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Miriam and Ivor enjoy some time at our wonderful beach.

Up close and personal... with the multi talented Miriam Arichea

by Ivor Davis

I have lived in Ventura County for 40 years and am delighted to report that, as most already know, our community is rich and overflowing with creative talent.

Ventura has become a Valhalla of culture, music and literature: Ventura Music Festival, The Rubicon Theatre, New West Symphony, Focus on the Masters, Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, (CHICO), Camerata Pacifica and the NAMBA Performing Arts venue in downtown to list but a few.

I emphasize this because it makes my assignment for the Museum of Ventura County—to feature some of the most outstanding talents in the County-- an even more fruitful one. The program, "Ivor Davis Up Close and Personal With..." draws several hundred viewers but above all it allows us to shine the spotlight on these local gems.

My first two guests were local legends: Musician Chris Hillman and actor

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Enjoy a free day at the Gardens.

Ventura Botanical Gardens in the time of COVID

by Barbara Brown

As fascinating as sitting in front of our computer screens is, sometimes we just have to get out in the fresh air and enjoy the day. If you are looking for a place to go where you can socially distance comfortably, the Ventura Botanical Gardens (VBG) is offering free admission on President's Day, Monday, February 15.

Visiting now, after the rains and as spring approaches, you'll begin to see bursts of color. In the South African Gardens, the Fynbos plantings are starting to bloom with a wide range of Leucadendrons and Leucospermums (including the red pincushion protea that looks much like Fourth of July fireworks). Also the Karoo Garden, located behind Summit Plateau, is in full bloom. This garden boasts an abundance of aloe, which blossoms brightly in reds and oranges, and provides the silky substance that is part of the hand sanitizer we use every day during this pandemic. From here, you can see an expansive view of the Santa Monica Mountains, the California coastline and the Channel Islands.

While you are visiting the Gardens, you may want to search out the Chilean Soap bark tree. This tree provides the adjuvant, a chemical compound affecting immunity, which is part of the shingles and COVID-19 vaccines. Near the Soap bark tree are several Chilean Wine Palms, a protected species once used as a part of wine making in Chile. They can



The Children's Garden at the Museum of Ventura County.

Share your thoughts with the Museum

The Museum of Ventura County seeks your help by sharing your thoughts about how we, and museums broadly, can better support and engage you in 2021.

Why this survey? We at the Museum of Ventura County care deeply about creating meaningful connections between you and our region's history, culture, and art.

But we need your help. In these tumultuous times, we need to understand how we can best engage you virtually, when our audiences will be ready to return to the museum in person, and how we can aid the rebuilding of our community after the pandemic wanes.

"In a valuable partnership with the American Alliance of Museums, the Museum of Ventura County is seeking your input on how we can best serve our community in this time of upheaval and global pandemic," says Denise Sindelar, Deputy Director of the Museum of Ventura County. "Please help us by taking a few minutes to share your thoughts and insights through this important survey."

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Up close and personal...

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Malcom McDowell. My third program on Feb 25th at 6:30 pm., features a lively conversation with local hero—Ventura County Renaissance Woman: Miriam Arichea. The program is free and open to the public by just registering at Museum of Ventura County.

Miriam is a musician, a lawyer, a teacher—and above all a mother. She began piano lessons at the age of five in the Philippines where she grew up. “My mom Ruth was a voice teacher,” she recalled, “So at a very young age I would sit with her students and clink out music on the piano.”

Realizing the difficulties of making a living as a musician, she moved to the United States with her parents and recalls, “I wanted to become an investigative reporter for the New York Times.” Instead she got her law degrees at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

In the Summer of 1996 she moved to Ventura and quickly made her mark. She handles criminal appeals as a court-appointed attorney with the California Appellate Project. She also coaches and coordinates the Ventura High School mock trial and academic decathlon teams.

In 2014 she was the recipient of the 2014 Ventura Mayor’s Arts Award for Arts Educator.

I first met Miriam several years ago when I participated in a hugely successful Beatles acapella concert to benefit the Rubicon Theatre which utilized the talents of the Rubicon’s impressive Harmonix student choir. I was impressed with her utter dedication and the long hours she invested in rehearsals in search of perfection.

In May 2018 at the Museum, Miriam along with actor- producer Brian McDonald

, staged a moving concert “Out of the Ashes: Healing in Story and Song” ...which combined the drama, the poignancy and the passion in the aftermath of the devastating Thomas Fire.

For many years I have also enjoyed Miriam’s piano playing which greatly enhances services at Ventura’s Temple Beth Torah as well as attending concerts for Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra concerts under the direction of conductor Dr. Kuanfen Liu.

Miriam and her cardiologist husband Dr. Jeffrey Brackett have three talented children—Josh, Arielle, and Daniel.

To watch my live conversation with Miriam, log onto the Museum of Ventura County website—and register for the program which is free to the public. Viewers are encouraged to join the museum or make donations.

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legend Chris Hillman’s new memoir “Time Between: My Life as a Byrd, Burrito Brother, and Beyond”

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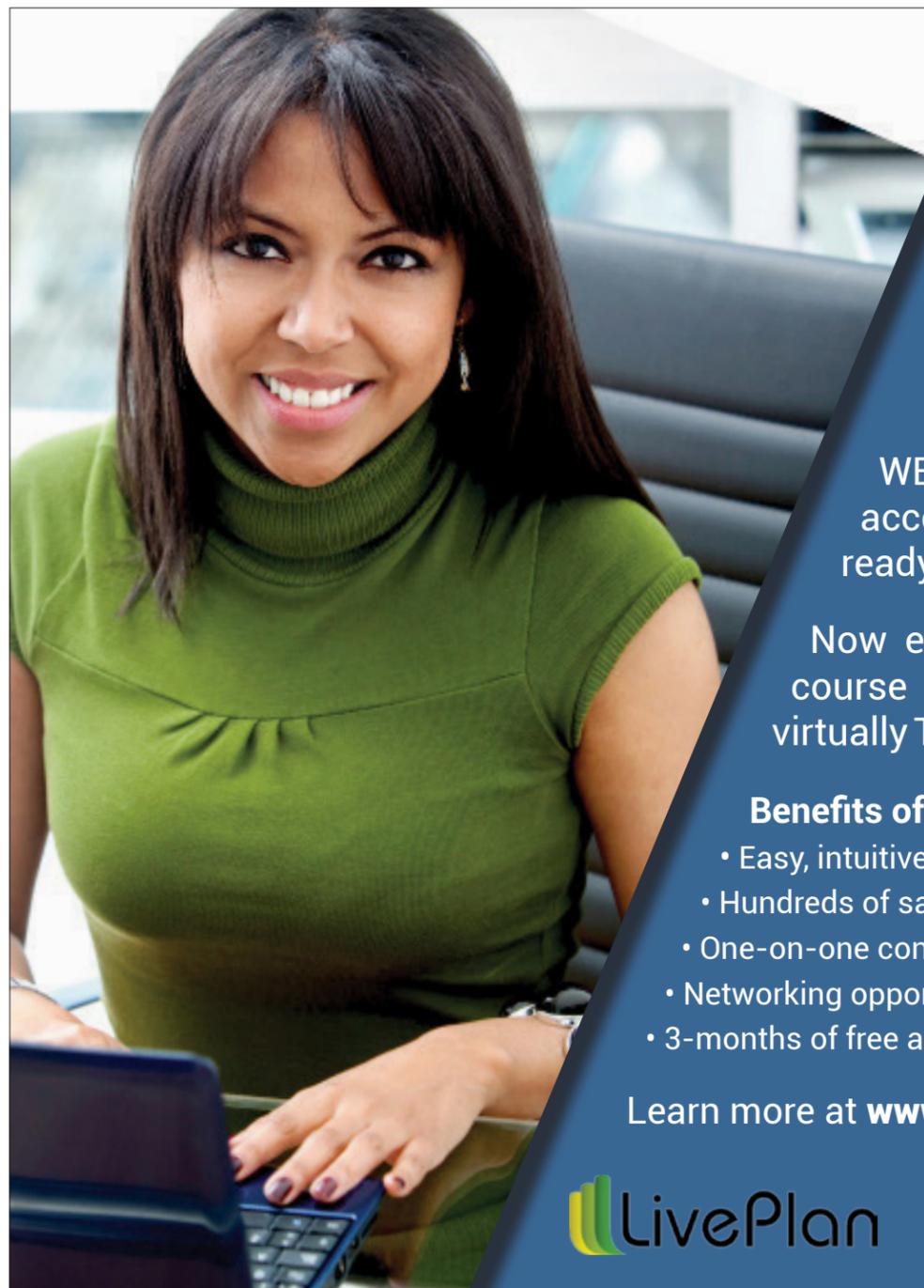
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— Albert Einstein

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Sheldon Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ Congratulations to our senior account executive **Breezy Gledhill** for her 10 years with the Ventura Breeze. Without her bringing in advertisers, there would not be a Ventura Breeze.

■ Being on the Ventura City Council has been a great stepping-stone for higher political office. Ventura councilman **Erik Nasarenko** has been appointed as Ventura County's district attorney. Erik is a senior prosecutor for the county.

Voting 5-0, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors chose Nasarenko over six other candidates.

Other city council members who have moved up are **Steve Bennett**, (AD 37) who went from the city council to being a Ventura County Supervisor to an Assembly member, and **Matt LaVere** who was recently voted in to become a Ventura County Supervisor following in the steps of Bennett.

Nasarenko would have to win election in June 2022 or in a subsequent runoff to keep the job after the appointment expires.

Replacing him on the city council has become very controversial - see the article in this issue regarding this.

■ Very glad to see County (and therefore Ventura) restaurants are now allowed to serve customers outside again. Hopefully, schools will be able to open soon. So many students are falling behind in their studies.

■ The Ventura City Council has approved the last funding to get the planned \$60.5 million Ventura Veterans Home development off the ground. The council voted to allocate up to \$660,000 in federal HOME funding for the 122-unit affordable housing project located on a 9.6-acre city-owned site at 10900 Telephone Rd.

The complex will be adjacent to the existing 60-bed Veterans Home of California. Of the project's 122 units, 120 will be low-income rental apartments exclusively for veterans. The two remaining

units will be for the property managers.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program provides funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for low and moderate-income housing projects which could be used for this purpose.

Councilmember **Lorrie Brown** stated, "My father is a veteran and he's very fortunate to have a home. But I know that's not always the case with all the veterans here in the county."

■ My wife and I recently received **vaccine** shots at the fairgrounds. Very well smoothly run, (and it didn't even hurt).

■ I think **schools** should open as soon as possible. Students being stuck at home and trying to learn has been detrimental to their development. More so than the virus itself. Because of social media, kid's today have little enough human contact to begin with. "I spoke with grandma today." "How did she sound?" "I don't know, we texted."

■ Often times it feels as if our two major political parties are more concerned about being right than they are about the welfare of the country. If Democrats make a COVID-19 proposal Republicans are automatically opposed to it. If Republicans make a proposal (even if it was the same one) the Democrats oppose it. No wonder they frequently don't achieve enough.

For instance, the Senate approved a measure that would let Democrats pass the relief plan through the chamber without Republican support. Vice President **Kamala Harris** was in the chair to cast the tie-breaking vote 51-50. It just can't be that every Democrat liked it and every Republican doesn't - they just vote along party line. Frustrating.

■ February is **Black History Month**. Black History Month was first proposed by black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, from January 2 to February 28, 1970.

During the celebration of the United States Bicentennial, President Gerald Ford officially made February Black

History Month. He urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

■ Perhaps we haven't come as far as we think. A small Louisiana cemetery that denied burial to a Black sheriff's deputy held an emergency meeting and removed a **whites-only** provision from its sales contracts. H. Creig Vizona, board president for Oaklin Springs Cemetery in southwest Louisiana, said he was stunned and ashamed to learn two days earlier that the family of Allen Parish Sheriff's Deputy Darrell Semien had been told he could not be buried at the cemetery near Oberlin because he was African American.

But this certainly helps. North Carolina will no longer issue or renew specialty license plates depicting the Confederate battle flag. The state's Division of Motor Vehicles said the agency had received complaints about plates featuring the Confederate flag.

■ Guns in the news:

Gunfire left two people dead and three wounded outside a strip club in western Pennsylvania.

A man in Pennsylvania shot and killed a couple in a murder-suicide over a snow removal dispute.

Six people, including five small children, died and a second adult was injured after a gunman opened fire at an Oklahoma home, police said. The five children fatally shot were ages two, three, five, six, and nine.

■ Over the past few weeks Rep. **Marjorie Taylor Greene** have been making outlandish, stupid conspiracy theories. One of those is that the 2018 wildfires in California were caused by Jewish space lasers.

Everyone knows that the fires were started by lizards that live in our sewers and were smoking pot when their matches started sewer gas burning and it spread throughout California in the sewer system. Shocking that an intelligent woman like her did not know this. I hope this clarifies it for you.

■ Donald Trump has funneled thousands of dollars from his donors into his private business after his loss in the 2020 presidential election. The former president's reelection campaign moved roughly \$2.8 million from donors into the Trump organization over his term, including at least \$81,000 since he lost the election, according to Forbes. This is based on campaign finance reports submitted to the Federal Election Commission.

■ California climate advocates are celebrating the announcement from the **Biden** administration to halt oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters. Advocates with the Protect the Pacific Coalition mention the need to protect the U.S. coastal economy from the risks of oil spills, addressing the climate crisis and the need for healthy oceans.

President Biden also issued a series of executive orders to take swift climate action. This included an Executive Order on 30x30, a commitment to protecting 30% of our nation's lands and waters by 2030. The 30x30 Executive Order follows on the heels of California Governor Newsom's statewide commitment to 30x30 last year.

We encourage you to send your opinions to opinions@venturabreeze.com. Please limit them to about 300 words

Mailbox

Breeze:

Just picked up your newspaper as we left Andreas today. Thoroughly enjoyed the historical piece about the Lagomarsinos and the classic Koch home. A lot of good reporting in a very small space, it covered a lot. Most of us are sick of politics and want to learn more about the history of this wonderful place. Did you know there used to be a bathhouse in Ventura?

I don't know much about it but it was there in the 30s or 40s. The old Pierpont has a great history too.

Patricia Richards Dodds

Patricia:

Thanks for the kind words and now you know more about the bath house.

The Ventura Public Bath house opened in 1919 and was located at the end of California Street and is now where the parking structure/ Aloha Steakhouse resides.



Vintage post cards courtesy of the Museum of Ventura County

Learn more at:
<https://venturamuseum.org/research-library/blog/ventura-countys-75000-pleasure-mansion/>





Community Events

Ventura events

Feb. 11: The Midtown Ventura Community Council will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. The special guest speaker of the evening will be Mayor Sofia Rubalcava. MVCC has always had a tradition of giving new leaders in our city an opportunity to informally speak about what inspired them to become more engaged in public service, their background and other topics of their choosing to help attendees become better acquainted with our new Mayor. The Mayor will be speaking after their "Spotlight" guest.

First on the agenda that evening will be an up-to-date report of the COVID-19 vaccination status from a county representative who will also be able to answer some questions.

Darrick Brunk, Special Operations Commander with the Ventura Police Department, will give a very brief update on activities of concern for neighbors to be aware of in the community.

MVCC is also bringing back their "Spotlight on Volunteers/Non-Profits" which gives an opportunity to give a short overview of an organization. Tammy Glenn, Executive Director of Caregivers: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly will speak about their local organization.

The latest information from Ventura Water/Wastewater on the new rates for both departments. Ventura Water General Manager, Susan Rungren, and Assistant City Manager, Akbar Alikhan will speak and will take questions afterward as time is allowed.

The virtual meeting will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You must register ahead of time for the meeting to be able to participate by going to their website at midtownventura.org and the link will be sent out ahead of the meeting.

For further information or questions please call Dan Long at 805 653-6573 or send an email on their website.

Feb. 18: Meeting of the East Ventura Community Council, at 7:00 p.m. will consist of a Candidate Forum in which those persons interested in being appointed to the newly vacant District 4 City Council position will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public. David Maron, Vice-Chair of the Ventura County Civic Alliance, and well-known moderator from the League of Women Voters, will officiate at the Forum. Questions for the candidates may be submitted ahead of time to eastventuracc@gmail.com.

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

The meeting will be held online via the Zoom application. Go here to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_sx_vUZdeQ4aFyIf7dIKh3w You will first need to download the Zoom app on your computer or smart phone. You do not need an account. If you miss the meeting, you can always view later on the website, www.eastventura.org.

For more information, contact EVCC Chairperson, Deborah Meyer-Morris at eastventuracc@gmail.com.

Feb. 27: Bank Of Books on Saturday 1-3 pm Doug Halter - Book Signing – "Give Me Time – The life and Times of Doug Halter" – Doug Halter and his partner were shocked to learn that they had AIDS and only a few months to live. Doug's partner grew sick and passed away, but Doug miraculously got into the first successful trial of

a drug that blocked AIDS complications – and he survived.

Achieving success as a chemical engineer and computer sales executive, Doug found his true calling as a highly innovative landscaper. Give Me Time is the inspiring story of Doug Halter's lifelong dedication to AIDS and LBGTQ causes and his groundbreaking contributions to the culture and civic renewal of his chosen home, Ventura. 748 E. Main St. (805)643-3154

Feb. 28: Art City Studios is thrilled to present Fitness Palooza, an interactive, outdoor, COVID-19 compliant health and fitness event for all ages in the Art City Stone Garden (aka Ventura Stone Henge). The event takes place from 10am-2pm, and entry and classes are donation based for all participants.

Fitness Palooza brings outdoor yoga classes to all, aerial demonstrations, live art, music and vendors offering healthy and holistic products and programs. Sign up for a yoga class, bring a mat and spread out among the garden's monumental stone sculptures for classes led by live instructors with DJ Down N Goed spinning motivating flow style tunes.

Aerialists of all levels from Ventura County & Santa Barbara Trapeze Co will be performing aerial demonstrations throughout the event to inspire viewers to move, stretch and flow.

Interact with Art City Sculptor Andy Lewis as he sculpts stone and try for yourself to chisel some stone under his guidance.

Vendors bring healthy, holistic products and programs in a farmer's market style setting for outdoor local shopping.

Art City Gallery and Studios will be open throughout the event for walk throughs. See breathtaking stone sculptures, fountains, stone monuments, onyx stone lamps and more. Walk through the breezy Art Gallery to see the bright, colorful paintings of Mike Tine.

2021 is a new beginning for the Ojai Studio Artists

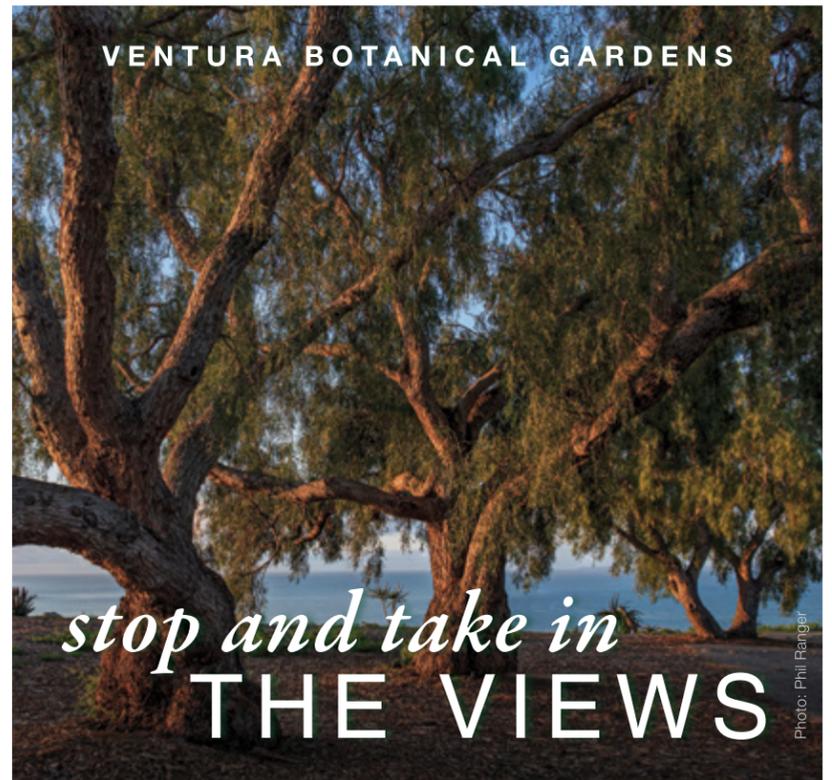
by Veronica Johnson

2020 was a challenging time for the Ojai Studio Artists. The annual tour was cancelled for the first time since 1984. Planned exhibitions of many individual artists, art fairs, artist talks, and individual endeavors were cancelled as well. However, 2021 may be a new beginning as the Ojai Studio Artists venture into unknown territory.

Second Saturday tours will resume this coming spring. All of the artists who participate will adhere to strict COVID-19 guidelines, making it a safe experience for all. Planning is underway for the October Studio Artists tour, from October 9th to the 11th. Should issues with COVID change the Ojai Studio Artists plans, they will let the public know.

The Ojai Studio Artists have also been working on a Panel Project fundraiser. Their artists have created various types of work on an 8x10 panel. This project has been a source

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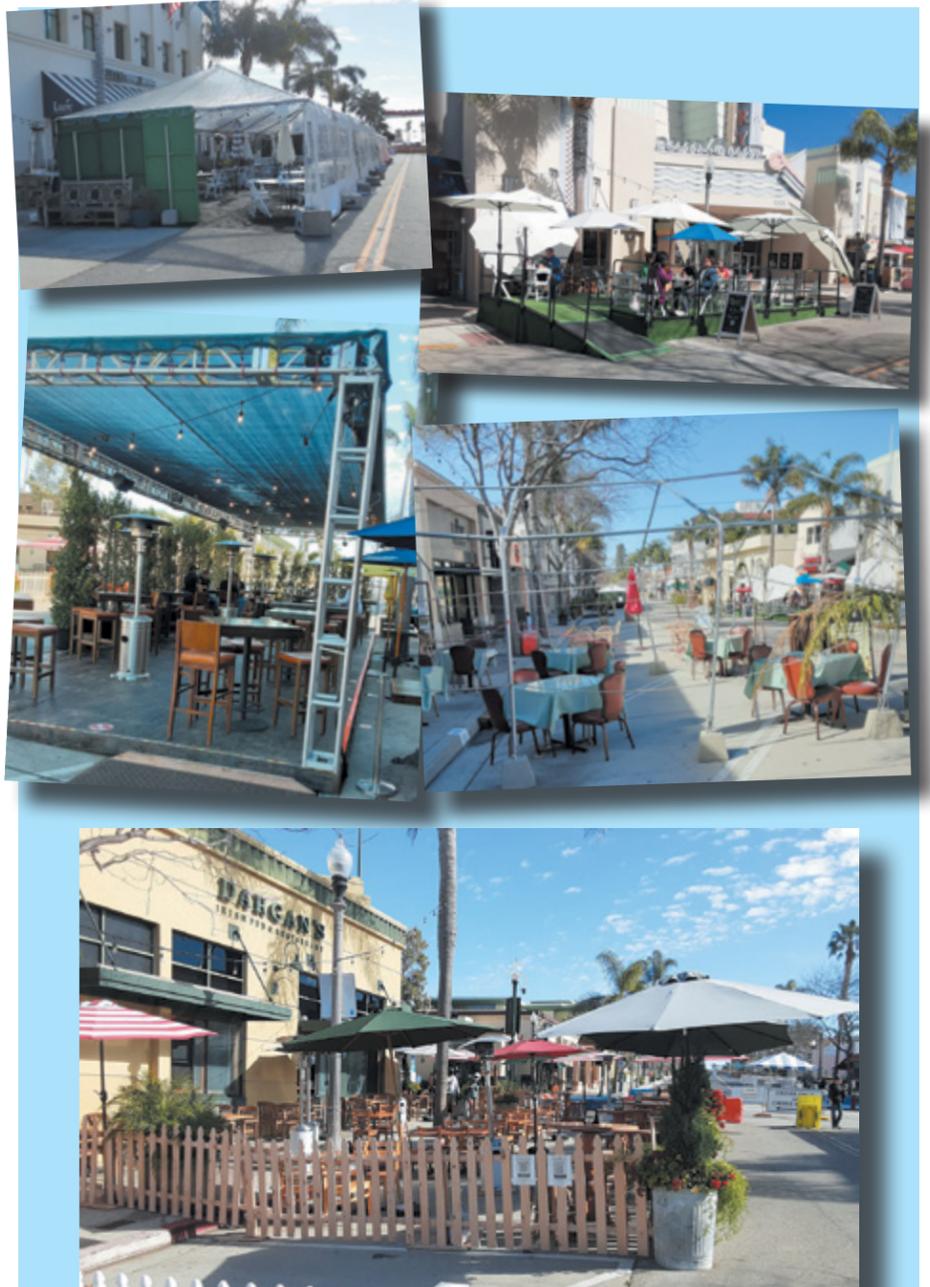
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February 11	Midtown Community Council
February 16	Pierpont Bay Community Council
February 19	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
February 24	College Area Community Council
March 3	Westside Community Council
March 9	Montalvo Community Council
March 18	East Ventura Community Council

Proposed rate changes will go before the City Council on March 22, 2021.

For more information, visit www.VenturaWaterRates.net

News & Notes



Many Ventura restaurants are now open for outdoor dining so enjoy eating outside.



Susan Rungren Ventura Water General Manager.

Ventura's Water security requires investment now

by Susan Rungren

Did you know Ventura is one of the largest cities in Southern California to rely solely on local water supplies? Rainfall feeds the Ventura River, Lake Casitas, and local groundwater basins to meet all the water needs of our community.

Water is at the core of our identity and the future of its security is in

jeopardy. Although our community's conservation efforts have reduced water use by 20 percent, Ventura's rain-dependent water supplies remain vulnerable to future droughts.

Additionally, results of ongoing litigation will likely limit or reduce the amount of water the City can withdraw from the Ventura River, which currently accounts for roughly 20 percent of Ventura's water supply.

Groundwater—which supplies more than half of Ventura's water—is expected to continue to decline due to recent regulations.

To maintain essential services and protect our water resources, Ventura must continually invest in our water and wastewater systems. Investments will allow us to improve water quality, replace old pipelines and aging infrastructure, meet regulatory requirements, and secure water supply for the future.

The City has a two-pronged approach to address our critical water supply challenges: recycle the water we already have, and access additional water supplies through the State Water Project.

The VenturaWaterPure Project will help us keep the water we already have. Currently, 8 to 9 million

gallons of treated wastewater from the Ventura's Water Reclamation Facility is discharged into the Santa Clara River Estuary each day. This is water that could be better used for our community.

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VenturaWaterPure will use an advanced water purification process to produce safe, high-quality drinking water. This purification technology is currently used throughout California, in other states, and internationally. VenturaWaterPure will address Ventura's water needs by provide a reliable, sustainable water supply.

The City currently holds an entitlement from the State Water Project but cannot currently take direct delivery due to a lack of infrastructure to deliver that water. The State Water Interconnection Project will enable Ventura to access the water we have had rights to since the 1970s. A new 7-mile pipeline will allow Ventura to tap into its State Water entitlement, addressing anticipated cutbacks in existing local supply sources. Additionally, the pipeline will enable deliveries between regional agencies during emergencies.

These critical investments, while

costly, will offer lasting water security for our community. Currently, the City is undergoing a Water and Wastewater Rate Study to ensure sufficient revenue is available to operate and maintain our existing systems and to invest in these forward-looking projects. Rates must be continually reviewed and adjusted to repair and replace aging infrastructure, meet regulatory needs, improve water quality, and secure water supply.

In Ventura, water and wastewater rates have remained low compared to neighboring communities. It has been nearly three years since Ventura Water has increased rates. Results of the recent rate study has shown that an annual rate increase of 7 percent for water service and 6 percent for wastewater service is needed over the next five years. For the average homeowner, this adjustment will amount to an average annual increase of \$7.76 to a monthly bill, for the next five years.

Rate increases are rarely convenient, but now is the time for us to invest in our water and wastewater systems. Deferring project costs, improvements, and upgrades comes at a high price. Safe, clean, and affordable water is vital to life, the local economy, and our community. We hope that our ratepayers, businesses, and policymakers will continue to partner with us to ensure a sustainable and resilient future for our community.

More information on the Water and Wastewater Study is available online at www.VenturaWaterRates.net.

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Lily Duarte, Director of Wellness for Cypress receives a dose of the vaccine from Vi Nguyn, Pharmacy Manager. Inset photo Gina Salman and Chai Nguien, Manager and Pharmacist at Von's.

Cypress Place Senior Living partners with Vons Pharmacy to administer COVID vaccines

by Richard Lieberman

Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura has partnered with Vons Pharmacy to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to residents and staff at the senior living center. The vaccine clinic took place at the center on January 26, 2021. In compliance with state regulation the center was able to offer its residents, who must be seventy-five or older in compliance with state regulations for “first tier” group. As part of the U.S Government’s Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term care communities will have access to the vaccine over the next several weeks in the first phase of distribution.

Director of Wellness at the center Lily Duarte, after receiving the vaccine said, “It felt like the beginning of a new road.” Duarte a fourteen-year veteran at the center. “This has been an amazing experience, it has been a long time coming,” added Duarte. “We are happy to be on the forefront of protecting our residents and staff members and bring our community back to a sense of normalcy.” Executive Director, Gina Salman was thrilled at being able to offer to long term residents the first round of vaccinations.

“Today represents hope for my staff and residents. We had planned this for weeks and giving the vaccinations and finishing it is a representation of hope and, we have talked about a reflection of gratitude, this experience has been difficult, but it really made us think about what we are grateful for and how much we really have. The Director and staff

members and residents have voiced feelings of happiness and relief. Staff and residents have been extremely patient which I am grateful for.”

“Thank goodness we have been so incredibly fortunate and appreciative of the support we have gotten from the Vons’s pharmacy; they support our flu clinic every year and they have pulled through for us and we are eternally grateful.” Said Gina Salman.

Chai Nguien is a pharmacist for Vons and helps in coordinating vaccine events and she works closely with the department of health of Ventura County in setting up these types of events. “We currently have the Moderna vaccine, sometimes we even have extra doses” she said. “I think we are all doing our best right now and I think we are doing a good job, this is new for everybody from the county, state and federal level.” She added.

Access to the COVID-19 vaccine adds another preventive measure bolstering the center’s commitment to the safety and well being of residents and employees. Cypress remains open offering its services to seniors who may need their services.

The senior community also continues to provide informative seminars to the public at large, all done virtually due to Covid-19. The next seminar, titled “Moving Made Easy – Dealing With Downsizing” will be held on February 18, 2021 at 1:00pm.

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NCOA supports President Biden's vaccine goal to administer 100 million doses in the first 100 days.

NCOA calls for equitable vaccine distribution and expanded job training

The National Council on Aging (NCOA), a trusted national leader working to ensure that every person can age well, urges the New Administration and Congress to move quickly to protect older Americans from a resurgent COVID-19 pandemic by building upon the relief bill passed in December, 2020.

“Older Americans—especially women and people of color—have been the hardest hit during this pandemic, and they desperately need health and financial support,” said NCOA President and CEO Ramsey Alwin. “COVID-19 has laid bare our nation’s long-standing inequities based on age, race, gender, and income. It has created an even greater urgency to enact solutions now that enable every American to age with health, security, and dignity.”

NCOA is encouraged by the emerging details of the new Administration’s COVID-19 response plan, as well as the bipartisan action late last year that included funding for COVID-19 vaccine distribution to high-risk and underserved populations, greater food benefits, and extended rental assistance. But much more relief is needed. NCOA is urging action on four fronts.

NCOA supports President Biden’s COVID-19 vaccine goal to administer 100 million doses in the first 100 days of his Administration. The proposed \$415 billion is essential to speed vaccination, testing, contact tracing, and purchasing of supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) so desperately needed across the country. The nation needs a coordinated national vaccination plan that is fully funded and implemented with flexibility for municipalities to address local needs. The plan must ensure equitable access to those dis-

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proportionately impacted by the coronavirus, using culturally competent messaging for older adults in communities of color and hard-to-reach areas in partnership with community-based organizations that serve older adults.

NCOA supports wider access for older adults to job training and placement programs to enable them to reenter the workforce quickly as the economy reopens. NCOA seeks expanded funding for programs like the Senior Community Service Employment Program and continued unemployment insurance for workers of all ages. Unemployment rates for workers aged 55+ have remained higher than those of mid-career workers throughout the entire pandemic, according to The New School Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis.

NCOA calls for policymakers to protect and strengthen programs that enable older adults to remain independent. This includes increased federal funding to states for Medicaid and home care services and enhancements to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Even before the pandemic, over 25 million Americans aged 60+ were economically insecure, living at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.

NCOA seeks more federal funding for local organizations, such as senior centers and area agencies on aging, that are on the frontlines of the pandemic, ensuring older adults do not go hungry and have the supports they need. This includes health promotion and disease prevention services that can reduce the risk of hospitalization and nursing home placement. While demand for these services has increased, Older Americans Act programs received

only modest funding increases this fiscal year, and much more is needed.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is a trusted national leader working to ensure that every person can age well. Since 1950, their mission has not changed: Improve the lives of millions of older adults, especially those who are struggling. Learn more at ncoa.org and @NCOAging.



Good morning, I can't remember if I paid my credit card could you tell me?"

Dementia may cause problems with money management years before diagnosis

People with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias may start having trouble managing their finances several years before their diagnosis, according to new research supported by NIA. Published

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online in JAMA Internal Medicine, the study is the first large-scale analysis of people's ability to manage their money before and after a dementia diagnosis.

Common symptoms of dementia, including memory and cognitive limitations, can lead people with dementia to have trouble handling money and paying bills, so repeated financial mistakes can be an early sign of the disease. The new study, led by scientists at Johns Hopkins University, linked Medicare claims data to credit card payments and credit reports to examine dementia-related money problems. The researchers analyzed information from 1999 to 2018 on more than 81,000 Medicare beneficiaries, about a third of whom were diagnosed with dementia within this period. All study participants were at least 65 years old and lived alone. The researchers studied the number of missed credit card payments and credit scores for seven years before and four years after a dementia diagnosis and compared this information against data from people without dementia.

The study found that people who had dementia had more missed credit card payments as early as six years before their diagnosis and were more likely to have lower-than-average credit scores two-and-a-half years before their diagnosis. After diagnosis, people with dementia had even more missed payments and lower credit scores than people without dementia, and this trend continued for at least three-and-a-half years after diagnosis. Results also showed that among people with dementia, those who had lower levels of education had increases in missed payments seven years before diagnosis, while people who had higher education levels had increases in missed payments only two-and-a-half years

before diagnosis. This difference confirms previous findings suggesting that people with higher education levels can have less severe dementia symptoms.

The researchers point out some limitations of the study: By using only Medicare claims data, the study might have missed some cases of dementia, and additional information from utility bills, rent payments, or medical collections might have helped to provide a clearer picture of money problems. Also, the findings might not apply to married couples or older adults in assisted living facilities, because those people might have help handling their finances.

The study's results help show that the period during which an older adult might be at risk of financial mismanagement and scams may be longer than currently understood and point to the need for early diagnostic tools and policies to help protect older adults. The researchers also noted that improved support services and financial guidance could help people with dementia and their caregivers get the resources they need to maintain their financial security and independence.

This research was supported in part by NIA grant R21AG053698.

These activities relate to NIA's AD+ADRD Research Implementation Milestone 9.M, "Develop diagnostics/biomarkers in asymptomatic individuals," and 9.N, "Determining the value of screening for clinically relevant cognitive impairment in the absence of a cognitive complaint."

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■ The first dogs have arrived from Delaware and are settled in their new home.

“Champ is enjoying his new dog bed by fireplace and Major loved running around the South

Lawn,” the White House said in a press release. Champ lived at the vice president’s residence during the Biden’s time there, and Major was adopted by the family in 2018 from a Delaware pet rescue.

■ To some extent, dog genetic patterns mirror human ones, because people took their animal companions with them when they moved. But there were also important differences.

For example, early European dogs were initially diverse, appearing to originate from two very distinct populations, one related to Near Eastern dogs and another to Siberian dogs.

But at some point, perhaps after the onset of the Bronze Age, a single dog lineage spread widely and replaced all other dog populations on the continent. This pattern has no counterpart in the genetic patterns of people from Europe.

Anders Bergström, lead author and post-doctoral researcher at the Crick, said: “If we look back more than four or five thousand years ago, we can see that Europe was a very diverse place when it came to dogs. Although the European dogs we see today come in such an extraordinary array of shapes and forms, genetically they derive from only a very narrow subset of the diversity that used to exist.”

An international team analyzed the whole genomes (the full complement of DNA in the nuclei of biological cells) of 27 ancient dog remains associated with a variety of archaeological cultures. They compared these to each other and to modern dogs.

The results reveal that breeds like the Rhodesian Ridgeback in southern Africa and the Chihuahua and Xoloitzcuintli in Mexico retain genetic traces of ancient indigenous dogs from the region.

The ancestry of dogs in East Asia is complex. Chinese breeds seem to derive some of their ancestry from animals like the Australian dingo and New Guinea singing dog, with the rest coming from Europe and dogs from the Russian steppe.

Greger Larson, a co-author from the University of Oxford, said: “Dogs are our oldest and closest animal partner. Using DNA from ancient dogs is showing us just how far back our shared history goes and will ultimately help us understand when and where this deep relationship began.”

Dogs are thought to have evolved from wolves that ventured into human camps, perhaps sniffing around for food. As they were tamed, they could then have served humans as hunting companions or guards.

The results suggest all dogs derive from a single extinct wolf population - or perhaps a few very closely related ones. If there were multiple domestication events around the world, these other lineages did not contribute much DNA to later dogs.

Dr Skoglund said it was unclear when or where the initial domestication occurred. “Dog history has been so dynamic that you can’t really count on it still being there to readily read in their DNA. We really don’t know - that’s the fascinating thing about it.”

Many animals, such as cats, probably became our pets when humans settled down to farm a little over 6,000 years ago. Cats were probably useful for controlling pests such as mice, that were attracted by the waste generated by dense settlements. This places their domestication in cradles of agriculture

such as the Near East.

“For dogs, it could almost have been anywhere: cold Siberia, the warm Near East, South-East Asia. All of these are possibilities in my mind,” Pontus Skoglund explained.

■ According to MedVet, cancer affects one in four dogs and one in five cats, and is the No. 1 disease-related cause of death for dogs and cats in the U.S.

Dr. Bobbi Musgrove, of Premier Pet Clinic in Tahlequah, said it’s a lot harder to detect symptoms of cancer in animals than in people.

“Unfortunately, a lot of the things people have as symptoms when they are coming down with cancer are easier to detect because people know those aren’t normal,” Musgrove said. “In dogs and cats, they tend to hide those kinds of symptoms, even though they’re very well domesticated. They are still technically prey and they’re not necessarily going to show us when they have symptoms of pain.”

Big changes dogs or cats may make if they are feeling ill include loss of appetite, decreased physical activity, or major behavior changes. Surprisingly, cats may come off as friendlier, and that could indicate an illness.

“A lot of people think that a dog or a cat might vocalize when they’re in pain, but in fact, that’s not generally the case unless it’s an injury-type of pain,” Musgrove said. “They’re not going to cry if they have pain associated with a tumor somewhere.”

Among the types of cancers dogs and cats are most at risk for are skin cancer, lymphosarcoma, spleen, liver, and bone and joint.

“There’s not just one [cancer] that’s the most common, but we do tend to see dogs and cats getting lymphosarcoma, and it can pop up in numerous systems throughout the body,” Musgrove said.

The process for detecting cancer in an animal begins with a physical exam.

“There aren’t as straightforward of tests for dogs and cats as there are for people. We don’t have what’s called a ‘PET’ scan and we don’t have genetic blood work or markers that are specific for certain tumors,” Musgrove said. “It’s all going to depend on if I feel a mass in the abdomen. We take an X-ray and then maybe do an ultrasound, and then we would potentially get a diagnosis based on getting a sample like a biopsy.”

More often than not, surgery will be initially recommended by a veterinarian, with radiation or chemotherapy following.

“For skin cancers, there’s probably a decent percentage in the realm of 60 to 90 percent,” Musgrove said. “For tumors that arise in other places – a lot of them, by the time we diagnose them, have already metastasized or spread. The chance of cure with surgery drops down to probably somewhere in the realm of 30 percent.”

Musgrove said a good step in detecting cancers in its early stages would be to have pets get physical exams annually.

“We recommend an annual physical exam for any pet that’s less than 6 years of age. Generally speaking, we’re not going to see cancers arise at a young age, just like in people,” Musgrove said. “Anything over 6, we do recommend semi-annual exams because then we can be better at staying on top of it.”

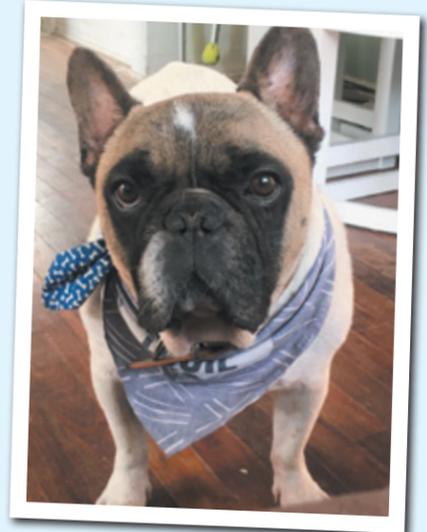
Another recommendation Musgrove has for pet owners to get their furry loved ones insured before it’s too late.

“Just like in people, you cannot wait until your vet says they believe your dog or cat has cancer to get insurance. You have to have it in advance; otherwise, it’s a pre-existing condition and it won’t be covered,” Musgrove said.

National Pet Cancer Awareness Month started in 2005, and was created by Nationwide and the Animal Cancer Foundation with a goal of raising money and increasing awareness to fight the leading killer of pets.

Scamp Club

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KPPQ-LP local producers include Nadine Piche, Kathleen Good, Craig Rosen and El Camino High School students. The DJs feature interviews and stories with local organizations on topics that include the Ventura County Library system, STEM programs at local schools, local artists, the Bike Hub, Surftrider and youth poets. Music disc jockeys Pam Baumgardner, Mark Levitt, Kevin Wallace, Doc Ventura and Shaun Kinsey produce engaging music shows featuring a broad range of musical genres.

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Erik's departure creates an open position on the city council for District 4, (which is roughly east of Victoria and north of the 126 freeway).

The council is in the process of reviewing applications for candidates to represent District 4 and is on schedule to appoint a new council member by February 25th. Everyone at CAPS look forward to working with the new representative along with her or his colleagues on council: Mayor Sofia Rubalcava (District 1),

Deputy Mayor Joe Schroeder (District 7), Lorrie Brown (District 6), Jim Friedman (District 5), Doug Halter (District 2), and Mike Johnson (District 3).

Due to the COVID-19 emergency the CAPS Media Center is closed to Members and the public until further notice. CAPS Member/Producers can submit programming via the online portal at capsmedia.org for broadcast and streaming on CAPS public access television Channel 6 and on CAPS Radio KPPQ 104.1FM.

All of us at CAPS Media hope everyone is Staying Safe and Healthy during these challenging times.

2021 is a new beginning

Continued from page 5 of support for their scholarship fund. To see which panels are still available, visit their website at ojaistudioartists.org.

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With the Stay-at-Home order lifted, venues are doing their best to get stabilized yet again. I've seen one or two postings on social media about solo artists playing during dinner one or two nights a week (Peirano's and the Cave), so it's a start. Meanwhile, I've reached out to another musician to talk about his latest project.

I met Darren "Zorba" Cruz back in the 90's when we added the Ska Daddyz to our regular rotation at 96.7 the Bus, Ventura's own alternative rock station. He's been in many projects between then and now including Irie Ites and Strand Quentin. I caught up with Darren for a quick Q&A on his most recent enterprise to get the story behind Free Love Project 805.

Pam: How did this project come about?

Darren: The Free Love Project 805 started as my idea in March 2020. It was just supposed to be a couple of songs I wrote and recorded with some friends from other bands because we always talked about doing a collaboration. I had songs I wrote in Puerto Escondido Oaxaca Mexico, sitting around, not my band's genres. I was listening to Santana's Supernatural Album. He is my idol, I started hearing all the different styles and artists, I thought to myself this is genius, I can do that here

in the 805. I put out a post on Facebook stating I need a female vocalist for an unplugged duet I wrote called "Insanity" out now on all platforms, the response was overwhelming. I had bands and solo artists lining up like Stalag 13, I Decline, Ill Repute, Raging Arb, Night Demon, The Question, Rising Son members, my reggae band, Collaboration, All A Blur, Bobby Campbell, Brandon Cruz, Dalton Cruz, and more. I also did a song with Peter DiStefano (Porno for Pyros guitarist) called "Closer" a 60's vibe rock 'n' roller.

Pam: So then you are the brainchild behind all this, well done!

Darren: Yes, to be clear I got sober over a year and a half ago, had I not had some time under my belt none of this would be going down.

Pam: Why the name Free Love Project 805?

Darren: This is a totally DIY project with no funding, no rules, when we



The Free Love Project 805 started in March, 2020.

want. how we want, we don't need the money to express our emotions and talent. Record companies get money off of us artists for a talent that was given to us for "FREE." Money has not even been a topic amongst the parties involved, this is not a get-rich scheme.

Pam: Tell me about the songwriting and recording process.

Darren: I do all the music songwriting, some are complete songs, I even sing lead on a couple of them. On a few of the songs the vocalist would write the lyrics. See a big part of why this project is doing well, is because I asked some of these bands and artists to step out of their normalcy. As an analogy, I went to the supermarket and bought all the

groceries for the shindig, I took the ingredients to the chefs whom I'm working with and said, "You think we can make a great meal with this stuff, that we would be proud to serve? Then we started cooking it up in some of our fancy restaurant studios such as Armand's C a p t a i n s

Quarters Recording Studio, Somis Sound Studios. Chingaso Records, MegaSound Studios. We have cooked up 10 killer dishes so far, 5 are almost done.

Pam: How has the response been on social media?

Darren: The response has been excellent, I've been on KTYD, Channel 3 news, and there's been a write up in the VC Reporter. Other local media

offers are in the making. I'm releasing two songs at a time starting in March.

Pam: Post pandemic, what's the plan?

Darren: Post Pandemic plans? Good question, unfortunately I don't have an answer for that; nobody knows, however there is one thing I know, and that is I smell a unity of musicians fed up with the industry standards of red-tape communism. We are treated like other country's Olympic athletes, in other words, treating our own athletes in the amateur ranks. Pay to play? F!@# that! BANDS SHOULD NOT PLAY for FREE ever AGAIN!! The internet evened the playing field, Coronavirus gave ME the chance to see all this can be achieved by us artists. DistroKid killed the record executive star, LOL. [DistroKid is a digital platform founded in 2013 for musicians to upload their music into online stores and streaming services]

Don't forget to tune into the Pam Baumgardner Music Hour on KPPQ-LP out of CAPS Media at 104.1 FM here in Ventura where you can hear the first single, "Insanity," from Free Love Project 805. My show airs Tuesdays at 5 pm with repeats on Fridays at 5 pm and Sundays at noon. You can also listen via the MyTuner app on your smart device or online at CapsMedia.org/radio. Every show I feature artists out of the 805 and artists who come to the 805 to play as well as a handful of indie artists I've come across.

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows (online or live) 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.



Adoption Counselor Josephine Maxson with some wonderful dogs to adopt.

Humane Society of Ventura County during the Pandemic

by Carol Leish

Greg Cooper, Director of Community Outreach, of the Humane Society of Ventura County, said: "I think that the most important thing that I would like to educate the community about is our shelter is Ojai is 'OPEN' for most of our services. However, we are closed for casual visits."

"Our adoption rate for cats and dogs is about the same now compared to before the pandemic," according to Cooper. "We had initially closed last March (2020), to all adoptions and intakes due to the Stay-at-Home orders, but readily initiated an appointment only system for most of our services."

"We do want the community to have access to our services," according to Cooper. "But we want the community to understand that we have changed the

way we operate because of the pandemic. Most of our services are still available, but by appointment only. The second thing that I would like our community to know about is that we've had a significant downturn in donations since the beginning of the pandemic. I am sure that the reasons vary greatly, but from our point of view, we still need to offer our services. However, with fewer resources and decreased donations, things have become very challenging."

"Not having the public on the property (during the pandemic), has certainly been strange for the animals and staff who have become accustomed to having that interaction. Raising awareness for the compassionate care of all animals is a key component of our mission," according to Cooper. "And, without that person-to-person interaction, our opportunity to educate diminishes. We are also closed to volunteers who have traditionally helped with socializing the animals. Our kennels staff have picked up that slack so that every dog, cat, and horse on our property still receives a tremendous amount of interaction."

Cooper said, "We adopt out dogs, cats, horses, and occasionally other domesticated animals like birds and hamsters. Before the pandemic people could come to the Shelter and browse. We have initiated an appointment-only system for adoptions. Now, we ask that people look at the photos and bios of the available animals on our website, www.hsvc.org, then request an appointment to visit. From there, the adoption process is pretty much the same. Thus, if it's good fit, they need to fill out an application

and then get screened further (such as a yard check for dogs), before proceeding with the adoption."

"The number one way to support our efforts," according to Cooper, "is through financial donations through our website, or by credit card over the phone, or by mailing in a check. As a nonprofit, we rely solely on the support/generosity of our community. We are often confused with national organizations, such as the HSUS (Humane Society of the U.S.), or the ASPCA (American Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). We are our own nonprofit and receive no funding from either the national or local government. We also need in-kind donations, such as: towels and blankets; unopened bags of dog and cat food; and, toys for cats and dogs. A complete list of items, which is on our Amazon wish list, is updated daily. It's at: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericitem-sPage/2LHNG8JV4F1VO?type=wishlist&encoding=UTF8>.

Remember that the Humane Society of Ventura County continues to be open now. Cooper said, "We ask for patience and understanding from the public during the pandemic. We want to ensure people that the animals are very well cared for and we can still provide most of our services. Please call: (805) 646-6505, and look to our website: www.hsvc.org for the most up-to-date information if you're interested in adopting an animal." Yes, animals are/can become an important part of our families.

Editor: First of 3 articles about pet adoption agencies in Ventura County. Next issue will be about CARL.

How should a new council member be selected for District 4?

With Ventura councilman Erik Nasarenko being appointed as Ventura County's District Attorney is became necessary for the city council to decide how to select a new council member.

During its City Council meeting on February 1, 2021, the Ventura City Council approved an appointment process to fill the District 4 vacancy. The Council voted to accept applications to fill the vacancy by appointment under Section 705(c) of the Charter.

Breeze reader Lynn Arneill-Brown stated "The city council voted to appoint a council member as opposed to allowing District 4 citizens to vote. It's an important issue because District 4 specifically said they wanted the vote. The entire citizenry of District 4 are incredibly disenfranchised by what has happened."

City Manager Alex McIntyre explained "The Charter outlines how to fill a vacant council seat. Council has the authority to fill it by appointment if it decides to do so. Also, the estimated cost of the election is at \$89,000 plus addi-

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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

Police reports are provided to us by the Ventura Police Department and are not the opinions of the Ventura Breeze. All suspects mentioned are assumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Arrest for Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury

On January 29, at approximately 10:15 pm, a Ventura Police Officer was working patrol in the area when he witnessed 27 year old Ventura resident James Cobb striking the victim, who fell to the ground. Cobb began to stomp on the victim's head very forcefully as the officer approached to intervene. The victim was unresponsive and had a head injury. Cobb ran away but officers quickly located him nearby. Cobb was arrested for Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury and Assault likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury. The victim was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center for treatment and is in stable condition.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Cobb has prior convictions for Robbery, Assault, Trespassing, Petty Theft, Resisting, Obstructing, or Delaying a Peace Officer, Public Intoxication, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Alcohol as a Minor.

Stolen vehicle recovery with arrest

On February 5, at approximately 1:00 am, a patrol officer observed a vehicle that had been reported stolen in the City of Oxnard. The vehicle was at a gas station and was occupied by one adult male. The officer made a safe approach with cover officers and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle as the driver

was about to leave. The suspect, 48 year old Oxnard resident Spencer Brown, was detained and arrested without incident. He was charged with unlawful driving of a vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows Brown has prior convictions for narcotic sales, transportation for sale of narcotics, and possession of a stolen vehicle.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the crime should contact the Ventura Police Department at (805) 339-4416.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

Just a few of the things the Harbor Patrol tends to.

1/19 9:30am, received report of a large powerboat that lost moorings and is colliding with the Fish&Wildlife vessel secured nearby. Officers responded by land and sea to resecure the cabin cruiser. The response was successful, damage minimal.

2:51pm, received a "Mayday" call on VHF 16, report of a 50ft catamaran breaking from its endtie moorings. Officers responded by vessels and vehicle to VIM I-dock to assist employees re-securing the SV.

1/20 10:30pm, while on patrol contacted by village security and assisted with removing 5 transients drinking, playing music & charging cellphones at VHV.

1/21 6:33pm, while on patrol in the

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Fireboat, officers observed several fishing violations near the Harbor Entrance. Fishermen were warned of the violations and moved their hoop nets to legal fishing areas outside the breakwall/sandtrap.

1/22 4:54pm, received report of a semi-truck that drove against traffic from beachmont to Anchorsway dr. Officers responded and were able to contact the driver and warn about wrong way traffic. The driver advised he would update his companies GPS so that the mistake does not occur in the future

1/23 10:03pm, received report of transients in the restrooms of the VHV boatyard. Officers responded and found homeless as reported. 3 persons were removed from the private restrooms and warned about trespassing.

1/24 12:07pm, received report of a pollical protester screaming racial slurs and throwing a political figures' picture at an individual parked too close to the disturbing party.

1/29 7:03am, while on patrol in the vehicle, officers observed the Santa Clara River berm is nearing breaching. Further observation showed the water is starting to flow towards McGrath along with heavy erosion from recent swell events.

1/30 7:12pm, received a report of an injured sealion near VIM L-dock. Officers responded and observed the mammal,

no injuries or sickness apparent. But, officers were contacted by a bicyclist who had an injured seabird. Rescue volunteers were contacted and picked up the injured bird for treatment.

1/31 12:47pm, received a report of an injured seabird, a cormorant, at the launch ramp. Officers responded and found the bird was captured by a bystander. Possession of the bird was taken into a cage, awaiting rescue volunteer.

12:55pm, while on patrol in Rescue B17, officers observed a vessel engaged in hoopnetting in an extremely shallow area in the sandtrap. The vessel was moved to safer water, outside of the breakwall. Shoaling occurred because of the month-long Northwest swell event that deposited 200 cubic yards of sand there.

2/1 11:51am, observed a 25ft motor vessel inbound and listing heavily to port. Officers responded and escorted the vessel to the launch ramp and dewatered the vessel so they could haul it out on a trailer. The vessel was recently repaired.

3:45pm, received a walk-in report of a lost person, 89 y/o female who wandered off. Officers located the missing person at nearby business unharmed.

7:07pm, observed a sailboat secure to the VPD longdock. The weary sailor was in search of berthing due to a long voyage from Santa Barbara harbor.

This 'n' That

THE BOOKMARK

About Libraries and Friends

by Jill Forman

Upcoming Event - Zoom program on Law and Race, in association the Glendale Public Library - Feb 4 at 6:30-8:00. Information at vencolibrary.org, under Events tab

Reading Challenge - "WinterRead." Log books read and activities, write reviews, earn badges...who knows, maybe there will be prizes! Sign up at Vencolibrary/beanstack.org.

Change in Hours - Walk-up hours have been cut back at some libraries. Selected library workers are currently functioning as Disaster Workers for the County, reassigned to the Fairgrounds for help with the vaccine administration program. The hours at all branches have been updated on the VCLSA website.

Online Bookstore News - ONLINE BOOKSTORE for Valentine's Day!

VFOL Online Bookstore has just added a large donation of puzzles and novels to our offerings. If you are searching for a romantic read for Valentine's Day or to give as a gift, we have you covered. Check out our great gift ideas for unique finds.

Friends of the Library say a huge thank you to Kathy Thomsen. Kathy joined the Friends in 2009, in response to the threatened closure of Wright Library (branch on the campus of Ventura College, closed in December 2009.) Kathy says that, even though Wright was not saved, "It was one of the best experi-

ences of my life...the biggest outpouring of community support I've ever seen. Citizens who loved libraries and whose voices hadn't been heard." After Wright closed, Ventura had only one larger library, Foster (downtown) and a smaller branch on the Avenue.

Kathy was inspired by her participation and became President of the Friends in 2010. We used to tease her that she was "President for Life," but she stepped down in 2018 and took on the very difficult job of Treasurer. She is moving to Tucson, but has continued to serve in that position, attending meetings via Zoom and sending out financial reports to the Board using email.

Kathy says, "The best thing for the city is to have as many libraries, and types of libraries, as possible. This can be accomplished with community partnerships between public and private entities; that is the way of the future to make citizens' lives better in so many ways."

Mary Olsen, current Friends President, says "Kathy Thomson has been a passionate advocate for libraries. She never misses an opportunity to remind everyone she encounters about the great value of libraries. During her term as president, she tirelessly promoted the restoration of library service to the east side of Ventura after the closure of Wright. Under her leadership, Ventura Friends of the Library played a significant role in bringing the Hill Road Library to our community.

She also presided over bringing the Friends into the digital age, recognizing our need to expand our communications to include a website, Facebook page and e-newsletter. She has been willing to take

on any task, from organizing book sales to serving as President and Treasurer, which is required to sustain a vibrant Friends of the Library organization and access to libraries for residents of our city."

Month of awareness serves as a reminder to make heart health a priority

St. John's Regional Medical Center (SJRMC) and St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital (SJPVH), members of Dignity Health Central Coast, recognize American Heart Month and the importance of cardiac health, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States, and the medical experts at St. John's urge community members to take action toward better heart health.

Adopting healthy habits such as exercising regularly, maintaining routine cardiac screenings, eating heart-healthy foods, and alleviating stress can have a positive impact on overall health and help prevent heart disease.

"The pandemic has been incredibly stressful for many and has deterred some individuals from keeping up with routine health screenings, including cardiac care," says Robert Streeter, MD, Chief Medical Officer of St. John's Regional Medical Center. "We encourage our community to make their health a priority by keeping up with their routine

care and seeking medical attention at the onset of any symptoms."

For cardiac emergencies such as stroke and heart attack, the emergency departments at SJRMC and SJPVH are safe and ready to care for the community. A delay in care can make all the difference in health outcomes.

The comprehensive cardiac program at St. John's features: emergency heart care, various treatments for heart disease, including non-invasive cardiology services, surgical heart, and vascular interventions, electrophysiology treatments, beating heart surgery, minimally invasive valve repair/replacement, and a dedicated outpatient cardiac rehabilitation program.

To learn more about cardiac services at St. John's Hospitals, please call St. John's Cardiovascular Coordinator, Lorraine Herrick, RN, at 805.216.0502.

St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital in Camarillo and St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard are members of Dignity Health Central Coast, an integrated network of top quality hospitals, with physicians from the most prestigious medical schools, and comprehensive outpatient services - all recognized for quality, safety and service. Both hospitals are supported by an active philanthropic Foundation to help meet the growing health care needs of our communities. Hospitals in the Dignity Health Central Coast region also include Arroyo Grande Community Hospital in Arroyo Grande, French Hospital Medical Center in San Luis Obispo, Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria. Learn more at DignityHealth.org/PleasantValley and DignityHealth.org/StJohnsRegional.



This 'n' That

(Horoscope, crossword and sudoku can be found at www.venturabreeze.com)

This decision is disturbing on several levels

by Venturans for Efficient & Responsible Government (VERG)

No one makes a lifetime commitment based on a single moment in time. Yet, the Ventura City Council made just such a commitment. In November 2020, they awarded step and merit raises to city employees based on revised sales tax figures. This decision is disturbing on several levels:

The city staff led the Council to believe financial conditions were improving based on very short-term statistics.

The people benefiting from the salary increases were the ones making the recommendation.

Our elected officials failed to question the rosy picture the staff presented during the pandemic economic shutdown.

How Did We Get Here?

In the city's fiscal year 2020-2021, the Ventura City Council faced a \$12.0 million budget deficit due to California's coronavirus shutdown. Among the solutions city staff recommended was the option to 'defer' \$1 million in employee step and merit salary increases until financial conditions improved.

As a provision of the FY2020-21 budget, former-Mayor Matt LaVere, the City Council and all the bargaining units agreed to freeze employee step and merit increases as a down payment on the massive reductions necessary in the year ahead.

What Was The New Projection That Justified The Step And Merit Increases?

To everyone's surprise, the September sales tax report was higher than anticipated. The city staff projected that General Fund would be \$1.657 million higher than forecasted. The City Council seized this as the 'green light' to reinstate the employee step and merit raises.

At the November 9, 2020 meeting, the Council rescinded the suspended step and merit salary increases for city employees. The suspension lasted from March to November 2020.

Was The Decision To Grant Step And Merit Increases Logical?

The Council made its November decision based on data presented on September 23, 2020, a month and a half earlier. The Council received no updated data on which to decide. If they had, the decision might have been different.

What's Happening With The General Fund?

The \$1.657 million General Fund surplus presented in September 2020 was misleading. Yes, sales tax revenue was higher, but that didn't account for the excess. Two unique, one-time events inflated the figures.

The General Fund received \$2.0 million from the CARES Act funding. The city also received a donation from the Marion Schwab Trust.

Without these two rare revenue infusions, the city would have had \$2.4 million less revenue than the city staff led the Council to believe when deciding to award the raises.

What's more, the city staff failed to mention the City Council's risks to the General Fund. Player's Casino Card Room sales taxes, parking violations, and Parks & Recreation programming were below budget. Mr. Coon's November

2020 report shows revenue fell more than \$5.2 million below budget in those three areas.

The Result Of Their Actions

In June, Councilmember Jim Friedman warned of an "absolute financial disaster" in the coming years if the city doesn't continue to cut spending. Yet, the City Council awarded over \$719,000 in pay increases to city employees.

What Can We Do?

Every budget cycle, our City Council makes long-term decisions based on the short-term data they receive from city staff.

Staff isn't always right. No one has examined the budgeting process recently. Periodically, it would be a good idea to have independent, outside consultants provide an unbiased analysis of Ventura's budgeting.

Editors Comments

We believe the City Council made the November decision to award the step and merit increases on flawed forecasts from staff. The Council decided based on a September bump in the sales tax revenue for the first four months of the fiscal year 2020-21. And the data didn't include the all-important Christmas season sales tax revenue.

At a higher level, citizens should be concerned about this process. The same people who prepare the reports used to decide salary increases are the same people who get the raises.

Our concern isn't with the exact budget numbers. We question using numbers provided by the very people who enjoy the increases.

And we're disappointed by the elected officials that failed to question staff's rosy projections in the middle of a pandemic.

We hope that the new Council will be more rigorous in asking questions when preparing next year's budget.

TeensForAll team welcomes any and all teens to apply

TeensForAll is a completely teen-run organization which was founded by Xavier Ramirez a 10th Grader at Buena High School in September of 2020. Xavier said he started TeensForAll because he wanted to create an inclusive environment where teens no matter race, religion, sexuality, gender, or beliefs has a place to represent themselves, find new friends, make change, and gain valuable experience that can help them later down in the road in any career they choose.

TeensForAll discusses social justice, female empowerment, mental health awareness, and climate awareness. The TeensForAll team chose these issues in specific because they feel like these issues are beneficial for teenagers to gain more knowledge about. While TeensForAll is based in Ventura California, members come from all over the U.S. & Canada.

TeensForAll is run by a Cabinet and has seven committees. The seven committees are: Operations, Communications, Partnerships, Outreach, Design, Finance, and Journalism. Each of TeensForAll's committees have one designated

Committee Head and they work symbiotically with each other.

Operations handles all of the internal affairs and resource distribution. Communications handles all of TeensForAll's social media and releases press releases. Partnerships Committee finds organizations, collaborations, and opportunities that allow TeensForAll to grow. Outreach plans and coordinates all of TeensForAll's events and makes sure all of the events are planned out thoroughly and have all needed resources. The Design Committee creates all of the images utilized by TeensForAll. The Finance Committee develops a budget and fundraisers for TeensForAll. Finally, Journalism is all of TeensForAll's writers and makes up the bulk of TeensForAll's members.

All of these Committees work together through TeensForAll's government style. For example, if the Outreach Committee needs to plan an event they would contact the Operations Committee to see if the project is approved. If approved, the project would then move to Finance for a budget proposal, then to Design to create promotional images, and then it would be sent to Communications to promote. This is just one example of how the TeensForAll structure of government works. The TeensForAll Cabinet which is made up of all the Committee Heads vote on any initiatives for TeensForAll to implement or create. TeensForAll currently has four blogs which are: TeensForChange, TeensForNature, TeensForWomen, and TeensForHope.

All of TeensForAll's blogs go through an editor and are approved by a democratically elected Speaker and every week, 2-3 blogs are posted. TeensForAll also has many interactive aspects on their website such as a bi-monthly podcast where members discuss events occurring in the world. There is also a pen-pal finder where teenagers can fill out a form and find a new friend amidst the pandemic. Some of TeensForAll's current initiatives include: Partnering with organizations, tutoring elementary school students, organizing a beach and park clean up day, and writing to frontline healthcare workers and elders in retirement homes.

Teens can join TeensForAll to become a part of a team, gain experience working both independently and with others, building leadership skills, develop an understanding for topics discussed, and be able to be a part of something meaningful. You can find all of their applications on the "Join Us" section of their website. TeensForAll also has an interview process to simulate applying for a job. However, it is not as nerve wracking as applying for a job. After applying, teens will be contacted after they apply to sign up for an interview time. Similar to a job interview our interviewers ask a set of questions.

The TeensForAll team welcomes any and all teens to apply to join and check their website which can be found at www.teensforall.org and their social medias of Tiktok and Instagram are: [_teensforall_](https://www.instagram.com/_teensforall_).

Island Packer now running to Scorpion Anchorage

Island Packer Cruises, established in 1968 will begin to run regular trips for day visitors and campers to Scorpion Anchorage

in Channel Islands National Park.

During construction of the new pier at Scorpion Anchorage, the park boat concessioner, Island Packers, offered alternative destinations for visitors to experience the Park resources. Now that construction is complete, they will again provide service to the main artery of Channel Islands National Park.

Scorpion offers a beautiful backdrop for picnics, hiking or camping as well as a user-friendly beach area with access to one of the Marine Reserves. Snorkel with the diverse sea creatures of the kelp forest or take a kayak tour through the sea caves with Santa Barbara Adventure Company.

Island Packers will also continue to offer daily trips to Prisoners Harbor on Santa Cruz Island, regular service to Anacapa Island, weekend trips to Santa Rosa Island, and special day trips to lesser-known island destinations. There will also be multi-island day trips and inter-island camper shuttles to expose visitors to the great diversity of the Channel Islands.

Along with their regularly scheduled Winter Whale Watches, they plan to also offer extended Wildlife Cruises, most of which will include a brief cruise along the shoreline of one of the iconic islands.

Island Packers continues to operate safely under pandemic protocols, including:

Passenger loads limited to under 50% capacity to better facilitate social distancing
Island Packer employees are health screened before every shift

Eating and drinking permitted outside cabin area

Passengers in office or boats are required to wear face covering.

Office and boat crew wear appropriate PPE when in contact with the public

Office and vessels are sanitized during stops and between runs

Follow us on social media, or check our website frequently for specific details about these and additional opportunities to visit the National Park and National Marine Sanctuary.

How should a new council member

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tional costs. Total estimate is \$100,000."

The City Council's options to fill the vacancy are controlled by the following:

If a vacancy occurs on the Council, the date upon which such vacancy occurred shall be determined as soon as possible by the Mayor in accordance with the provisions of this Charter relating to vacancies. Within 30 days after such determination, or within 60 days after the vacancy occurred, whichever is first, the Council by majority vote of the remaining members, shall appoint a person to the vacant office to serve until his successor is elected at the next succeeding municipal election and qualifies. If the Council fails to fill the vacancy by appointment as provided herein, it shall forthwith order a special election to be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. However, no such special election need be ordered if the vacancy occurs less than eight months before a municipal election.

Four of the six remaining councilmembers chose to move forward with appointing someone to fill the vacancy. Two council members, Jim Friedman and Doug Halter voted against the move, saying they wanted the decision to be made by the District 4 voters.

The council had the option to leave the post vacant until a special election could be held in November. Not appointing someone to fill the seat would mean

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Showtime

A View from House Seats

Streaming Performances Continue

by Shirley Lorraine

Theaters are anxious for the days when audiences can attend a live performance. Actors and audience members alike throughout the county long for the ability to entertain and be entertained. Until there is clearance to gather, streaming performances continue at many venues. They are certainly worth checking out.

NAMBA Performing Arts Space invites audiences to catch two performances to delight and amuse.

At 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 14 and Sunday, February 28, upon pre-registration, they will 'Share the Love' in a 2 performance digital concert series of music, dance, and theater. The 'IN PERFORMANCE' streaming series kick-starts the return of Namba's thriving arts community.

Doc Ventura hosts an evening where 'the music flows smartly, the vibe is unique, and the showmanship superb'. Doc will be joined by Cathy Butter of Aloft Dance Theatre and Gary Best of Ventura Improv to bring music, dance movement and laughter into your living room.

The February 14th show features music by Olivia Willhite and Mark McKinney, choreographic work by Pamela Pilkenton, Megan and Shane Tice, and improv comedy scenes featuring Tom Mueller, Katherine Kasmir, Monique Rosario, Amy Nash and more!

Register at www.nambaarts.com to join in the fun. (805) 628-9250 or visit the website for additional information. While donations are always welcome (and help keep the theaters alive),

there is no cost for these entertainments.

Conejo Players Theatre offers streamed performances of "Nat's Last Struggle", a one-act, one-man show about Nat Turner, who led a slave rebellion in Virginia, 1831. An adaptation of "The Confessions of Nat Turner" the 1967 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by American writer William Styron, the piece relates some of the suppositions and lore of the uprising. The play stars John L. Adams as Nat Turner.

Streamed performances are Friday, Saturday February 19 and 20 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, February 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets available at www.conejoplayers.org

Get involved from the comfort of your own home!

Ojai Arts Center Theater is offering an opportunity for persons 55 and older interested in learning the craft of acting to a Sage to Stage Senior Theater Acting Workshop. The workshop will take place via Zoom on six sequential Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Dates are February 17, 24, March 10, 17, 24. Registration is required no later than February 15 to participate in this free workshop.

Whether you have stage experience or not, the workshop will be interactive, informative, and fun. Led by OACT frequent director Gai Laing Jones, the workshop will be geared to the age group. For a finale, there is to be a by-invitation-only showcase on Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

Brush up your stage skills or learn some new ones! Sign up right away. You know you want to.

Streaming Spotlight by Cindy Summers

Big Sky

Hulu



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

Storyteller David E. Kelly ("Big Little Lies") continues with his compelling way in creating episode cliff-hangers with his new ABC series Big Sky where private detectives Cassie Dewell (Kylie Bunbury) and Cody Hoyt (Ryan Phillippe) join forces with his estranged wife and ex-cop, Jenny Hoyt (Katheryn Winnick) to search for two teenage girls who disappeared on a remote Montana highway and are in a race against time after they discover that numerous girls have gone missing in the area.

Sisters Danielle (Natalie Alyn Lind) and Grace (Jade Pettyjohn) Sullivan took off on a road trip from Colorado to spend some time

with Danielle's boyfriend Justin in Montana, but never arrived. Justin contacted his parents Cody and Jenny Hoyt, who were former police officers, to ask them to look into the girls whereabouts. Cody owned his own private detective firm with his partner Cassie Dewell, but their newly formed romantic relationship created tension with Jenny, even though they were formally separated due to relationship issues.

The girls had taken an alternate route due to an accident on the interstate where they were rude to a truck driver on the road, who later kidnapped them when their car stalled leaving them stranded in the middle of nowhere. The truck driver, Ronald Pergman (Brian Geraghty) had already picked up one victim, Jerrie Kennedy (Jessie James Keitel) at a local truck stop as part of a sex trafficking ring he was involved in with local Montana State Trooper Rick Legarski (John Carroll Lynch).

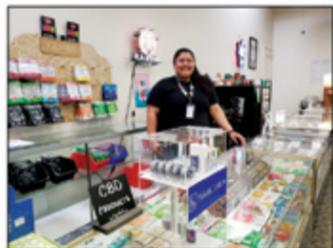
Cody contacted Legarski to inquire about the girls, and though Legarski stated he hadn't seen them, he shared that there were numerous girls that had gone missing in the area. Cody left to meet with Legarski

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and after Legarski led Cody on a wild goose chase, shot him in his vehicle and had Ronald bury both with a backhoe. Legarski expressed his displeasure with Ronald kidnapping the teens, as they were only targeting prostitutes in truck stops to capture and sell across the Canadian border.

Ronald lived at home with his overbearing mother Helen (Valerie Mahaffy) who knew he was a sexual deviant and when hearing the news report regarding the missing girls, questioned if he was involved. They had a very dysfunctional and psychologically troubling relationship. She would constantly belittle him about doing something with his life and Ronald even still slept with his mother at times.

Trooper Legarski had his own problems at home with a failing marriage, and his wife Merrilee Brooke (Smith) had just recently found a new friend to talk about her lonely nights. Unfortunately for her it was Ronald, who was creating a backup plan in case Legarski turned on him now that there was so much media about the kidnappings.

Big Sky averages 4 million viewers a week and is the first prime time series to feature a non-binary actor,

Jessie James Keitel. The end of each episode leaves viewers on the edge of their seats, hanging in moments hard to imagine the outcomes with surprising conclusions.

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How should a new council member

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District 4 would go nearly a year without a representative on the council.

"To me, the residents from District 4 have clearly spoken. They want a voice based on their vote, not ours," Friedman said.

If a special election could be held sooner than November councilmembers said they would have supported that choice. The rules, however, only allowed for special elections in March or November in 2021. Since any election must be called at least 88 days beforehand, no dates in March would be available.

On February 18, the East Ventura Community Council meeting (see events) will consist of a Candidate Forum in which those persons interested in being appointed to the newly vacant District 4 City Council position will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and answer questions.

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