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The visual arts to play a new and substantive role at the Rubicon. Photos by Patricia Schallert.

## Reception held at the Rubicon's Sandra and Jordan Laby Hall

On July 21, the Rubicon Theatre Company, Ventura's non-profit professional theatre company held an opening reception for the transformation of the Sandra and Jordan Laby Hall. As part of the re-envisioning, the downstairs hall has been fitted out with an industry-standard gallery hanging system, offering an opportunity for visual arts to play a new and substantive role at the Rubicon along with their wonderful performances. Piano music, wine, and light snacks were provided to fill out the wonderful evening.

It is to be called "The Rose Room" in honor of Ojai residents Amanda McBroom (Golden Globe Award-winning creator of the song "The Rose") and George Ball. The two have been an integral part of Rubicon's artistic history.

McBroom and Ball shared a statement, "The pre-christening of the Rose Room at the Rubicon and the unveiling of that glorious mural by Michael O'Kelly was an astounding moment for both of us. We were amazed by the beauty of the mural. And by the reality of such a splendid and intimate new space for art and music. We both love the Rubicon and our friends Karyl Lynn Burns, Jim O'Neil, and Bev and Kirby Ward.

The staff and Board selected internationally renowned local artist Michael O'Kelly to assist in the remodel. The result of the partnership is a showing of 24 pieces by O'Kelly (plus new murals by him featured on page 17). The show

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On July 22, at 7:16am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of a vehicle into a tree on Harbor Blvd. near the intersection of Schooner Drive. The driver and sole occupant was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Ventura Fire Department.

At this time, traffic collision investigators believe the vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed and swerved to avoid colliding with the vehicle in front of it. The vehicle lost control and collided with a tree, fatally injuring the driver.

This investigation is ongoing and there was nothing at the scene that would indicate the driver was impaired. The name of the driver is being withheld pending next of kin notification by the Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office.

Any witnesses to the collision are asked to contact Traffic Collision Investigator Mercado at 805-3394306.



The 22-year-old son of Ventura Councilwoman Lorrie Brown died on Thursday, July 22, in Florida. Jeremiah Emmanuel Jordan Brown died of an apparent carjacking and homicide. The exact facts of his murder are still being investigated as Osceola County detectives continue to work on the case.

Jeremiah Brown was born and raised in Ventura and went to Montalvo Elementary, Anacapa Middle and Buena High schools. He was on vacation with his family, staying in an Airbnb in Davenport, Florida. They were celebrating an important time in his girlfriend's nursing program.

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## City News Registration open for the 2022 Corporate Games

Registration is open for the City of Ventura's 2022 Corporate Games. This annual event brings together businesses from Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles Counties to compete against each other in various activities and sporting events. All local companies and businesses are welcome to join. Registration ends September 2, 2022.

The Ventura Corporate Games began in 1989 to build camaraderie and team spirit amongst professionals. Competition categories include sports, community service, team spirit, and unity. Divisions and fees are determined by company size.

The 2022 Corporate Games will occur over the course of five weeks in October on weekends or weeknights after regular business hours. This year's event hosts a diverse line-up of competitive activities, providing opportunities for all players to showcase their strengths. [See below chart]

Additional categories include a sandcastle building contest, sand sculpture contest, team t-shirt design contest, and best community service project.

Full details and registration forms are available at [www.VenturaCorporateGames.org](http://www.VenturaCorporateGames.org). For questions, contact Recreation Supervisor Eric Burton at [eburton@cityofventura.ca.gov](mailto:eburton@cityofventura.ca.gov) or 805-658-4738.

## Ventura water news

Ventura Water customers will see newly adopted water and wastewater rate adjustments reflected on monthly billing cycles starting on July 1, 2022. The Ventura City Council unanimously approved five-year water and wastewater rate increases on May 17, 2021.

Rate increases will support both daily operation and maintenance of the City's existing water and wastewater systems, along with approximately 36 planned capital improvement projects, including the long-anticipated State Water Interconnection Project and VenturaWaterPure Program.

"For many years, our local water sources have been impacted by drought, regulatory and legal constraints," shared Ventura Water General Manager Gina Dorrington. "Now is the time to continue to invest in our aging infrastructure and projects that will help meet regulatory requirements, help secure sustainable water supply for existing and future customers and improve our water quality."

Over the course of eight public meetings and nearly a year of deliberation, the Water Commission, in partnership with City staff and a third-party financial consultant, underwent an extensive water and wastewater rate study to evaluate the City's water rate tiers, water shortage rates, wastewater rate structure, and financing options for major projects.

The results of the study showed that an average annual rate increase of seven percent for water service and six percent



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for wastewater service was needed each year to continue to operate and maintain the systems, repair, and replace aging infrastructure, secure water supply, improve water quality, and meet legal and environmental regulations.

In response to California's third consecutive year of drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted the emergency regulation on May 24, 2022. The emergency regulation places a ban on irrigation of non-functional or decorative grass for commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) sectors. Ventura Water is also required to implement demand reduction actions.

"The City of Ventura remains one of the largest cities in Southern California that relies solely on its own local water supplies," shared Ventura Water General Manager Gina Dorrington. "Through the years, our community has worked together to make conservation a Ventura way of life through simple action steps that add up to big water savings. We're asking local residents to join the City in voluntarily helping us reduce water consumption."

Each year, Ventura Water evaluates the City's water supply and demand, while considering future needs, challenges, and uncertainties relating to Ventura's water

supply reliability. The annual Comprehensive Water Resources Report (CWRR), assesses the City's water supply sources including Lake Casitas, Ventura River, and local groundwater basins.

While the results of the annual report indicated that the City is not in a current water shortage event, the City Council approved the expansion of public outreach and education to encourage residents to voluntarily reduce water use by 20 percent in support of statewide emergency regulations.

The City of Ventura is doing its part by turning off irrigation at all non-functional turf at its facilities and reducing watering times at various parks and recreational areas.

At this time, single-family residential properties in the City of Ventura are encouraged to reduce water use by 20 percent. Stricter measures, including implementing water shortage rates and mandatory outdoor watering restrictions, could go into effect if demand reductions are not achieved through voluntary efforts.

For local drought updates, visit [www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/DroughtUpdate](http://www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/DroughtUpdate). To learn more about Ventura Water's incentives and rebate programs for water efficiency, visit [www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/WaterRebatesFor](http://www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/WaterRebatesFor) more information, or to see a comparison between old and new rates, please visit [www.venturawaterrates.net](http://www.venturawaterrates.net).

## Community Events

### Ventura events

by Ana Baker

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one due to suicide, do not hesitate to join our Survivors of Suicide Loss grief support group. Livingston's Grief and Bereavement Program are committed to maintaining an open, accepting, confidential atmosphere. All free of charge. Survivors of Suicide Loss meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30- 8 p.m. If you would like to register for a support group, please contact Stacia Sickle at 805-389-6870 x452 or at [ssickle@lmvna.org](mailto:ssickle@lmvna.org). Visit [www.LMVNA.org](http://www.LMVNA.org) for more information.

**The Ventura Senior Men's Group meet for a social lunch and program at the Poinsettia Pavilion, on the first and third Tuesday each month.** Men of all descriptions are always welcomed to stop in to sample our shenanigans. Bob Likins at 805-587-1233 or Rick Follenweider at 650-520-1098 can supply details.

**Want to play Bridge? Join us for ACBL sanctioned duplicate bridge games every Tues., Wed., and Thurs. at 12:30 p.m.** Open to all levels of play and we will guarantee to have a partner for you if you need one. Lessons are available. Contact: Richard 805-850-8011 or Rose 805-659-9223 or [buckleYROSE357@gmail.com](mailto:buckleYROSE357@gmail.com). All are welcome.

**July 27: The College Area Community Council's zoom meeting will be Wednesday at 7 p.m.** A representative from the Ventura Water Department will discuss the new water rate plan and city water projects. Council meetings include speakers and discussion on topics of neighborhood and community interest, including public safety and economic development. An invitation and link is sent to everyone on the CACC mailing list. Visit [caccVentura.com](http://caccVentura.com) to learn more, to be added to the mailing list or to access a link to the Zoom meeting."

**August 3, 17: Parent grief support group. The Compassionate Friends**

**(TCF) of West Ventura County provides free grief support for families after the death of a child.**

Parents, grandparents and siblings over 16 are welcome to join us on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM. First-time attendees join the call at 6:45 pm. We provide peer-led support where you can openly grieve without judgement. If interested, please contact (805) 835-9100 and leave your email address so we can forward the ZOOM link via email a few days before the scheduled call. For more information, visit [TCFventura.org](http://TCFventura.org). To speak with the TCF Chapter Leader in Ventura, contact Laura Lindsay at (914) 610-8918. We welcome you to this club no one ever wants to join. We understand grief and are here to help you take the next step in your healing journey.

**August 3: BCNN will meet at the Ventura Yacht Club Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be the Executive Director of the Ventura Botanical Gardens, Joseph Cahill, PH.D., J.D.** He will be discussing the progress and exploration of the Ventura Botanical Gardens." BCNN (Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers) is a social organization for women from Ventura, Oxnard and Port Hueneme. Nonmembers are welcome to attend at no cost to get to know us and see if they are interested in our monthly coffee meetings and the many small group activities, we sponsor. On the web at [www.BC-Nwomensclub.org](http://www.BC-Nwomensclub.org)

**August 7: 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) in Ventura. For information, please call (805) 642-3345 or visit the website at [dudleyhouse.org](http://dudleyhouse.org).

**August 9: The Ventura County Writers Club is hosting a free**

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Two categories: color and black and white. Email up to three photos.





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## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown  
Publisher-Editor

■ My sincere condolences to Councilmember **Lorrie Brown** whose 22-year-old son Jeremiah Brown recently died from gunshot wounds while in Florida.

■ **The Ventura County Fair** returns on August 3 for its 147th year, following a two year pause because of the pandemic. The only other times the fair was closed was because of World War 1, the Great Depression and World War 2. A great opportunity to get out to enjoy the food, the outdoors, the music, the livestock, and the rides, including the Ferris wheel.

Ever wonder why Ferris wheel is capitalized? The original Ferris wheel, sometimes also referred to as the Chicago Wheel, was designed and built by George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. as the centerpiece of the Midway at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois.

■ Nine business hopefuls vied for the city of Ventura's approval for **cannabis** retail and distribution permits. They were allotted about 10 minutes each to make presentations to city staff and to the citizens who attended.

In November 2020, Ventura voters approved a ballot measure for the taxation of cannabis in the city. In February 2021, the City Council adopted ordinances to allow for commercial cannabis businesses in Ventura.

Yesania Anderson from community development ran the meeting. Ventura City Manager Alex McIntyre will make a decision on awarding permits in August or September,

The city can award up to three retail permits and up to 10 distribution permits. The nine finalists were selected by an outside consulting group using combined criteria of business ownership, neighborhood compatibility, community benefits, investment plans and proposed locations in the city.

Some residents expressed concerns that the cannabis businesses would open near schools and parks. I certainly understand their concerns, but if they visited locations in other cities they would not see "potheads" in or outside of the stores. The establishments are more like high-end drug stores (no pun intended).

While these stores will bring additional tax dollars to Ventura, my concern is that there are so many cannabis stores now open in adjacent cities that there may not be need for so many new outlets here.

■ After serving 29 years on the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education, Ms. **Velma Lomax** has decided

not to seek re-election for Trustee Area 1 in November. She will be missed has been a wonderful member of the board making many great contributions.

VUSD Board of Education Trustee Areas 1, 4 & 5 are eligible for the November 8, 2022, Statewide General Election. For additional information visit; <https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/elections/>.

■ The downtown Ventura **farmer's market** is set to leave its Palm and Santa Clara location for a larger, linear layout on Main St. The Ventura City Council unanimously approved a multi-year license agreement for the Ventura County Certified Farmer's Market to move to 200 E. Main St., between Palm Street and Ventura Avenue, starting Aug. 27. The farmer's market will pay a total of \$5,000 per year in four quarterly payments for use of the city street and operate from 6am to 2pm on Saturdays.

The Farmer's market will also pay \$4,800 annually for a Mission Basilica San Buenaventura parking lot that will be used as a food court and pay an additional \$19,200 annually for supplying restrooms.

I like a more casual layout like the one they have had for many years as compared to a linear one. Like all businesses, COVID has negatively affected attendance, so hopefully this will bring back old customers.

**Guns in the News:**

■ Three individuals are in the hospital after being shot at a funeral at a Chicago church. Police said the shooting took place when a grey colored sedan drove by and a person in the vehicle opened fire on the victims, who were standing outside of the church.

A 5-year-old Arkansas boy fatally shot his 8-year-old brother in what investigators believe was an accidental shooting with an unsecured gun. The 8-year-old was found unresponsive Thursday afternoon at a home.

"This is a tragic incident that could have been avoided. I can't emphasize strongly enough that guns need to be well secured and kept out of the hands and away from children at all times," Sheriff Lafayette Woods Jr. said. "Gun owners that do not properly secure their firearms are just one split second away from one of these tragedies happening in their home."

According to American Academy of Pediatrics California, "**Gun violence** is among the greatest public health crises facing children and youth. Nearly 7,000 children younger than 18 are killed or wounded by gunshots each year." Firearm related deaths are now the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 19.

One person has died, and two others

were injured after a shooting at a bowling alley in Livermore Saturday evening. Police say a fight broke out at Granada Bowl, which led to a shooting inside the business. One of the individuals involved in the fight pulled out a gun and fired several rounds that hit three adult victims. Oh, for the good old says of just fist fights.

Assemblymember **Steve Bennett** (D-Ventura) and Senator Monique Limon announced that Legislation to restrict gun sales at the Ventura County Fairground has been signed by the Governor.

According to a report published by UC Davis, gun shows are a source of illegally trafficked firearms. The Center for American Progress noted that gun shows have received criticism as being "the critical moment in the chain of custody for many guns, the point at which they move from the somewhat-regulated legal market to the shadowy, no-questions-asked illegal market."

"Unfortunately, the United States experiences far more gun violence per person than virtually every other modern industrialized country in the world," Said Bennett, "and what accounts for this? The United States has one of the most pervasive gun cultures in the world supported by a powerful gun lobby. Gun shows at the Fairgrounds enhance this and it is time for each of us to play a role in changing this culture."

■ "State property does not need to be in the business of facilitating the sale of firearms," said **Senator Limón**. "This legislation is an important step forward to enhance gun safety and reflects the direction that our local communities have asked the state to take on."

This bill is similar to efforts in other counties to **restrict gun sales**. In 2021, SB 264 (Min) was signed into law to prohibit gun sales at Orange County Fairground. And in 2018, Governor Newsom signed into law AB 893 (Gloria) which ended gun shows at the Del Mar State Fairground.

The gun shows have been held for more than a decade at the Ventura County Fairgrounds and will be banned Jan. 1 if the bill is signed into law. There will certainly be court challenges to this law. Gun rights advocates said the laws will be challenged here. There are ongoing cases against bans at fairgrounds in San Diego and Orange counties.

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced he will sign a controversial, first-in-the-nation gun control law patterned after a **Texas anti-abortion law**. His action comes one month after conservative justices overturned a woman's constitutional right to abortions and undermined gun control laws in states including California.

Newsom combined the two topics in approving a law allowing people to sue anyone who distributes illegal assault weapons, parts that can be used to build weapons, guns without serial numbers, or .50 caliber rifles. They would be awarded at least \$10,000 in civil damages for each weapon.

"While the Supreme Court rolls back reasonable gun safety measures, California continues adding new ways to protect the lives of our kids," Newsom said in a statement released before he signed the bill. "California will use every tool at its disposal to save lives, especially in the face of an increasingly extreme Supreme Court."

We encourage you to send your opinions to [opinions@venturabreeze.com](mailto:opinions@venturabreeze.com). Please limit them to about 300 words

## Mailbox

To [opinions@venturabreeze.com](mailto:opinions@venturabreeze.com)

In regards to the following comment I read in the July 13-July 26, 2022 edition of Ventura Breeze, "Pro Life isn't even Pro Birth at the root, it's Anti Sex...", I would agree that loosely held morals is the root cause or the "Elephant in the Room" that very few people want to address. I also believe that careless, or casual sex outside of the sanctuary of ordained marriage has resulted in the millions of abortions that have been executed in our country. Peggy Sorkoram

Hello Sheldon and Team,

I am reaching out in response to your request in the Opinion/Editorial page in the June 15 to June 28, 2022 issue of the Ventura Breeze for an answer from the

Bible regarding its viewpoint on Abortion and Birth control. Please refer to the two attached links where these topics and the Bible principles involved are discussed in detail.

Personally, I love the scripture at Psalms 139:13-16 in which David describes in poetic and beautiful terms how wondrous it was that he was seen by his Creator, when as an embryo in his mothers womb. He had all his parts were down in writing (DNA)! That genetic code is transferred from the parents at conception and thus a new life begins to form. Thank you for the opportunity to share!

Warmest Regards, Mrs. Kristina Kline

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Harbormaster John Higgins, Board Chairman Chris Stephens, California Congresswoman Julia Brownley, Sr. Business Operations Manager Todd Mitchell and Board Vice-Chairman Mike Blumenberg at the presentation.

### California Congresswoman Brownley visits Ventura Port District to celebrate the Federal appropriation

California Congresswoman Julia Brownley, U.S. representative of California 26th District, recently visited the Ventura Port District to celebrate the federal appropriation of \$5,516,000 for the maintenance dredging of Ventura Harbor. This is one of the Congresswoman's ten Community Funded Projects which was included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus and was supported by Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla. The Community Project Funding

supplements the funding made available for the project in the President's Budget and ensures that the entrance to Ventura Harbor will be well cared for through the next dredging cycle in early 2023. The check was presented to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ventura Board of Port Commissioners, Chris Stephens and Michael Blumenberg.

"Since first being elected to Congress, I have been tireless in my work to secure funding for the dredging and maintenance

of Ventura County's harbors. The dredging of Ventura Harbor is essential to ensuring continued operations of this critical West Coast fishing hub," stated Congresswoman Brownley. "The annual funding is vital to ensuring that the harbor's federally authorized channel remains open to those who rely upon the harbor, including the commercial fishing industry and supply chain businesses.

Brownley stated. "This funding will support operations at the harbor, support local businesses that rely on these waterways, and ensure the preservation of our coastline and beaches. The dredging efforts also help keep our local tourism and recreation industries thriving to provide recreational opportunities for everyone throughout the region. This is a real win-win-win!"

Ventura Port District General Manager Brian Pendleton stated, "The ongoing support of Congresswoman Brownley at the federal level has been exceptionally important to our region. Ventura Harbor has benefited from her support since her first year in office and we cannot thank her enough.

The dredging of the entrance channel is performed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Congresswoman's efforts ensure that sufficient funding is provided to the agency to complete the project. Maintaining this deep draft navigation channel ensures that the nearly 1,500 harbor vessels, including the Channel Islands National Park ferries, commercial fishing vessels, and private boaters have unrestricted access between the open ocean, Ventura Harbor, and the Ventura Keys.

In addition to keeping the entrance

safe and navigable, the high-quality sand is redistributed onto adjacent beaches. This beneficial reuse of the sand renourishes the beaches after the winter season erosion, providing a secondary benefit. This in turn helps to provide an accessible and safe beach going experience for the public, while defending protected species habitat.

### Ventura Land Trust announces 13th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival

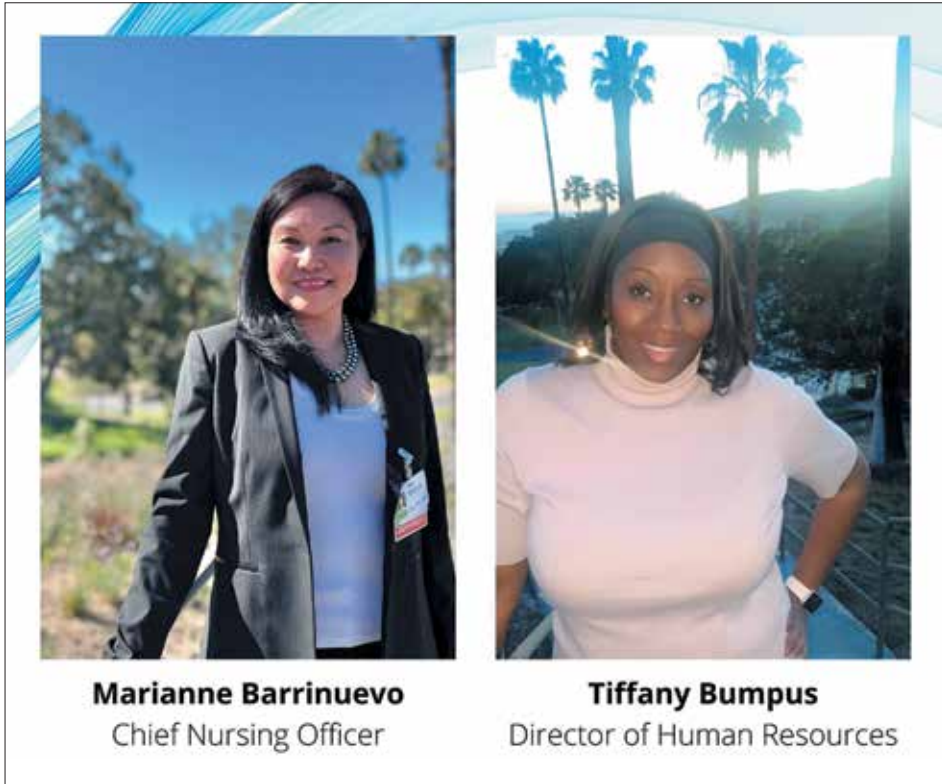
Ventura Land Trust's annual benefit, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, returns for its 13th year on Saturday, August 20th at Ventura County Credit Union headquarters. This signature event raises funds each year to support Ventura Land Trust's mission to permanently protect the land, water, wildlife and scenic beauty of the Ventura region for current and future generations. Film Festival doors open at 5:00 pm, and films begin around 7:45 pm. A virtual ticket option is available for guests who prefer to enjoy the Film Festival from home.

One of the largest environmental film festivals in North America, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival shares an urgent call to action, encouraging festival-goers to learn more about what they can do to

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## News & Notes



**Marianne Barrinuevo**  
Chief Nursing Officer

**Tiffany Bumpus**  
Director of Human Resources

## Vista del Mar Hospital welcomes new leaders

Vista del Mar Hospital welcomes Tiffany Bumpus and Marianne Barrinuevo to its leadership team. Bumpus has been appointed the Director of Human Resources, and Barrinuevo is the new Chief Nursing Officer.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tiffany and Marianne to the team. Tiffany has a comprehensive background in recruitment and staffing, benefits administration, employee and labor relations, and

employment law compliance. Marianne has the unique experience of working for Vista del Mar early in her career and excelling as a clinician. They each bring a strong professional background and will be key players as we rebuild the hospital," said Dan Powell, Chief Executive Officer of Vista del Mar Hospital. "They are both a natural fit for our Vista family, and I am pleased to have them on board."

Tiffany Bumpus is a human resource

professional with 20 years of progressive global experience working in the technology, healthcare, government, and private sectors. Before joining Vista del Mar Hospital, Bumpus served as the Benefits Administrator II at Vsolvit LLC. She has held many leadership positions, including Sales and Recruitment Manager for Ledgent Finance and Accounting in Woodland Hills; Staffing Account Manager for Corestaff Services in Ventura; Director of Human Resources for Clinicas Del Camino Real in Camarillo; and Human Resources Manager for Systems Applications & Technologies, Inc. in Oxnard. She holds a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's in Psychology from San Diego State University.

Marianne Barrinuevo brings Vista del Mar Hospital 25 years of clinical experience. She started her career at Camarillo State Hospital as a Licensed Psychiatric Technician. She then advanced to Vista del Mar Hospital in 1997, where she eventually became an RN Supervisor, Charge Nurse, and Medical Nurse within 11 years. Barrinuevo has held many leadership positions, including Chief Nursing Officer for College Hospital Cerritos; Director of Psychiatric Services for Southern California Hospital in Culver City; Vice President of Clinical Services for Horizon Health; Director of Nursing and Infection Preventionist for Santa Barbara County Behavioral Health; and Director of Clinical Services at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center/Behavior Health Center. She holds a Master's of Science and Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from West Haven University.

## A supernova feast of saxes, strings and songs sweep the Ventura Music Festival

by **Richard Newsham**  
VMF consultant

The Ventura Music Festival's "Onward!" 27th season opens tonight with a Free Concert in the Park featuring the gospel, West African and American funk world-fusion mix of the all-female band Adaawe at downtown Ventura's Mission Park on Wednesday, July 27, at 5:30 pm.

The festival venue then moves to the intimate 400-seat Ventura College Performing Arts Center, 4700 Loma Vista Road, for two weekends of concerts beginning with sensational Irish band We Banjo 3 and its Celtgrass vocal and string blend of "bluegrass and beyond" on Friday, July 29, at 7:30 pm. Direct from Paris the Django Festival Allstars quintet brings us "le jazz hot" style of legendary guitarist Django Reinhardt on Saturday, July 30, at 7:30 pm. And weekend one concludes with local piano virtuoso gone globally famous Sean Chen alluring us with romantic pearls by Mozart, Debussy, Liszt, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Mendelssohn on Sunday, July 31, at 3 pm.

Weekend two opens on Friday, August 5, at 7:30 pm. Continued on page 8

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# News & Notes



## The City Center is a bridge between homelessness and success for families with children

The City Center’s Year 2 fundraising drive is about to kick off. They must continue raising funds for The City Center to purchase their own home. Historically, 53% of their monthly costs were for rent, so buying the converted motel in downtown Ventura has been a big priority. Board member and longtime supporter of The City Center, John Exell, said, “The City Center program has proven success – we have seven years of not one graduate of our program returning to homelessness, a testament to our unique program. Our program is difficult, with many tough goals set, but we provide mentoring and counseling to help our residents become self-sufficient and thrive”.

The requirements for graduation from The City Center are:  
 Be completely off government subsistence programs  
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Jim Duran, Executive Director of The City Center says, “The City Center goal-based program keeps our residents and

children on track. They all have a “tiny home” or room just for them and their children, which allows the family to stay together. Being unhoused is a difficult path for anyone to take, but for homeless moms, dads, with children, it is horrible. No child should be homeless. The residents in our bridge program, which transitions folks to a healthy, supportive lifestyle, often go on to be counselors and help others. We are so proud of all of them.”

They recently held The CAKE event which was a day of photos, filming residents and their children, and discussing The City Center’s impact on their lives. In addition, there was a giant cake for the families to celebrate Year One’s fundraising result and gratitude for the Ventura County community stepping up to help.

Coming up on August 18, at 5:30pm, is a rare opportunity to see The City Center, meet families and talk with them at a “sponsor a room” event, which asks community members, faith-based organizations, and businesses to help. To help house more homeless families and children please donate by visiting <https://www.gofundme.com/f/TheCityCenter>

### The Bookmark

## About Libraries and Friends

by Mary Olson

Ventura County Library has announced this year’s selection for One County One Book.

One County One Book invites you to join your Ventura county community in exploring a common narrative.

This year’s title is Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America by Mayukh Sen.

Taste Makers is Sen’s debut and was published in November of 2021. In it he explores America’s modern culinary history through the lives of seven pathbreaking chefs and food writers. The W.W. Norton description of the book asks, “Who’s really

behind America’s appetite for foods from around the globe? This group biography from an electric new voice in food writing honors seven extraordinary women, all immigrants, who left an indelible mark on the way Americans eat today. Taste Makers stretches from World War II to the present, with absorbing and deeply researched portraits of figures including Mexican-born Elena Zelayeta, a blind chef; Marcella Hazan, the deity of Italian cuisine; and Norma Shirley, a champion of Jamaican dishes.”

This year’s One County, One Book program is officially sponsored by the Ventura County Library Foundation. Copies of the book will be available to borrow from all Ventura County Library branches. Discussions and related events will run through the month of October.

One County, One Book culminates with a special author event with Mayukh Sen at 2 pm on Saturday, November 12, 2022 on the

California State University, Channel Islands campus.

If any friends of the library were listening to the NPR program Fresh Air recently, they might have enjoyed a vicarious pat on the back. Fresh Air’s book critic, Maureen Corrigan, mentioned that, during a brief break in transit, the discovery of a wall of used books for sale near the checkout desk at a library saved her from being trapped and miserable for five plus hours on a plane.

Just a little reminder, that, even if you missed our sale on July 16 and our bookstore in E.P. Foster Library is not open, you can pick up an emergency read from such shelves of used books in E.P. Foster Library and Hill Road Library. The Friends of the Library regularly freshen up the books (for adults and children) on offer on those shelves. And, the money deposited in the box adds to our bottom line which turns into more programs and books at your local library.

### Mailbox

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to implore the Ventura City Council not to approve a marijuana store near Ventura High School.

I advise the Ventura City Council not to approve any marijuana stores anywhere in the city, but especially not near a school, bus depot, or other sensitive locations that are used by the sober public.

Again, I strongly caution against all members of the Ventura City Council from approving any marijuana store, anywhere in the city. But approving a marijuana

store that is so close to Ventura High... well, it would be a shameful legacy that all members of the Council would have to live with for the rest of their lives.

Respectfully,  
 Nik Schiffmann

Breeze

Dogs are not allowed on most beaches in the city of Ventura, yet every day there are dozens of dogs running loose with no consequences. Even on the few small sections of city owned beach where dogs are allowed, dogs must be on a leash at all times. I’ve contacted State Beach officials and Animal Control and they refuse to take any action in enforcing these laws. Sometimes lifeguards try to enforce the law, but then get verbally abused by the law breakers. How bad does this problem have to get before anyone does something about this? Maybe after a big dog attacks and kills another small dog, or maims a young child?

People are coming from all parts of Ventura and beyond to let their dogs run wild on the beach. And with basically unlimited and unregulated vacation rentals all over Pierpont and the rest of Ventura, we have multitudes of out-of-town tourists also bringing their dogs to the beaches.

This is not just a weekend occurrence, it’s seven days a week, from dawn to sunset. There are no more shore birds from Marina Park to the State Beach, the dogs have chased them all away. I urge you to take a trip to the Pierpont beaches and see what’s happening for yourself.

It would be great to see signs put up on all the beaches with the rules and fines clearly stated for all to see. Lifeguards can put them up along the shore in the mornings, and permanent signs can be posted at the end of San Pedro, Seaward, New Bedford, Martha’s Vineyard, and Greenock Lanes. Give people a week to comply, and then start writing tickets and/or impounding animals.

Marc Hoopingarner

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## News & Notes



Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland visits Ventura. Photos by Michael Gordon.

## Channel Islands National Park receives funding to rehabilitate and improve safety on trails

During a visit to Channel Islands National Park today, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland celebrated the Department of the Interior's commitment of close to \$100,000 in funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The park's ecosystem restoration project will rehabilitate and improve safety on trails, as well as protect archeological and natural resources on Santa Cruz Island. The project will be carried out in partnership with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

"Through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we are advancing partnerships between the federal government and Tribes to support access to clean air, clean water and a better environment for future generations," said Assistant Secretary Newland. "As we make essential investments through this transformative law to conserve ecosystems, mitigate the risk of wildland fire and maintain our national parks, the support and ingenuity of local partners and Tribes who know these natural treasures best is critical."

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$1.4 billion for ecosystem restoration efforts over the next five years, building on proven projects, programs and partnerships that conserve our cherished wildlife and natural resources critical to supporting local economies, creating jobs and strengthening commu-

nities.

The project funding announced today will be carried out under a Task Agreement with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, engaging their Fire Department in trail construction and their Cultural department in resources protection. The project will work to protect natural and archeological areas and enhance visitor experience and public safety by improving corridors and trail conditions on three miles of the park's most heavily used trails as well close and restore approximately 1,000 feet of unapproved trails. The project will also protect native plant communities and areas with archaeological resources while adapting existing historic routes for accessible and safe public access.

## Rotary Club of Ventura Welcomes New Leader

The Rotary Club of Ventura has selected Margi Wray as club president for the 2022/2023 year. She follows Rob van Nieuwburg, under whose leadership the club sponsored many charitable and community events, including resump-

tion of the popular Independence Day Family Picnic and Fireworks show, Coats for Kids, a free weekly optometry clinic, supporting a monarch butterfly habitat at Camp Arnaz, supporting the Navajo Water Project, youth activities, and more.

"We have a strong organization thanks to the work of long-standing club members, coupled with new energy and focus of our newer members," said Margi. Her goals are to serve our community's needs through corroboration within our club and other service organizations in the community, increase transparency through good communication, and key into members' talents, expertise and passions to serve our community.

Margi has worked as a sculptor, goldsmith, and wax carver. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Illinois. She is not new to leadership. She served 21 years on the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Board of Education, including four years as Board President. She says, "That experience will serve me well in goal setting, evaluation of performance and in



Margi has worked as a sculptor, goldsmith, and wax carver.

community interaction."

Having moved to the Ventura area only 3 years ago, she attributes her time in Rotary to rapidly making her feel at home in a new environment. "I have been instantly connected to so many people who have 'Service above Self' at the core of who they are," she explains, "and it has made my transition to involvement and work in this community seamless. If you have ever wanted to be more involved in the community, we look forward to meeting you!"

The Rotary Club of Ventura celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2019. Its members include business leaders, nonprofit leaders and civic professionals who meet regularly and perform charity and community service in Ventura and throughout the world. It is part of

Rotary International, which has more than 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in 168 countries. People join the club for fellowship, friendship and to give back to our local community and the beyond. The Rotary Club is actively seeking new members. To learn more, visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2868/>.

### Ventura Music Festival

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August 5, at 7:30 pm, with a unique sextet of a soprano, alto, baritone, bass and two tenor saxophones called The Moanin' Frogs—the moniker is an unlikely contraction of two 1910's saxophone hit tunes, The Bullfrog Blues and That Moanin' Saxophone Rag. But the ensemble name aptly fits a repertoire that "electrifies and delights" audiences nationwide—defying genres with every jump from primo orchestral, concerto and chamber arrangements to treasured jazz, burlesque and vaudeville improvisations.

On Saturday, August 6, at 7:30 pm, Veronica Swift—a young chanteuse with deep jazz roots but now branching out with classical, rock, soul, folk and funk selections—is determined as an artist to bring a post-COVID rebirth of hope to audiences everywhere as she breaks down genre barriers, uniting them under an anthem called "Sing"—an uplifting tribute to the positive change that music brings to the world. "There is this thing that's like touching, except you don't touch, you sing, just sing," claims the artist. "The act of singing is a kind of secular prayer, in the spirit of John Lennon's Imagine."

The VMF festival concludes on Sunday, August 7, at 3 pm, with what the New York Times calls "America's most astonishing choir," The Crossing led by conductor Donald Nally and embracing new music with "a social conscience and fearless technique" created by the world's most prestigious living composers and performed at marquee venues with the nation's most adventuresome orchestras and ensembles. Find out why radio host Brian Lauritzen champions this 24-voice winner of two Grammy® awards for Best Choral Performance and 7 more nominations on his weekly "A Joyful Noise" KUSC broadcast of choral music almost every Sunday morning.

Year after year, the Ventura Music Festival is renowned for showcasing a breathtaking multiverse of musical styles from classical to contemporary. Connect with the artists and with fellow listeners in our community who love to discover the joy and excitement of familiar and brave new worlds of sound by attending VMF concerts this weekend and next.

Tickets: \$15-65 at [www.venturamusicfestival.org](http://www.venturamusicfestival.org) and 805.648.3146.



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As Kathleen reflected on her life, she knew when it was time to retire.

## Let's meet Kathleen Wheeler

by Patricia Schallert

There are many seniors among us who have lived and continue to live lives that can be considered "success stories"... Let's meet Kathleen Wheeler and see how she sees it.

Kathleen is a 72 young retired woman, born in Baltimore, Maryland, who lived in Antigua as a youngster and then moved to Ventura where she graduated from Ventura High School in 1968. She lived in San Diego for a number of years before retiring seven years ago and moved back to Ventura where she now considers herself a "local".

As Kathleen reflected on her retirement, she knew when it was time to retire. She enjoyed her career working in "Organization Development" as a psychologist very much and thought she would stay in her career until, she said "she dropped". Her work was intense, with demanding bosses, paperwork and deadlines.

Upon retirement Kathleen and her husband moved to Ventura in December, 2017, the day before the Thomas Fire started. Still living out of boxes, they evacuated to a family friend's house where they waited out the fire and prayed their house would still be standing when the evacuation orders were lifted.

She no longer had deadlines, paperwork and those challenging bosses. But Kathleen discovered through her friend's connections that there was a passion growing inside her that she had not thought of as she waited out the fire. Her family friend was a scientist who asked her to help him write an essay on "Climate Change and Culture".

"With the freedom that retirement provides, finding purpose and meaning and the right balance of activity vs leisure, is not always a slam dunk", she said. She began to facilitate workshop sessions and supported others though her church to get in touch with new ways of looking at retirement. With her community members from her church, she explored the ideas of volunteering, a possible second career or a more leisurely life.

Learning to just "Be", was difficult at first. The absence of structure, the absences of dead lines or commitments to others was challenging, and to no longer be defined by the career itself, helped her focus on how to create her own structure in her life.

But with retirement came an unlimited amount of possibilities which at times was overwhelming. "You can do many things when you retire, just not everything" was one of many lessons she learned.

Unexpected events were the hardest to accept for Kathleen. There were also difficulties with the loss that comes with working, since most people are defined by their work or career until they retire. Structure, alarm clocks and deadlines were no longer a part of her life, but independence moved to the front of the line and with that came writing classes, workshops and community involvement. A particular class about climate change became a turning point in Kathleen's life and she has become a relentless activist on the importance of climate action, most recently by pushing for an "Electrification Ordinance" in Ventura.

Reducing green house gasses by starting the Ventura Climate Coalition keeps her busy most days, sometimes "too busy." The Ventura Climate Coalition is just one voice, but there are a growing number and the hope is that eventually, they will be heard.

But the joy is in the involvement and the support she has gained from the community and tiny baby steps in the process. Kathleen accepts failure as a part of the growth and learning and has learned to value acceptance and compassion in the process of having those difficult conversations with those who have a different point of view. For Kathleen, "Retirement is about meaning, legacy, reconciliation, forgiveness and spirituality".

Editor: If you are a senior, or know of one, who would like to share their retirement, or job, with us let us know at editor@venturabreeze.com.

# Senior Living

## Parkinson's Disease: Causes, Symptoms, and Treatments

Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder that causes unintended or uncontrollable movements, such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with balance and coordination.

Symptoms usually begin gradually and worsen over time. As the disease progresses, people may have difficulty walking and talking. They may also have mental and behavioral changes, sleep

problems, depression, memory difficulties, and fatigue.

While virtually anyone could be at risk for developing Parkinson's, some research studies suggest this disease affects more men than women. It's unclear why, but studies are underway to understand factors that may increase a person's risk. One clear risk is age: Although most people with Parkinson's first develop the disease after age 60, about 5% to 10% experience onset before the age of 50. Early-onset forms of Parkinson's are often, but not always, inherited, and some forms have been linked to specific gene mutations.

What causes Parkinson's disease?

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## Senior Living



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### Driving Safety and Alzheimer's Disease

Good drivers are alert, think clearly, and make good decisions. When people with Alzheimer's disease are not able to do these things, they should stop driving. But some people may not want to stop driving or even think there is a problem.

As the caregiver, you must talk with the person about the need to stop driving. Do this in a caring way. Understand how unhappy the person may be to admit that he or she has reached this new stage. Safety First

People with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease should never get behind the wheel. People with very mild Alzheimer's may be able to drive safely in certain conditions. But as memory and decision-making skills worsen, they need to stop because a driver with dementia may not be able to react quickly when faced with a surprise on the road. Someone could get hurt or killed. If the person's reaction time or ability to focus slows, you must stop the person from driving.

Signs that the person should stop driving include:

- New dents and scratches on the car
- Taking a long time to do a simple errand and not being able to explain why, which may indicate the person got lost
- Two or more traffic tickets or increased car insurance premiums
- Comments from friends and neighbors about driving
- Speeding or sudden lane changes
- Confusing the brake and gas pedals
- Recommendations from a doctor to modify driving habits
- Other health issues that may affect driving ability, such as changes in vision, hearing, or mobility.

Driving safety infographic icon  
Read and share this infographic if you are worried about a loved one's safety on the road.

Some people with memory problems decide on their own not to drive, while others may deny they have a problem.

State laws vary regarding when a person with Alzheimer's should stop driving. In some States, doctors are required to report to the State's Department of Motor Vehicles whether a person has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia. In others, anyone can report a potentially unsafe driver to the State. Check with your State's Department of Motor Vehicles for more information. You may need to notify the person's car insurance company, too.

It is a good idea to have the person's driving skills assessed regularly by a professional. The American Occupational Therapy Association maintains a national database of driving specialists, or you can ask your State's Department of Motor Vehicles or the person's doctor to recommend someone who can test the person's driving skills. Note that there may be fees associated with these types of assessments.



"Swimming is great exercise and can be very sociable."

### Fun Ways for older adults to stay physically active

There are lots of fun and simple ways to build exercise into your daily routine. Find ideas for activities to do with your family and ways to stay active in all four seasons.

#### Family Activities to Help You Get Exercise

Being physically active with your family is a great way to stay healthy and make exercise fun. Whether you play team sports with the entire family or take brisk walks with your spouse, child, or grandchild, you'll be rewarded with improved health and time spent together.

Here are a few activity ideas for you to do with your grandchildren:

#### Infants and Toddlers

Take them for walks in the stroller and rides on your bike. Don't forget your helmets.

Play games that get your bodies moving—Wheels on the Bus, Pretend We're Animals, and Hide-and-Seek.

Sign up for baby yoga or exercise classes. Try baby-friendly swimming classes.

#### School-Aged Children

Walk to the park and push their swing. Jump rope together. Build a fort—indoors or out. Play catch, kickball, basketball, or soccer. Go swimming or biking together. Play a video fitness game together and see who wins!

#### Teens and Young Adults

Participate in activities that interest them. Try hiking, skating, or tennis. Go golfing or swimming. Invite them to join you in physical activities that require two people, such as tennis or ping pong.

Ask them to help you in the garden or with heavy-duty household chores.

Search for Move Your Way: Tips for Getting Active as a Family on YouTube for more tips on getting active with your family.

Be Physically Active Without Spending a Dime!

You don't need to spend a fortune to be physically active. In fact, you can be active in many ways without spending any money. You don't need special exercise equipment other than comfortable walking shoes. Here are a few ideas to help get you moving for free:

Make your own weights from household items such as soup cans or bottles of water. Try out free demonstration exercises classes at your local senior center or fitness center.

Go for a hike in a park. Participate in community-sponsored fun runs or walks.

Yard work such as raking, digging, and planting can keep you active. Make sure to drink water or juice after exercise.

Summer

Swim laps or take a water aerobics class. These are both refreshing once the weather gets steamy.

Walking in the mall is a cool way to beat the heat.

Now that the grandchildren are out of school for the summer, ask them to teach you their favorite sport or physical activity.

Celebrate National Bowling Week the first week in August. Get friends and family together and challenge each other to a friendly tournament.

#### Parkinson's disease

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The most prominent signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease occur when nerve cells in the basal ganglia, an area of the brain that controls movement, become impaired and/or die. Normally, these nerve cells, or neurons, produce an important brain chemical known as dopamine. When the neurons die or become impaired, they produce less dopamine, which causes the movement problems associated with the disease. Scientists still do not know what causes the neurons to die.

People with Parkinson's disease also lose the nerve endings that produce norepinephrine, the main chemical messenger of the sympathetic nervous system, which controls many functions of the body, such as heart rate and blood pressure. The loss of norepinephrine might help explain some of the non-movement features of Parkinson's, such as fatigue, irregular blood pressure, decreased movement of food through the digestive tract, and sudden drop in blood pressure when a person stands up from a sitting or lying position.

Many brain cells of people with Parkinson's disease contain Lewy bodies, unusual clumps of the protein alpha-synuclein. Scientists are trying to better understand the normal and abnormal functions of alpha-synuclein and its relationship to genetic mutations that impact Parkinson's and Lewy body dementia.

Some cases of Parkinson's disease appear to be hereditary, and a few cases can be traced to specific genetic mutations. While genetics is thought to play a role in Parkinson's, in most cases the disease does not seem to run in families. Many researchers now believe that Parkinson's results from a combination of genetic and environmental factors, such as exposure to toxins.

Symptoms of Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's has four main symptoms: Tremor in hands, arms, legs, jaw, or head

Muscle stiffness, where muscle remains contracted for a long time

Slowness of movement

Impaired balance and coordination, sometimes leading to falls

Other symptoms may include: Depression and other emotional changes

Difficulty swallowing, chewing, and speaking

Urinary problems or constipation

Skin problems

The symptoms of Parkinson's and the rate of progression differ among individuals. Early symptoms of this disease are subtle and occur gradually. For example, people may feel mild tremors or have difficulty getting out of a chair. They may notice that they speak too softly, or that their handwriting is slow and looks cramped or small. Friends or family members may be the first to notice changes in someone with early Parkinson's. They may see that the person's face lacks expression and animation, or that the person does not move an arm or leg normally.



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## Ventura events

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**workshop at Pleasant Valley Parks and Rec Center, 1605 Burnley in Camarillo.** Greg Elliot, television writer for Star Trek: Voyager, story editor for Savannah and Charmed will speak on Drilling Down on Dialogue: The mother lode. Learn: two things all dialogue must do; the trap of writing the way people talk; dialogue motivated by what characters want, not what you want; accents, idioms, and expressions, you know; and when writing less sounds right. Greg also wrote for the Disney Channel series In a Heartbeat. Call 805.300.1365 for more information.

## Ojai news and events

### Convene and Connect with Community Retreat!

**Ojai California, September 3, 2022. The Deborah King Center is excited to host its first post-pandemic, live, in-person, retreat, right here in Ojai!**

As a special thank you to the community that we call home, we are offering a Saturday only day pass (starts at 8am and goes until 9pm) to locals for just \$25! Learn, connect, and enjoy live music from the Deborah King Band.

Join for Saturday Sept 3rd HERE: <https://deborahking.com/saturday2022/>

Gather transformative knowledge, connect with community, and uncover your most powerful, transcendent self.

We'd love to meet you in person. And we hope to see you there for what promises to be a truly remarkable day.

If you're interested in attending the entire retreat, September 1st to the 4th,

you can still get the full 4-day pass at <https://deborahking.com/events/convene-and-connect-with-community-retreat/>

**Sat, July 23, 1:30pm. Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery Street. Treat yourself to a day in beautiful Ojai.** Enjoy browsing the shop, soak up the tranquil vibes, and grab a bite at one of the many dining establishments featuring locally sourced food, wine and beer. For your entertainment pleasure plan to spend 2-4 pm at the Ojai Art Center with the magnificent Amanda McBroom. "...the greatest cabaret performer of her generation, an urban poet who writes like an angel and has a voice to match" - The NY Times

Tickets: online \$25 general admission or \$35 VIP (first two rows), at the door \$30 or \$40 VIP. Call: 805-746-0936. <https://ojaiconcerts.com>

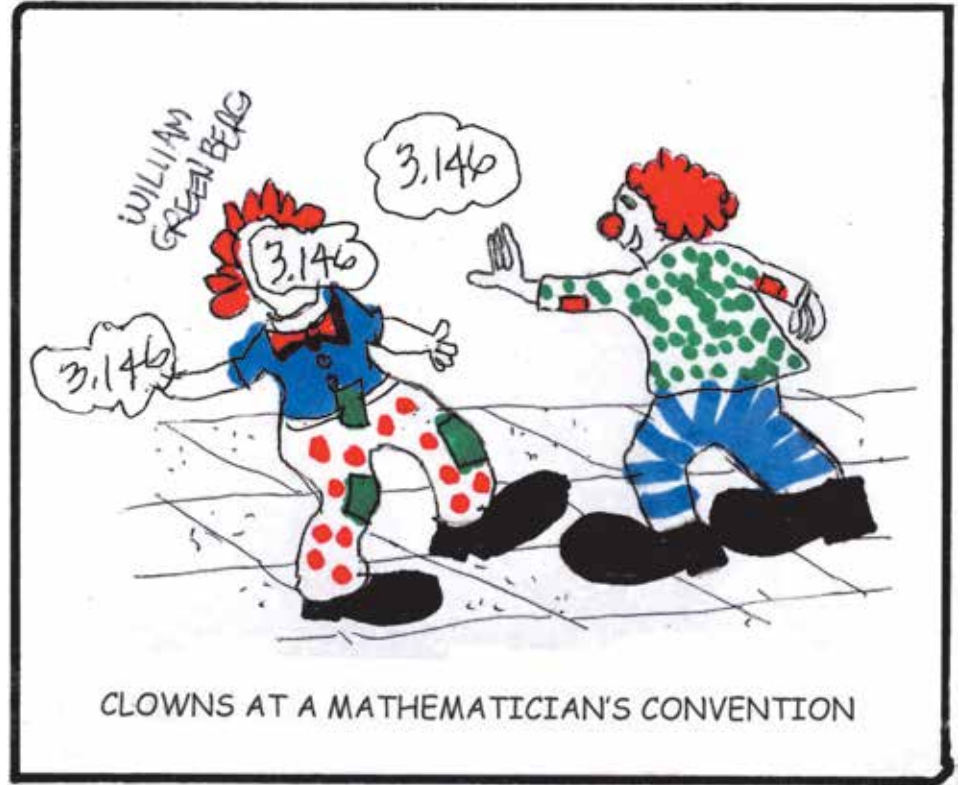
### Land Trust announces film festival

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save our threatened planet. For Ventura Land Trust, the festival fosters a deeper understanding of the connection we share with the planet and our role as stewards to keep it healthy.

Ventura Land Trust Executive Director Melissa Baffa is looking forward to the return of the family-friendly event. "The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is a fun gathering of like-minded, community- and Earth-centered individuals. My favorite part of the event every year is getting together with friends in a beautiful outdoor setting and enjoying the creative and inspiring art presented in the form of film, music, and tasty food and drink."

Baffa also shared that the event raises vital operating funds for the land



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trust. "General operating funds are the lifeblood of a nonprofit organization. Everything about this event, from corporate sponsorship to ticket and beverage sales, helps raise those important funds for Ventura Land Trust." Ventura Land Trust owns and manages the 2,123-acre Harmon Canyon Preserve in Ventura, and recently announced the permanent conservation of Mariano Rancho Preserve, 1,645 acres of land in the hills north of Ventura.

The 2022 film festival will feature nearly two hours of films, and food from local food trucks. New to the festival this year is another feature bound to raise even more money: a silent auction in addition to the festival's traditional raffle.

Beer from Topa Topa Brewing Company, Rincon Brewery, and Ventura Coast Brewing Company will be available

for sale, as well as wine. Live music from bands Fish Fry and The Vonettes will kick off the festivities. In the Ventura Vibe VIP Lounge, small bites from Himalaya Cuisine, Aloha Steakhouse, and Olive Branch Provisions, and others will be complemented by wine, beer, and a cocktail by Model Citizen.

A general admission film festival ticket is \$40, with \$5 children's tickets available and teen's tickets (13-17) available for \$10. VIP tickets, which include special gift items and admission to the Ventura Vibe VIP Lounge, are \$125. Visit [www.venturlandtrust.org/wfff2022](http://www.venturlandtrust.org/wfff2022) for tickets.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Development Director Chris Chaleunrath at [chris.chaleunrath@venturlandtrust.org](mailto:chris.chaleunrath@venturlandtrust.org) for more information.



A Ventura Chamber ribbon cutting was held on July 12 at Advance Auto Parts located a 2022 at 4001 East Main St. The Buena Music Association provided music for the event. Photos by Michael Gordon.



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# Real Estate/Development

## New developments being proposed, approved or under construction in Ventura

**Pacific Wave** - 1342 Thompson (corner of San Jon and Thompson). 3 story mixed use building with 8 residences. Project by long time resident replacing family owned business. Under Review July 27 at the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission - Planning Commissioners advise and recommend on the development and maintenance of general and specific plans. Advise and make recommendations on applications for zone changes, tract maps, subdivisions, variances, use permits, planned development permits, and related matters. Planning Commissioners are appointed from each of Ventura's seven voting districts by their respective City Council members.

The following projects were reviewed by the Design Review Committee and the Planning Commission two to three times each between 2018 and 2021. All are entitled (approved). These projects utilized City planning resources and local residents' involvement on many levels.



**Laurel Courts** - 1028 E Front Street. Mixed use consisting of 46 residential units and 6,552 sq ft feet of retail.



**Thom-Cruz** - 1926 Thompson (Thompson and Santa Cruz streets). 12-unit multifamily development.

For more information go to [www.LivableVentura.com](http://www.LivableVentura.com) or access the city development map at [www.cityofventura.ca.gov](http://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.

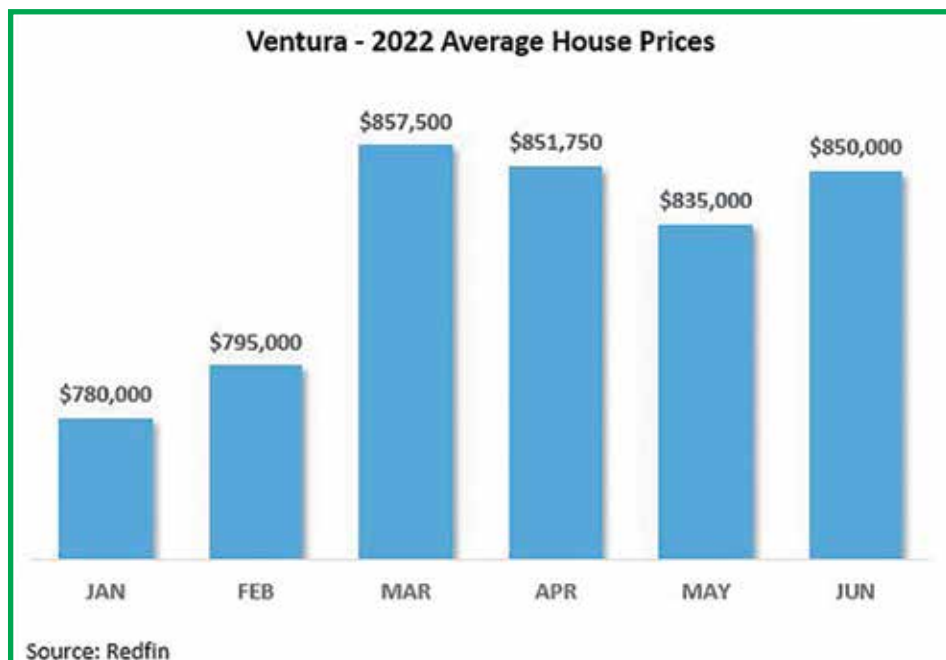
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The **Kalthom** is a new 45-unit apartment building located at the corner of Kalorama and Thompson. It features huge outdoor deck areas with BBQ's and ocean views, a clubhouse, fitness center and other amenities. The units rent from approximately \$2,800 - \$4,200, but only 7 remain - one being an oceanview, 2br, 2 ba unit for \$5,900.



# 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.

## Stabbing Homicide

On July 23, at about 2pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a stabbing that just occurred on the bike path west of Victoria Av on the extension of Montalvo Hill Park. Responding officers located one male adult suffering from multiple stab wounds to the upper torso. The victim, Marcos Guzman Reyes 26 years of Ventura, was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives are currently investigating the incident. The ensuing investigation revealed that one suspect approached the victim on the bike path and stabbed him numerous times. The suspect fled across Victoria Av into Montalvo Hill Park, as well as the adjacent shopping center and into the neighborhood east of the shopping center on Tanager St. The suspect continued south on Hill Rd., then into the Montalvo area. It appears that the suspect also sustained injuries during the altercation. The suspect is still outstanding and is described as an Hispanic male, 5'-8"-5'10", 180-190 pounds.

Anyone with any information or possible video footage of anyone that matches the description of the suspect is asked to call Detective Tovar at 805-339-4462.

## Shooting update

On July 6 and July 7, officers with the Ventura Police Department executed multiple search warrants in the city of Ventura related to a year and a half long Attempted Murder investigation. Detectives learned through their investigation that the victim was lured to Ocean Avenue Park where he was shot 5 times. During the execution of the search warrants officers seized multiple firearms including an AK-47 assault weapon.

The following suspects were booked at the Ventura County Jail for their involvement in the crime.

Enrique Medel, 22-year-old Ventura resident, for Attempted Murder, Possession of High capacity magazines, Possession of Assault weapon, Assault with a Firearm, Conspiracy to commit Murder, and Participation in a criminal street gang

Angelo Balbuena, 20-year-old Ventura resident for Conspiracy to commit Murder

Kuwesi Shakur, 25-year-old Ventura resident for Conspiracy to commit Murder, Possession for sales of a controlled substance, and Possession of an unregistered Firearm.

Ismael Zapata, 40-year-old Ventura resident for Conspiracy to commit Murder, and Participation in a criminal street gang

Miguel Ayala, 22-year-old Ventura resident for Conspiracy to commit Murder

Noel Cavazos, 25-year-old Ventura resident for Possession of Brass Knuckles

On January 3, 2021, at approximately 2:00 am, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call regarding several shots heard in the area of Ocean Avenue Park, 1590 Ocean Ave. As patrol officers responded to the park, the Command Center was notified that a shooting victim had been transported to a local

hospital by acquaintances. The victim was shot multiple times and sustained life-threatening injuries. His status is unknown at this time.

The Ventura Police Department, Major Crimes Unit responded and is handling the investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Sgt. Bill Dolan at 805-339-4444.

## Narcotics Sales Arrest while in possession of a firearm

On July 18th, 2022, members of the Ventura Police Department Patrol and K9 units responded to a call of possible narcotics activity in the Marriott hotel parking lot.

During the subsequent investigation, officers with the assistance of their K9 partners recovered Fentanyl, Methamphetamines, and alprazolam. They also found evidence of narcotics sales and a loaded firearm inside Lawson's vehicle.

As a result of the investigation, Williams was arrested for possession of narcotics for sales and possession of a controlled substance while armed.

Megan Schaffer was arrested for possession of narcotics and outstanding warrants.

A search of the Ventura County Superior Court shows that both Lawson Williams and Megan Schaffer have prior arrests for narcotics violations.

# Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**7/05** 7:53pm, while on patrol in the Fireboat, observed Standup Paddlers without lifejackets and navigation lights. Issued warnings for violations.

**7/06** 3:21am, received lost/stolen property, a portable air compressor from 4points hotel security. A few transients left it at the hotel lobby.

11:04am, dispatched to a broken arm and stingray strike. Officers responded with VFD/AMR and treated the broken arm for transport. Hot water applied to the stingray strike victim, waited for parents to transport. While waiting, a third patient found with a stingray strike. Treated with hot water and released.

**7/07** 4:00am, contacted a female transient camping in the Port District lot. She declined to leave and stated she was on the run from a hobo gang all the way from Arkansas. The gang is after her because of comments made on a pod cast.

**7/08** 11:11am, dispatched to a fall victim in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded with VFD/AMR, patient transported, on the floor for days.

5:10pm, observed group of juveniles attempting to jump off fish off-loading pier. Halted group, issued warnings for violation and advised of poor water quality.

**7/09** 6:21am, received report of two males fishing at the pond inside the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded and removed the pair with warnings.

**7/13** 2:38am, dispatched to a cardiac full arrest in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded with VFD/AMR to a 70 y/o female unresponsive, no pulse. All



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resuscitation efforts and devices were utilized, including AED and a Lucas machine, but unfortunately rescuers were unable to revive the patient.

3:45pm, dispatched to a stingray strike at Harbor Cove. Officers responded with hot water to treat the injury.

**7/14** 10:47am, assisted Tow Boat US with traffic control while they tow a 65ft fishing vessel into the harbor and then to the boatyard for haulout.

4:25pm, observed a rental electric boat disabled in the turning basin. Officers responded in Fireboat, towed the vessel back to the rental dock in the village.

**7/15** 5:00pm, received a report of a disabled Personal Watercraft South of the Harbor. Officers responded in Rescue Boat 19, but while en route passed the rescue to Tow Boat US because the vessel was 7 miles South of the Harbor.

**7/16** 12:39pm, dispatched to a diabetic patient having a seizure at Harbor Cove. Officers responded

with VFD/AMR and treated with oxygen and monitored blood Oxy until medics arrived and eventually transported to hospital.

6:55pm, while on patrol in Fireboat, observed a few Standup paddle boards extending into the navigable channel in the A-Basin. Officers issued warning.

**7/17** 11:30am, monitoring start of the Ventura Yacht Club regatta from the Fireboat. The start was delayed by fog, but it quickly cleared and race began.

4:35pm, received request to tow a large plastic water toy that sank in the keys. Officers responded in Fireboat, were able to dewater, then tow the toy to its dock

**7/18** 11:45am, issued warning to operator of a 20ft whaler in violation of speed and wake ordinance in the main channel while on patrol in Rescue Boat 19.

2:26pm, dispatched to a fall victim in front of the Water's Edge Restaurant. Officers responded with AMR/VFD, patient transported to hospital.

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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### King Crossword

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## The Pet Page



**Dedicated to Scamp**

■ SPAN Thrift Store is open to the public and looking for donations of adult clothing, household items and tools. SPAN regularly provides \$10 spay and neuter clinics for low income

households for cats and dogs. Upcoming clinics include: Tuesday, Aug 9th, Albert Soliz Library parking lot, 2820 Jourdan St., Oxnard; Tuesday, August 16th in the parking lot of Shiells Park, 649 C St., Fillmore; Tuesday, Aug 30th, SPAN Thrift Store parking lot, 110 N. Olive St, Ventura. Please call to schedule an appointment (805) 584-3823.

■ Dogs are capable of learning the instruction “do that again,” and can flexibly access memories of their own recent actions—cognitive abilities they were not known to possess, researchers report.

Teaching a dog to sit or roll over? That’s easy. But what about that cute head tilt that you’ve never seen before, which happened while your phone was out of reach? Now you want a picture.

But how do you get a dog to repeat an action it hasn’t been trained to perform? For dogs taught to “think back” on cue, you just need to ask, the new study shows.

“We found that dogs could be trained to repeat specific actions on cue, and then take what they’d learned and apply it to actions they had never been asked to repeat,” says Allison Scagel, a graduate student in the University at Buffalo psychology department at the time of the research, and corresponding author of the study in the *Journal of Comparative Psychology*.

“Our findings showed that they were able to apply the concept of repetition to new situations. More generally, we found evidence that dogs are capable of forming abstract concepts.”

Historically, there has been a notion that conscious awareness of past personal experiences is the exclusive domain of humans, but recent research isn’t supporting that conclusion, Scagel says.

“Our study shows that dogs are capable of conceptualization, placing them in an expanding category of other animals that includes bottlenose dolphins and chimpanzees.”

The findings present new flexible training possibilities for dogs, Scagel says.

“Dogs can do more than learn the relationship between a person’s cue and which specific trick they should perform,” she says. “They can understand the concept of repetition: Whatever you just did, do that again. It can apply to anything they do.”

Animals are often tested on their ability to recall things in the external environment they have recently observed, such as objects, sounds,

or scents. Memories of actions are different because they’re not outwardly perceivable. Memories are entirely internal; they are purely mental representations of previous personal experiences that can be recalled in ways that might influence what an animal chooses to do in the future.

For this study, the researchers looked at dogs’ memories of their own recently performed actions to determine if they could voluntarily think back to what they had just been doing and reproduce those actions.

Traditional dog training is cue and response. When dogs hear or see a trained cue, they respond with a behavior associated with that cue. For a baseline, the researchers started training the dogs in that fashion, with simple cues like spin in a circle, lie down, or walk around an object.

The dogs then learned a separate repeat cue (the word “again” accompanied by a hand gesture), which instructed them to reproduce the action they had just completed. To assess whether the dogs had actually learned a general concept of repeating recent actions, they were asked to repeat novel actions that they had never been asked to repeat before. Despite never being trained to repeat these actions, the dogs passed this test.

“This is an important step toward a greater understanding of how other species form abstract concepts,” says Scagel. “And we’re learning that humans aren’t that cognitively unique after all.” Source: University at Buffalo

■ Cornell researchers have provided the first documentation that dogs’ sense of smell is integrated with their vision and other unique parts of the brain, shedding new light on how dogs experience and navigate the world.

“We’ve never seen this connection between the nose and the occipital lobe, functionally the visual cortex in dogs, in any species,” said Pip Johnson, assistant professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine and senior author of “Extensive Connections of the Canine Olfactory Pathway Revealed by Tractography and Dissection,” published July 11 in the *Journal of Neuroscience*.

“It makes a ton of sense in dogs,” she said. “When we walk into a room, we primarily use our vision to work out where the door is, who’s in the room, where the table is. Whereas in dogs, this study shows that olfaction is really integrated with vision in terms of how they learn about their environment and orient themselves in it.”

Erica Andrews, a former analyst in Johnson’s lab, is the paper’s first author and currently works in canine aging research.

Johnson and her team performed MRI scans on 23 healthy dogs and used diffusion tensor imaging, an

## Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



Bailey and Casey like to keep warm during winter in Lake Arrowhead. They are 11-year-old rescue dogs. They like to sleep and be cuddled and kissed.

## Join Scamp Club

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advanced neuroimaging technique, to locate the dog brain’s white matter pathways, the information highways of the brain. They found connections between the olfactory bulb and the limbic system and piriform lobe, where the brain processes memory and emotion, which are similar to those in humans, as well as never-documented connections to the spinal cord and the occipital lobe that are not found in humans.

“It was really consistent,” Johnson said. “And size-wise, these tracts were really dramatic compared to what is described in the human olfactory system, more like what you’d see in our visual systems.”

Tractography, a 3D modeling process, allowed Johnson and her team to map and virtually dissect the white matter tracts. The findings in the digital images were later confirmed by a co-author and white matter expert at Johns Hopkins University.

Johnson said the research corroborates her clinical experiences with blind dogs, who function remarkably well. “They can still play fetch and navigate their surroundings much better than humans with the same condition,” Johnson said. “Knowing there’s that information freeway going between those two areas could be hugely comforting to owners of dogs with incurable eye diseases.”

Identifying new connections in the brain also opens up new lines of questioning. “To see this variation in the brain allows us to see what’s

possible in the mammalian brain and to wonder – maybe we have a vestigial connection between those two areas from when we were more ape-like and scent-oriented, or maybe other species have significant variations that we haven’t explored,” Johnson said.

Johnson plans to examine the olfactory system’s structure in the brains of cats and horses, which aligns with the broader goals of her research program – to leverage the most advanced imaging techniques, used commonly in human clinical research, to better understand animal brain physiology and disease.

Johnson is also part of the Cornell Margaret and Richard Riney Canine Health Center.

■ An Alaska family had given up hope of finding their blind, elderly golden retriever who wandered away from their home three weeks ago, but a construction crew found Lulu in salmonberry bushes after initially confusing her for a bear.

Lulu was barely alive after being found but she is being nursed back to health and is back home with her family, the *Daily Sitka Sentinel* reported.

“She means everything,” owner Ted Kubacki said. “I have five daughters and they’re 4 to 13 years old, so they’ve spent every day of their life with that dog.”

The Kubacki family searched for weeks after Lulu wandered off June 18.

“She’s just so helpless, and you kind of imagined that she can’t get real far because she can’t see,” he said.

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# The Pet Page

## Forever homes wanted

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# This 'n' That



### Reception held at the Rubicon

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is entitled, "An Historical Eye" includes oil paintings, dye sublimations, and gold-leaf prints. O'Kelly was on hand to greet visitors and discuss his art (all of which is for sale).

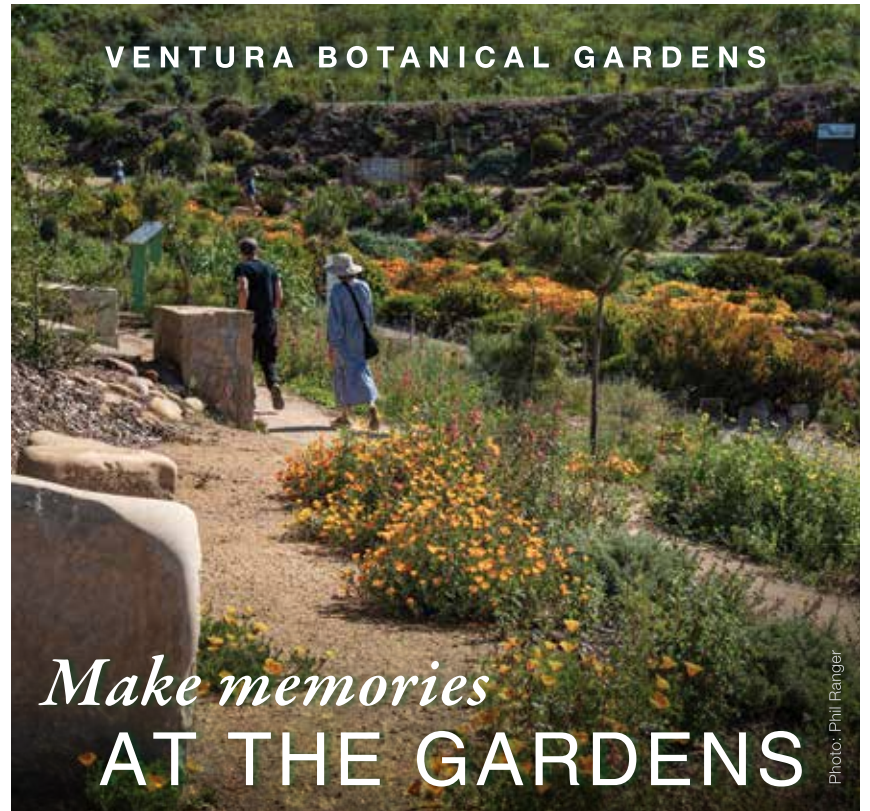
This collaboration between one of the largest arts organizations in Ventura and a local artist is an example of how the 24-year-old Ventura institution re-imagines its place in the community in the wake of the pandemic. O'Kelly has a long and storied history in the art world. A prodigy, Michael sold his first work of art at the age of nine.

Karyl Lynn Burns, Co-Founder and Producing Artistic Director at Rubicon, sums up the idea of the arts sector

coming together, "There is enormous undeveloped potential in Ventura. We must think big and find innovative ways to strengthen our creative economy. The status quo won't do."

At the event, Rubicon Director of Outreach Beverly Ward also unveiled the partially painted mural by Michael O'Kelly which, when complete, will become a focal point for the room and a further reason for local residents from visitors throughout the world to come to Rubicon. The mural is the largest ever conceived by O'Kelly, with McBroom and Ball at the center (see page 17 to find out how you can be added to the mural).

Rubicon Theatre Company - Sandra and Jordan Laby Hall  
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Music Under the Stars has returned to the Olivas Adobe Historical Park for another summer of wonderful music, dancing and alfresco. The bad news (unless you have tickets) is that the eight outdoor concerts are sold out. The historical adobe is also open for viewing and docents (lead by docent president Mary Thompson) are there to give you a history lesson of the adobe and its occupants.



by Pam Baumgardner  
VenturaRocks.com

The traditional free concert to the community once again opens the Ventura Music Festival (VMF) in Mission Park and this year it features Adaawe. The international women of voice and drum perform a global fusion of African rhythm, thrilling harmony, and world soul to uplift the spirit, celebrate diversity, and unite humanity. Low-back chairs are allowed, but honestly, I'm thinking we'll be up and dancing for most of their performance which starts at 5:30 pm. Why not make it a family event and bring a blanket, picnic dinner while enjoying the sounds of Adaawe.

Following the Wednesday free performance, there will be six ticketed VMF performances held at the Ventura College Performing Arts Theater over the next two weekends featuring We Banjo 3, Django Festival Allstars, Sean Chen, the Moanin' Frogs, Veronica Swift and The Crossing. To secure tickets, go to [VenturaMusicFestival.org](http://VenturaMusicFestival.org).

The Ventura County Fair returns this summer with a fine line up of musical entertainment both on the Station Stage featuring local artists, and the Grandstand Stage featuring national touring acts. It's such a treat knowing all shows are included in the price of admission. By the way, did you know the fair is free for those five and younger and for those 100 or older? For the rest of us, it's only \$15 for adults; \$10 kids 6-12; seniors 65 and older \$10.

Check out [VenturaRocks.com](http://VenturaRocks.com) for the Station Stage lineup. Here is the Grandstand Stage list of acts:

Wednesday, 8/3: Martina McBride  
Thursday, 8/4: KC & the Sunshine Band  
Friday, 8/5: The All-American Rejects  
Saturday, 8/6: Blue Oyster Cult  
Sunday, 8/7: Dia de la Familia concert  
Monday, 8/8: The Beach Boys  
Tuesday, 8/9: Clay Walker  
Wednesday, 8/10: Cheap Trick

New shows added for the Majestic Ventura Theater include Marcus Mumford and Danielle Ponder on Tuesday, October 4, GWAR on Saturday, October 8; Black Flag on Saturday, October 29, Gogol Bordello on Saturday, November 5, and Tegan and Sara on Friday, November 11.

The Hueneme Beach Festival falls over the last weekend of August (27- 28; 11 - 7 pm) with free admission. Do note that parking is \$10 but BikeVentura will be hosting a free bike valet, so if you can, ride your bike there. There will be music on two stages featuring New Orleans Suspects, Twisted Gypsy, Taylor Sackson, CRV, Marachi Camarillo, Oliva Willhite, and Morie & the Heavy Hitters on Saturday. And then on Sunday, it's Nth Power, Beebs & Money Makers, the Phantom Blues Band, Sade, the Hand me Down Band, Juano & Friends, and the Cousins.

Spencer Mackenzie Throwdown Cornhole Festival will be held at Surfer's Point Live (Ventura Fairgrounds parking lot) over the last weekend of August. The acts scheduled to perform this year are Sunny Ledfurd, Mandex, A.D.D., Rey Fresco and Morie & the Heavy Hitters. This

is a ticketed event at \$25 a day, or \$40 for 3-day pass.

The New West Symphony announced their 2022/2023 Masterpiece Series Season recently where performances will be held Saturday evenings at the Thousand Oaks Performing Arts Center and with Sunday matinees in Camarillo at the Rancho Campana Performing Arts Center. It all kicks off with their Winter Spectacular starring Sam Harris in December 2022 and will run through next November 2023 with a production of "Beethoven to Brubeck." You can download their brochure at [NewWestSymphony.org](http://NewWestSymphony.org).

If you enjoy the punk end of the music spectrum, then you won't want to miss NardFest on August 6, at the Oceanview Pavilion Performing Arts Theater in Port Hueneme. Bands on the bill include Head Heat, Ill Repute, Stalag 13, Dr. Know, False Confession, iDecline, Civil Conflict, Romper and Boileman. The event runs 3 - 11 pm; tickets are only \$20.

The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy benefit concert runs two days July 30-31 from 2-9 pm at the Libbey Bowl featuring Grateful Shred headlining both days. Leading up to the main act: Saturday, Cayucas, Gifted & Blessed, Chuck & Luisa, Barbarelle and on Sunday, Nate Mercereau, Carlos Nino, Dan Horne, Service Human, Shelley Burgon, Melody Bird and Barbarelle. Ticket information can be found at [OVL.org/shred](http://OVL.org/shred).

Quick Notes:

Vincenzo Giammanco, CEO and founder of Boots and Brews confirmed there will in fact be two Boots and Brews for Ventura this year with Cole Swindell on August 20 and Tim McGraw on October 14 (tickets for both are on sale at [BootsAndBrews.com](http://BootsAndBrews.com)); Tony's Pizzeria continues with the Thursday free reggae shows with Morie & the Heavy Hitters on Thursday, July 28; Myst plays the Heritage Square Summer Concert Series on Friday, July 29 and it's Soul Machine on Friday, August 5; Jerry's Middle Finger plays the Ventura Music Hall on Friday, July 19; Hip Hop Mindset at the Oceanview Pavilion Performing Arts Theater on Saturday, July 30; Pedals & Pints Brewing Company and Tarantula Hill Brewing Company in Thousand Oaks are presenting the inaugural Down the Rabbit Hole Festival of Music and Beer on Saturday, July 30; Donna Lynn Caskey will open for the Dennis and Laura Show at Namba on Saturday, July 30; Poseidon Brewing will be celebrating their 8th anniversary over the weekend of 8/12-8/14; it's Third Eye Blind at the Ventura Theater on Saturday, August 6; and finally, the Oxnard Salsa Festival is postponed for yet another year (fingers crossed for 2023);

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](mailto:Pam@VenturaRocks.com), and for updated music listings daily, go to [www.VenturaRocks.com](http://www.VenturaRocks.com).

## Music Calendar

For more listings, additional times and

genres go to [VenturaRocks.com](http://VenturaRocks.com)

### Boatyard Pub

**1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura**  
Wednesdays: Frank Barajas  
Thursdays: Jim Friery; Bluegrass Jam  
Fri 7/29: Two's Company  
Fri 8/5: Teresa Russell

### Café Fiore

**66 California Street, Ventura**  
Wed 7/27: Donna Butler  
Sun 7/31: Urban Dread  
Sun 8/7: Intent

### Channel Islands Harbor

**3600 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**  
Sat 7/30: Decadent Decades

### Cantara Cellars

**126 N. Wood Rd., Camarillo**  
Fri 7/29: Kelly's Lot  
Sat 7/30: Caliente 805  
Fri 8/5: What the Funk  
Sat 8/6: the Paulie Cerra Band

### The Collection

**2751 Park View Court, Oxnard**

Wed 7/27: Twisted Gypsy

### Copa Cubana

**Ventura Harbor Village**

Tuesdays: Blues Tuesdays

Thursdays: Glenn Bennet

### Deer Lodge

**2261 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai**

Sat 7/30: David Palmer and Friends

Sun 7/31: Tobacco City, Brendan Willing James

Fri 8/5: Katie Skene Band

Sat 8/6: Cole Gallagher & the Lesser Saints

### Fatty Vegan

**325 S. Borchard Dr., Ventura**

Sat 7/30: Backhand, Cardboard Boxer

### Four Brix Winery

**2290 Eastman Ave., Ventura**

Fri 7/29: Heathers on Fire

Sun 7/31: Clear Sky

Sun 8/7: Dean & Lisa **The Garage**

**1091 Scandia Ave., Ventura**

Thurs 7/28: Mike Beers unplugged

Fri 7/29: Morie and the Heavy Hitters

Sat 7/30: Brittney and the B Sides

Thurs 8/4: Danny Moa acoustic

Fri 8/5: Jayden Secor

Sat 8/6: The Late Knights

### The Grape

**2833 E. Main St., Ventura**

Tuesdays Jazz Jam

Most Saturday afternoons: Fausto Cuevas y La Moderna

Wed 7/27: Fred Kaplan Quartet

Thurs 7/28: Tom McMorran Quartet

Fri 7/29: Matt Harris Band

Sat 7/30: Charles Ruggero plays Monk

Wed 8/3: Jason Fabus Trio

Thurs 8/4: Chielu Minucci & Special EFX

Fri 8/5: Michael Falcone Quintet

Sat 8/6: Brad Rabuchin & Cats have Edge

### Heritage Square Summer Concert Series

**715 S. A Street, Oxnard**

Fri 7/29: Myst

Fri 8/5: Soul Machine

### Keynote Lounge

**10245 E Telephone Rd, Ventura**

Thursdays: Open Mic

Fri 7/29: Zepp Heads

Sat 7/30: The Balance

### Leashless Brewing

**585 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Thurs 7/28: Christopher Hawley

Fri 7/29: Illunis

Sat 7/30: Blues Bullet

Sun 7/31: Tribe Devine

### Libbey Bowl

**210 Signal St., Ojai**

Wed 7/27: Ojai Band

Sat 7/30: Grateful Shred

Sun 7/31: Grate Shred

Wed 8/3: Ojai Band

Thurs 8/4: Jake Shimabukuro

Fri 8/5: Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers

Sat 8/6: Mark Farmer's American Band

### Lucas Sellers Wine

**330 Zachary St., Moorpark**

Sat 7/30: Jon Ranger

### Majestic Ventura Theater

**26 S. Chestnut Street, Ventura**

Sat 8/6: Third Eye Blind

### Margarita Villa

**Ventura Harbor**

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

Fri 7/29: Colette Lovejoy

Sat 7/30: Vinyl Gypsies

Sun 7/31: CRV

Fri 8/5: Operation 90s

Sat 8/6: Dive Bar Messiahs

Sun 8/7: Doc Rogers Band

### Namba Arts

**47 S. Oak Street, Ventura**

Fri 7/29: Aaron Burch

Sat 7/30: The Dennis and Laura Show

### Poseidon Brewing

**5777 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura**

Sat 7/30: Mitch Bradford

Sat 8/6: Muleskinner Revival

### The Raven Tavern

**1651 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard**

Fri 7/29: The Remedies

Sat 7/30: Red Rhythm

### Topa Topa

**104 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Sat 7/30: Spurts, Dry Goods

Sun 7/31: Illunis

### The Twist on Main

**454 E. Main St., Ventura**

Wednesdays: Americana Night

Thursdays: LA Jazz Connection

Fri 7/29: Masters of the Past

Sat 7/30: Jayden Secor; Crosscut 805

Sun 7/31: Danielle Stacy; Austin Vallejo

### Ventura Music Festival

**Mission Park, Downtown Ventura**

Wed 7/27: ADAawe

Ventura College Performing Arts Center

Fri 7/29: Django Festival Allstars

Sun 7/31: Sean Chen

Fri 8/5: The Moanin' Frogs

Sat 8/6: Veronica Swift

Sun 8/7: The Crossing

### Ventura Music Hall

**1888 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Thur 7/28: Tropicidelic, Kash'd Out, Joe Samba

Fri 7/29: Jerry's Middle Finger

Sat 7/30: gimme gimme Disco

Sat 8/6: Arcy Drive, Oliva Willhite, Late Bloomers, Sour Fin

### The Vine

**308 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai**

Saturdays: Smitty and Julia and Friends

Sundays: Austin Vallejo

Fri 8/5: TD Lind and the Aviators

### Waterside Restaurant and Wine Bar

**3500 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**

Thurs 7/28: Two's Company

Sat 7/30: GoletaSound

Sun 8/7: Teresa Russell

### Winchesters

**632 E. Main St., Ventura**

Music Thurs 5:30; Fri 7 pm; Sat 2 pm; Sun 3 pm

Thurs 7/28: Big Adventure

Fri 7/29: Robert Heft Band

Sat 7/30: Steve and Sally Williams

Sun 7/31: Freddy Castro & Friends

Fri 8/5: Illunis

Sat 8/7: Mack & D

Sun 8/8: Debbie Davies

Ventura Music Scene





Vita Jolie Vasquez



Amy Midence

The winners of the Ventura County Fair poster contest were unveiled by James Lockwood at a presentation at the fairgrounds. First place went to 12-year-old from Fillmore. Who stated “I’ve always been interested in art in the different forms of it, including the process and stages. That includes drawing and painting, video games and fashion. My ultimate goal would be to make a living out of my art.

I’ve been drawing ever since I could hold a pen which was before I could walk.

The second place winner is 17-year-old **Amy Midence** from Oxnard. Who said “I’m an incoming senior at Channel Islands High School. I would like to become an orthodontist. My interests are painting, drawing, crafting, baking and cooking and taking my dogs on walks. This was my first time entering the poster contest. On my poster I used acrylic paint and paint markers.

Photos by **Patricia Schallert**.



Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-CA) announced Lily Strange, a senior at Buena High School, as the winner of the 2022 Congressional Art Competition for California’s 26th Congressional District. Lily’s piece is entitled “Liberty Forever,” and her artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex for one year.

“Each year, I am in awe of the young talent of artists across our district who participate in the Congressional Art Competition,” said Congresswoman Julia Brownley. “Art is an important outlet for students to express their emotions, channel their creativity, and advocate for the causes they care about.”

“I am honored to have my artwork recognized, especially a piece so meaningful to me,” said Lily Strange, 2022 Congressional Art Competition Winner. “Communication is essential, whether between countries or between people, stamps to me honor this. The foundation of our liberty is built from community.”



Sunset Wave, acrylic on canvas, **Tamiko Jordan**

## Ventura gallery spotlights women’s varied styles

Three area women will present widely diverse painting styles and subjects in an exhibition Aug. 5-Oct. 1 in Buena Ventura Art Association’s Studio 99 at Bell Arts Factory, 432 N. Ventura Ave.

They are Bonnie Quan of Ojai, with “Tiny Paintings: A Mini-retrospective”; Tamiko Jordan of Ventura, who titled her show “Ebb and Flow”; and Michelle Nosco of Ventura, who chose the theme, “Portals: Sacred Sites and the Circle of Life.”

An opening-night reception for their joint show will be 6-9 p.m. Aug. 5, in conjunction with Ventura’s First Friday gallery crawl. A second First Friday reception will be held the same hours on Sept. 2. Studio 99’s regular hours are noon-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

The grassroots Ventura arts group, founded in 1954, also has an outlet at Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts at Ventura

Harbor, and artwork displays at SpiceTopia and Very Ventura. BAA directors, staff and volunteers are seeking additional business partnerships to expand exhibit space and artist exposure.

For more information about BAA and its programs, call the gallery at 805-648-1235 or visit [buenaventuraartassociation.org](http://buenaventuraartassociation.org).



The new mural is a combined 32 feet long, oil on canvas, on five panels, and fills the back wall of the downstairs reception room, below the theatre hall and stage at the Rubicon Theatre Company on Main. The room is a speakeasy like venue for music and art and the design is intended to feel like an animated party is taking place, filled with costumed actors and musical performers, all of whom have played on the Rubicon stage. They include Carl Anderson, Ted Neeley, Jennifer Leigh Warren, Linda Purl, Melissa Manchester, Lisa Minelli and many more. The venue has been renamed the Rose Room, after the song “The Rose” written by actor Amanda McBroom. Amanda and her husband, actor George Ball, are central to the mural. Renowned artist Michael O’Kelly will be painting there almost everyday, the mural is expected to be finished by October.

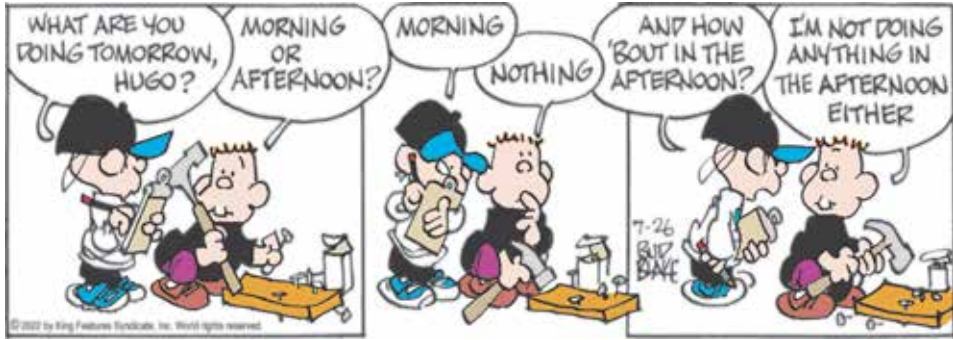
Some of the faces are temporary waiting for your portrait to be added. Opportunities for inclusion in the mural range from \$20,000-\$30,000. Take your permanent place on the mural by contacting Bev Ward at [ward@rubicontheatre.org](mailto:ward@rubicontheatre.org) or 805-667-2912 x,280.

# Ventura Art Scene

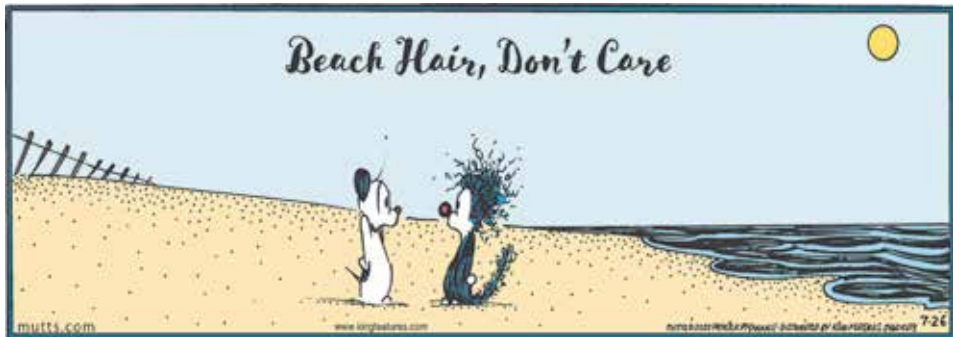


# Lighter Breeze

## Tiger



## Mutts



## Dustin



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Moose and Molley



Solutions on page 13

(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to [venturabreeze.com](http://venturabreeze.com))

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 13

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 4 Glacial
- 7 Mrs. Flintstone
- 12 Baton Rouge sch.
- 13 Extinct New Zealand bird
- 14 Figure of speech
- 15 "— show-time!"
- 16 Parthenon locale
- 18 "The A-Team" actor
- 19 Le — (French news-paper)
- 20 Pear type
- 22 Sugary suffix
- 23 Actress Tyne
- 27 Director Howard
- 29 Cut up, as a pizza
- 31 Metric measure
- 34 Desert haven
- 35 Tam topper
- 37 "Ray Donovan" actor Voight
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- 5 Got wind of
- 53 Butterfly projector
- 54 Kreskin's claim
- 6 Tales
- 55 Big D.C. lobby
- 7 Use a sponge
- 56 Authority
- 8 Altar promise
- 9 Dogpatch adjective
- 10 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 33 Celeb gossip site
- 36 Office note
- 37 Legal expert
- 40 More skilled
- 42 Food from heaven
- 43 Verdi work
- 44 — a beet
- 45 High hairstyle
- 56 ACLU issues
- 57 "Ray Donovan" actor Voight
- 11 Early hrs.
- 17 Rhyming tributes
- 21 Thin pancake
- 23 Hunting goddess
- 46 Nile vipers
- 48 Spa sounds
- 49 PBS funder
- 50 Opposing vote
- 51 MGM motto start
- 24 Rm. coolers
- 25 Island garden
- 26 QB's gains
- 28 Spanish gold

### DOWN

- 1 Scale
- 2 Houston
- 3 Has an intense craving
- 4 Mosque

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**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, correct it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A coworker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles -- the more challenging, the better.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises you're not sure you're ready for.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for their actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter their lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.



# Showtime

A View from House Seats

## Elite Tackles Complex Issues

by Shirley Lorraine

Humanity is inherently flawed. In judgement, in morals, and in using honesty as a compass for life. This is the basis for the drama/dark comedy Lobby Hero by Kenneth Lonergan now on stage at the Elite Playhouse in Channel Islands through August 7.

The extremely strong cast of four takes hold of their given dilemmas and attacks them with vigor and confidence. Solidly directed by Cate Caplin, the cast features Rosie Gordon, Herb Hall, Gabriel Tejeda-Benitez and Bill Walthall. All are compelling in their commitment to their characters and each one pulls the audience into their world without apology.

The action takes place in the lobby of an up-scale apartment building in Manhattan. It is the graveyard shift and Jeff (Tejeda-Benitez), a young man struggling with housing and money issues, is on duty. He is a security guard and a rather lax one at that. His supervisor, William (Hall), is a no-nonsense man with a high sense of propriety in life. The "Captain" has been a security guard for a number of years and expects his underlings to be equally diligent in their duties.

An affable neighborhood police officer, Bill (Walthall) is a frequent evening visitor to the building, supposedly to visit a friend. On this night, his rookie partner Dawn (Gordon) accompanies him and waits in the lobby with Jeff. New to the job, Dawn is at once reluctant to engage in conversation with Jeff, and yet is drawn in to learn that all may not be what it seems.

Bill has secrets. William discovers that his brother may have been party

to a crime. Both find themselves in a moral quagmire and must decide where their loyalties lie as well as accept the consequences that must be faced. Dawn is disappointed in Bill, her mentor, as he reveals that he is a flawed, entitled officer nearing retirement who is within sight of the coveted "golden badge" for his service which will be lost if his indiscretions become known. Jeff's thinking is adrift as he says both too little and too much at the wrong times.

The play is complex and substantive. The actors are all superb. Direction is tight. The audience is faced with all-too real situations that could easily skew an individual's moral compass when push comes to shove.

The frank dialogue is peppered with expletives, and is often uncomfortable as the characters each grapple with the depth of their dilemmas. Although their situations differ, they are linked with one another through common knowledge, making decisions even more difficult to process.

The portrayals are so natural that it was easy to commiserate with each of the characters as they attempted to justify their actions. But rationale does not necessarily equal right. Each is acutely aware that how they cope with the circumstances will affect their futures and their friendships.

A well-written, well executed piece of theater.

Lobby Hero plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees. (805 483-5118, [www.theElite.org](http://www.theElite.org). Proof of vaccination required, masks recommended.

so they booked a motel in a tiny town where they spent the day printing tickets at the local market and the night separating the winning tickets that totaled over \$21,000.

Marge helped Jerry realize that if he shared what he knew he could help the town and the people, especially due to the fact that the more money they bet the more they win with Windfall. Jerry decided to start a legit corporation where his friends could buy in for \$500 a share and earn an equal percentage of the profits. Jerry and Marge's winnings and the group investment totaled just over \$40,000 and ended up winning \$82,000.

Shortly after their first big win a Harvard student named Tyler was doing his thesis on the odds of winning POWERBALL vs MEGAMillions, and in checking smaller games for comparison discovered the same loophole Jerry discovered with Windfall. Tyler organized a student group to buy tickets but felt their winnings were too low, and they determined after hacking into the lottery there was another group. Tyler tried a couple of times to get Jerry's group out of the game, but was never successful as while Tyler was in it to get rich, Jerry was in it to help his community.

A reporter named Maya from the Boston Globe was doing a story on the lottery, and after getting a long awaited report from the lottery office found Jerry and Tyler's names repeatedly in the payouts. She decided visit Jerry to see what was happening, but Jerry had nothing to hide as he wasn't cheating was up to printing tickets for eleven days to cover their investors buyins. Maya's interview with Tyler showed their differing reasons for playing, and she felt compassion for Jerry.

Maya decided to print the article

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### Streaming Spotlight by Cindy Summers

## Jerry & Marge Go Large

- Paramount +



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

Jerry Selbee (Bryan Cranston) had worked at the same cereal factory for 42 years until changes forced him into retirement, which was not a lifestyle he was comfortable with as he was a math genius and big picture problem solver. He felt his talents would go to waste until the day he stopped in his local quick stop for his regular cup of coffee and decided to check out the odds of his local lottery. Scribbling the math on a napkin, Jerry realized that to his surprise the odds were in favor of the players when the Windfall was triggered, where if no one won and the jackpot went above \$2 million that it would drop down to increase the lesser winning number tickets.

Jerry tested his theory with \$8,000, all the savings he and his wife Marge (Annette Bening) had, and didn't tell her his plan but won \$15,000 which he hid in a cereal box in the pantry. Jerry finally told Marge, who surprisingly was excited and supportive of his new idea. The Michigan lottery canceled their Windfall game, but Massachusetts still had Windfall and was only 10 hours away

featuring Tyler and the Harvard group, basically leaving Jerry out of it, and the lottery immediately removed their machines and canceled the game so Jerry had to tell the group it was all over. Unbeknownst to Jerry and Marge the group got together and played the last Windfall, going to stores all across the state and even organizing a bus for the townspeople to buy the thousands of tickets. They brought the tickets back on a flatbed for Jerry and Marge to count, understanding how much the whole experience meant to them.

Jerry's winnings totaled \$27 million, and Jerry and Marge took their winnings and started a construction loan company for Evart, and like many of their friends and neighbors put their children and grandchildren through school. Bryan Cranston and Annette Bening are perfectly cast in their roles and to learn more about this incredible true story, here's a link to the 60 Minutes interview from 2019 with the real Jerry and Marge Selbee: [https://youtu.be/TTYnHr\\_wcY](https://youtu.be/TTYnHr_wcY)  
Rated: PG-13 Runtime: 1h 30m



Ventura City Councilmember, Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios is formally announcing her candidacy for the Ventura City Council, District 4 seat. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios resides in the city of Ventura with her husband of more than 25 years and their 2 children. She holds degrees in Public Administration, Women's Studies, and Political Science from the California State University - Northridge (CSUN), University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA), and Santa Monica Community College (SMC).



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## This 'n' That Photographers explore Ventura Botanical Gardens

Winners of the 2022 VBG in Bloom Photo Contest highlighted the variety of colors, textures, views and other delights found in the continually expanding botanical gardens above City Hall.

Ten winning entries, the "Judges' Choice", were chosen by a panel of local photography professionals and three entries, the "Peoples' Choice", were chosen by open voting on the Ventura Botanical Gardens Facebook page.

The contest judges again this year were former commercial photographer and photography instructor Phil Ranger; Dexter's Camera owner and photographer Greg Montana; and architectural photographer Stephen Schäfer (AKA Schäf), who specializes in HABS, HAER, HALS formats to support preservation of architectural, engineering and landscape resources.

More than 150 photos from 81

entrants were placed into four categories: Botanical Detail; Color and Texture; Seen in the Garden; and View/Scenes. Judges chose winners in each category. No categories were used in open voting and selection was based on most "likes".

The judges noted the increased number of entries this year as an endorsement of the growing popularity of Ventura Botanical Gardens as a special place for photographers of all experience levels.

Winners in the Judges' Choice by category were:

Botanical Detail: Sylvia Gabrie (1st), Johanna Washington (2nd), and Jacqueline Counter (3rd)

Color and Texture: Sarah Dillon (1st), Becky Clearwater (2nd) and Sean Doll (3rd)

Seen in the Garden: Sarah Dillon (1st)

Views/Scenes: Kelly Nakamaru (1st), Nicky Diaz (2nd) and Damian Merritt (3rd)

Winners in the Peoples' Choice were Adela Lisanti (1st and 2nd) and Sarah Dillon (3rd)



Adela Lisanti



Damian Merritt



Auto Zone or Fire Zone? Someone doesn't like this building. On July 17, at 7:54pm, fire units were dispatched to a commercial structure fire at Katherine Dr. and Main St. Units arrived to find a growing fire in a vacant building which had sustained a prior significant fire on May 10, 2022. The building was previously operated as an auto parts store and has been boarded up with a security fence on the perimeter since the May 10th fire. Due to the unsafe status of the building, fire crews took a defensive posture while making an aggressive exterior attack on the fire. Fire crews thankfully prevented fire spread to other nearby buildings and homes. The fire originated in the interior of the building and the cause is determined to be suspicious and is currently under investigation in coordination with the May 10th cause investigation.



A Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting was held at the new Papa John's Pizza in the Von's shopping strip mall located at 5722 Telephone Rd. (805) 290-4922. Photo by Michael Gordon.

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