

Happy Father's Day!



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Photos by Michael Gordon.

Ventura police officers carry the torch for the Special Olympics

Over 30 Ventura Police officers and staff participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run on Tuesday, June 7, from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. as the "Flame of Hope" made its way through Ventura. The run started at the steps of the Ventura City Hall.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest awareness and grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics. In Southern California, it consists of nine different legs, ranging from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. Legs are completed in conjunction with Special Olympics athletes and various members of law enforcement agencies from throughout the region.

"This is one of my favorite events of the year," said Corporal Ryan Reynosa, Special Olympics Liaison with the Ventura Police Department. "I run each year for inclusion, awareness, fundraising, and camaraderie. "It's just icing on the cake when community members come out to cheer us on."

Community members interested in supporting the cause can support financially by making a donation to "Team Ventura PD" at www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/LETR.



Ventura County Fair launches 2022 Fair Season

VC Fair Rides Again! That's the tagline for this year's Ventura County Fair, coming to your favorite seaside fairgrounds Wednesday, August 3 through Sunday, August 14.

The wheels are in motion, preparations are being made and the highly anticipated time has come to invite VC Fair Lovers to start planning for their 2022 Fair experience.

Exhibits are the heart of the Fair and the VC Fair offers the chance to show off your creativity in a variety of competitive exhibits from baking, wine making, photography, art and more! You can win the bragging rights and cash prizes by entering your masterpiece in one of our many competitive departments including Agriculture, Amateur Art, Floriculture, Gems & Minerals, Hobbies & Collections, Home Arts, Horse Shows, Large Livestock, Photography, Pro Arts, Small Livestock, Uncle Leo's Barn and Youth Expo.

In Ventura County, our competitive spirit is a big part of who we are - and in few places is it more evident than at the VC Fair. Each year, thousands of participants cater to their competitive side by entering in competitions spanning a full range of categories including culinary, fine arts, photography, livestock and more. From delicious desserts to champion cattle, the Fair hosts competitions for nearly every interest and age group. Whether it's a premium cash prize, a coveted blue ribbon, or just good old-fashioned bragging



rights at stake, we wish you the best of luck!

"If you think competition is fun... then you're in the right place," said Barbara Quaid, VC Fairgrounds CEO, adding "The VC Fair is

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Thousands come to support and enjoy Casa Pacifica Angels Wine, Food & Brew Festival.
Photos by Ana Baker.

The sold-out Festival has returned

Sunday, June 5th, Casa Pacifica hosted its 29th Annual Angels Wine, Food & Brew Festival. The sold-out Festival has established itself as Ventura County's premiere Wine & Food event recently winning Best Wine and Food Event and Best Charity Event for the tenth year in a row. The Festival raises critical funds for Casa Pacifica Centers for Children & Families which must raise 15% of its operating budget annually, about \$5 million this year.

As always, the Festival offered an unbeatable array of exhibitors offering delicious food samples, sips of fine wines, and smooth brews. This year's "Best in Fest" brew - RX Pils by Institution Ale Co. was on hand and available for attendees to sample. "Best in Fest" honorable mentions: Topa Topa Brewing Company and Enegren Brewing Company were also in attendance. The Festival main stage, emceed by DJ Bruce Barrios, featured live music throughout the day by Benise's Band of Gypsies and Wes Quave Live 61, which kept the dance floor packed.

VIP guests enjoyed a champagne reception and a bite from Mastro's Restaurant before entering the event at noon. The Sponsor VIP Lounge featured Magnavino Cellars, Plated Events by Chef Jason, The Beer Garden featured Stella Artois, and M on High who poured craft cocktails featuring Bombay Sapphire, St Germain, and Martini & Rossi. Happy Place was also

on hand to provide additional libations. The ever-popular Mission Avocado bar was also a highlight. Guests danced the afternoon away to music by Sound Effect and enjoyed photobooth fun by Conejo Photobooth.

Supervisor Matt Levere served as the emcee of the 13th Annual Yummie Culinary Competition, which showcased participating Festival exhibiting chefs' dishes. The battle for the top prize was a delicious one! Judges eventually crowned winners for the best "Savory" and the best "Sweet" chef's masterpiece based on flavor, presentation, innovation, and quality. The panel of esteemed Yummie Culinary Competition judges included: Executive Chef Eric Kopelow, Vice President CedarLane Foods, Inc.; Chef Nic Manocchio, University Auxiliary Services at CSU Channel Islands; Tami Chu, Publisher and Editor of Edible Ojai & Ventura County; Kevan Lee, Chef and Owner of CKL Events; Actress Denise Boutte, Co-Author of Southern Modified and CEO of Weeziana Girl Creole Cuisine; and Michelle Hernandez of Chefs on a Mission.

Casa Pacifica and the Angels want to extend their gratitude to their generous Hosts: The Van Huisen Family; Nevers, Palazzo, Packard, Wildermuth & Wynner, PC; Conico Oil/MacValley Oil; Mission Produce; and SDI/TransPro Logistic. And a huge thank you to everyone who attended, we appreciate your support - and because of you, we are able to help change the trajectory of children's lives!

For more information about Casa Pacifica, please visit www.casapacifica.org or check out the Festival's website for pictures and more information at www.cpwinefoodbrewfest.com.



City News



Funding will help meet the dredging needs and navigation depths of the Ventura Harbor.

Brownley presents \$5.5 million to Ventura Harbor for maintenance dredging

On Monday, June 6th, at Harbor Cove Beach in the Ventura Harbor, Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-CA) presented a check to Chris Stephens, Chair of the Ventura Port District Board of Commissioners and to Ventura Port District and Harbormaster John Higgins. The check for \$5,500,000.00 was signed by President Joe Biden on March 15th, 2022 and will be for maintenance dredging of the Ventura Harbor. This funding will help meet the dredging needs and navigation depths of the Ventura Harbor which is instrumental in keeping the harbor safe and open for industries which include the fishing industry, tourism and recreation and the supply chain for local businesses. Ventura Harbor is the leading harbor for the squid market due in large part to the infrastructure and commercial fishing fleets in Ventura Harbor as well as home to a thriving visitor economy with hotels, restaurants, retail shops with coastal access on both on and off the harbor.

Present were Congresswoman Julia Brownley (CA-26), Chris Stephens, Ventura Port District, Chair of the Board of Port Commissioners, Mike Blumenberg, Ventura Port District, Vice Chair of the Board of Port Commissioners, John Higgins, Ventura Port District, Harbormaster, Todd Mitchell, Ventura Port District, Sr. Business Opera-

tions Manager and others.

On March 9, 2022, Brownley announced the inclusion of nine community projects totaling \$27 million in the Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2471) that passed the House of Representatives by a 260-171-1 vote. The historic government funding package will help working families with the cost of living, create good-paying jobs, and make direct investments in community priorities throughout the country, such as dredging are harbors to protect downcoast federal and municipal infrastructure and operations and keep key industries that rely on the harbor in business.

Ventura Fire invites community members to fire station outreach events

Community members are invited to join Ventura Fire for a series of fire station open house events, happening June 15 - August 3, 2022.



REASONS TO CHOOSE CREMATION

Cremation continues to grow in popularity. Here are the top reasons people pick cremation over burial:

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Participants who attend will have an opportunity to engage directly with City leadership, meet local firefighters, tour fire stations, hear about current conditions, and contribute to conversations about becoming a 21st century fire department.

A community meeting will be held at each of the six Ventura fire stations on select Wednesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 15, Fire Station 3, located at 5838 Telegraph Road, 93003
- June 22, Fire Station 1, located at 717 N. Ventura Avenue, 93001
- June 29, Fire Station 2, located at 41 S. Seaward Avenue, 93003
- July 20, Fire Station 4, located at 8303 Telephone Road, 93004
- July 27, Fire Station 5, located at 4225 E. Main Street, 93003
- August 3, Fire Station 6, located at 10797 Darling Road, 93004

The fire station community workshops will be family-friendly environments, complete with light refreshments, activities for kids, and giveaways.

“Our priority is to keep our community safe and provide the highest standard of fire and medical service,” said Fire Chief David Endaya. “In the last few decades, we’ve seen service demands and call volume increase significantly. We’re looking for community input on how to prepare for future operational needs, apparatus upgrades, call volume increases, and personnel needs.”

Live Spanish interpretation will also be offered at Fire Stations 1 and 2.

To learn more about the Ventura Fire Department, visit www.City-ofVentura.ca.gov/FireOutreach.



MacDonald joins Ventura from the City of Berkeley.

Michael MacDonald hired as Ventura's new city clerk

After a highly competitive, open recruitment process, the City of Ventura has hired Michael MacDonald as the new City Clerk.

“Having grown up in Ventura, I feel lucky to return to this community in a public service role,” said City Clerk Michael MacDonald. “I look forward to this new role and serving as a partner in democracy, ensuring that the residents of Ventura have an open, honest, and transparent government.”

As the City Clerk, MacDonald is responsible for managing and supervising the activities of the City Clerk's Office including preparation of City Council agendas and minutes, overseeing recruitments and appointments for

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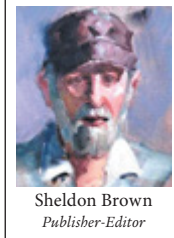
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How can I be useful, of what service can I be? There is something inside me, what can it be?
—Vincent Van Gogh

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ Ventura Unified School District trustees unanimously selected **Calvin Peterson**, a retired retail manager and father of two, to replace former trustee and board President Matt Almaraz. “It’s really exciting,” said Sabrena Rodriguez, the board’s new president. “He has a lot of interesting things to bring to the conversation.”

Peterson, 47, was sworn into the five-member board’s Area 5 seat during a special meeting. He is the first African American trustee in the history of the 56-year-old district and one of two current trustees with children in the district’s schools.

His son, Carson, is a 16-year-old Ventura High junior and his 8-year-old daughter is a second-grade student.

■ Sorry to hear that the **Ventura Bank of Books** will be closing in the near future. Always amazed me that Clarey Rudd has been able to stay in business there with the declining amount of book readers these days. The building (located at 748 E. Main) has been sold. The new owners want to charge much higher rents than Rudd can afford.

Rudd still owns another Bank of Books store in Santa Paula and the Midtown Ventura bookstore Abednego Book Shoppe. Hopefully there are still enough readers to keep these stores going. Even with these stores, there is hardly enough space to absorb what could be over 100,000 books.

■ The City of Ventura has closed three **parking levels** and a stairwell in the Harbor Boulevard parking structure in advance of repairs. The structure is located at Harbor Blvd. and California St. at the Ventura Pier.

“Public safety is at the forefront of our decision making,” said Public Works facilities manager Barbara McCormack. “Out of an abundance of caution, we will close the stairwell and parking levels 3, 4, and 5 as a proactive measure until repairs can be done to the stairwell.”

The closure comes after a structural analysis indicated corrosion of steel and concrete in the southwest stairwell closest to the pier. Access to the stairwell will be closed off starting on the second level of the parking structure.

It is about time something was done to this parking structure. Beyond just structural repairs, it needs painting and cleaning up (it’s pretty filthy). Many tourists park there. It would also be nice if the walkway to the pier (see photo) could also be cleaned up (painted and repaired). I am told it is the responsibility of Caltrans to make these improvements. I’m trying to obtain a Caltrans contact to find out whom to bug.

■ Golden State Warriors (a basketball team) head coach **Steve Kerr** made an impassioned plea to take stronger action against gun violence in the United States. He

refused to speak about basketball ahead of Game 4 of the Warriors’ series against the Dallas Mavericks, instead he spoke against gun deaths.

■ Some readers have accused the Ventura Breeze of being a **liberal newspaper**. The Breeze has no political agenda at all. In my articles, I add some thoughts that might be considered liberal, but the paper has none, it just reports newsworthy items.

I don’t like **guns**. I’m sure some liberals might not feel that way and some conservatives might not as well. I don’t think this is a big liberal item. Most politicians vote on the issue the way they think it will get them re-elected.

I don’t like Donald trump. Not because he is a conservative Republican (I didn’t dislike Ronald Reagan or **Abraham Lincoln**). I dislike Trump because he is a womanizer (which he has bragged about), immoral, vindictive and a liar. He has tried to destroy our constitution and the most important part of a democracy by trying to change (by illegal means) the honest results of a fair and free election.

The Jan. 6 select committee has heard testimony indicating that then-President Donald Trump, after rioters who swarmed the Capitol began chanting “hang Mike



Walkway over the freeway to the pier.

Pence”, expressed support for hanging his vice president. This is according to three people familiar with the matter, including the White House chief of staff at the time, Mark Meadows.

I don’t like people like this, regardless of whether they are the President of the United States or my next-door neighbor. You might be happy to hear I’m done writing about Trump unless something really important happens regarding him.

Regarding **abortion**, my thoughts are certainly liberal, but I have not found anything in the Bible that even mentions abortion. I am certainly not a Bible scholar, so if any readers can send me an excerpt from the Bible that deals with abortion, I would appreciate it. “Thou shall not kill” doesn’t really cover that for me.

Also, some who are opposed to abortion also oppose any type of birth control. Why is that? Birth control doesn’t “kill an unborn”, it just prevents pregnancy.

■ Guns In the News

New York’s legislature voted to ban anyone under age 21 from buying or possessing a semi-automatic rifle - a major change to state firearm laws.

Other new legislation will restrict civilian

purchases of bullet-resistant armor, which was worn by the killer in Buffalo, and require new guns to be equipped with microstamping technology that can help law enforcement investigators trace bullets to particular firearms.

The age limit bill passed the Senate along party lines, 43-20, and in the Assembly 102-47.

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets in hundreds of protests across the country recently to push lawmakers to take action on gun violence in the wake of recent mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York.

Protesters turned out to more than 450 rallies nationwide, with the largest gathering taking place in Washington D.C.

A bipartisan group of senators announced an agreement on principle for gun safety legislation, which includes “needed mental health resources, improves school safety and support for students, and helps ensure dangerous criminals and those who are adjudicated as mentally ill can’t purchase weapons.”

The announcement included the support of **10 Republican senators**, which would give the proposal enough support to overcome the Senate filibuster.

Three people were killed and another was wounded when someone opened fire in a manufacturing facility in western Maryland, and a state trooper was injured in a shootout. We have become so accustomed to mass killing when “only” 3 are killed we are relieved.

There is an amateur cartoon in this issue that got me to thinking. Movies have banned actors from smoking because we don’t want kids to smoke because it is un-healthy, but movies (and video games) that show thousands of people shot to death are okay.

■ NASA has announced that it will have a new study of unidentified aerial phenomena UAP (**AKA UFO’s**). They have admitted there are things flying around our skies that are unknown. This is probably what is being said in these UAP’s. “This is earth, we don’t ever want to become as uncivilized as these people, so remember what you are seeing today.”

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To publisher

Of course, you are right, but so what? The issue is how to change a culture that has much support and a long history. Not an easy task.

Logic doesn’t prevail with much of society. Also the method of constitutional change supports careful and tedious review. In other words not easy to do....

Politicians seek re-election not logic, fairness or necessarily good solutions, few of them are smart thinkers or idea people. But we choose a government of the people and for the people. That is

how we end up with Trump.....keep at it....

Robert A Lombardi

Sheldon et al:

Thank you for the schedule and your continuing support of the Ventura Senior Men’s Group. Many, if not most, of the responses we receive from interested prospects mention their notice of Ana Baker’s Ventura Events notice in the Breeze. We are in your debt!

Donald Finch, secretary



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Farm-to-Fork has returned

The Farm-to-Fork Dinner Series returned to Ventura on June 2 at Harmon Canyon.

The Totally Local VC Dinner Series has been getting to the root of great taste since 2006. It presents farm-to-fork dining events at iconic Ventura County locations with some of the area's top-line chefs, purveyors, wines and brews, preparing seasonal selections harvested from the region's most celebrated farms.

The Dinner Series is the brainchild of longtime Ventura resident and Totally Local VC founder Kat Merrick, who explains, "The goal is to draw attention not only to our local Agriculture community, but also to our outstanding local chefs and local businesses that have helped to make Ventura County such an amazing place to live. At the same time, we are bringing awareness to and deepening people's appreciation of historic Ventura County locations."

At the sold out dinner guests enjoyed food (small bites to dinner and dessert) served al fresco in a communal, family style in an elegant but unusual setting at Ventura Land Trust's Harmon Canyon Preserve. The location is a virtual treasure trove of beauty with its meandering trails, scenic views, wildlife, and majestic oak groves.

Guests had the opportunity to talk with local farmers from whose land the food derived. As with the wine and beer, the producers will offer insight and context on the consumables.

The mission of Ventura Land Trust (VLT) is to permanently protect the land, water, wildlife, and scenic beauty of the Ventura region for current and future generations. Founded in 2003, Ventura Land Trust is the largest accredited land trust in Ventura County.

Proceeds from the dinners go toward programs offered by the Totally Local VC Agricultural Education Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. These programs help students to connect the dots from field-to-fork and field-to-career. A percentage of the proceeds from the dinner event also went to the Ventura Land Trust to help with their conservation efforts.

Ventura County Fair 2022 season

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the epicenter of spirited competition. Call it a throwback to simpler times if you like. What we know for sure is this: Fairgoers flock to see the entries year after year. And that feels good for everyone involved."

All of the entry information is available on the brand-new Fair website: www.venturacountyfair.org where you will also find ways to participate including how to volunteer, contest entries for kids and more. Important Fair information such as directions, hours, admission, and schedules of events, including contests and entertainment, that are being planned for the Fair will be found on the new colorful, fun and easy-to-use website.



Guests enjoyed the great food in the beautiful Harmon Canyon.





City News



Susan Rungren

Gina Dorrington

Ventura Water General Manager announces retirement

After serving the City of Ventura for more than 23 years, Ventura Water General Manager Susan Rungren announces her retirement effective June 2022.

"Susan has guided Ventura Water's helm towards improving our water and wastewater infrastructure as well as securing our local and regional water supply through projects and programs like the State Water Interconnection Project and the VenturaWaterPure Program," said Mayor Sofia Rubalcava. "She brought a wealth of knowledge to our community and we wish her all the best in her retirement."

Rungren began her career with the City of Ventura in 1999 as a Utilities Engineer. She then served as the Water Resource Manager for seven years before being appointed to Ventura Water Assistant General Manager in May 2018. In May 2019, Rungren was promoted to Ventura Water General Manager where she oversaw the City's water and wastewater operations, while also spearheading multiple long-term water supply projects.

"It has been a pleasure and privilege to work alongside so many outstanding staff, public officials, and community members and I am deeply honored to have served the City of Ventura and

Ventura Water for more than 20 years," shared Ventura Water General Manager Susan Rungren. "I am extremely proud of Ventura Water's continued core service delivery throughout the pandemic including implementing utility billing policies to help relieve customers with no water shut-offs and ensure continuous water and wastewater service."

Upon Rungren's departure, Assistant General Manager Gina Dorrington will be appointed as the General Manager. Dorrington has been in the water and wastewater industry for over 20 years and joined the City in 2014. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Soil Science from Cal Poly Pomona as well as a myriad of certifications in water distribution, wastewater treatment, and environmental compliance.

"I am honored to be appointed and serve as the City's General Manager for Ventura Water and excited to be part of expanding our water portfolio with projects and programs like State Water Interconnection and VenturaWaterPure," said Gina Dorrington. "Our water and wastewater resources remain a critical component of our community and I am looking forward to helping secure our vital water supply."

For more information about Ventura Water, visit www.VenturaWater.net.

Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

The historic Olivas Adobe is now open to the public. Sundays 11-3 p.m. for rancho home and grounds tours, bring a picnic and enjoy the rose garden. While you are on site be sure to step into the small adobe to view the Flora & local landscapes exhibit by artists Laura J Jespersen and Lisa Mahony. The Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters gift shop is open and full of eclectic options to purchase for all ages. Interested in volunteering? Join us on Sunday July 10 at 1 p.m. for a volunteer open house. For more information about the adobe or the volunteer opportunities www.cityofventura.ca.gov/OlivasAdobe

June 16: The East Ventura Community Council virtual meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m., Gina Dorrington, Ventura Water's new General Manager, will speak

about the crucially important subject of water supply. Rob Davidson, Ventura County's Assistant Sheriff of Detention Services, will talk about the new mental health jail ward and services and facilities redesigned for mentally ill-disabled detainees. Commander Weeks of the Ventura Police Department will share the Area Crime statistics. The Zoom link is also accessible at the website, www.eastventura.org. Meeting ID: 823 8169 5027, Passcode: 287431, Join by phone: +1 669 900 6833

June 18: The Museum of Ventura County welcomes guests to a free opening reception from 3 - 5 p.m. at its Main Street campus. The Museum will debut of three new exhibitions: All That Glitters Is Not Gold, Chromatic: The Museum in Six Colors and, Always Keep Creating, the Resiliency of Carol Rosenak. Early arrivals are invited to enjoy a Bee's Knees, Prohibition-era cocktail

Local author Susan M. Webb is pleased to announce the launch of her children's picture book, "Bertie: The Best Stuttering King" recently. The book highlights the struggles of Queen Elizabeth's father, King George VI, and how he overcame a severe stutter and physical ailments to become one of the best monarchs of 20th Century Europe. The book's launch coincides with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events in 2022, marking her 70 years on the throne following the passing of her father, affectionately known as "Bertie."



Ms. Webb's picture book is for children ages 7-12 and features a rhyming tale paired with colorful illustrations created by renowned illustrator Sergio Drumond.

States author Webb, "I wanted to tell the story of King George VI, affectionally called "Bertie," in rhyme. Repeating rhymes was a therapy technique used by Bertie's own speech therapist, Lionel Logue, to help the king with his stutter. I hope this book will be a valuable tool for young stutterers."

Tidbits of royal history are packed into forty pages.

Ms. Webb sailed in Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Flotilla on the Thames in 2012, and is traveling to London in June for her Platinum Jubilee events. She traces her English roots back to John Alden and Myles Standish of Mayflower fame.

"Bertie: The Best Stuttering King" can be found at: www.TheBookPatch.com or on Amazon in soft cover and e-book format.

For more information on King George VI ("Bertie"), stuttering resources, games for children, blogs, author interviews, and newsletters, visit Ms. Webb's website at: www.susanmwebb.com.

provided by Ventura Spirits (while supplies last). The Museum's transformation leads visitors on a historical journey, from the 1920s as lived by residents of Ventura County, through 100 years of collected County artifacts. **June 21: On Tuesday, 6:00 to 7:30pm, Ventura Land Trust will host a summer solstice drum circle at Harmon Canyon Preserve as a fundraiser to benefit the Harmon Canyon Campaign.** The drum circle, facilitated by John Lacques of Ventura-based company Drumtime, will encourage guests to connect with nature and honor their relationship to the seasons. The solstice marks the astronomical start of summer in the northern hemisphere, and the longest day of the year. Funds raised from drum circle ticket purchases will benefit the campaign. Members of the public are invited to donate to the Harmon Canyon Campaign for the benefit of the preserve, its wild inhabitants, and all people who need and enjoy open spaces (www.venturalandtrust.org/harmoncanyoncampaign). Guests can purchase a ticket to the drum circle that includes a reservation for a drum provided by Drumtime for \$50; "bring your own drum" tickets are available for \$25. Tickets can be purchased at www.venturalandtrust.org/drumcircle.

June 22: The College Area Community Council will hold a meeting on Zoom on Wednesday at 7 pm. Council meetings include speakers and discussion on topics of neighborhood and community interest, including public safety and economic development. An invitation and link to the meeting will be sent

to everyone on the CACC mailing list. Visit the College Area Community Council website @ caccventura.com to learn more, added to the mailing list or to access a link to the Zoom meeting.

June 24, 25, 26: Ventura County 43rd Annual Greek Festival will be held at the Camarillo Airport Freedom Park 501 Eubanks. Friday, June 24th Opening Ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. until midnight, Saturday, 25th from 11a.m.-Midnight, and Sunday 26th from 11-7p.m. Church Services at 10 am at Festival. Admission: \$5 (Free with \$5 Drawing Ticket Purchase) Free for Kids 12 and under and Active-Duty Military VCGreekFestival.org

July 3: Open house tours of the 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum will take place on Sunday from 1- 4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood streets (197 N. Ashwood). For information, please call (805) 642-3345 or visit the website at dudleyhouse.org.

July 23: Channel Islands PC User Group (CIPCUG) event is held on Saturday, online and in person at our temporary location Ventura County Computers 2175 Goodyear Avenue, Unit 117. Due to limited space in person, attendance is reserved for members. Discussion, tutorial, and Q&A sessions is centered on computers, email, the Internet, and social media brokers such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Google, and Yahoo. Events begin at 9:30 a.m. Details for connecting to online events are emailed prior to the event. To receive connection instructions, please sign up on our website at <http://www.cipcug.org> or call (805) 289-3960.



News & Notes



Art calls his little pocket of Ventura, "Freedom Memorial Park".

See "Monsters" at the Sea shore in Ventura

by Patricia Schallert and Yana Khiyod

Arthur Hurts, called Art by most, started his beach sculptors during the Covid shutdown 2 1/2 years ago. Prior to the pandemic lockdown, he could be found writing screenplays and composing music at Starbucks on Main Street in downtown Ventura. The lock down changed that and with it, motivated Art to find another place to do his work without worrying about the pandemic. He discovered a little pocket of quiet, where sounds of the crashing waves and flying birds overhead were inviting him to sit and let his creative juices flow.

He calls his little pocket of Ventura, "Freedom Memorial Park" where he broke all of his familiar routines including giving up his WIFI, computer devices and ear plugs. He stopped drinking coffee and only once in a while, he will respond to an email. When he first found this spot, he began by moving rocks and stones out of the way, creating a path to walk around and used a large piece of driftwood to use as a place to sit and write. It grew from there as Covid kept everything closed up. From this small spot, he has written a screen play and composed several pieces of music.

Art presents himself as a minimalist, well groomed with a full white beard and seems to enjoy talking about his vision, his writings and his music. And what initially appears to be stacks of driftwood and the typical rocks found on the beach in Ventura, upon closer look, dinosaurs, snakes,

birds and sea monsters, emerge from the driftwood, kelp, shells and anything found on the beach that is "nature furnished"..

"Freedom Memorial Park" can be found on the beach between the Ventura pier and Sanjon Rd.

Michael MacDonald hired

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the city's advisory groups, coordinating elections, and adherence to the Brown Act. Additionally, the City Clerk is accountable for compliance with the Public Records Act and the Political Reform Act.

With over five years of experience working in municipal government and two years with the state senate, MacDonald joins Ventura from the City of Berkeley where he served as the Assistant City Clerk. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from CSU Channel Islands and is a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).

"The city clerk wears many hats, including overseeing elections, council agendas, public records, meetings, and volunteer opportunities on city advisory committees," said City Manager Alex D. McIntyre. "Michael is a great addition to the City's leadership team. His experience will help further advance our commitment to public transparency and responsive local government services," said City Manager Alex D. McIntyre.

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Paul is trying to save Art City.

What Art City means to me

by Paul Lindhard

I have been an artist, painter, sculptor, public art, and multimedia collaborator for over fifty years. I moved to Ventura in 1985 from Santa Barbara with a vast and varied range of art materials and studio parts. Art City Studios did not become what it is overnight but has constantly been evolving over the past thirty-seven years.

Recycling and repurposing are the stock-in-trade of what we do here. Cobbling together a studio is usually the first step in the artistic practice. Whether it is personalizing a space in a warehouse or other commercial structure, or sheltering projects from the elements, the environment you create can greatly enhance the scope of the work that is achieved.

Creating a viable space often costs more than a single artist can afford, whereas a collective studio can amalgamate compounded resources and energy. This becomes a community itself and, in turn, we were a great fit for the community of Ventura, remarkable synergies evolved. A Cultural Affairs Department offered grants and other self-perpetuating opportunities for a very productive partnership, making visionary Arts & Culture collaborations the cornerstone of an inspired and sustainable future.

I am grateful to have had this decades-long creative experience in Ventura. The Arts, Culture, and good work we have done with this community are the cornerstones of a sustainable and inspiring future. What we have developed here cannot be sanitized, confined to a box, or thrive from formulaic regulations.

Creating something from nothing is actually a messy process. Here at Art City, we celebrate innovation in an organic

way. Like Nature itself, the grand design embraces a healthy diversity and learned respect for all the aspects of a dynamic evolution.

Art City has grown through all these years into an enduring manifestation of these principles. Our collective investment and commitment to the City of Ventura, indeed to the entire Central Coast of California, stands tall despite the many obstacles that we have faced. Our history here stands as a proud and tangible legacy for the future, whatever it may bring.

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Editor: The one-acre lot at 197 Dubbers St. has been sold for \$1.75 million which means Art City might be closed.

Bookmark

by Mary M. Olson

Although Jill Forman has signed off as author of "The Bookmark" column, the Friends of the Library would like to continue with this great opportunity to spread the news about libraries and our organization to our community. First of all, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Jill for initiating this column and to the Ventura Breeze for support provided over many years for literacy, libraries and San Buenaventura Friends of the Library.

The Summer Reading Program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path", is well underway at the library. In addition to logging your summer reading at <https://vencolibrary.beanstack.org>, opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) abound. Whenever you visit any library branch, Grab and Go STEAM kits are available to take home.



On Friday, June 10, thousands of bicycles arrived in Ventura and stayed at the San Buenaventura State Beach. More than 2,400 cyclists and 600 volunteer "roadies" continued their 7-day, 545-mile journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles on Friday, June 10, beginning in Lompoc to Ventura. AIDS/LifeCycle is a fully-supported, seven-day bike ride. It's a life-changing ride, not a race. Photos by Patricia Schallert.

At E.P. Foster Library (805 648-2716), the Maker Lab is open again Tuesdays, July 19 & 26, 4 to 6 pm. Crafternoon on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 pm offers a structured craft with materials provided and Lego Play is back on every other Friday, 2 to 4 pm, beginning June 17.

At Hill Road Library (805 677-7180), Maker Camp on most Thursdays, 3:30 to 5 pm offers STEAM projects designed for children 7-18. Children 3 to 7 are invited to explore STEAM through play with their caregivers at Hill Road Library Tuesdays, 10:30 am to noon.

The Summer Reading programs have long been a favorite activity that the Friends of the Library support through our fundraising and making donated books available for rewards in the program.

The Friends' bookstore in E.P. Foster Library is a great place to pick up your summer beach reads! And our online bookstore for local sales (accessed through a link at our website <https://venturafriendsofthelibrary.org>) has added two new categories for the summer: Great Summer Reading and Youth Summer Reading. Audiobooks and puzzles are also available for your road trip or staycation!

We're also planning another book sale on July 16, 10 am to 3 pm, at the Vons at Telegraph and Victoria. The grocery is a

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Make regular appointments with your primary care doctor.

Next steps after an Alzheimer's diagnosis

A diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease can be difficult but getting accurate information and support can help you know what to expect and what to do next. Use this checklist to help you get started.

Being informed will help you know what to expect as the disease progresses. Here are some resources:

Alzheimer's and related Dementias Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center: 800-438-4380

Alzheimer's Association: 800-272-3900

Alzheimer's Foundation of America: 866-232-8484

Local hospitals and community centers may have educational programs about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias

Make regular appointments with your primary care doctor or specialist (neurologist, neuropsychiatrist, geriatric psychiatrist).

Consider going to a memory disorders clinic. Ask your doctor for a referral if desired.

Find local services and support

Find local services by contacting Eldercare Locator: 800-677-1116

Find local chapters, organizations, and support groups through the Alzheimer's Association (800-272-3900) or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (866-232-8484)

Contact your local Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

Prepare or update your will, living will, health care power of attorney, and financial power of attorney. To find a lawyer, contact your local bar association or the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Use simple memory aids like a notepad or sticky notes to jot down reminders, a pillbox to keep medications organized, and a calendar to record appointments.

Consider wearing a medical ID bracelet or necklace in case you get lost or need help, or joining the MedicAlert and Alzheimer's Association's Wandering Support program.

Getting exercise helps people with Alzheimer's feel better and helps keep their muscles, joints, and heart in good shape.

Eat a well-balanced diet that includes fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

Continue to enjoy visits with family and friends, hobbies, and outings.

If you live alone

Identify someone who can visit you regularly and be an emergency contact.

If you are at risk of falling, order an emergency response system. A special pendant or bracelet lets you summon help if you fall and can't reach the phone.

Consider working with an occupational

therapist. This person can teach you ways to stay independent. Ask your doctor for more information.

Stick with familiar places, people, and routines. Simplify your life.

Get tips about self-care, safety, staying connected, and more.

If you are working

If you have problems performing your job, consider reducing your hours or switching to a less demanding position.

Consider consulting your employer's HR department or employee assistance program about family leave, disability benefits, and other employee benefits.

Find out if you qualify for Social Security disability benefits through "compassionate allowances." Call 800-772-1213.

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Advance directives go into effect after the person no longer can make decisions on their own.

Dealing with the legal and financial consequences of a serious illness

Many people are unprepared to deal with the legal and financial consequences of a serious illness such as Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Legal and medical experts encourage people

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recently diagnosed with a serious illness – particularly one that is expected to cause declining mental and physical health – to examine and update their financial and health care arrangements as soon as possible. Basic legal and financial documents, such as a will, a living trust, and advance directives, are available to ensure that the person's late-stage or end-of-life health care and financial decisions are carried out.

A complication of diseases such as Alzheimer's and related dementias is that the person may lack or gradually lose the ability to think clearly. This change affects his or her ability to make decisions and participate in legal and financial planning.

People with early-stage Alzheimer's or a related dementia can often understand many aspects and consequences of legal decision-making. However, legal

and medical experts say that many forms of planning can help the person and his or her family address current issues and plan for next steps, even if the person is diagnosed with later-stage dementia.

There are good reasons to retain a lawyer when preparing advance planning documents. For example, a lawyer can help interpret different state laws and suggest ways to ensure that the person's and family's wishes are carried out. It's important to understand that laws vary by state, and changes in a person's situation – for example, a divorce, relocation, or death in the family – can influence how documents are prepared and maintained. Life changes may also mean a document needs to be revised to remain valid.

Families beginning the legal planning process should discuss their approach,

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Playing board games can help keep your mind active.

What do we know about reducing risk for dementia?

The number of older Americans is rising, so the number of people with dementia is predicted to increase. However, some studies have shown that incidence rates of dementia — meaning new cases in a population over a certain period of time — have decreased in some locations, including in the United States. Based on observational studies, factors such as healthy lifestyle behaviors and higher levels of education may be contributing to such a decline. But the cause and effect is uncertain, and such factors need to be tested in a clinical trial to prove whether they can prevent dementia.

A review of published research evaluated the evidence from clinical trials on behavior and lifestyle changes to prevent or delay Alzheimer's or age-related cognitive decline. The

review found "encouraging but inconclusive" evidence for three types of behavioral changes (called interventions): physical activity, blood pressure control, and cognitive training. The findings mean that interventions in these areas are promising enough that researchers should keep studying them to learn more. Researchers continue to explore these and other interventions to determine whether — and in what amounts or forms — they might prevent dementia.

Although there is no effective treatment or proven prevention for Alzheimer's and related dementias, in general, leading a healthy lifestyle may help address risk factors that have been associated with these diseases.

Control high blood pressure. High blood pressure, or hypertension, has harmful effects on the heart, blood vessels, and brain,

and increases the risk of stroke and vascular dementia.

Manage blood sugar. Higher than normal levels of blood sugar, or glucose, can lead to diabetes and may increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, cognitive impairment, and dementia.

Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese increases the risk for related health problems such as diabetes and heart disease. Being active and choosing healthy foods can help maintain a healthy weight.

Eat a healthy diet. Aim for a mix of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and seafood, unsaturated fats such as olive oil, low-fat or nonfat dairy products, and limit other fats and sugars.

Keep physically active. Physical activity has many health benefits, such as helping to prevent being overweight and having obesity, heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure.

Stay mentally active. Lots of activities can help keep your mind active, including reading, playing board games, crafting or taking up a new hobby, learning a new skill, working or volunteering, and socializing.

Stay connected with family and friends. Connecting with people and engaging in social activities can prevent social isolation and loneliness, which are linked to higher risks for cognitive decline and Alzheimer's disease.

Treat hearing problems. Hearing loss may affect cognition and dementia risk in older adults and can make it more difficult to interact with others.

Sleep well. Sleeping well is important for both your mind and body. Try to get seven to eight hours of sleep each night. Talk with your doctor if you are not getting enough sleep, sleeping poorly, or think you may have a sleep disorder.

Drink less alcohol. Drinking too much alcohol can lead to falls and worsen health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, memory loss, and mood disorders. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), part of the National Institutes of Health, recommends that men should not have more than two drinks a day and women only one. Learn more at NIAAA's Rethinking Drinking website.

Stop tobacco use. At any age, stopping smoking can improve your health and lower the risk of heart attack, stroke, and lung disease.

therapies. Thanks to NIH research, we now have the "Alzheimer's in a dish" model, the first to contain the amyloid and tau hallmarks of the disease. In recent years, scientists built two additional "disease-in-a-dish" models and have developed more than 50 new mouse models including one that produces a form of the human beta-amyloid protein.

Before biomarker tests were developed in the early 2000s, the only sure way to know whether a person had Alzheimer's was via autopsy. Researchers can now use brain imaging methods or lab tests to diagnose people living with the disease. NIA-funded scientists continue to explore novel blood biomarkers for various forms of amyloid, tau, and other promising targets. As one result, NIA small business innovation research funding helped validate and commercialize the PrecivityAD™ test, a more affordable and less invasive alternative to traditional Alzheimer's tests like spinal taps or brain scans. This blood biomarker-based test is now widely available to doctors and researchers across the United States.

The Accelerating Medicines Partnership® Program for Alzheimer's Disease has aided discovery of more than 550 novel candidate therapeutic targets and is now exploring a precision medicine approach to therapy development. In a parallel effort, the Drug Repurposing for Effective Alzheimer's Medicines (DREAM) study, investigators found that use of certain rheumatoid arthritis drugs is associated with a lower incidence of Alzheimer's and related dementias in people with cardiovascular disease.

Scientists are learning more about risk factors and potential lifestyle changes that may help prevent dementia. In 2019, a randomized clinical trial showed that intensive high blood pressure control may significantly reduce the buildup of brain white matter lesions and the occurrence of mild cognitive impairment. In addition, a 2020 study found that individuals who made multiple healthy lifestyle choices may have a much lower risk for Alzheimer's.

Dealing with the legal and financial

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what they want to happen, and which legal documents they'll need. Depending on the family situation and the applicable state laws, a lawyer may introduce a variety of documents to assist in this process, including documents that communicate:

Health care wishes of someone who can no longer make health care decisions.

Financial management and estate plan wishes of someone who can no longer make financial decisions.

Learn how to get your affairs in order. Advance Health Care Directives for People with Dementia

Advance directives for health care are documents that communicate a person's health care wishes. Advance directives go into effect after the person no longer can make decisions on their own. In most cases, these documents must be prepared while the person is legally able to execute them. Health care directives may include the following:

A durable power of attorney for health care designates a person, sometimes called an agent or proxy, to make health care decisions when the person with dementia can no longer do so.

A living will records a person's wishes for medical treatment near the end of life or if the person is permanently unconscious and cannot make decisions about emergency treatment.

A do not resuscitate order, or DNR, instructs health care professionals not to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if a person's heart stops or if he or she stops breathing. A DNR order is signed by a doctor and put in a person's medical chart.

A decade of Alzheimer's progress

As we mark the 10-year anniversary of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, which arose from the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA), it's striking to pause for a moment and consider how far we have come. Thanks to increased congressional funding, NIH spending on Alzheimer's and related dementias research advanced nearly 4.5-fold between fiscal years 2015 and 2020, reaching \$2.87 billion. This momentum has enabled NIA-funded science to take significant strides forward.

Ten years ago, we knew of just 10 genes associated with Alzheimer's disease, and 20 years ago, we knew of only four. Today, researchers have identified more than 70 associated genetic areas, opening multiple new foci for potential prevention and treatments.

It is extraordinarily difficult to mimic the brain's complexity in standard lab models. Improving these models will help us better understand brain-related diseases and test existing and novel drugs as potential



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CAREGIVERS awards their volunteers

CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly in Ventura County presented the Norm Weitzel Award at the Evening of Gratitude on May 19 for 2020, 2021 and 2022 to Volunteers Keith York, Carol Boatner and Louise Dunlap in memory of her husband, Jesse Dunlap.

Keith York started volunteering with CAREGIVERS in 1984 and still volunteers to this day, having served in every capacity from Board to Advisory to Honorary. Each year, he donates roses for at least 50 seniors on Valentine's Day—some of whom have never had a Valentine delivered.

Carol Boatner volunteered with CAREGIVERS for the first 20 years before she joined the staff, helping to pilot one of the original programs that launched more than 1,000 volunteer caregiving organizations throughout the nation. See nvcnetwork.org

Louise Dunlap champions Jesse Dunlap's legacy with CAREGIVERS to this day. His service began after he retired from the United States Air Force and stepped up as an Assembly Delegate for the Senior Legislature. Jesse was a huge advocate for seniors back when the Silver Tsunami was just a theory. He knew what was ahead and he brought his advocacy and his helping hands to CAREGIVERS, and Louise has continued that support year after year.

Lori Franco, Karen Jensen, Ann Romero and Ginny Camarillo serve as the scholarship selection committee for student volunteers in CAREGIVERS' Building Bridges Intergenerational Program. Student Engagement Coordinator, Lori Franco, has rebuilt this program using Adult Team Leaders who supervise 2-3 high school students for one-hour visits to do household chores throughout Ventura County.

Recently, CAREGIVERS forged new partnerships with ARC and Cole Vocational Services giving seniors a total of 45 home visits per month, a 225% in service. Adult Team Leaders are needed throughout the County. Scholarship recipient Maria Bernal was not present.




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This was to look like something out of Captain Nemo's Submarine.

When the end of the pier went down it went into the drink

by Richard Senate

For those who do not recall, Ventura spent a peck of money for a San Francisco artist to make a "Wavespout" statue that was to look like something out of Captain Nemo's Submarine but looked like plumbing. It never really spouted water right and when the end of the pier went down--it went into the drink. They recovered it and it sits in a City Yard. A twist bit of metal we could make it into a fountain, where Serra once stood as a monument to the city's folly. Who could be against waves? Not in surf friendly Ventura. We would need a good interpretive sign to tell the story of wave spout otherwise this "Modern Art" might not

be seen by the uneducated as really worth the price we paid.

The Copper Plumbing like "sculpture" was installed at the end of the pier in 1993 at a cost of \$80,000. It never worked right--and was damaged when 420 feet of the pier fell into the sea in the storms of 1996. So, it only had a 3-year life. It washed ashore and was salvaged to be re-installed after repairs--it wisely, never was and now sits in the City Yard. It would spit water out when the waves went by. \$80,000 to a San Francisco "Artist" that could have been used for any number of useful things.



An experienced leader, Rianda will succeed Barbara Quaid.

Ventura County Fairgrounds appoints Stacy Rianda as New CEO

The Ventura County Fairgrounds, otherwise known as the 31st District Agricultural Association announced today

that Stacy Rianda has been appointed new CEO.

An experienced leader, Rianda will succeed Barbara Quaid and assume responsibilities on July 6. Quaid has maintained leadership of the Fairgrounds through 17 successful years of fairs, numerous community emergencies and most recently the Covid pandemic. Quaid will continue working through the 2022 Fair alongside Rianda. "I have known Stacy for at least 25 years," she said, "I can't think of a better person to lead this beloved institution."

Rianda served the Western Fairs Association on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee, she also served as Vice President and Membership Chair of California Women for Agriculture, and for 19 years has been a member of the Fig Garden Rotary where she served as district chair and is a Past President.

"I am confident that Stacy possesses the skills and experience needed to lead a complex organization such as the Fairgrounds," said Leah Lacayo, President of the Ventura County Fairgrounds Board of Directors, adding "I am sure that the Fairgrounds will maintain excellent leadership and will move forward with the momentum that has continued since 1875."

Rianda began her fair career at the



Flowers at Ventura Botanical Gardens. Color blind conversion courtesy of EnChroma. Photo by Barbara Brown.

New viewer for color blind visitors installed at VBG

The Ventura Botanical Gardens and EnChroma® (creators of glasses for color blindness) announced this week the installation of a special viewer for colorblind visitors. The Gardens will be the first botanical gardens in California to have a viewer for color blindness onsite.

Installed at the Merewether site in the California Native Garden, this special scope, made by SeeCoast Manufacturing and fitted with EnChroma lenses, is for guests who are red-green colorblind. Many colorblind visitors cannot see the brilliant reds, yellow and oranges in the flowering plants of, for example, the aloe or California poppy. With this special viewer, those colors can be seen more like non-colorblind visitors see them. Additionally, visitors with color blindness will soon be able to borrow a limited number of EnChroma glasses at the Merewether Welcome Center and experience the colors in scenic vistas and vibrant, chromatic flora for the first time.

Sponsored by Mike and Loretta Merewether, the special viewer honors their young granddaughter, Charlie. "We wanted colorblind youngsters and oldsters alike to experience the Gardens in a new way, and to share the way we see it, full of color and drama."

The installation of the viewer is part of the Ventura Botanical Gardens interest in accessibility and inclusivity for visitors. "This new viewer offers a wider range of visitor experience and opens the door for guests who previously could not see many of the colors of the Gardens," explains Joe Cahill, Executive Director.

"We're so thankful for the Merewether family's generous support and their desire to

bring the Gardens alive for those with color vision deficiency," said Erik Ritchie, CEO of EnChroma. "With both the viewer and EnChroma loaner glasses now available to color blind guests, visits to the Garden will be even more memorable. We encourage gardens, museums, and attractions to incorporate EnChroma into their accessibility plans."

One in 12 men (8%) and one in 200 women (.5%) are color vision deficient; an estimated 13 million in the United States and 350 million worldwide. While people with normal color vision see over one million shades of color, those with color vision deficiency only see an estimated 10% of hues and shades (see images attached). As a result, colors can appear dull, indistinct, and difficult to discern.

A live press event is planned for later this year.

Located at Grant Park in the City of Ventura, the Ventura Botanical Gardens' goals include conserving plant species and encouraging visitors to strengthen their connection to nature.

To find out more, visit the VenturaBotanicalGardens.com and join us on Facebook.

Based in Berkeley, Calif., EnChroma produces leading-edge eyewear for color blindness and low vision, and other solutions for color vision, sold online and through Authorized Retailers worldwide. Invented in 2010, EnChroma's patented eyewear combines the latest in color perception, neuroscience and lens innovation to improve the lives of people with color vision deficiency around the world. For more information, call 510.497.0048 or visit enchroma.com.

Kent Streeb, Vice President of Communications & Partnerships, kent@enchroma.com, 530.908.9225.

Tulare County Fair where she spent 8 years doing everything from renting buildings to running the satellite wagering facility. Rianda then moved on to help lead the Big Fresno Fair for the last 21 years as the Deputy Manager where she implemented their highly successful Youth and Admissions policies, brought home 5 Merrill Awards, the highest honor in the fair industry recognizing innovation in fair management, helped grow the fair to the 4th largest in the state and worked to bring the fair budget back to pre-pandemic levels.

"As the Ventura County Fairgrounds moves forward, serving new generations, Stacy is equipped to work with the community in the manner they expect and deserve," said Lacayo, "during good times and times of crisis, she has the ability to rise to new occasions as they present themselves."

Rianda attended California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo and transferred to California State University, Fresno where she graduated with

a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business. Prior to graduation, she was actively working at fairs throughout the state in the livestock departments.

Bookmark

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great place to encounter casual shoppers and promote the library and our Friends group. As always, volunteers are needed to set up, work at the sale and take down at the end of the day.

We are always looking for new volunteers - right now we especially need volunteers to help sort and categorize our incoming book donations. We receive a fascinating variety of books and have developed an array of in-person and online outlets to get those books into the hands of readers. Many volunteers are required to make the best use of the donations we receive. If this piques your interest, please contact us.

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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.

Carrying a Loaded Firearm in a Vehicle Arrest

On June 3, at approximately 4:45 pm, a Ventura Police Patrol Officer stopped a vehicle for a registration violation in the 1700 block of North Ventura Avenue. The officer contacted the driver, 20-year-old Ventura resident Joseph Centeno, and learned that Centeno was on probation. Centeno and other occupants were removed from the vehicle, and a search was conducted pursuant to Centeno's probation terms. During the search, a loaded, unregistered semi-automatic handgun with a high-capacity magazine was found concealed in the vehicle's passenger compartment. An inspection of the firearm revealed a threaded barrel capable of accepting a suppressor.

Centeno was arrested and booked at Ventura County Jail for carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, carrying a concealed firearm, and possession of an assault weapon.

Armed Robbery and Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On June 8, at approximately 4:30 pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from Pacific View Mall Security. A man, later identified as 60-year-old vagrant Alex Salinas, was said to be disturbing in front of a business outside of the mall while wielding a golf club. Salinas reportedly stole a knife from a store inside the mall. Mall Security officers were informed about the theft and confronted Salinas, who was holding a golf club. Salinas swung the golf club at the security officers and pulled out the knife. When Ventura police officers arrived, they located Salinas and subsequently arrested him for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. No one was injured during the incident.

Commercial Burglary Arrest

On June 10, at approximately 5:00 am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of a possible commercial burglary in progress in the 2400 block of Thompson Blvd. Ventura Police officers arrived and located the suspect, 26-year-old Clifford Hunt, as he was exiting the property and getting into his vehicle, which was parked nearby. Stolen property from the business was located inside Hunt's vehicle.

Hunt was arrested for Commercial Burglary and Possession of Burglary Tools

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

5/24 3:52pm, received dispatch to lower flags to half staff in honor of victims of the mass shooting in Texas until May 28th. Officers lowered flags to half staff.

5/25 8:45pm, contacted Tow Boat US about a panga towed from Santa Barbara. Twenty-nine lifejackets onboard, but no one was apprehended in the incident.

5/26 10:43pm, received a report of a missing person somewhere in the village. Officers responded, the couple were re-united without issue.

5/27 9:26pm, while on patrol in the truck, officers observed an American flag hanging unpatriotically on the promenade in the village. Officers were able to repair the flag and restore it to normal patriotic position for Memorial Day.

5/28 9:42am, received report of a boat fire near McGrath. Officers responded in Fireboat along with Tow Boat US. The skipper was able to extinguish the electrical fire before responding units arrival. Vessel was towed to CI harbor

10:10pm, received report of fighting and suspicious activity at the Comedy Club in the village. Officers responded with VPD to investigate. After investigation, it was determined to be a rowdy concert, no fighting or illegal activity observed

5/29 11:20am, received report of a diving emergency aboard a commercial dive boat at Anacapa Island. The vessel is returning to the harbor, so officers generated a medical call with VFD/AMR responding to Port District longdock to assist the patient who was eventually transported to hospital.

5/30 3:05pm, received report of catamaran beset by wind up against construction barge near the launch ramp. Officers responded in Fireboat and were able to assist the vessel to the launch ramp after tow. Skipper was unable to lower sail

6/01 3:03pm, received request for assistance from Tow Boat US with a sinking vessel inbound. Officers responded in Fireboat with dewatering pump to assist with the boat tow. The vessel was towed to Tow Boat US lift at their dock.

6/02 6:56pm, dispatched to a fire at Spinnaker/Angler. Officers responded with VFD to the call. After investigation a small smoldering log was found & extinguished

6/03 4:54pm, received a report of a dog barking in Portside apartments. Officer advised to call management, police or even speak to the neighbor directly.

6/04 10:02am, received a report of a sailboat becalmed near the South Jetty in the surfline. Officers responded in the Fireboat, passed a tow line and safely towed the vessel out so they could continue their voyage south to Oceanside.

1:13pm, observed a large "dragon" peddle boat beset by the wind, unable to make way. Officers took 2 POB's aboard & towed the boat back to rental dock.

2:07pm, observed "Boat" club member operating in violation of speed and wake ordinance in the main channel. Issued a warning for violation to the skipper.

6/05 2:15pm, received multiple reports of a large cabin cruiser anchored at big beach in the keys. Officers responded, contacted the skipper, to his chagrin was made aware of the dangers of anchoring in a swimming area to others and his vessel. He reluctantly weigh-ed anchor and headed to his slip in the harbor.

6/06 9:30am, officers participating in a harbor maintenance dredge funding ceremony at Harbor Cove with the Fireboat.

6/07 8:36pm, dispatched to chest pain in the Portside apartments. Officers responded with VFD/AMR to a 30 y/o male suffering from paranoia. He was under the influence of meth because he lost his med. Patient transported to hospital.



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On May 17, a Ventura Chamber ribbon cutting was held at the new restaurant Moofish Café located in the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach. The chef is The Surfing Chef William Traynor. Call 800-652-5151 for its open hours and days.
Photo by Michael Gordon.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

Why would Ventura include dogs among their treasured visitors? The real question is Why not? No place loves dogs more, so why wouldn't Ventura welcome our visiting dogs – and their two-legged friends – with something special?

Meet Visit Ventura's free Pooch Pouch. What's in it? Fun dog treats -- doggie bandana, dog biscuit, and coupons for a free puppy ice cream at Coastal Cone and a free doggie meal at Peirano's Market (choice of scrambled eggs or unseasoned chicken). And, down the line, more fun changes and different offerings.

How does it work? When visitors traveling with their dogs check-in at a pet-friendly Ventura hotel, the welcoming front desk team hands the two-legged guest (the four-legged one is busy snuffing) a Pooch Pouch redemption card and kindly points all the guests in the direction of the Ventura Visitor Center (101 South California Street). Guests present the redemption card – along with their dog – at the Visitor Center and receive their free Pooch Pouch (Visitor Center hours are Sunday through Wednesday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Thursday through Saturday 9 am to 5 pm).

Dogs have always held a special place in Ventura's heart. From Roxy and Flynn who pad about our Visitor Center like they own it (they do) to Ventura's forever immortalized Haole, who loved unconditionally and played unconditionally and gave unconditionally (Haole's Rock Garden, on the Ventura beachfront promenade, tells a story of everything right.) Plus, Ventura offers a host of dog-friendly fun.

And, of course, the late Dr. Scamp PhD (pretty happy dog).

SPAN Thrift Store is open to the public and looking for donations of adult clothing, household items and tools. SPAN Thrift Store regularly provides \$10 spays and neuters for low-income households for cats and dogs. Upcoming clinic: June 28 in the parking lot of SPAN Thrift Store, 110 N. Olive St., Ventura. Please call to schedule an appointment - (805) 584-3823.

■ Paws for Reading is back!

The Paws for Reading Program brings together young readers and affectionate, canine listeners to help boost the confidence of beginning readers.

Hill Road Library – Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm

E.P. Foster Library – Thursdays, 4 to 6 pm

Join PAWS dogs for one-on-one reading sessions. Arrive at the library early to choose a book and get in line to read to a special pooch. Children of all ages are welcome and love reading,

and learning with the dogs.

■ U.S. Postal Service releases dog attack national rankings during National Dog Bite Awareness Week.

More than 5,400 postal employees were attacked by dogs in the United States in 2021. From nips and bites to vicious attacks, aggressive dog behavior poses a serious threat to postal employees and the public. To highlight the enormity of this serious issue, the U.S. Postal Service is providing information on the do's and don'ts of responsible dog ownership as part of its annual National Dog Bite Awareness Week public service campaign.

The campaign ran Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11. This year's theme is "The USPS Delivers for America – Deliver for Us by Restraining Your Dog." Spread the news of the campaign by using the hashtag #dogbiteawareness

"Every year, thousands of postal employees are attacked by dogs as they deliver America's mail. And while it's a dog's natural instinct to protect their family and home, we ask all customers to act responsibly by taking safety precautions with their dogs while the mail is being delivered," said USPS Employee Safety and Health Awareness Manager Leeann Theriault. "When a carrier comes to the residence, keep the dog inside the house and away from the door – or behind a fence on a leash – to avoid an attack."

Dog owners with friendly dogs often expect a friendly reaction from other dogs. However, even friendly dogs will bite, depending on the circumstance. Dogs are primarily territorial in nature and protective of their owners and their owners' property. Defending its territory sometimes means attacking – and possibly biting – the letter carrier. Dog owners are responsible for controlling their dogs. The best way to keep everyone safe from dog bites is to recognize and promote responsible pet ownership.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before the carrier approaches your property will minimize any dog-carrier interactions.

When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs: Inside the house or behind a fence; Away from the door or in another room; or on a leash.

Pet owners also should remind their children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat.

■ If you feel fine, but your dog's looking at you funny - trust the dog.

A new study on COVID detection found that trained dogs were actually better at correctly determining an infected person's status in some cases than the typical nose swab antigen tests, according to a

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



This is Messi, a twelve-year-old Maltese. He is named after a famous soccer player (Leo Messi, is an Argentine professional footballer). He likes to sleep and take walks. He has a brave heart and moved to Ventura from Seattle.

Join Scamp Club

Animals of all sorts can join the ScampClub. Email me your picture and a little about yourself to Scampclub@venturabreeze.com. You will be in the Breeze and become world famous.

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.

paper published Wednesday.

The peer-reviewed work, led by researchers from a French veterinary school and published in PLOS One, is the latest in a long line of research on dogs being used to sniff out COVID. Already they have been used at airports and in concert venues, among other places, to flag potential risk.

Researchers found that the overall sensitivity of the dogs -- correctly giving a positive result for an infected individual -- was 97%, and got all the way to 100% in those who were infected but asymptomatic.

As to specificity -- the ability to

correctly diagnose a negative result in an uninfected person -- the dogs were right 91% of the time.

"The sensitivity of canine detection was higher than that of nasopharyngeal antigen testing ... but the specificity was lower," the authors wrote in an abstract to the results.

The dogs, a mix of animals from French fire brigades and security dogs from the Middle East, took anywhere from three to six weeks to train.

But don't throw away your test kits; the authors said that while dogs appeared to be highly reliable, PCR tests were still needed to confirm infection, especially for variants.



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The Pet Page

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I know my breed gets a bad rap. Hopefully you'll give me a chance and fill out an online application to meet me. Canine Adoption and Rescue League C.A.R.L.



Meet Jackson (10), Stacey (13) & Tessie (7), bonded triplets! They were surrendered due to housing issues. These older bunnies need a quiet place where they can call their own. Three rabbits are really no different than adopting 2 or even 1. Adopting multiple bunnies come with advantages: they play and groom each other, so you won't have to worry about them being lonely and there won't be too much of a need for them to be groomed!

If you're interested in adopting an indoor house rabbit like these little ones, please contact the VCAS Bunny Brigade at VCAS-bunnybrigade@gmail.com.



This 'n' That



Joan Oliva, Pam Gorman, Jo Spence, Cherie Bouchard, Benet Bouchard, Lori Nasatir, and Sue Root at the award presentation.

Assistance League® Of Ventura County awards the 2022 Vivian Johnson Scholarship

On Monday May 23rd Assistance League® of Ventura County President Lori Nasatir and Scholarship Committee Chairman Jo Spence were honored to present the 2022 Vivian Johnson Scholarship Award to Benet Bouchard for the second year in a row. This scholarship of \$1500 is made possible by the late Vivian Johnson, and its purpose is to support an Assistance League Girls Club alumni in furthering their education after graduating high school. Benet is going into her second year at Santa Barbara City College, where she is majoring in

Theater. In the past year she has taken on the stage manager role for several productions with the Pacific Conservatory Theater, as well as for "The Wolves" at the SBCC. The Assistance League® members that were present were all excited to hear about Bouchard's accomplishments and are looking forward to attending one of her future productions. This award is just one of the many ways that this nonprofit has been supporting the community with its services since 1950, continuing its mission to enrich the lives of children and adults for the

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

While visiting the Denver Arts Performing Complex, Sculpture Park Suzanna Ballmer read the Breeze to the sculptures to keep them informed.

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For more information about Assistance League® of Ventura County, please contact us at 805-643-2458 or email office@assistanceleagueventuracounty.org. You can find them at www.assistanceleagueventuracounty.org as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

The bi-weekly highlight of some of the new developments being proposed, approved or under construction in Ventura

by Carol Spector and Eileen Shaw
Livable Ventura

Sanjon Village (formerly The Pearl)- a 3+ story residential building with 33 condominiums under construc-

tion on the corner of Sanjon and Thompson

Thompson Village (formerly Brisa 29)- a 3 story building with 29 condominiums on the corner of Thompson and Chrisman.

Cora Apartments- 3-4 story mixed use development 140 apartments under construction at the corner of Santa Clara and Ventura Ave.

Villa San Clemente- a 3 story mixed use building with 10 condominiums under construction at the corner of East Main and San Clemente.

2200 East Main- a 3+ story mixed use development with 26 condominiums under construction at the corner of East Main and Coronado.

11101 Carlos Street- 3 story mixed use building with 43 apartments under construction near Wells and Telegraph.

For more information go to www.LivableVentura.com or access the city development map at www.cityofventura.ca.gov Permit Services "button" or Development Map Permit Services | Ventura, CA for projects Under Review, Scheduled for Hearing or Entitled (Approved) and Under Construction.



by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

Summer officially arrives with the summer solstice on June 21 and with it a whole lot of special events involving music. From Surf Rodeo to Tequila & Taco Festival, from Conejo Valley Days to the Ventura County Fair, this summer promises to make up for lost time when we missed out on special events during the pandemic and then last year's slow and cautious return to just getting out and about.

Conejo Valley Days will run from June 16 - June 18 with Mike Scully and the Weary Travelers, Psychedelic Summer, Fat Daddy Special and other bands performing throughout the weekend; this one ends with a John Denver sing along with Rick Shuler on Sunday. For all the band schedules, and ticket and parking information, go to ConejoValleyDays.us.

Surf Rodeo runs July 15 - July 17 with over 40 bands including Ozomatli, the Aggrolites, the Green, Rey Fresco, Aquadolls, Yachtley Crew and of course Raging Arb and the Redheads. For the complete lineup and the lowdown on tickets, go to SurfRodeo.org.

The Tequila & Taco Festival will be held on July 9 - July 10 and will have Sugar Ray, Bone Thugs n Harmony, Adelaide, and more on the big stage. This event will be held at Surfers Point Live in the parking lot at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. For ticket information, go to TequilaAndTacoMusicFestival.com.

The Ventura County Fair runs August 3 - August 14 and I have to say that this has got to be the latest the fair has ever released their Grandstand concert schedule, I'm told artists' management won't authorize the publicizing of their bands until later this month... so standby. VenturaRocks.com will post as soon as the lineup is announced otherwise, I will report it in the next issue of the Breeze.

The 2022 Rock the Collection concert series features four dates with family friendly tribute bands: July 27 it's Twisted Gypsy (Fleetwood Mac), August 10 they have DSB (Journey), September 28 it's the Long Run (Eagles) and October 19 they wrap it up with Bruno and the Hooligans (Bruno Mars Tribute). The free Wednesday night concerts run 6:30 - 8:30 pm; be sure to bring beach chairs and blankets to sit on.

I just saw that tickets have gone on sale for a two-day benefit for the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy at Libbey Bowl featuring full days of music both capped off with a full three hour set by Grateful Shred on

July 30 and 31. You can find out more at OVLC.org.

If reggae is your thing, then you'll want to be downtown Ventura for Reggae Sundays at Café Fiore 5 pm - 9 pm. The series is now running through September 4 and will feature such bands as Urban Dread, Babylon Rockers, JanGala Roots and Free Love Project.

Speaking of which, tickets are on sale for the September 10th Roots 805 Jam in Port Hueneme at the Oceanview Pavilion. Bands on the bill include Tomorrows Bad Seeds, Kyle Smith, Jacob Marquez and the Good Vibes, Synrgy and more. Tickets available on EventBrite starting at \$30 for general admission.

Lonesome Traveler: Generations is currently running at The Rubicon Theatre through June 26. This musical event features multiple generations of artists who come together to celebrate the unifying power of song. The concerts feature the dynamic vocals and awe-inspiring instrumental talents of Lifetime Grammy Award-winners George Grove (formerly with The Kingston Trio for more than 40 years), Rick Dougherty (formerly with both The Kingston Trio and The Limelites), and Jerry Siggins (best known as the lead singer of The Diamonds). These legendary performers are joined onstage by favorite folk and gospel singer/musicians from Lonesome Traveler and I Dig Rock 'n Roll Music, along with fresh young artists new to Rubicon audiences. Lonesome Traveler: Generations tickets are available at RubiconTheatre.org.

The Billy Howerdel of a Perfect Circle date got postponed to Sunday, July 24 at the Ventura Music Hall due to immigration issues; tickets will be honored for the rescheduled date. I thought I'd highlight just a few of the venue's upcoming shows which include Jerry's Middle Finger on July 29, Aaron Lewis and the Statelines on August 25, Switchfoot on August 28, and the Fabulous Thunderbirds on September 7. I've seen Kim Wilson of the Fabulous Thunderbirds play several times here in Ventura at different Hi Hat Entertainment blues shows, so it will be great to see him belt out such tunes as "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap it Up" when they play. Wilson was nominated for Best Traditional Blues album for his solo album, Take Me Back this year. Be sure to bookmark VenturaMusicHall.com to keep in the loop on all their shows.

Quick Notes: the Legendary Wailers play Ojai Libbey Bowl on

Thursday, June 16 and Gov't Mule on Sunday, June 19; Dan Grimm plays the Vine on Friday, June 17; Area 51 will have folks dancing at the 34th Ojai Wine Festival on Saturday, June 18; Shay Moulder plays Anna's Cider in Santa Paula on Saturday, June 25; Punk show at Gigi's on Saturday, June 25 with iDecline, SRA, Romper and more; and tickets are on sale for Black Flag at the Ventura Theater for Saturday, October 29.

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.

Music Calendar

For more listings, additional times and genres go to VenturaRocks.com

Boatyard Pub

1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura

Thursdays: Jim Friery;

Bluegrass Jam

Wed 6/15: Frank Barajas

Tues 6/18: Karen Eden & Bill

Macpherson

Café Fiore

66 California Street, Ventura

Sundays 5-9 pm

Sun 6/19: Forbidden Fruit

Sun 6/26: Urban Dread

Cantara Cellars

126 N. Wood Rd., Camarillo

Fri 6/17: Johnny and the Love

Handles

Sat 6/18: Holger's Heroes

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village

Tuesdays: Blues Tuesdays

Four Brix Winery

2290 Eastman Ave., Ventura

Sat 6/18: Brittney and Ben

The Garage

1091 Scandia Ave., Ventura

Wednesdays: Blues Wednesdays

Sat 6/18: Sin Chonies

Fri 6/24: Duncan and the Dragon-

slayers

Sat 6/25: Blown Over

The Grape

2833 E. Main St., Ventura

Tuesdays Jazz Jam

Saturday afternoons: Fausto

Cuevas y La Moderna

Thurs 6/23: Tribute to the Greats

Fri 6/24: Barrelhouse Wailers

Keynote Lounge

10245 E Telephone Rd, Ventura

Thursdays: Open Mic

Fri 6/17: Actin Down

Sat 6/25: Jimmi Nelson Band

Libbey Bowl

210 Signal St., Ojai

Thurs 6/16: The Legendary

Wailers, Third World, the

Skatalites

Sun 6/19: Govt. Mule

Lucas Sellers Wine

330 Zachary St., Moorpark

Sat 6/18: Bill Rotella

Sat 6/25: Lauren & Silas

Lucky Fools Pub

75 E. High Street, Moorpark

Fri 6/17: Captain Howie & Space Patrol

Sat 6/25: DRB Acoustic

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor

Fri & Sat 8-11 pm; Sun 5-8 pm

Fri 6/17: Cinnamon Whiskey

Sat 6/18: Crosscut 805

Sun 6/19: Tossers

Fri 6/24: Vinyl Gypsies

Sat 6/25: Red Rhythm

Sun 6/26: CRV

Namba Performing Arts Space

47 S. Oak Street, Ventura

Thurs 6/16: the Carolyn Sills Combo

Sat 6/18: Leslie "Miss Bix" Bixler

Fri 6/24: the Listening

Room Redux 7

Sat 6/25: Adam Clark Ensemble

Peirano's on the Terrazzo

204 E. Main St., Ventura

Sun 6/19: Mac and D

Sun 6/26: Jodi Farrell & Jim Rankin

The Raven Tavern

1651 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard

Fri 6/17: Red Rhythm

Sat 6/18: Jayden Secor

Fri 6/24: Sean Wiggins

Sat 6/25: the Remedies

Strey Cellars

951 N. Rice Ave., Oxnard

Fri 6/17: Holgers Heros

Sun 6/26: the 805 Social Club

Surfer's Point Live

Ventura Fairgrounds

10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura

Sun 6/26: Lil Jon, Flo Rida

The Twist on Main

454 E. Main St., Ventura

Wednesdays: Americana Night

Thursdays: LA Jazz Connection

Fri 6/17: Vanise Terry Band

Sat 6/18: Steve and Sally Williams;

Studebaker Hawk

Sun 6/19: Joe Delia; Brittney

Burchett

Fri 6/24: Burch Studio

Sat 6/25: Dive Bar Steve; Out of

the Blue

Sun 6/26: 80R2D (80 Reasons to

Dance); Bob Bishop Band

Ventura Music Hall

1888 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura

Thurs 6/16: Trevor Hall

Fri 6/17: Nascar Aloe, Unsanctioned,

the Melrays, Bills my Neighbor, Eye

Candy

Sat 6/18: Through the Roots

Fri 6/24: Del Water Gap with

Raffaella

Sat 6/25: Brooks Nielsen

The Vine

308 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai

Saturdays: Smitty and Julia and

Friends

Sundays: Austin Vallejo

Fri 6/17: Dan Grimm

Fri 6/24: Hannah Jobus

Winchesters

632 E. Main St., Ventura

Music Thurs 5:30; Fri 7 pm;

Sun 3 pm

Thurs 6/16: The Pipes

Sun 6/19: Pull the Trigger

Tues 6/21: Open Mic with Jenna Rose

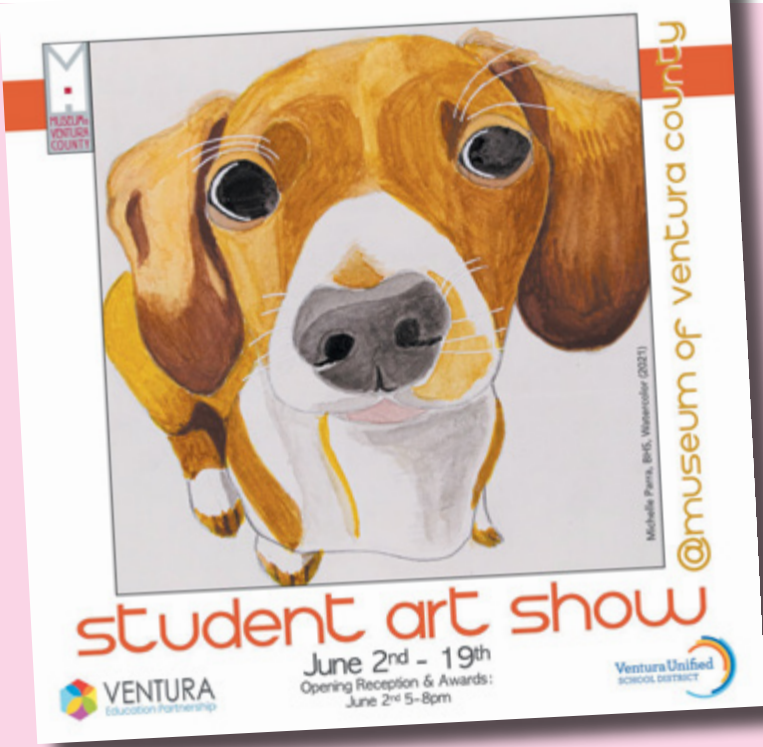
Thurs 6/23: Steve and Sally Williams

Fri 6/24: Mark Masson and Phriends

Sun 6/26: Jacob & the Good Vibes

Tues 6/28: Saint Pierre and Friends

Ventura Music Scene



Water color by **Michelle Parra** from Buena High

After a challenging two years, the Ventura Unified School District and Museum of Ventura County are happy to announce that the annual VUSD Districtwide Student Art Show is back! The VUSD Art Show will run at the Museum of Ventura County from June 2 to June 19, 2022. The opening night reception is a free event held on Thursday, June 2, from 5-8 pm. All are welcome, and student musicians will be performing during this event. Following the viewing, high school student awards will be presented at 6:30 pm.

According to Elena Brokaw, Barbara Barnard Smith Executive Director of the Museum of Ventura County, "This part-

nership between the school district and the museum is a direct result of our community's commitment to the Arts. Ventura is a city where art and artists are celebrated and welcome. We are proud to be a part of this annual tradition."

"With the passage of Measure Q, Measure R, and the passage of art specific parcel tax Measure H in 2020, the citizens of Ventura made it very clear that they believe in the value of art education in our public schools. Preserving and supporting a diverse array of educational opportunities is very important to us as a school district. This is nowhere more evident than in our continued support of Arts education for all students," stated Sabrena Rodriguez, VUSD Board Member and longtime Arts Collaborative member.



"Meaningful Images" is the theme of **William D. Winbush's** solo exhibition May 27-July 30 in Buena Ventura Art Association's Studio 99 gallery at Bell Arts Factory in Ventura.

Winbush paints in oils on canvas and gravitates toward landscapes, seascapes and portraiture, both people and animals. "I paint traditional, representational realism," he said, "Therefore, I really enjoy 're-creating' what I see in all its glorious detail."

Open Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 4pm



Nice mural located at Tacos Jalisco, 2292 E. Main St. By **Klay Kidd**.

Ventura Art Scene

This 'n' That



Ivor and Steve enjoying a good time together!

Up Close and Personal with decorated producer and director Steve Binder

Steve Binder is paramount in the history of music on television, as one of the founding creative minds behind music programs with racially and ethnically diverse casts, showcasing a variety of musical styles. He is arguably best known as the director of the T.A.M.I. Show, Elvis Presley's '68 Comeback Special, Diana Ross Live in Central Park, and The Star Wars Holiday Special. He worked directly with the biggest names in show business; Elvis, Liza Minnelli, Chevy Chase, Patti LaBelle, Barry Manilow,

Pee-Wee Herman, Steve Allen, Soupy Sales, Wayne Newton, Mac Davis, Petula Clark, and John Denver. Most recently, Steve Binder is portrayed by Dacre Montgomery, breakout star of Stranger Things, in the Elvis drama directed by Baz Luhrmann, theatrically released June 24th, 2022.

The Museum of Ventura County is thrilled to present the next installment of Ivor Davis: Up Close and Personal with decorated producer and director Steve Binder on June 30, at 6:30pm. In this series, author, journalist, and investigative reporter Ivor Davis speaks with a rotating guest list of notable and celebrated Ventura County residents, which have including Chris Hillman, Malcom McDowell, Miriam Arichea, and more.

This is a ticketed in-person and virtual program. Free for members, \$10 for non-members in-person, \$5 for non-members on Zoom. Museum members who register for this event (either in person OR via Zoom) will be entered into a drawing to receive an autographed copy of Steve Binder's Elvis '68 Comeback: The Story Behind the Special, Foreword by Baz Luhrmann. Become a member now and register for this event for your opportunity to receive the autographed book.

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Author of:
Manson Exposed: A Reporter's 50-Year Journey into Madness and Murder
The Beatles and Me on Tour
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Progress Pride Flag raised. Photos by Richard Lieberman

County of Ventura in honor of Pride Month raises Progress Pride Flag

The second annual Progress Pride Flag raising was held on June 9th at the Government Center in Ventura located at 800 S Victoria Ave. The flag raising was in support of the LGBTQ+ community. The pride flag will be displayed throughout the month at several county facilities. Pride month is to acknowledge the courage and history of the LGBTQ community.

Speakers included Steven Auclair with the County's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office, Interim County Executive Officer Dr. Sevet Johnson, Supervisor Matt LaVere and Genevieve Flores-Haro with the Diversity Collective.



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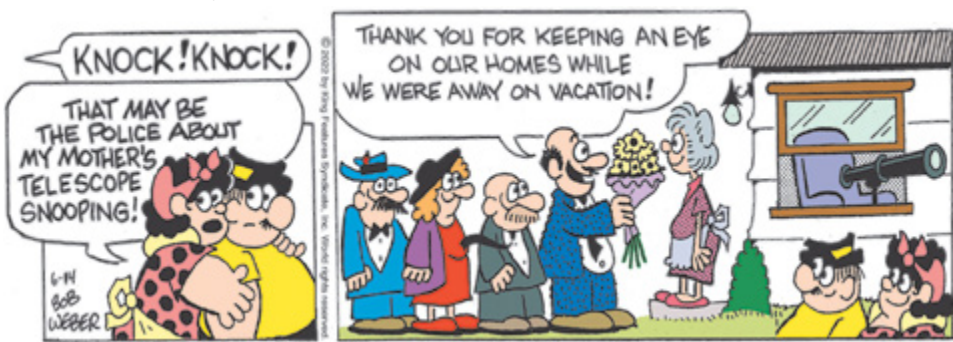
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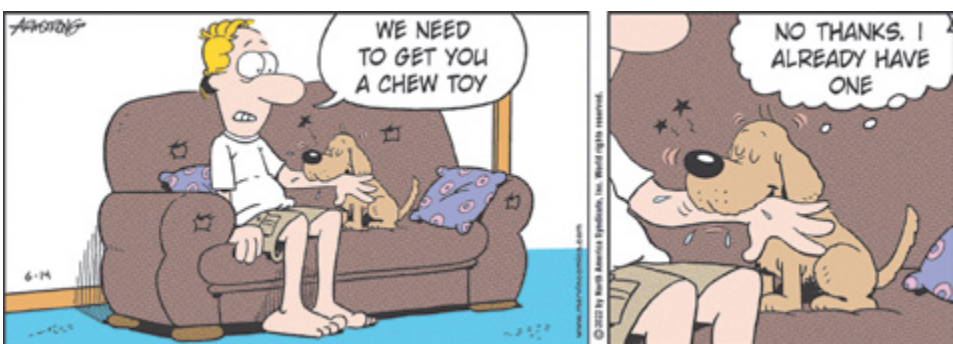
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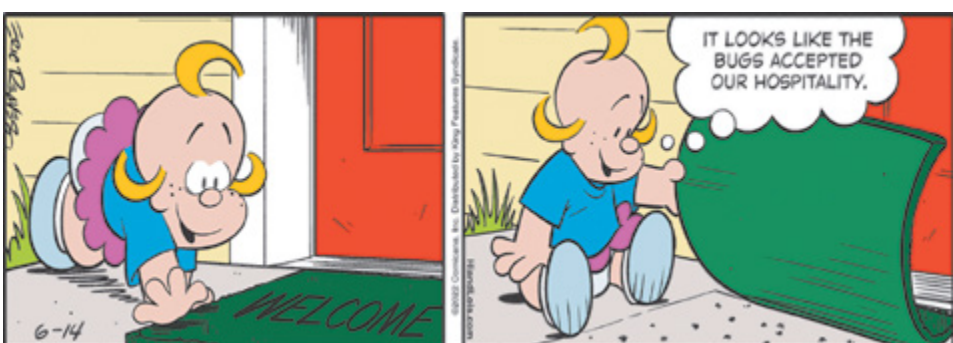
Moose and Molly



Marvin



Hi and Lois



Mallard Fillmore



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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 3x3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Solutions on page 13

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bridge
- 5 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 8 Untalkative one
- 12 Architect Saarinen
- 13 Inseparable
- 14 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 15 Legal document
- 16 Sailor
- 17 Privy to
- 18 Debriefed person?
- 20 Crib cry
- 22 Enigma
- 26 Mudville slugger
- 29 "Certainly!"
- 30 Half of CIV
- 31 Exploits
- 32 Goo up
- 33 Fine spray
- 34 Pickle holder
- 35 "— was saying ...
- 36 "Olympia artist
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- 53 Texter's sign-off
- 54 Last letter in London
- 55 Garfield's pal

- 9 "Chocolat" actress
- 10 From — Z
- 11 AOL rival
- 19 Devious
- 21 TV spots
- 23 Aleppo's land
- 24 French river
- 25 Chanteuse
- 1 "Stitched
- 2 Andean land
- 3 Saharan
- 4 Observes
- 5 Slogan
- 6 Santa — winds
- 7 Dutch artist
- 8 Scale

- 33 Address for Toscanini
- 35 Venomous viper
- 36 Roast VIPs
- 38 Tennis star
- 39 Identified
- 42 'If — a Hammer'
- 43 Big rig
- 44 Ilk
- 45 Suitable
- 46 Dog doc
- 48 Rage

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A more positive aspect opens up, allowing you to make some important changes in a personal situation. Remember to seek balance and avoid extremes as you proceed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good week to get out and enjoy the fine times you missed while you were so deep in those workaday projects. Be sure to share it with that special person.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Work and play are in balance this week. However, expect news that could tip things toward the workplace for quite a while. But all to a good end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're more productive on the job than you have been in some time. That's good. But be careful not to overlook some situations developing in your private life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been doing a lot for others (as usual). But now it's time to focus on your needs, including finally going on that long-delayed trip you've been hoping to make.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's all smoothly going on 'twixt you and that very special person in your life. But a colleague causes some disruption on the job that you might be called on to help settle.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are sensitive to the needs of others. But you're no pushover. You would make a fine teacher, psychologist or minister.

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Showtime

A View from House Seats

Lonesome Traveler Hits All the Right Notes

by Shirley Lorraine

Lonesome Traveler: Generations, now playing at the Rubicon Theater, is an inspiring, uplifting, renewing and timeless concert experience. The magic doesn't just happen when the curtain goes up. Musicians tune, strum, and greet the audience. The audience immediately becomes a part of the experience. The performers aren't performing "at" us or "to" us – they are performing with us. We are involved. The concert embraces the audience with warmth, welcome and a sense of pride in the heritage brought forth by the chosen musical journey.

The featured trio, The Folk Legacy Trio, commandeers the continuum, leading both musicians and audience through familiar favorites of the folk song era. Listen to the lyrics carefully as many are just as relevant today as they were at the height of their popularity. As stated in the title song Lonesome Traveler originally sung by Pete Seeger in 1950, "this old world is in a sad condition." A statement for the ages.

The Trio is comprised of George Grove, long-time member of the Kingston Trio; Rick Dougherty, also with the Kingston Trio and The Limelites, and Jerry Siggins, best known as lead singer of The Diamonds. Sylvie Davison, Trevor Wheatman, Alexcia Thompson and Andrew Huber add their considerable musical talents to the mix. Both the musicianship and vocals are spectacular throughout. The audience is even encouraged to sing along, which many did.

The harmonies are angelic and, as one song intones, "sweeter than wine." At times I closed my eyes just to concentrate on the delicious purity of the sound. A particularly moving rendition of the Sounds of Silence was amplified by the telling of what stirred Art Garfunkel to write it. Simply stunning.

Most of these songs were ones with which I grew up. They haven't lost their charm. Instead, if anything, through this staging, the songs are more meaningful than ever. I was thoroughly transported. In fact, just before intermission, I was thinking "I could listen to this over and over." Lo and behold, at intermission, there at the newly spruced up snack bar (which is beautiful) there were CD's available including one of the original Lonesome Traveler production, now

playing in the background as I write.

The audience is also treated to an original song by Sylvie Davidson which blends in beautifully to the rest of the tapestry.

The performance is augmented in style with projected historical references and backgrounds that embellish the emotional impact of the songs. Lighting and Projections Designer credits are given to Brian Gale.

The World Premiere Lonesome Traveler musical events, conceived by George Groves and Rubicon Co-Founder and Artistic Director James O'Neil are taking their place in the Rubicon's history as a vital and integral unifying element of theater. I, personally, am eager for the next installment.

Lonesome Traveler: Generations continues through June 26. Wednesday and Thursday performances begin at 7 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday shows are at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are 2 p.m. www.RubiconTheatre.org, (805) 667-2900.

Streaming Spotlight by Cindy Summers

Hustle

- Netflix



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

After a car accident in college destroyed his future as a pro basketball player, Stanley Sugarman (Adam Sandler) found a life in the NBA as a scout for the Philadelphia 76ers. Though he loved the game, he found himself weary of years on the road looking for the next undiscovered superstar and yearned for a coaching position on the team. Team owner Rex Merrick (Robert Duvall) believed in Stanley and offered him an assistant coaching job, but passed away shortly thereafter leaving his son Vince (Ben Foster) in charge, who immediately sent Stanley back out on the road.

Stanley went to Spain to check out one of the last prospects on his list. While



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there he came across a pickup game where he found an incredible streetball player named Bo Cruz (NBA player Juancho Hernangomez), a mild mannered construction worker that played basketball in his work boots. Stanley was unable to catch Bo before he left, so caught the bus he was on and followed him home. Bo felt threatened when he found Stanley at his door, but Stanley used Facetime to reach out to Dirk Nowitski (Dallas Mavericks special advisor) who verified that he was legitimate.

Stanley arranged for Bo to play in a scrimmage with the Spanish National Basketball Team and though his performance was impressive, Vince remained unconvinced. Stanley decided to take matters into his own hands and personally pay to bring Bo to the U.S. and told him that he would be signed by the 76ers or enter the NBA draft. At the airport it was discovered that Bo had an aggravated assault conviction in Spain, and though he was released was warned that he could be deported if he were to be arrested in America.

Stanley took Bo to play at a showcase organized by his former college teammate Leon Rich (Kenny Smith, sports com-

mentator and former pro NBA player) but unfortunately Bo was not up to the challenge as another player Kermit Wilt-Washington (Anthony DeVante Edwards, pro basketball player for the Minnesota Timberwolves) trash talked him and threw him off his game. Vince didn't like what he saw of Bo on the court, so refused to support Stanley's recommendation to bring him on the team and even shared information about Bo's assault charge with the media.

With the support of his wife Teresa (Queen Latifah), Stanley quit the 76ers and put all his effort behind getting Bo ready for the NBA Draft Combine six weeks away. Teresa helped by preparing meals for Bo and their daughter Alex (Jordan Hull) assisted by video taping the workouts, which with Stanley's coaching helped Bo to improved tremendously. Unfortunately Leon was unable to get him into the Draft Combine after Vince shared Bo's assault charge with the media, but Alex had an idea to help get Bo recognized with social media.

Stanley and Teresa reached out to their friend and former pro basketball player Julius Erving (Dr. J) to create a

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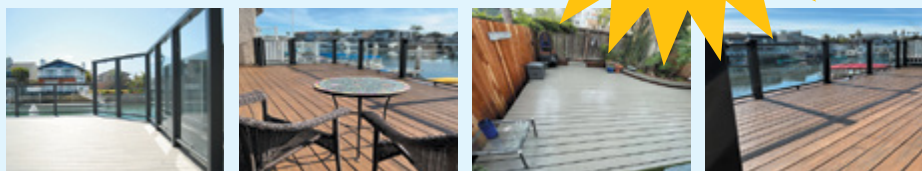
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City News



Cameron comes to Ventura from Pleasant Valley.

City announces new Information Technology Department and Chief Technology Officer

After a competitive, nationwide recruitment, the City of Ventura has selected Mitchell Cameron as the new Chief Technology Officer in the Information Technology (IT) Department.

“The City of Ventura recognizes the essential role information technology plays in connecting public services to our employees, residents, businesses, and community stakeholders,” said City Manager Alex D. McIntyre. “I’m glad to welcome Mitchell as the director of our newly formed information technology department.”

Mitchell was selected to lead the newly formed 23-member IT Department in implementing the City’s strategic plan. This includes managing new and replacement software, identifying emerging technologies, and ensuring strategic business investments are customer-focused and deliver the highest value to the public.

“I am truly excited to continue my work with the City of Ventura in this new capacity. I look forward

to leading the organization’s effort to leverage technology and enhance the way we provide services to the community,” said Chief Technology Officer Mitchell Cameron.

Mitchell brings over 12 years of public and private sector experience to the position. He previously worked for the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District, GEICO, and the United States Navy. He began his career with the City in 2017 as a Management Analyst in the then Finance and Technology Department. Soon after, he was promoted to Senior Analyst in the City Manager’s Office and was appointed the City’s Business Innovation Manager in 2021. He holds a master’s degree in Management Information Systems from National University, a master’s in Business Administration (MBA) from California Lutheran University, and a bachelor’s degree in Management from American Military University.

Although the City has long had an Information Technology Division within its Finance Department, Council approved the creation of an Information Technology Department in June 2021.

For more information about the City of Ventura’s Information Technology Department, visit www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/Information-Technology.

Hustle

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video of the “Boa Challenge”, where anyone, including 76ers player Tobias Harris, tried to score on Bo for cash money. The video ended up going viral and Bo was eventually accepted into the Combine, where Stanley had arranged a surprise visit with his daughter Lucia and mother Paola to support him, but having only trained six weeks was Bo ready for the NBA?

Hustle captures the passion and pure joy of pursuing and doing what you love, while sharing a glimpse into sports team politics and what it takes to make it in the NBA. It also features dozens of actual current NBA players, past NBA players, NBA coaches and other well-known sports pros.

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Runtime: 1h 58m

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