a black man of a crime."



News & Notes



Mayor Matt LaVere downtown giving an update.

Thank You for Your Support of CAPS Media

The following is a letter from Patrick Davidson, Executive Director of CAPS Media.

Friends of CAPS Media,

On Monday evening, June 29th the Ventura City Council voted unanimously to continue funding CAPS Media for the near term and foreseeable future. In light of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic and resulting reduced city revenue, by mutual agreement the city and CAPS agreed to reduce the level of CAPS Media funding for the 2020-2021 fiscal year starting July 1. The reduction will require adjustments but given the realities we are all facing, it is reasonable and manageable.

Everyone at CAPS Media, especially our board members and staff, want to thank the Ventura City Councilmembers for recognizing the valuable and unique resources that CAPS provides our community: Mayor Matt LaVere, Deputy Mayor Sofia Rubalcava, and councilmembers Lorrie

Brown, Jim Friedman, Cheryl Heitmann, Erik Nasarenko and Christy Weir, thank you for your continued support and partnership in serving Ventura. In addition I want to extend our appreciation to the Ventura City staff members who worked with us to find a viable solution that allows CAPS Media to continue to serve our community during these very challenging times and in the future.

To our friends and supporters in the community, I look forward to a time when I can express my thanks in person. But for now, please accept our deep appreciation to everyone who rallied behind CAPS during the funding debate by sending letters, emails, and making calls to city council members and city staff to express your appreciation and support for our work.

Most importantly I want to thank the CAPS Media staff - full time and part-time - for your dedicated, talented and tireless work supporting our members and the community during these very uncertain times. In the midst of the intensifying crisis that we are all experiencing, the CAPS Staff has continued to work, day in and day out, in the CAPS studio, at City Hall, out in the community and in their homes, providing the public with vital and accurate information and other media services throughout the COVID crisis.

You may not know that on a weekly basis, CAPS crews are producing updates by City and County officials, directing the broadcasts and live-streaming of City Council and other committee meetings with remote participation by board members, committee members, city staff and the public. CAPS Crews record the live County COVID-19 updates at the County government center and then edit/format the updates with titles and subtitles in Spanish for wide distribution. In addition,

CAPS crews continue to produce videos for Ventura County Fire, Public Health and other agencies.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 crisis the CAPS Media Center is closed to Member/Producers and the public. However, Member/Producers can still submit programming via our online portal at capsmedia.org. for broadcast and streaming on CAPS public access television Channel 6 and on CAPS Radio KPPQ 104.1FM. KPPQ is offering online training to help set up your home studio and begin producing shows. Camera, Editing and Studio classes are postponed. Please check the website for details.

Thank you all. "It takes a village," and we are all very thankful to be part of your personal village.

Patrick Davidson
Executive Director
CAPS Media

Dignity Health pediatrician

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and well-being of their children as they return to the school setting, and as partners in health care, we want to share best practices for minimizing risks of exposure to the children in our communities," says Dr. De Forest. "As we enter the new school year, taking precautions against getting or spreading the virus will help flatten the curve and move toward resuming more typical schedules and school days."

Dr. De Forest encourages gentle, age-appropriate conversations between parents and children to review hygiene practices, such as the importance of handwashing and coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Daily parental monitoring of children's temperature and overall health and wellness is also essential, and keeping unwell children home is recom-

mended. Ongoing conversations about how the pandemic may alter the school day will help provide awareness and understanding to children when encountering changes.

"We are proud to partner with local hospitals to educate the community about how to best protect their children during this pandemic," says Dr. De Forest. "We want to do our part to keep local parents and children informed about how to stay safe and healthy as they return to some regular activities."

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released guidelines for reducing the coronavirus spread and maintaining a safe and clean school building:

Cleaning/disinfecting frequently touched surfaces in the school and on buses at least daily.

Limiting the use of shared art supplies, toys, and gym equipment.

Keeping each child's belongings separated from others.

Ventilation systems that circulate outdoor air.

Space seats and desks at least six feet apart. Turn desks that face each other to face the same direction or have children sit on one side of a table.

Create space on buses by keeping one child per row and skipping rows if possible.

Install barriers and sneeze guards where needed, like in offices, or tape lines on floors or sidewalks.

Close all communal spaces like cafeterias, dining halls and playgrounds.

Have children bring their own meals or serve individually plated meals in classrooms with disposable utensils.

Setting staggered arrival and drop-off times to limit contact between students and parents.

The CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings for teachers and students.

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"I hope that you enjoy your meal."

California is launching a first-in-the nation meal delivery program

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced a series of initiatives to support vulnerable older Californians who are isolating at home during California's stay at home order. California is launching a first-in-the nation meal delivery program, a partnership to make wellness check-in calls, and the expansion of Friendship Line California to help combat social isolation. These actions will support the approximately 1.2 million Californians over the age of 65 who live alone.

"The most important way for older Californians to stay safe is to stay at home," said Governor Newsom. "These programs will provide older, vulnerable Californians with access to nutritious meals in the safety of their homes and the opportunity to connect with someone who can listen to their concerns and make sure their needs are met. We are all in this together and we will continue to support older Californians who are more at risk during this public health emergency."

"Older adults are heroes for being the first Californians to stay at home and save lives. However they may be struggling to access food and with the mental health implications of isolation. These programs will make sure our older friends, family, and neighbors have access to the food and friendship they need," said Director of the California Department of Aging Kim McCoy Wade.

Restaurants Deliver: Home Meals for Seniors

This first-in-the-nation program will ensure vulnerable older Californians have consistent access to nutritious meals while staying safe at home. The Restaurants Deliver: Home Meals for Seniors program will enlist community restaurants to prepare meals that will be delivered to older Californians who

are isolating at home during California's stay at home order. The program will also support local restaurant workers and owners who have lost business during the pandemic. The program will be administered by local authorities and will serve older Californians who are ineligible for other nutrition programs.

The Administration will keep updated information on the COVID-19 website on which localities are participating.

Social Bridging Project

The Social Bridging Project will mobilize more than 1,000 callers to proactively reach out to older Californians who are isolating at home. The project will combat social isolation through direct, one-on-one communication with older Californians, many living alone and isolated. Listos California is partnering with the California Department of Aging, United Airlines, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and Sacramento State University to make calls to older Californians. Callers will check on the individual's well-being, connect them to resources, and connect with them on a personal level.

Friendship Line California: 1-888-670-1360

California is expanding Friendship Line California to support lonely and isolated older Californians across the state. Friendship Line California is toll-free and available to provide emotional support to older Californians facing loneliness, isolation and anxiety. The California Department of Aging is partnering with the Institute on Aging to support this effort.

Today's announcements build on previous actions to support older Californians isolating at home. Governor Newsom previously announced the Stay



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Home. Save Lives. Check In. campaign to help combat social isolation among older Californians. The campaign urges all Californians to check in on their older neighbors with a call, text or physically-distanced door knock.

Californians are also encouraged to join the #CaliforniansForAll initiative by signing up at CaliforniansForAll.ca.gov. #CaliforniansForAll unites organizations in desperate need of volunteers with Californians looking to serve and share their commitment to their neighbors, while ensuring stay-at-home and physical distancing protocols are met. The initiative will focus on recruiting younger Californians to help the most vulnerable throughout the state, including older Californians who are at higher risk of serious illness due to COVID-19.

Visit covid19.ca.gov for critical steps Californians can take to stay healthy, and resources available to those impacted by the outbreak.



Drinking lots of water during hot days is very important.

Staying hydrated

by National Institute on Aging (NIA)

With summer here and temperatures rising, it is important to understand the health risks of excessive heat and recognize the signs of heat-related illness. Being hot for too long can be a problem. It can cause several illnesses, all grouped under the name hyperthermia.

These factors can increase your risk of hyperthermia:

- Not drinking enough fluids.

- Reduced sweating caused by medications such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers, and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.

- High blood pressure or other health conditions that require changes in diet. People on salt-restricted diets may be at increased risk; however, salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.

- Use of multiple medications. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.

- Age-related changes to the skin, such as poor blood circulation and inefficient sweat production.

- Heart, lung, and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.

- Being substantially overweight or underweight.

- Lack of mobility and access to transportation.

- Living in housing without air con-

ditioning.

Overdressing, especially in synthetic materials.

Understanding how to respond to hot weather conditions can help lower your risk of hyperthermia. Learn more about hot weather safety for older adults on NIA's webpage

Aging without Injury

One in four older adults who are 65 years of age will live into their 90s. Although risk of injury increases as we age, aging without injury is possible. Older adults can take specific steps to help keep themselves and their loved ones safe from injury.

The month of May was designated as Older Americans Month to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of older Americans in every community.

Age Safely

People age 65 and older are at higher risk for injury. Common injuries include:

- Falls, the leading cause of injury and injury death among adults 65 years of age and older.

- Motor vehicle crashes, the second leading cause of injury death for older adults.

- Traumatic brain injury and concussion, commonly result from falls and motor vehicle crashes. Older adults age 75+ are at greatest risk.

- Older women using stretch bands.

- Keep moving as you age.

Safety Tips for Older Adults

Every older adult can take steps to stay safe from injury and remain independent longer. Caregivers can help encourage these steps or assist in carrying them out:

- Speak up and talk to your doctor about fall risk. Discuss whether you have fallen, worry about falling, or feel unsteady when standing or walking.

- Keep moving and engage in activities that improve balance and strengthen legs (such as Tai Chi) that can help prevent falls.

- Have an annual wellness and eye exam. Annual wellness visits are important to maintain health and to prevent future problems.

- Have your medications checked by your doctor or pharmacist. Medicines may have side effects that cause sleepiness or dizziness which increase the risk of car crashes and falling.

- Use the Medicines Risk Fact Sheet pdf icon to see if any of the medicines you or your loved ones currently take are creating greater risk for injury.

- Check your home for safety. Most falls happen at home.

- Use the Check for Safety pdf icon checklist to find and fix potential hazards in the home, both inside and out.

- Create a personalized MyMobility Plan to help with the challenges that may come with age. Older adults who make a plan are more likely to take action to maintain their mobility and independence as they age.

- Celebrate the older Americans in your life by sharing these tips and suggestions to stay injury-free, safe, mobile, and independent longer.



Senior Living



Don't be overly fearful because of the situation that exists today.

Risk Tolerance Vs Risk Capacity: Knowing the Difference

by Jayson Cohen

American Legacy Solutions

The economy that we all wake up in each day under COVID-19 looks a lot different from the one that existed before the virus took hold in the United States and around the world. It has been a major point of reflection for people all around the world. Many are reviewing how they have ran their personal financial life up to this point and reconsidering some of the steps that they have taken. As such, one of the items that some have looked at is their risk tolerance versus their risk capacity. The two are different, and we want to explore why that is.

Risk Tolerance

The amount of risk that a trader is comfortable with taking on is a personal choice and something that each person has to decide on their own. People have different risk tolerance levels often based on factors such as their age, income, and goals. All of these factors can determine how much they want to put on the table because they are constantly doing mental calculations about how much they need that money and how much they seek to earn.

Getting the right risk tolerance level for an individual can help that person avoid some sleepless nights as they don't have to stress staying up day and night worrying about their portfolio.

Risk Capacity

This is a bit different from risk tolerance in that it is the number that an investor has to put at stake in order to reach their financial goals. This number can certainly differ from risk tolerance

in a lot of ways. After all, one may not feel completely comfortable with how much money they have to put at risk in order to get to their goals, but that does not mean that the number is inaccurate.

The risk capacity number is determined by a time frame that someone has to actually reach their goals as well as what the exact number of dollars that someone needs to reach the goals that they do have. Knowing this number is important because an investor can take their risk capacity number and try to use it to make themselves feel more comfortable with their risk tolerance number. It is a psychological game that we all have to play with ourselves, but just knowing this number alone can be extremely helpful.

Getting The Balance Right

People fall either on the too conservative or too aggressive side of their risk tolerance. They can review those numbers and see which side of the ledger they happen to fall on. A lot of people need to tone down how much risk they are taking on and realize that they do not have to earn their entire retirement all at once. However, there are also some individuals who need to be told to pick it up a little.

Everyone has different goals and a different length of time to reach them. COVID-19 has put a lot of fear into the market, and many investors are getting too conservative in their approach at this time. This is the wrong move to make. The pandemic does not know when you are set to retire, and it does

City News

Ventura Chamber “Together we will overcome”

by Carol Leish

“First, when all of this (closures due to the pandemic), started in mid-March, we reached out to all our members,” according to Ventura Chamber President and CEO, Stephanie Caldwell. “We wanted to find out:

How members were doing

What members needed

If members businesses were open or closed.

She said that, “As things continued to progress, we realized that business needs changed over time. And, we have and continue to respond to the various needs of our members.”

“Through the communication of the Ventura Chamber,” according to Caldwell, “We are able to reach out to both our members and to the business community, as a whole. Since things have been happening so fast, we started sending out our chamber e-news communication daily, or even twice a day, with various updates. The information recently has been slowing down a little bit. We are now sending out our e-news usually about two or three times a week now.”

“Everyone can get our e-news,” according to Caldwell. “You can sign up for free by going to: www.venturachamber.com.”

“In late April, about a month into all of this we realized that, since all of our events were canceled due to not being able to have group gatherings, that our members were struggling and missing being able to connect with each other.”

“We saw, over time, that, some businesses were open, and some businesses had information that they wanted to share,” said Caldwell. “So, instead of doing a monthly ‘Connection Breakfast,’ we started (at the end of April), ‘The Connection,’ which is a weekly Zoom call on Tuesday mornings. It's free to both members and nonmembers to participate in. Besides networking, it's also a way for us all to get information in ‘real time’ out to the community, and for those within the community to ask questions. Also, for everyone to be able to share information. We also have someone each week from the City of Ventura who provides us with an update on information. This has included having had the Public Information Officer; and the Economic Development Manager. We will be having the Parks & Community Partnership Division discuss, ‘parks having safe openings soon.’”

By mentioning different financial resources that have been and are available, Caldwell, said that, “These financial resources have been/are available to help. The deadline for the Business Assistance Program was July 8th. The Economic Injury Disaster Loan and the Payroll Protection Program both are currently continued to accept applications.”

Caldwell mentions the importance of the advocacy work of the Ventura Chamber by saying, “Through advocacy, we have continued to work closely with the City of Ventura and the County of Ventura to discuss the safe reopening of businesses soon. Businesses within different types of sectors have given feedback to give feedback in order to assist other business during this transition period.”

East Ventura Community Council

July 16: Ventura's new Police Chief, Darin Schindler, and Ventura County's new Public Information Officer, Ashley Bautista, will be featured on the agenda of the East Ventura Community Council. Each has started in their new positions in the middle of a pandemic and social upheaval, and will discuss what that has been like and what we can expect going forward, based on their general philosophies. They will also answer questions submitted prior to or during the meeting.

The agenda will include a report on crime in the area, by the Ventura Police Department, and additional items of interest from East Ventura City Councilmembers.

Other topics may be added to the agenda, so be sure to check the group's Facebook page for updates.

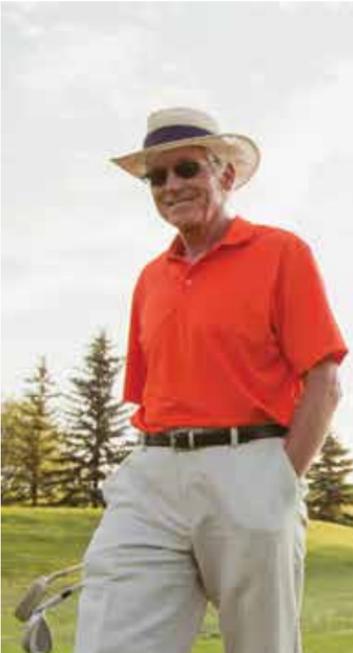
The council represents those who live east of Victoria Avenue. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

The meeting will be held online via the Zoom application. Go here to view: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88448837277>

Participants will first need to download the Zoom app on their desktops or smartphones. A paid account is not needed. Questions can be asked via the chat feature on Zoom or sent ahead of the meeting to eastventuracc@gmail.com. Meetings can always be viewed later, on www.eastventura.org.

The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. Councilmembers will answer questions following the main program.

For additional information, contact Chairperson Marie Lakin at eastventuracc@gmail.com.



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News & Notes



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Serra Statue

by Maria Loveday

I recently received my B.A. degree in art history/art studio from CSUCI. My final capstone project was a research paper analyzing the history, controversy, and vandalism of Junipero Serra and his commemorative statues in California with a focus on the bronze Serra statue in front of Ventura City Hall.

Some interesting research findings include:

Seventy-five years after Serra's death, 19th c. writers and historians constructed Serra's civic persona with the goal of masking his Catholic identity which made him more acceptable to non-Catholics as the founder of California.

Both the bronze and wood Serra statues are in violation of the 1st Amendment, just as the Serra Cross was in a 2003 case brought against the city which involved issues of separation of church and state which forced the city to sell the property and cross to a local preservation group.

Recontextualization of controversial monuments and memorials through the commission of counter monuments and interpretive plaques reflecting previously oppressed narratives serve educational purposes.

Serra had a medieval mindset derived from the founding of the Franciscan Order in Assisi, Italy in 1209. Corporal punishment for sins was one of the values upheld by Saint Francis of Assisi and Serra took this to heart as he was known by his fellow friars for being particularly drawn to self flagellation to atone for sins of the flesh. Certainly, scantily clad indigenous Californians would have represented sin to such a pious man as Serra. When natives refused to convert to Catholicism they were flogged if not by Serra, then as a result of his orders. These tactics were hardly respectful of indigenous traditional cultures which had not known corporal punishment.

Contemporary California historians provide ample evidence that the mission system which Serra founded in 1769 laid the foundations for the enslavement and genocide of California's indigenous peoples regardless of whether Serra intended this outcome or not. The decimation of indigenous cultures in California extends from the 1500's with the first European explorers to Serra's mission system to Mexican rule to the Gold Rush and California's statehood to 2020 Serra statue conflicts. These statues embody oppressive ideologies which have caused generational trauma and continue to cause suffering for indigenous peoples.

It is unfortunate that Ventura has yet to remove their prominent Serra statue, a marker defining its citizenry as supporters of indigenous enslavement and genocide. This is an unpopular position to uphold when historically oppressed peoples are calling for justice through peaceful protests worldwide. The most talked about solution is to remove the statue to San Buenaventura Mission where it would not be recontextualized. If this happens an interpretive plaque needs to replace the statue to explain what happened for the benefit of future generations. An alternate solution might be to replace the statue with one that more accurately reflects Ventura citizens in 2020 and add a plaque about what used to be there. If the Serra statue remained in place the City could fund Chumash artists to sculpt counter monuments and author interpretive plaques for educational purposes balancing the current Eurocentric narrative.

The removal and/or recontextualization of oppressive statues does not lead to the erasure of history, but seeks to reveal histories that have been repressed. Restitution for harms done to indigenous peoples during California's colonization is long overdue. While it is admirable that citizens, the City Council and the Mayor of Ventura are reevaluating the Serra statue for removal, it remains to be seen whether or not this city and its people are ready to face its' past and move forward or deny its' past and remain stuck in illusions which uphold repressive colonialist ideologies.

Serra statue not historic landmark

The Ventura Historic Preservation Committee has decided that the bronze statue of Father Junipero Serra standing in front of City Hall is not a historic landmark. Based upon the fact that it is a replacement of the original statue.

Ventura Community Development Director Peter Gilli stated "It's important to note for the public that a statue of a historic figure at a prominent location does not automatically make the statue a historic landmark. Also, just the fact that an object is important to the community would not automatically make an object historic."

The committee voted 4-1 against the statue's historic status with Vice Chairwoman Ann Huston casting the no vote

CC decisions on statue scheduled for 6pm

The Ventura City Council on Tuesday night delayed their decision on whether to permanently remove two statues of Father Junipero Serra. One is located in city hall and the other across the street. The delay was due to a technical oversight.

The next meeting on the statue is scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday, July 15. The meeting will be virtual. Go to cityofventura.ca.gov for information on how to watch and participate in the discussion.



Board an Island Packers whale watching vessel.

Island Packers announces seasonal whale watching at its best

With summer upon us, Island Packers is happy to announce that Summer Whale Watching excursions have been added to their existing scheduled trips to the Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary.

Visitors to Ventura Harbor Village, Ventura's top seaside attraction, can now board an Island Packers whale watching vessel and travel from Ventura Harbor through the Southern California waters off Santa Barbara Channel, known for their marine mammal diversity, to see breathtaking mammals that cavort in waters off of the Channel Islands.

Summer whale watching is available through August 30, 2020. Cost is: Adults (12-54 years) \$68, Seniors (55 years and older) \$62, and Children (3-12 years) \$55. <https://islandpackers.com/blue-humb-back-whale-watching/>

Passengers aboard non-landing Whale Watching trips may view several summer seasonal species include Blue Whales, Fin Whales and Humpbacks, as well as year-round residents such as Common Dolphin, seals and sea lions.

Historically, over 28 species of whales and dolphins have been identified within the waters of the Marine Sanctuary. A day spent on the ocean in the company of these creatures can be awe-inspiring and truly memorable.

While Whale Watching trips do not offer time ashore, they generally include a brief, narrated cruise along the shoreline of one of the Channel Islands. The boat departs at 10:00 a.m. and returns approximately 4 p.m. This trip provides further opportunities to view and photograph sea birds, seals and sea lions along with

the beautiful backdrop of the Channel Islands. See this marine sighting link: <https://islandpackers.com/marine-mammal-sightings/>

If a 6 hour trip doesn't fit your schedule, Island Packers also offers 3½ hour non-landing Wildlife Cruises along the shoreline of Anacapa. Passengers on this trip will see the famous Arch Rock that is the landmark for the Park as well as the seals and sea lions that make their home on the shore beneath the high cliffs. Visitors can also view the working lighthouse atop the island, and see numerous sea bird species that use the island as critical nesting territory. Common Dolphin and the occasional whale sighting may round out a perfect half-day excursion.

As the official concessionaire to Channel Islands National Park, Island Packers has been providing island transportation and wildlife viewing in the Santa Barbara Channel for over 52 years. Captains and crews aboard all trips have many years of experience finding and viewing wildlife. Their thoughtful narration informs guests about the history, human impact, and unique characteristics of the channel and wildlife encountered. Advance reservations are recommended. View the website for schedules and rates or book online at www.islandpackers.com or call 805-642.1393.

Mailbox

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advancement of the human condition.

What is happening all over our great Country right now is setting a dangerous precedent. To tear down our history is to deny our past and destroy the opportunity to overcome oppression and celebrate a future that embraces the lives of all races equally. For more than 31 years Father Serra has stood in front of Ventura's historical City Hall. Most of the protestors today were not even born then and they have not been taught to respect the history and freedom that thousands of men and women of all races died protecting.

Now is the time to teach, not tear down. Where will it stop if we capitulate to this "movement" overtaking the civility of our Nation and throughout the world? Shall we tear down the Roman Coliseum next? What about the Pyramids? I recently heard a wise man say this: Unless you are ready to surrender everything, you'd better not surrender anything.

Patty Jenkins

Breeze:

I enjoy reading a physical paper instead of an on-line paper. Keep up the good work.

Richard Beauregard

Editor:

I would suggest two solutions to the Father Serra controversy

1. If the statue is to stay in Ventura a plaque underneath should acknowledge his contribution to our history but should also note that he was complicate in the abuse of the indigenous Chumash people.
2. If it is removed I suggest sending it to whatever town was his home - in Spain - they will have a special place for it I'm sure.

Sincerely

Paul Whitehead



The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

■ SPAN Thrift Store is now open to the public and in dire need of volunteers to operate day to day. If you are interested or have questions please call (805) 641-1170 to inquire.

In addition to that, SPAN is back and providing \$10 spays and neuters for low income households with cats and dogs.

Two clinics in July are: Albert H. Soliz Library - El Rio, 2820 Jourdan St., Oxnard, 93036 on Friday, July 17th, and another one on Friday, July 31st at Shiell Park, in the parking lot, located at 649 C St., Fillmore, 93015. Please call to schedule an appointment (805) 584-3823.

■ **Your dog might be older than you think**
by **Dr. Chad Dodd, Veterinarian**

We have always thought our dogs age seven years for every one of ours, but new research shows that puppies age much faster than humans, so that ratio is wrong.

According to a study from the University of California San Diego, a one-year-old dog is more like a 30 year-old human. That's because new genetic evidence shows puppies and younger dogs age at a faster pace. Then, as dogs age, the process slows down, so researchers found that a 12-year-old Labrador is similar to a 70-year-old human.

Dogs live an average of 12 years. Life expectancy in humans is about 5 times that. That means you've probably been estimating your dog's human age equivalent incorrectly. The researchers found that a 6-year-old dog would be the human equivalent of about 60 years old.

Veterinarian Chad Dodd says, "this means we should be checking a dog's mobility sooner, even if there are no outward signs."

Whether 2 years old or 12, Dr. Dodd has some tips to make sure your dog is ready for a brisk walk or dog park or has joint issues:

Check their joints - is Fido a bit creaky from sitting on your lap or under your office desk? If your dog is limping, licking at joints, hesitant to walk on hard surfaces, and not jumping onto your bed as usual, they might have more challenging joint issues. It's key to keep joints healthy for your dog's mobility throughout their life, and now biology is showing

that there might be joint issues at a younger age.

Build up their stamina - your dog just might be a little out of practice. Start with two, 15-minute walks a day and see how they do.

Start with a game of tag - grab your dog's favorite toy, toss it, and then race your dog to retrieve it.

Play hide and seek - with some kibble or favorite toys to get your dog moving outdoors or around the house to keep up their activity levels.

Ask your vet for advice and consider adding a joint supplement to their diet to support their joint health. Even if there are no outward signs, given this new study, you might consider a joint supplement at 3 or 4 years-old vs. 7 or 8.

■ **By Alexis Stevens, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

A Georgia dog is believed to be the second in the country to positive for the virus that causes COVID-19, the state Department of Public Health said Wednesday.

The owners of the 6-year-old mixed breed dog tested positive for the coronavirus, the DPH said. But the dog did not have any evidence of respiratory disease. The animal did have a sudden onset of neurological illness, which progressed quickly over a matter of days, health officials said. The dog was humanely euthanized.

The first U.S. case of an animal testing positive for COVID-19 was a tiger at a NY zoo, according to the CDC. A small number of pet cats have tested positive for the virus, which was also discovered in mink on multiple farms in the Netherlands, the CDC said. On June 2, the USDA said a German shepherd in New York state was the first in the U.S. to test positive for the coronavirus. Despite the animals that have tested positive, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus that causes COVID-19, according to the CDC.

People who test positive for COVID-19 should take precautions if they have pets in the household, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

When possible, have another member of your household care for your pets while you are sick.

Avoid contact with your pet including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, sharing food, and sleeping in the same bed.

If you must care for your pet or

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



April and Marley are both 2-years-old.

They love going on walks twice a day and playing in the back yard on trampolines.

Join Scamp Club

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Lost pet? Go to LostCatVenturaCounty.com or LostDogVenturaCounty.com - free websites for finding and posting when you've lost or found a cat or dog.

be around animals while you are sick, wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

Paw's Corner, by Sam Mazzotta
Fostering a Pet vs. Adopting

Dear Paw's Corner: What is the difference between pet adoption and fostering? -- Jess in Knoxville

Dear Jess: An adopted pet is going to his or her forever home, a successful story every animal shelter wants to see replay again and again. But many pets aren't quite ready to be adopted. They may be too young. They may be recovering from abuse and injuries. They may need to be observed to figure out what home environment is best for them.

Sometimes, a shelter runs out of space. And some rescue organizations don't have shelter facilities at all. In all these circumstances, this is where foster families come into play.

A foster is a temporary arrange-

ment, either for a predetermined amount of time or until a pet is adopted. Rather than being stuck in a chilly kennel with little interaction, a foster pet stays in a warm, loving home -- an arrangement that vastly reduces their stress and helps them heal.

Some pets are never ready for adoption and remain a foster for the rest of their life. Others are adopted by the foster family if approved by the rescue organization.

Caring for a foster pet takes dedication, and it helps to have experience caring for pets. If you're interested in being a foster parent to a pet, check with the local shelter or rescue group. They will have an application for you to fill out, and then will evaluate you and your living space to determine if you are a good fit for the foster program and which pets would do best in your care.

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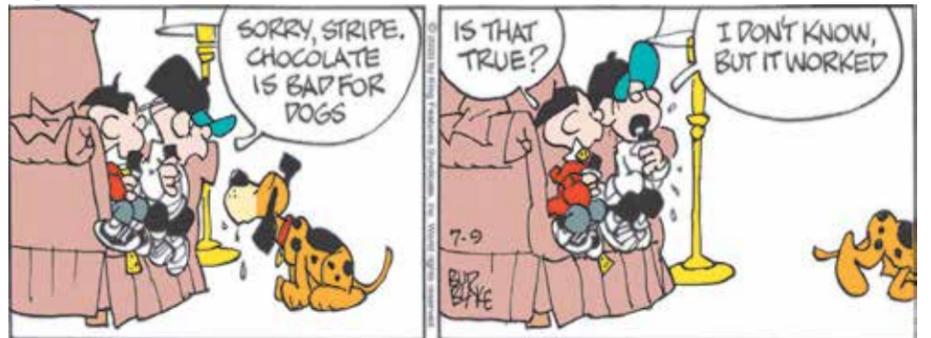
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This 'n' That



Textbook stipends to be provided for U.S. veteran students. Photo by Michael Gordon.

Ventura College Foundation's to provide textbook stipends to veteran students

The Ventura College Foundation's Jerry Arellano Veteran Resource Center Library Program received \$59,000 in new funding to provide textbook stipends to U.S. veteran students attending Ventura College.

Veterans will be given up to \$250 per semester for two semesters. To receive the textbook-buying stipend, recipients must donate at least one of their books purchased with the stipend to the Jerry Arellano Veteran Resource Center Library so future students can have access to textbooks at no cost. The library is named

after Arellano, a Marine veteran and long-time firefighter including service at Station 32 at Edwards Air Force Base.

The new funding comes from Ventura College Foundation donors who had originally designated their gifts to Veterans Promise, the first program of its kind that enabled U.S. veterans and active duty military students not using G.I. Bill benefits to attend Ventura College tuition-free during their first year of schooling. Since tuition for these students is now covered by the state, donors agreed to transfer their contri-

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butions to pay for veterans' schoolbooks and build the resource center's lending library.

Full time and part time veteran students can apply for the stipend. The amount is adjusted based on the number of units taken. "We will award these stipends to as many veterans as possible until the funds are exhausted," says Anne Paul King, executive director of the Ventura College Foundation. "High textbook costs are often a barrier to attending college. The Veteran Resource Center lending library and textbook assistance program relieve some of the financial stress. It also helps veterans reserve their G.I. Bill benefits for when they transfer to a four-year university."

As of fall 2019, there were 384 veterans enrolled at Ventura College. The college's Veterans Resource Center

offers personalized services to veterans, active duty military and eligible dependents. Staff members assist with college admission applications and course registration, provide academic counseling, and help students access veteran's benefits. The center includes a study area with computers, printers and scanners. The Ventura College Foundation supports veterans through scholarships and to help cover the cost of such items as parking and health fees, textbooks, transportation to and from school and general school supplies.

For more information about the textbook support program, go to <https://venturacollegefoundation.org/veteran-textbooks> or call 805-289-6161.

For more information, contact Julie Harvey at (805) 289-6502 or jharvey@vcccd.edu or visit www.VenturaCollege-Foundation.org.



PLAYING THE GAME

I've spoken to a number of venue owners the past couple of weeks as they tread lightly doing their best to follow the guidelines in place to operate safely in this time of COVID-19. And without naming names, I know several have had to stop the music (literally) to remind patrons that wearing masks is mandatory in their establishment unless you're seated at your table. Social distancing is being enforced and whether you think the whole thing is a conspiracy theory or not, it's their business, literally! They can make up whatever rules they want to secure their venue, but the bigger issue is that they're actually enforcing what has been mandated by the governor of California. Do you want them to be closed down by code enforcement? Of course not! So, I beseech you to please wear a mask, because if you don't you're going to not only put their business at risk, but you could pass along the virus not even knowing you're a carrier.

We all want to get back to normal. We all want to hang out, and give hugs and hearty handshakes to old friends while taking in our favorite bands, but we're nowhere near that point yet. If you feel strongly enough about not wanting to wear a mask, then please stay away and listen to music at home.

There are plenty of live streaming concerts still being held.

NOT BACK TO NORMAL

Reopening doors, following safety guidelines and trying to get back up to speed may not include live music at this time for a lot of venues. I understand (she says with a pitiful lower lip pushed out trembling ever so slightly). The priority is paying the rent and the staff and rebuilding a clientele. So, don't forget to support all your favorite music venues whether they have live music or not yet. If we do this right, and we do this together supporting where we can, we will live to see another robust economy with a booming music scene.

PLAYING SAFELY

And while we're on the submit of live music in venues, let's take it from the perspective of the musician. Not all artists feel safe enough to get back out there to play live. Trust me, they want to, but their better judgement is keeping them away for many reasons. You have your favorite bands, and solo artists, well why not reach out via social media where most of them have accounts. Let them know you miss them, and if you can, buy their music and some merchandise if available to show your support.

DRIVE-IN CONCERTS V

In each of my past four music scene columns I've been able to report more details on the Concerts in Your Car events by CBF Productions (California Beer Festival). This past weekend Ventura finally saw a large-scale concert with SuperDuperKyle kicking off the series over the weekend of June 26 and 27. Kyle, a former Ventura High School graduate, was well-received as he gears up for his album release on July 17, See You When I

Am Famous.

I'm not going to lie; I am so relieved to hear portable bathrooms are now available as they were not when they first launched this series. Under their FAQ, the Concerts in Your Car website made it clear no restrooms on site, no getting



Drive-in concerts.



John Jorgenson and company.

out of your car, and you could not leave the event early. As a female, let me just say "Thank You God!" I just couldn't wrap my bladder, I mean head around that one! Gratefully, we don't have to worry about that now.

Back to the business at hand, joining forces with CBF Productions is the Ventura Music Festival as they present John Jorgenson's Bluegrass Supergroup. On Thursday, July 16. I love that Concerts In Your Car is being so diverse with the genres ranging from rap to bluegrass to alternative rock to country, there literally is something for everyone! And if you are a fan of bluegrass music, then you won't want to miss Grammy-winning guitarist, John Jorgenson (Desert Rose Band, the Hellocasters) who will be joined by fellow music legends Herb Pedersen (Desert Rose Band, Laurel Canyon Ramblers), Mark Fain (seven-time Grammy-winning bassist) and Patrick Sauber (Laurie Lewis band).

I has a quick Q&A following here, but for more information on all the concerts

and movies and for purchasing your ticket got to ConcertsInYourCar.com.

Q&A with JOHN JORGENSON

Pam: I'm loving the creativity of our music community; what was your initial response to doing a drive-in concert?

John: Indeed Ventura is a very creative community, and as a musician I feel quite comfortable living here.

When Nuvi Mehta, Ventura Music Festival Artistic Director] asked me to play the drive-in concert for the Ventura Music Festival I was thrilled. I have performed in so many varied venues over my 40 plus years as an entertainer so to get asked to do something new and challenging is rare, surprising and fun. In the last few months most of my contact with my band members has been to cancel or reschedule gigs, so to get to

some of the best songwriters of our time. Our goal has been to bring meaningful lyrics into the mix of virtuosic picking and tight vocal harmonies. Hopefully the audience will laugh, wipe a tear or two, think a bit differently, and drive home with smiles on their faces.

Pam: Do you see more of these type concerts on the horizon?

John: Well, I sure hope so! The chance to get out and enjoy a performance from the safety of your own car while still feeling a bit of community and a shared concert experience is extremely rare if not impossible. Here is a way forward!

Pam: Musically speaking, what had you been doing during the shutdown?

John: Since the shut down I've been mostly using the time to go through my musical archives of older formats and transfer tapes, as well as organize memorabilia I've amassed over the years. I have also done a few remote recording sessions and contributed to a worldwide orchestral and choral collaboration. It's definitely a time for all performers to rethink and retool.

SURF RODEO

I spoke to JD Drury just a few weeks ago and being the optimist that he is, he was still holding out that Surf Rodeo could in some form or another be pulled off this summer or late fall, but the word came out shortly afterwards that Surf Rodeo is officially off for 2020; JD hung in there hoping for a miracle, but alas...it wasn't to be. The official post on social media: "It is with heavy hearts that after several conversations with the City of Ventura and State Parks, due to Covid-19, we will not be able to party on the beach this summer. We love you and we miss you! WE WILL BE BACK 2021!"

CROOKED EYE TOMMY

Tommy Marsh dropped off a copy of Crooked Eye Tommy's sophomore CD, Hot Coffee and Pain which is scheduled for an August release. It was recorded in Ojai at Carbonite Studios with Grammy-winning audio engineer, Jason Mariani (Joe Bonamassa, Robben Ford). You know I'll be spinning a couple tunes on the Pam Baumgardner Music Hour at CAPS Media's KPPQ-LP, and we're working on having Tommy be a guest on the VenturaRockSpot which you can view on the Ventura Rock's YouTube channel. If you loved their last release, Butterflies and Snakes, well you ain't seen nothing yet! Holy smokes, they hit this one out of the park! More details coming soon.

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Please send all information short or long to Pam@VenturaRocks.com, and for updated music listings daily, go to www.VenturaRocks.com.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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This 'n' That

(This issue's police reports and harbor blotter can be found at www.venturabreeze.com)



Cheryl takes the CCTC helm at a challenging time.

Visit Ventura's Cheryl Bagby is chosen to lead the Central Coast Tourism Council

Visit Ventura is proud to announce that our very own Cheryl Bagby has been chosen to serve as President of the Central Coast Tourism Council. The Central Coast Tourism Council (CCTC) is a non-profit organization comprised of hospitality businesses (from Convention and Visitors Bureaus to hotels and attractions) throughout California's Central Coast. Their task is to promote the (breathtakingly beautiful) Central Coast to the world.

Since Cheryl has a sense of fun, we will too. Winnie the Pooh once said, "Some people care too much. I think it's called love." As Visit Ventura's Vice President of Sales & Marketing of six years, Cheryl has shown that kind of care and love for Ventura. She simply spread that care and love to other Central California towns when she first joined the CCTC five years ago as a member of their Marketing Committee.

Now she will turn that caring and heart--and sense of teamwork -- toward promoting the Central Coast as CCTC President.

"In my time with CCTC, our mantra has always been 'Let's do together, what we can't

do on our own,'" Cheryl said. "It's precisely that collaboration that has seen us succeed in marketing the Central Coast in the past -- and now, more than ever, it will take collaboration to succeed in our recovery efforts. It's an honor to be elected CCTC President. But more importantly, it's an honor to be working alongside colleagues and neighbors to build back our communities."

Cheryl takes the CCTC helm at a challenging time. Tourism has been hard hit by COVID-19. Travel has plummeted, as have travel dollars that once funneled into communities around the world, Ventura included. Travel industry unemployment is double that of the Great Depression; hundreds of thousands of tourism and hospitality workers are now unemployed in California.

But Cheryl has always taken the optimistic tack, one of the characteristics that has seen her excel at Visit Ventura. As soon as COVID-19 hit, Cheryl and her Visit Ventura teammates threw their imaginations into the ring, creating outside-the-box ideas to encourage Venturans to support their own town in the absence of visitors.

"Tourism will be the powerhouse that drives California -- and the United States -- back to its feet," said Cheryl. "And until that happens, Visit Ventura will keep working hard to keep our town's economy and morale afloat."

It was just this sort of creative (and unrelenting) work ethic -- and upbeat attitude -- that saw the Central Coast Tourism Council select Cheryl as their President.

"We are so happy to have Cheryl as CCTC President," said Molly Cano, CCTC board member and past President. "She's the consummate travel professional, yes, but, more than that, she possesses a happy work ethic and enthusiasm that are contagious. In my time working with Cheryl, I've seen what she can do. I know, with Cheryl, anything is possible."

Marlyss Auster, Visit Ventura's President & CEO, has watched Cheryl's (joyful) work ethic for seven years. "Cheryl has been in the Tourism & Hospitality industry for over fifteen years, but when she comes into the office it's as if she's bringing her first day energy to our Visit Ventura team," said Marlyss.

Cheryl will serve as President of the Central Coast Tourism Council for one year.

the alternatives suggested in the Carollo Report. The redirection of the first part of the planned \$270 million project does not mean the end of VenturaWaterPure. VenturaWaterPure can be completed at a savings of \$270 million and meet all the city's goals.

The alternative is for Ventura Water to construct a pipeline to the United Water settlement ponds near the intersection of 118 and Vineyard Avenue. The water can then percolate into the Oxnard plain basin. Ventura Water had always planned to inject the well water into the Oxnard plain basin under its current plan.

The United Water alternative plan eliminates the need for Ventura Water to construct the advanced water purification facility, pipeline infrastructure, brine line and three injection wells. That is a savings of \$320 million. It would require the construction of nine miles of a 24-inch pipeline with a cost of about \$50 million, so the net saving is still \$270 million.

There will need to be negotiations with United Water to complete the water transfer loop. Given the recent Groundwater Management act legislation (GMA), agencies transferring water to other agencies require cooperation in water exchanges. In that

What Is Ventura Willing To Spend? Part 2

by Venturans for Responsible & Efficient Gov't (VREG)

According to the Carollo Report, the next phase of VenturaWaterPure carries a price tag of \$320 million. Do you spend another \$320 million if Ventura Water can meet its three goals for less regardless of the money already spent? And if you do, how will a family afford a 260% water rate increase?

Today's Plan

The current VenturaWaterPure plan calls for the construction of an advanced water purification facility, new pipeline infrastructure and three injection wells. This current plan also requires the addition of 20 to 27 more positions, with salaries, benefits and pensions. The Carollo Report indicates that much of the costs and liability that Ventura Water plans to take on as an independent project could be shared and reduced on a more regional basis.

What's The Alternative?

It is not too late to reconsider some of

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process, Ventura Water can obtain additional water allocations to add to the water supply.

Why Would There Be Any Objection?

The possible resistance to redirecting the tertiary treated Santa Clara Estuary wastewater to the United Water Saticoy Spreading Grounds is that Ventura Water may fear losing control of their water resource. This concern is unfounded, however. All water injected into any wells, may be drawn out by any water user with access to the Oxnard plain basin.

Improves The VenturaWaterPure Program

Saving \$270 million by redirecting the Santa Clara Estuary tertiary treated wastewater to the United Water Saticoy spreading grounds does not derail the other Ventura Water goals. With the continued construction of the State Water Project, State Water will provide an additional water resource to compliment the river, groundwater and recycling programs in place. The State Water will also improve the water quality for the east end of Ventura. Additionally, the tertiary treated wastewater to the United Water Saticoy spreading grounds would remain available to be drawn out of the Oxnard Basin just as it would be if injected into any wells currently planned.

The challenge in 2012 was to comply with the Federal Court Decree. The chosen solution was to convert the estuary into drinkable water. Ventura Water created VenturaWaterPure to persuade citizens that the cost to move the water away from the estuary was justifiable because we could then drink it. Fixated on controlling all water resources sounded good eight years ago, but reality governs in the end. It was too costly then, and today's COVID-19 economic circumstances have revealed that fact, something Ventura Water has yet to consider.

Utilizing the regional resources to accomplish the same goals at a lower cost is better for Ventura. With this one primary change, VenturaWaterPure will succeed, and the citizens will save as much as \$137 per month or \$1,644 per year on their water bill.

Call or email your City Councilmember to tell them you want to save \$270 million and not have your water rates nearly triple.

Vagabond Inn and Best Western Motels

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the Ventura County Continuum said "It was the motels decision to terminate the leases"

"The county is partnering with us to provide a motel voucher program to provide continued placement to high risk individuals," added Carruth. We are transitioning from full facilities to offering motel vouchers for a select group of individuals that are considered high risk. "one hundred thirty individuals county-

wide have been offered shelter based on vouchers to those high-risk individuals," she said. These individuals are the most medically vulnerable.

Voucher funding has been extended and will run throughout the rest of the year. So far seventy-five individuals have returned to the streets and remain unsheltered. "For some of the homeless it was their plan all along to return to the streets because they knew it was temporary and maybe weren't engaging on a housing plan. Others either were not eligible for or declined every resource that was offered to them, and those are the folks that are still actively searching for housing and have income and just haven't found a place yet and are working with service providers," she said.

The motels in question have agreed to accept vouchers instead of leases at least for the time being. The county will pay for the nightly vouchers.

"The hope now is to get those individuals back into shelter through the voucher program. The county also recently started the process of potentially converting one or more motels in the count to permanent supportive housing" added Carruthers.

Ventura named a bike-friendly city

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reational resources that benefit residents of all ages and abilities while encouraging healthier and more sustainable transit choices.

The pandemic has had an undeniable impact on bicycling. Data from bicycle counters around the City recorded a 56% increase in bicycle trips over the same period just last year. Local bicycle shops in Ventura report skyrocketing sales as more residents seek opportunities to ride their bikes. Some of our economically vulnerable citizens, who do not own a vehicle, now look to alternative public transit options by turning to the bicycle for their commute while local families are going on rides to get out of the house for fresh air and exercise.

"Integrating bicycles with other healthy and sustainable methods of commuting (to work or for recreation) represents one of the best approaches for decreasing traffic congestion, promoting health, and stimulating the economy," said Joey Juhasz-Lukomski, Executive Director of BikeVentura.

Under the direction of the City's adopted General Plan in 2005, all transportation designs, including street resurfacing projects, aim to expand opportunities to reinforce our bicycle infrastructure for the health and safety of historically underserved sections of Ventura.

In 2018, Ventura received a ranking of 186th before climbing to 32nd place in 2019 by PeopleForBikes. For more information on city rankings, visit www.peopleforbikes.org

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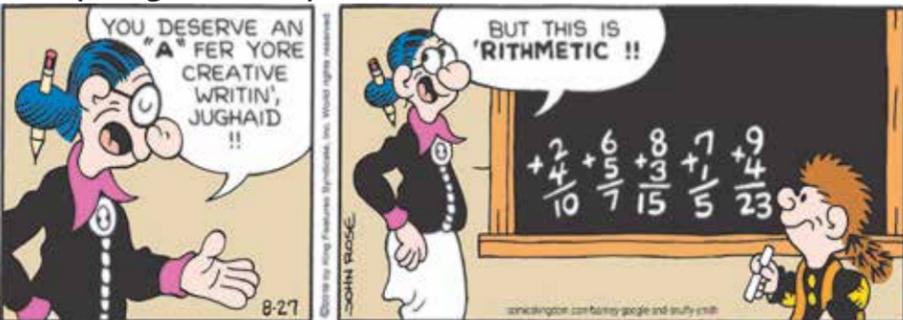
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(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to venturabreeze.com)

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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Solutions on page 12

King Crossword

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- 37 Underground chamber
- 40 Close
- 41 Villainous look

- 42 Information storehouse
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- 47 Versifier's tributes
- 48 Baltimore newspaper
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- 50 Prolonged sleep
- 51 "Of course"

- 5 Street
- 6 Piercing tool
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- 10 Unfeeling
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- 19 — Mawr College
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personal side, that new relationship looks as if it will continue to grow.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) More good news about a loved one helps reassure others who could not share your more-optimistic view before. Continue to help everyone in need of your comforting presence.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A perplexing situation needs to be dealt with in order to avoid problems later on. Rely on both your own sense of what's right and the advice of someone you trust to help work it out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating new friendships could turn out to be the unexpected but welcome result of reconnecting with old friends. The weekend is a good time for fun and games. Enjoy!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let your sharp Taurean business insight guide you when considering a "dream deal." Without all the facts, it could turn into a nightmare. Remember: Investigate before investing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The more you learn about what you plan to do, the more likely you are to consider making some changes in your plans. This is good; don't resist it. Instead, go with it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Sharing so much of your time and your gifts with others is what you do so well, and this week, don't be surprised if others want to share with you. Enjoy the experience. You've earned it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A career change is still in your aspect, but a potential workplace change could be what you've been looking for. See what develops before making any drastic moves.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A difficult personal situation seems to defy efforts to resolve it. Perhaps you're too close to it. Take some time to reassess what went wrong, and then see where things can be set right.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your energy levels are high this week, which should help you get all your workaday tasks done and still leave you with enough breath to handle some domestic challenges.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leonine pride could be piqued a bit when someone else appears to be standing in your light. Be patient and resist the urge to growl at the interloper. You'll soon be the "mane" attraction again.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An unexpected fluke could cause problems with your plans. If so, use the time to troll for other available options, and you might be pleasantly surprised at what turns up.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A professional situation benefits from your clear assessment of the circumstances involved. On the

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy the company of lots of people, but you also can treasure the moments shared with just one special person.

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Showtime

A View from House Seats

Fractured Actors Serve Laughs A La Carte

by Shirley Lorraine

Actors gotta act. Audiences love to laugh. To meet both needs, the Fractured Actors Theater Company presented a digital production called *Laughter in Place* last Friday evening. Though not widely advertised, the Company has been around for several years and has produced some challenging and engaging material covering a wide range of styles and subjects. They tout “theater for a non-traditional audience”. I take that to mean anything goes. I especially love the phrase one of the actors said - “actors in isolation only get weirder.” So true. Haven’t we all changed a bit?

Noted on the Fractured Actors’ website is this statement - “Revisit your favorite characters from our past Speakeasy Projects and meet a new host of oddballs and misfits with brand new stories to tell about these strange times we’re all experiencing together. From afar. But also together.”

Now really, few things are better than being able to watch a show in your p.j.’s with your favorite beverage and snacks readily at hand. You don’t even have to comb your hair.

The one-hour YouTube premiere featured a collection of Zoom interludes, sketch comedy, original music, and a variety of talents. Host Bryan White stated, “We’re glad to not be with you this evening.” Of note are two original songs written and performed by Shelby Figueroa. The lament of *Introvert’s Paradise* is right on point. Her song *Trash TV* also has clever lyrics and is well done. She is accompanied in both by James

Dorward.

A few of the sketches are re-dos of vignettes from previous performances. Some add a measure of pointed social commentary on the Covid-19 situation. A surprise visit from Dr. Fauci (Bryan White) illuminates the importance of social distancing. It is healing to laugh at how everyone is coping, or not. Grad party shows a family celebrating a middle school graduation via Zoom. *Youngster Hunter Ham* (the Grad) is a highlight. The inserted product advertisements are amusing and inventive. There is a little something for everyone.

Even the actor’s pets get into the act. One vignette features a bevy of cats (and one dog) voicing their feelings on owners who get in their space.

In the spirit of theatrical generosity, with tongue firmly in cheek, the Company promises a full refund of your (free) admission should you not thoroughly enjoy the evening of laughter. Totally worth twice the price. A guarantee is always appreciated.

Fractured Actors welcomes performers and backstage helpers of all types, all experiences, and all ages to be involved. Missed this one? I almost did but I am glad I got to catch the premiere showing. And, the production is available on the company’s YouTube channel to watch any time. Go to YouTube Fractured Actors to join in.

The best way to stay informed of what’s up next is to subscribe to the company’s email list via their website, www.FracturedActors.com.

Streaming Spotlight by Cindy Summers

The Old Guard

Netflix



Breeze rating from 1 to 4 palm trees, 4 being best.

The *Old Guard* is based on the acclaimed graphic novel by Greg Rucka about a covert group of immortal mercenaries that have been protecting the world for centuries. Led by Andy (Charlize Theron) who, being the oldest and whom they call “Boss”, unexpectedly loses her centuries of immortality with the appearance of Nile (Kiki Layne). Due to being misled by a previously trusted client named Copley (Chiwetel Ejiofor), the team’s special abilities are exposed to the head of Merrick Corp. who believes their DNA could be the answer to aging and illness, as well as creating great wealth for his pharmaceutical company.

After some time apart, the team of four (Andy, Joe, Nicky and Booker) met in Morocco to rescue some kidnapped students, arranged by a previous client named Copley, but were ambushed by a team hired by Copley to catch them, and were shot with hundreds of rounds. The

gunmen let down their guard while bullets seemed to magically exit from the bodies of Andy’s team as they came back to life and slaughtered the gunmen. Copley had a long held theory that they were immortal and showed the video to Merrick (Harry Melling), who was developing various anti-aging and anti-disease pharmaceuticals.

After escaping the shootout, the team had a combined dream of a female soldier that was an indicator that there was someone else out there like them, which hadn’t happened for 200 years. Her name was Nile Freeman, a marine in Afghanistan that had gotten in an altercation where her throat was slit and though it seemed she died, she miraculously recovered without even a scratch, which was very disconcerting to her fellow soldiers. Andy, knowing the challenges Nile was facing, left to find the female marine and sent the rest of team after Copley for setting them up.

Andy found Nile and defended her against the soldiers that were about to have her sent away due to her strange recovery. She took her to meet the rest of the team in Paris where they explained that they knew where to find her because they dream of each of each other until they find one another. Joe and Nicky had been part of the team since the Crusades and after endlessly trying to kill

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Ventura Art Scene



A unique old Italian technique to check out at the gallery.

If you have never visited the Ventura Potters’ Guild Gallery (VCPG) it is time to discover this crown jewel nestled in the Ventura Harbor Village.

The VCPG Gallery is located at 1567 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105 in the Ventura Harbor.

Hours: Mon. - Weds. 12:00 pm - 4 pm
Thurs. - Sun. 11:00 am - 6 pm

For more information visit: www.venturapottersguild.org



Focus On The Masters a Special Events Panel Discussion by Writer/Curator Kevin Wallace

What is Steampunk? What is Dada? Before it became the full-blown subculture it is today, Steampunk started out as a science-fiction sub-genre in the 1970s. Its fundamental inspirations go all the way back to 19th century Victorian writers, such as Jules Verne (author of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*) and H.G. Wells (author of *The Time Machine*). Dada, as defined by Merriam-Webster, is “a movement in art and literature based on deliberate irrationality and negation of traditional artistic values.”

Join us as we explore these cultural phenomena with experts from both genres. As writer, curator and Director of the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts, Kevin Wallace will weigh in on the side of Dada. Beatrice Wood is recognized as the “Mama of Dada.” Our Steampunk expert is Dr. Katherine L. Morse, a research computer scientist and half of the award-winning, San Diego-based writing team of “*The Adventures of Drake and McTrowell*.” Together, they craft serialized steampunk tales and can be seen cosplaying their alter egos at conventions all over the West.

This year’s them is Steampunk Dada Electric Carnival and will be streamed live on August 22nd!

Steampunk Dada Panel Discussion Sunday, July 19, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Streamed Live on Zoom!

Learn more and register for free on our website: www.FocusOnTheMasters.com. Sponsored by Michael Rohde



Lorna Amundson

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To Art, or Not to Art?

BAA Artists in the Time of Corona:

Another selection from our member artists of what is occupying their thoughts and hands during these troubled times.

Good news!! Buena Ventura Gallery opens!! Beginning July 10 // Fridays & Saturdays only

For the time being, open hours will be Fridays and Saturdays only, 11 am to 4 pm, and by appointment. As we figure out what is needed for staffing (and with more volunteer help!) open days and hours could increase. Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts is already open with hours of Friday thru Monday, 11am to 6pm. Both galleries require customers to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Occupancy is limited to 4 customers at a time at HVG&G and will be limited to 10 at BVG. Hand sanitizer, gloves, and spare masks will be available.

2020 Spirit of Entrepreneurship Winners



Women’s Economic Ventures (WEV) is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Spirit of Entrepreneurship awards by announcing this year’s winners in 10 categories. In addition to the 10 category winners, the Spirit of Entrepreneurship Awards has also recognized Lynne Tahmisian, President of La Arcada Investment Corporation as the 2020 Rock Star: Life Achievement Award recipient.

The 10 category winners and Tahmisian will be celebrated at a virtual event on Tuesday, July 21 from 4 – 5:30 pm.

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The Old Guard

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each other became lovers. Andy was the oldest, and was struggling with losing Quynh long ago, who was dropped in a steel cage in the ocean to die and come back to life for eternity.

Unfortunately, Joe and Nicky were captured by an assault team lead by Copley and taken to Merrick's lab. Nile decided it was all too much, so Andy & Booker went to the lab to rescue Joe and Nicky. Unknown to the team, Booker was working with Copley and helped to capture Andy by shooting her, not knowing she had lost her immortality, but was captured himself by Merrick's team to be caged and tested with the others.

Nile found Copley, who showed her every incredible thing Andy had affected throughout history with her actions, explaining he turned the team over to help stop disease because of losing his wife. Copley took Nile to the lab to rescue the team and after they escaped they decided Booker's punishment would be to be alone for 100 years. The team then returned to Copley's place where they saw all the research he had done to chronicle their heroic efforts throughout time, so they let him off the hook in exchange for protecting them and their anonymity so that they could continue their work.

This film has exquisitely timed action-packed sequences that mimic well-choreographed dance, and Charlize Theron is perfectly cast as the leader of this extraordinary team of immortals. The ending also points toward a sequel with Quynh showing up at Booker's place six months after his exile.

Rating: R (for sequences of graphic violence, and language)
125 minutes