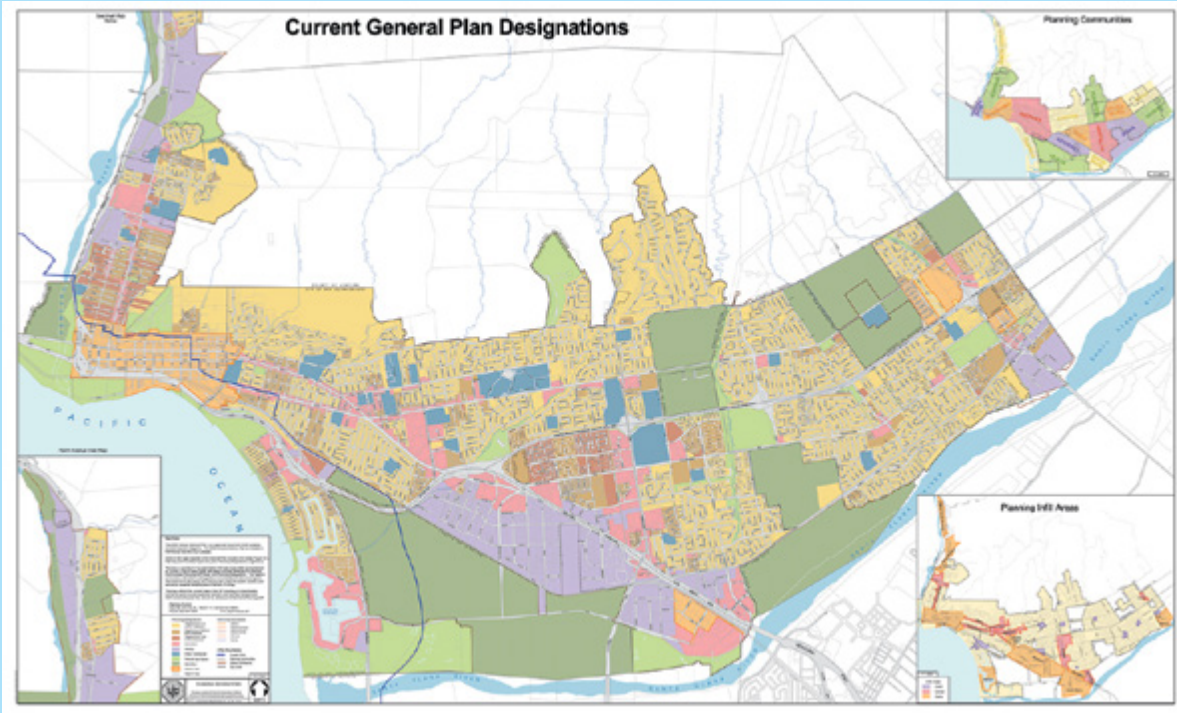




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General Plan: Guiding the vision and future of Ventura for the next 30 years!

The General Plan provides the City with a comprehensive framework of guiding policies for land use, housing, roads, recreation, historical and natural resources, balance of adequate water supply infrastructure, public safety services, and serves as a basis for decisions that affect all aspects of our everyday lives from where we live and work to how we move about.

In November 2020, the City launched the General Plan update process, and formed a 22-member advisory committee, known as the
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Open spaces continue to expand in Ventura hills

On September 21, the Ventura Land Trust (VLT) held an official ceremony on the Mariano Rancho Preserve. At the ceremony they received a \$7.2 million check to fund purchase of the ranch property and establish an endowment for improvements, restoration and maintenance. The new Mariano Rancho preserve will go from the Ventura Botanical Gardens to Two Trees in the Ventura hills. A major addition to Ventura's open spaces.

In 2020, the land trust bought the property for approximately \$4 million with plans to preserve even more miles of public trails forever.

In July, Ventura Land Trust was awarded \$7.2 million from the State of California to complete the acquisition and permanent conservation of the 1,645-acre Ventura hillsides property that will allow the organization to pay off the loan and provide funds to open the 1,645 acres to the public. The land trust hopes to open the preserve publicly in two to three years.

The funding was spearheaded by Ventura's own Assemblyman Steve Bennett, D-Ventura and State Sen. Monique Limón, D-Santa Barbara who joined in the celebration State Sen. Monique Limón and Bennett presented the check for \$7.2 million to the Ventura Land Trust.

Ventura Land Trust Executive Director Melissa Baffa spoke about



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the future community meetings that will take place that will seek input from the public on Mariano Rancho Preserve's goals and public access.

Since 2003, Ventura Land Trust has conserved and stewarded open spaces in Ventura County. Ventura Land Trust protects over 3,800 acres of land in the Ventura hillsides, Ventura River, and coastal estuary. Outdoor education programs for children foster a connection to the natural world. More information about the preserve is available at venturalandtrust.org.

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City News



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Ventura Firefighters don pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

For the 12th consecutive year, the Ventura Fire Department has partnered with the Ventura City Firefighters Association and various Downtown Ventura businesses to support and promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month by selling pink, embossed department t-shirts.

“We are supporting breast cancer awareness and prevention so no breast cancer patient or family goes without life-saving treatment and support,” said Fire Chief David Endaya. “We have donated over \$15,000 to date, and only hope to continue this effort for years to come.”

Limited-edition t-shirts are available for purchase during the month of October, while supplies last. Additionally, Ventura firefighters will wear pink t-shirts from October 1-15, to raise awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment in the battle against breast cancer.

This year, funds raised through t-shirt sales will be donated to Ribbons of Life Breast Cancer Foundation, a local non-profit and independent grassroots organization that helps women and families affected by breast cancer by providing education, advocacy, and emotional and social support.

Residents can purchase pink shirts or donate to the Ribbons of Life Breast Cancer Foundation at the following participating local businesses:

Anacapa Brewing Company,
472 E. Main Street
Snapper Jack's Taco Shack,
533 E. Main Street
Tiki Girl,
434 E. Main Street
Ventura Visitors Center,
100 S. California Street
Very Ventura Gift Shop and Gallery, 540 E. Main Street

T-shirts will not be available for sale at any Ventura Fire stations.

To learn more about the Ribbons of Life Breast Cancer Foundation, please visit www.RibbonsVentura.org.

Homelessness takes center stage at the Ventura City Council Candidates Forum

by Ross Williams

On September 28th the Ventura City Council candidates for district 1, 4 and 6 met at the Church of the Foothills

to discuss the homeless population in Ventura. Our unhoused population in the city currently sits at 713 people. Providing shelter, necessary services and assistance is a major concern for the city council members once elected.

City council members are elected to represent their districts and work together with the city manager in order to legislate and set the policies of the city. Ventura, along with many other areas of our state has seen an increase in the homeless population over the years. As the homeless population has grown, so has concern for the safety of our residents including the unhoused.

There are several issues at hand when it comes to our homeless population. There's the difference between mental health issues, financial issues and drug issues. Fears of separation from family or pets, confusing and overwhelming red tape as well as the want and need for personal space and privacy. Not to



Homelessness is a confusing issue with many layers.

mention the overarching housing affordability problem that may make an individual or family that falls on hard times homeless. These issues all require a different set of tools and tact.

Homelessness is a confusing issue with many layers. At its surface are the obvious issues of sanitation and safety. But when dealing with these issues we must think beyond the baseline and understand that these are people. People who may have fallen on hard times, people that may have mental issues and people that may be struggling with addiction. Being able to provide the necessary services to these people needs to be a part of the city's structure and ensure that residents and tourists alike feel safe here in our city and those in need of help are in fact getting it.

These are the candidates that spoke:

District 1
Helen Eloyan, Marco Cuevas, Liz Campos
District 5
Bill McReynolds, Marie Larkin
District 6
Lorrie Brown, Danny Carillo, Jim Duran

The candidates touched on many

valuable points when discussing these issues during the two-and-a-half-hour forum.

Due to the jail being located in Ventura, up to 27% of unsheltered individuals in the city were once living elsewhere in the county, but once released stayed here in Ventura as there is no program in place to send these individuals back to where they came from, or find them the necessary assistance needed to start the recovery process.

Of the 713 unhoused people, 331 are currently sheltered in various programs throughout the city such as the ARCH Shelter and River Haven.

Private and public services are robust, but wrap around services are needed to guide people from one program to the other.

The city of Ventura has 40% of the shelter beds in the county. Other cities should be working to step up their programs.

Education and understanding is key. Criminal vagrancy and homelessness are two completely different things and of 911 calls at any given time are in regards to vagrancy. This puts a large strain on our police and fire department.

Each council member candidate present at the forum was thoughtful in regards to the issues at hand and seemed to truly understand how important the topic of homelessness is to our city and the impact that they can have. The election for District Council Candidates is being held on November 8th.

Takin' FLAT to the Streets for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

by Marissa Holzer

Stand Tall AFC Ambassador in Ventura

The going flat movement offers a fresh take on Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) 2022 through Stand Tall AFC! I am proud to be an ambassador for this body positive campaign and unite women with less than two breasts to be visible at public BCAM events. My team will be walking at the Making Strides of Greater Ventura County walk in Ventura Harbor on October 8. Our teams wear shirts with an emblem of the flat movement.

When faced with mastectomy, I rejected the idea that people would see my one-breasted self as shameful, ugly, “not finished” with treatment, or less feminine. I am none of those. In fact, I feel proud,

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smokin' hot, and whole" stated walker Dr. Wendy Sage of The Simpsons

Like Dr. Sage, my teammates and I will be normalizing AFC, embracing survivorship and Takin' FLAT to the Streets! For many people at Pinktober BCAM events, walking alongside a Stand Tall AFC team might be their first time seeing someone openly flat after mastectomy.

"Visibility makes the choice to go flat real and available to folks in a concrete way that empowers them to make the best choice for themselves" said patient advocate Kimberly Bowles, who worked with the National Cancer Institute to define AFC in 2020.

Stand Tall AFC teams are currently in over 40 cities across the U.S. and Europe with over 400 breast cancer sisters and brothers, family, and friends uniting to empower others and celebrate body positivity!

Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation announces 2022 Benefactors' Ball

Two local physicians along with a pair of leading community philanthropists will be honored at the Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation's 48th Benefactors' Ball, which takes place this year on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Camarillo. The public is welcome

to attend. Tickets are available online at <https://www.benefactorsball.org>.

The Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation is excited to host this year's event, which is the first Benefactors' Ball since 2019; the event was on hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Honored this year as Physician of the Year with the Cephas Bard Awards is Dr. Thomas Brugman. He is a leading pulmonologist and has been an integral member of the CMH Critical Care Team since starting his practice in 1984. Dr. Brugman is a strong advocate for community-based healthcare in Ventura County.

The honoree for Retired Physician of the Year is Dr. Mel Cheatham, a neurosurgeon, professor and author. Dr. Cheatham has served the community since 1966 and has shared his healing talents worldwide by conducting lifesaving medical missions in many war-torn and poverty-stricken countries.

The Community Leaders of the Year honorees are Jim and Tish Harris, longtime philanthropists in Ventura County. Their numerous gifts over the years to Community Memorial Health System have supported the health system's mission of providing exemplary care.

The Benefactors' Ball begins at 5 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner at 6 p.m. with dancing, a live auction and awards presentations. The Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization that helps to improve the quality of healthcare locally by supporting Community Memorial Hospital with state-of-the-art facilities, industry-leading programs and comprehensive, accessible health services. The Benefactors' Ball has a rich history of supporting the hospital's greatest needs. Contact the Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation at 805-948-2881 or email cmhf@cmhshealth.org.

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A free showcase of electric vehicles (EV) were on display on Sunday, Sept. 25, on the Harbor Village Main Lawn. Including cars, vans, SUV's, trucks, and other electric equipment. Enthusiastic car owners were there to discuss their experience and answer questions about owning and living with an EV.

Participant Cathy said that "This event helps consumers understand new technology and awareness of electric vehicles." She also said "Electric vehicles are a seamless transition, less maintenance."

Fred and Linda Wudl said "We just did a 280 miles in their electric vehicle with no problems."

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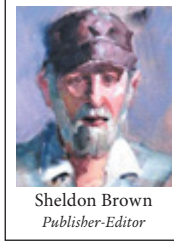


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The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

—Martin Luther King

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ I have consistently asked readers to send comments explaining why they don't agree with my comments in my pub letter. An exchange of ideas is the backbone of a democracy. It seems lately that an intellectual, **logical discussion** can't be held between those who have different opinions. This is bad for our democracy and country and is slowly (maybe not so slowly) tearing us apart.

There was a time when we could all express ourselves and disagree in a mature adult manner. But, that started changing with social media because we can insult people we don't even know with no repercussions. That has been greatly exacerbated because of Donald Trump (my opinion, let me hear yours). Just too much anger to have a civil conversation.

I do receive emails disagreeing with me, but they usually start out by stating, **"You're an idiot"**, so I never publish them. I'm not an idiot for having my opinions and readers who have different opinion are certainly not idiots. Again, I'm happy to publish reader's opinions that express ideas without name calling.

Rodney King said, "Can't we all get along?" Can we... can we all get along - do you think it's possible?

■ Incumbent City Council members **Mayor Sofia Rubalcava** and Jim Friedman have chosen not to run for another term. That means Districts 1 and 5 will have new representation. Two other current council members are also running in their districts which means we could potentially have 4 new members if they are not re-elected.

■ After months of public demand for transparency, the Ventura City Council will consider a review of city officials' travel and credit card expenditures.

The review and audit came after a City Council trip to Washington D.C. last year when 5 council members traveled to the National League of Cities Conference. The trip was not properly placed on an agenda and included discussions about city issues which was a violation of a state's open meeting law (the open meeting law is the Ralph

M. Brown Act, which requires legislative entities of local governments and agencies—for example, city councils and school boards—to conduct business in a way that enables the public to scrutinize government decision-making when there is a quorum present).

A majority, Mayor Sofia Rubalcava and Councilmembers Joe Schroeder, Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios, Lorrie Brown and Doug Halter attended the conference with City Manager Alex McIntyre.

City Manager Alex McIntyre has apologized for giving the council bad advice about the trip (and its expenses) that led to the violation.

The Ventura City Council unanimously decided to hire an independent auditing firm to review meal and travel reimbursements, city credit card usage



On September 24, a memorial service was held at Surfers Knoll for the most wonderful **Breezy Gledhill**. It was attended by family and few of the many people that loved this amazing lady. She will always be in our hearts.

and other spending. The Finance Audit and Budget committee, which has three council members, will request proposals from auditing firms and return to the council within 60 days with options and a recommendation.

Mayor Sofia Rubalcava stated, "Public trust and fiscal responsibility are crucial to effective government and the goals of this audit. Policies are created to ensure that the use of public funds is transparent and appropriate. This audit is a citywide review of how we are doing at following safeguards, policies, and procedures."

Some are calling for the resignation (or firing) of City Manager Alex D. McIntyre. I feel it is much too early to

even discuss this. Let's wait until the results of the report from the outside consultants. The city council hires and fires our city manager and city attorney.

■ The City Council unanimously approved a new six-month program that will help **Spanish-speaking** residents better understand city council meetings. Kristian Nunez, a policy advocate for Central Coast Alliance Unified for a Sustainable Economy said the program will help Spanish speakers in places like the Westside or Montalvo who are left out because of language issues. "Even if families or individuals do not speak or give public comment, when they attend, they need to know and understand what's going on and what's talked about in their respective communities."

■ Apple Senior executive Tony Blevins has been fired after saying he fondles big xxxxxxxxxxxx women for a living (he thought he was being funny). **Trump** basically said the same thing and he was elected president. Does this mean being an Apple executive is more important than being president?

■ Gov. **Gavin Newsom** signed two laws that would open up much of the state's commercial land for residential development. It's a long-sought victory for affordable housing advocates, who say such sites are ready-made for apartments because they are often near populated areas and come with ample parking.

Newsom stated, "This is a moment on a journey to reconcile the original sin of the state of California, and that's the issue of housing and affordability. We need to all be a little bit more accountable to this crisis of affordability."

Many local government officials say the laws (and other new state mandates regarding housing) undermine local authority and planning that better reflect community needs. Does this mean general plans need to be revised? Will there be new zone designations that allow residential living in commercial zones? Look forward to hearing from Ventura planning about this issue.

■ The newly built **veteran's clinic** has opened at 5250 Ralston Street. It has 50,000 square feet and is run and staffed by the VA, which is preferred by veterans. The Ventura facility will have services including dental care, physical therapy, rehabilitation, eye treatment and audiology. Veterans say the new care will mean fewer long trips out of the county to other VA facilities.

This is really wonderful.

■ Go to www.PlanVentura.com to complete the **City's General Plan's** Land Use Alternatives survey, open now through late October to help plan Ventura's future.

This is a critical part of the General Plan update process, since the land use map directs the future pattern of development in the City. The land use alternatives are being developed to implement the Vision endorsed by the City Council and address issues of concern in the community, particularly affordable housing and economic growth.

I encourage all of you to take the survey and attend upcoming workshops or meetings to learn more about the General Plan (see Gov. Gavin Newsom above).

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

Mailbox

Letter to the Editor

The United Water Conservation District plays an important role in managing sustainable water supplies in Ventura County. Mohammed Hasan serves on the Board of Directors for District 3 representing the Ventura area and is on the ballot for re-election in November. He has been an effective voice on United's board.

I have known Mohammed for more than 30 years and am well aware of his experience as a civil engineer and water system manager. He has designed water system improvements throughout the County and has been applying his considerable knowledge and experience to United. Besides engineering, his generous public service extends to social, environmental, and educational causes.

His engineering voice on the United board provides an important perspective for their planning and deliberations. Voters in Ventura have the opportunity to re-elect Mohammed Hasan to the United

board in November, and should do so.

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Dear Ventura,

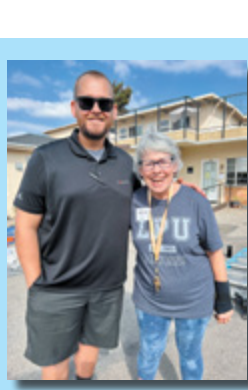
All is not well in VUSD. Ventura Unified faces a swath of teachers and staff angry at an unfair and dishonorable contract offer.

Responding to students' needs, teachers and school staff have thrown themselves into the social and emotional well-being of Ventura's young. They have been mentor and counselor to students, an open ear and heart in the face of fire, pandemic, economic inflation, increasing anxiety, social instability and academic recovery. They have worked overtime, online, in person, facing the perils of infection, the fragility of vulnerable students, and the discontent of society at large. The district has failed to treat teachers and school staff with the level of care that teachers and staff have shown

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Vince Savlich and Patty Downs



Allen Turner

Acts of service helping Ventura.



Adele Beardsley, Lisa Sparrow, Debra Riedell and Geo Jones.



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Photos by Patricia Schallert

Love VC

Love VC (Ventura County) is a county-wide event in partnership with hundreds of churches, businesses, agencies, and schools that brings acts of service to communities in need. They celebrated their 17th annual Love VC in 2022 by bringing hope, healing, and transformation across our cities with our new vision to move away from a one-day service event. A summer filled with opportunities to give back, including both at-home and in-person community projects!

It started at 8am on Saturday, Oct. 1, with a rally at Plaza Park. Participants received a free Love Ventura Shirt and a chance to meet other volunteers and partners for the day! Then traveled to the project sites where work began.

All hosted by non-profit Love VC with the purpose of inspiring our community to love each other through connecting, giving and serving.

Love VC's Team is made up of 100% volunteers working to make our community a more vibrant and unified place to live, work and play.

The Bookmark

About Libraries and Friends

by Mary Olson

October is the month of One County, One Book throughout the Ventura County Library system. This year's selection is Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America by Mayukh Sen.

Copies of the book will be available to borrow from all Ventura County Library branches. Discussions of the book will be hosted at:

Oak Park Library on Sunday, October 16, 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Ojai Library on Tuesday, October 18, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Hill Road Library on Tuesday, October 25, 5:00 to 6:00 pm (Hill Road Library Book Club)

Oak View Library on Tuesday, November 1, 4:30 to 5:30 pm (Reading Society Book Discussion)

One County, One Book culminates with a special author event with Mayukh Sen at 2 pm on Saturday, November 12 at California State University, Channel Islands' Grand Salon.

Registration for the Author Talk with Mayukh Sen is free but required.

To offset the travel and venue expenses of the free author event, the Ventura County Library Foundation is hosting Passports, a lively discussion with local food influencers on topics ranging from County food trends to local and worldwide food issues followed by small bites representative of the food cultures

in Ventura County. Passports will begin at noon in the Grand Salon.

For more information and to register for both events, go to www.vclibraryfoundation.org. Tickets are free for the author event and \$75 for Passports.

This Fall also brings a California University Channel Islands Lecture Series

Ojai Library Saturday, October 15, 1 pm

Assistant Professor of Art Simon Quiroz introduces concepts and tools on how to go from recording images that on the surface look flat and deprived of color to finish them looking vibrant and colorful for TV, cinema, and beyond, enhancing quality and strong emotional responses from viewers.

Chumash Presence Past and Present Hill Road Library Saturday, November 5, 11:30 am

This archaeology focused presentation covers the unique history and culture of the mitsqanaqan (Ventureño) Chumash and their adaptations to the natural environment of the Santa Monica Mountains, the ocean, Mugu

Lagoon, and the Oxnard Plain, including Chumash activities in Ventura County today.

Primitive Art in Civilized Places Ojai Library Saturday, November 19, 1 pm

For more information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146 or ron.solorzano@ventura.org.

Ventura Friends of the Library Book Sale Saturday, October 22, 10 am to 3 pm at the Vons at Telegraph and Victoria.

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News & Notes



The voices were loud and at times raucous throughout the passion filled meeting.

At Ventura's Board of Education meeting passion and intensity took center stage Part 2 of 2

Continued from September 21 issue

by Ross Williams

The beauty of small learning communities such as DTech and Bioscience Academies is that we can truly connect with students, bond with them, guide them, provide them with sustained and deep memorable experiences over three years (not just a one-time speaker or a one-time field trip). Our small cohorts are intimate. We know our kids. We know when they need to be pushed, when we need to hold back... we know what to say when they are hurt, when they are struggling. We know how to build them up and know when they need tough love. We guide them with precision. Bioscience Academy is my legacy, MY gift to this community. All I ask is for the time needed to make the magic happen for my students." Mika Anderson

VESPA (Ventura Education Support Professionals Association) and VUEA (Ventura Unified Education Association) were there to show their frustration and anger over the compensation plan that had been proposed by VUSD. VUSD had proposed a 1% increase in total salary compensation with a 4% one-time bonus. While the district had received an ongoing raise in funding of approximately 12.84%. Meetings were in no way final, but the offer felt like a slap in the face of

teachers who one after the other went up to the podium to declare that they could not live off of current wages due to inflation, health care cost increases and other costs of living increases.

Over and over again each speaker reiterated that they are committed, love the community, the students and that they don't want to go anywhere. But other districts in neighboring cities offer more compensation and at some point tough decisions will need to be made.

"The students and families of Ventura deserve the best we can give them. A 1% on going salary increase isn't enough. It doesn't keep up with inflation, it doesn't close our gap with neighboring districts, and it is demoralizing for our educators. Ventura Unified received much more than 1% in new funds this year but they choose to not to compensate the employees fairly. Other districts in our area, Santa Paula and Las Virgenes, have settled for 7.9% and 8% respectively. VUSD can do better because the families of Ventura deserve better. We can't keep excellent teachers with bottom-barrel salaries." stated VUEA President Dan Nelson. With sentiments repeated by VESPA President Carol Peak.

The voices were loud and at times

raucous throughout the passion filled meeting with the occasional clang of a tambourine, toot of the jug and cheering heard throughout the room and parking lot.

What is understood is that this meeting was all about the voice of community. Teachers, students and parents alike all standing together to make sure that they were heard and supported. On the backs of many of those present read a quote by Nelson Mandela "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." And everyone there was ready to fight for what was best for our students and their education.



Partners are guaranteed.

BOO! The Halloween Duplicate Bridge Tournament is great fun

The Ventura Halloween Regional duplicate bridge tournament is rapidly approaching. It will be held Oct 24-30, at the Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel on Harbor Blvd. There will be morning games starting at 10, afternoon games starting at 2 and Monday evening games starting at 7 for all levels of play.

There will be daily team games which are always fun. Partners are guaranteed. There will be some experts playing as well as a daily lecture / lesson by Majorie Michelin who not only is an expert player but a well-known teacher of bridge. There will also be guest speakers daily.

This Halloween Regional is sponsored by District 22 of ACBL - website www.d22acbl.com/ventura-regional.

Questions? Richard 805-659-801 or Rose 805-659-9223 buckleyrose357@gmail.com.

Ensemble Theatre Company (ETC) presents the first show of its 2022-23 Season

Carmen Jones, music by Georges Bizet with book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, choreography by Lisa Ruffin, musical direction by William Foster McDaniel, and directed by Jonathan Fox begins previews on Thursday, October 6 at 7:30pm, opens on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00pm and runs through Sunday, October 23, 2022 at The New Vic, 33 W. Victoria Street in Santa Barbara.

Carmen Jones is a thought-provoking adaptation of the beloved opera, CARMEN, by Georges Bizet with new lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. The classic story of the bewitching Carmen is reset in a parachute factory during 1940's World War II. Featuring an African American cast, in this revised version, the most provocative (and trouble-making) employee at the factory is Carmen Jones who is arrested by the military for once again causing trouble. She uses her seductive ways on the corporal assigned to guard her, Joe, who soon forgets his local sweetheart, Cindy Lou, and runs off to Chicago with Carmen. Husky Miller, a champion boxer on the military base, is also in Chicago for a major bout in the ring and a dangerous love triangle ensues when Carmen finds herself quickly drawn to the boxer. Several memorable musical numbers have come from this rarely performed new score, including "Dat's Love," "Dere's a Café on de Corner," "Stan' Up and Fight," and "Beat Out Dat Rhythm on a Drum."

Santa Barbara's professional theatre company, Ensemble Theatre Company, invites you to back to the theatre for this highly anticipated performance and to, once again, enjoy live theatre as only ETC can present it in the beautiful New Vic theatre.

The cast of Carmen Jones features Fredricka Meek as "Carmen Jones," Chauncey Packer as "Joe," Zelda Carmen as "Cindy Lou," Troy Wallace as "Husky," Nataley Carter as "Myrt," Ashli Ferguson as "Sally," Christopher James Hester as "Rum," Michael Howard-Dossett as "Sergeant Brown/Higgins," Constance Jewell Lopez as "Franky,"

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The survey will be available through end of October 2022.





News & Notes



Assistance League distributes clothing and supplies for the new school year. Photo by Brendan Daly of Brendan Daly Photography.

Operation School Bell® event is hosted by Tierra Vista Elementary School

On Monday, August 15th the Assistance League® of Ventura County brought their Operation School Bell® program to Tierra Vista Elementary School in Oxnard to distribute clothing and supplies for the new school year. This program has been going strong since 1993, providing the necessities for children and families in the community. As President Lori Nasatir expressed, "The goal of this program is to make sure children are going into their year equipped with not only clothing and supplies, but hopefully a new sense of confidence as well". On this occasion they provided clothing, books, and

school supplies to over 450 students and family members. The success of this event couldn't have happened without the school staff and the many Assistance League® volunteers, including members from the Assisteens® and the Nancy R. Brandt groups (two auxiliaries within the organization).

For more information about this program or the organization please contact The Assistance League® of Ventura County at 805.643.2458 or office@assistanceleagueventuracounty.org. You can also find them at www.assistanceleagueventuracounty.org as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

and Desmond Newson as "Dink."

Carmen Jones is made possible through the generosity of ETC's 2022-23 Season Sponsor Dana White and show sponsors Dana White and the Zegar Family Foundation. Additional Sponsorship from Eve Berstein, Helene Segal and George Konstantinow.

Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm, and Sundays at 2:00pm and 7:00pm; with added performances on Tuesday, October 11 and October 18 at 7:30pm and Saturday, October 16 at 4:00pm. There will be no

performance on Saturday, October 22 at 8pm and Sunday, October 23 at 7pm.

Ticket prices range from \$40 - \$84. Single tickets are available through the ETC box office at (805) 965-5400, or online at etcsb.org. Prices subject to change.

General Plan

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General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), which serves as a sounding board for the process. The GPAC is comprised of residents, business



On Oct. 1 Pier Under the Stars was held on the promenade near the Ventura Pier. Attendees enjoyed food sampling, wine and drink tasting and dancing to live music by Mid Life Crisis. The event is a benefit for the historic pier. Photo by Patricia Schallert

owners, educators, students, and other Ventura residents who represent a diverse cross-section of our community.

To date, extensive outreach in English and Spanish along with a variety of tools and platforms helped to spread the word and get the community involved. Thousands of community members have shared input through workshops, surveys, and pop-up events, which have shaped where we are now - which is the Land Use Alternatives Phase.

The Land Use Alternatives were developed based on public input from thousands of residents and discussions that has been gathered up until this point sharing feedback that ranges from needing more housing, jobs, growth and preservations in our community, and every-

thing in between.

The land use alternatives try to balance these differing views by providing several options to consider and as discussion points of how the City could evolve over time. The goal is to hear all the feedback on the ideas presented and try to develop an option that best represents the community's desires. The survey, which is open through the end of October, is divided up by the different areas of the City along with an overall Citywide survey.

Everyone's participation is critical to the process. Please don't miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to be involved. Visit the General Plan website at www.Plan-Ventura.com to take the survey, see upcoming events, or sign up for the mailing list to stay informed.

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\$2,500,000 predevelopment loan approved

Housing Trust Fund Ventura County (Housing Trust Fund VC) announces a \$2,500,000 predevelopment loan approved for funding to AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc. (AMCAL) for the Terra Campagna Apartments set to begin construction in November in Somis.

The need for affordable housing is felt throughout Ventura County, especially among our most essential workers. The Terra Campagna Apartments will serve the county's large community of farmworkers and their families with 160 affordable housing units in Somis. This represents the second phase of the Somis Ranch Farmworkers Community development. Phase one consists of 200 units and is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date in the spring of 2024. Both developments will include community centers, social services, outdoor community spaces and play areas for all ages.

The Terra Campagna Apartments will provide high-quality affordable housing utilizing state-of-the-art design, providing modern amenities and on-site services to farmworker households with incomes at 30, 50, and 60 percent of AMI (Area Median Income). The site will include social gathering spaces designed to foster community including a resident garden and computer room. Tenants will coordinate with an on-site Social Service provider to determine programs which best serve the community. With a mind toward sustainability, the development will include energy efficient construction, solar PV generation, sustainable irrigation, and a non-smoking policy. "These apartments will not only provide affordable housing to one of our County's hardest-working communities,

it will also provide important resources families need to build their future," said Linda Braunschweiger, CEO of Housing Trust Fund VC and Housing Land Trust VC. "Affordable housing is about more than building structures, it's about creating a strong and stable foundation for our residents, which in turn helps our community to thrive as a more inclusive environment in which we all work, raise our children, and live."

This development is funded in part by Housing Trust Fund VC's Everyone Deserves a Home Revolving Loan Fund, which provides below-market interest rate loans for the development of affordable housing in Ventura County. This spring, Housing Trust Fund VC received a Community Impact Note (at below market interest rate) from CBC Federal Credit Union for \$250,000. This Note is combined with funds from other public and private investors and donors to provide lending capital in support of Housing Trust Fund VC's promise of building safe and equitable homes in Ventura County.

Housing Trust Fund Ventura County - Launched as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation in 2011, Housing Trust Fund VC is the local trusted leader in helping to increase affordable housing options throughout Ventura County by leveraging public-private partnerships to provide low-cost, flexible loans early in the housing development cycle. As of June 2022, Housing Trust Fund VC has committed to investing \$26 million through its Revolving Loan Fund, creating 1,166 affordable apartments and homes for very-low, low- and middle-income employees, transitional age foster youth, veterans, farm workers, and the homeless.



In a previous issue we featured this proposed project at Front and Kalorama. The Planning Commissioners determined that this project was inappropriate as designed for that location and it was unanimously denied by the commission.

New developments being proposed, approved or under construction in Ventura



Hemlock Apartments (PROJ-1126)

Location: 264 Hemlock Street (District 2)

Description: Construction of a new, partial 3-story, 23-unit residential courtyard apartment building.

Status: Under Construction

Hearing Info:

Design Review Committee: 05/11/11

City Contact: Jared Rosengren, Senior Planner

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Kellogg Apartments (PROJ 11817)

Location: 58 Kellogg Street (District 1)

Description: 23 unit, 2-story, multifamily development on a 0.9-acre site.

Status: Under Construction

Hearing Info:

Design Review Committee and Planning Commission 8/21/19

City Contact: Jamie Peltier, Senior Planner,

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Colony Parc II (PROJ 15409)

Location: 915 Goodman Ave. (District 7)

Description: A new three-story residential development with 71 units on a 2-acre site.

Status: Scheduled for Hearing

Resubmitted 7/12/22

Hearing Info:

Design Review Committee: 10/19/22

Planning Commission: TBD

City Contact: Jamie Peltier, Principal Planner

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Don is a proud founding member of "Pier Into The Future."

Don Mills is 90 and as active as ever

by Patricia Schallert

There are many seniors among us who have lived and continue to live "success stories." Let's meet Don Mills (b. 1932), a life-long resident of Ventura, a retired engineer, a member of the Santa Cruz Island Foundation Advisory Council, the All Eight Boat Club, as well as a proud founding member, along with his wife Edna, of the "Pier Into The Future" charitable foundation that puts on the yearly fundraiser "Pier Under The Stars."

Don has lived in Ventura his entire life and "no kidding", he says, his mother was also born in Ventura.

Don's engineering background allowed him to design and construct some of the Ventura Yacht Club's first docks, and to help rebuild the Ventura Pier twice, after it was severely damaged by storms.

The Ventura Pier was originally built in 1872. The State of California owned it until 1993 when the City of Ventura took over ownership from the state of California. Five major winter storms destroyed the pier and have either wholly or partially destroyed the pier with the last one in 1995, ripping away its final 420 feet with 18-foot surf. The Ventura pier had just been reconstructed in 1993. It was originally 1858 feet long, but after being nearly destroyed twice, its current length is 1600 feet.

The City of Ventura was responsible for maintaining the pier, but after the severe damage of the storms was simply unable to afford the expenses. When Don and his wife Edna found out about the crisis the pier was in,

Edna was working for the Parks and Recreation Commission of Ventura and was able to use her connections to get the "Pier into the Future" foundation started. They were able to raise approximately \$800,000 dedicated to the pier's repairs.

After the damage occurred for the second time, Don and the support team made the decision to "build back stronger, not longer." Don's design called for steel pilings, which were necessary because the seabed under the pier is mostly rock. Although the shorter length was a disappointment to some, Don's design has held up well, and except for the occasional loose plank, the pier today is a safe, stable, and iconic landmark on the Ventura waterfront. The City Council of Ventura dedicated a plaque to Don and his wife in a ceremony on April 1, 1990, at the end of the pier, which is now known as "Mill's End."

Sadly, Edna, who had struggled with ALS for several years, passed away 5 days after the dedication. Don has many memories of being on and around the pier as a child and for his entire life, including hundreds of enjoyable strolls with his wife. He can still be spotted walking the pier, watching for ways to keep it in good shape. He is excited that there will soon be new benches, new interpretive panels, new flags, and a renovation of the stairs at the pier, thanks to "Pier into the Future", in partnership with the City of Ventura to continue to maintain the Ventura Pier for future generations to enjoy.

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Free Ventura County Parkinson's Support Group meetings

A community-based support group focusing on sharing relevant information and education about all things Parkinson's.

Meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday, 10-11am, at Crosspointe Church (5415 Ralston Ave.) next meeting: Tuesday, October 18.

Ventura County Parkinson's Support Group gets together every month with skilled, experienced professionals who

present significant breakthroughs, strategies and related issues surrounding Parkinson's. The group's mission is for participants to better understand and talk about how this information impacts their own lives and affects immediate family members. In addition to those diagnosed with PD, caregivers, family members and friends are all welcome to attend free of charge.

More than just a meeting, all discussions/presentations offer interactive, compassionate, relevant education on PD. Topics range from "How to get up off the floor when you've fallen," to "Nutrition and Parkinson's" to "The benefits of deep brain stimulation and assessing if you're a good candidate for DBS."

Jon Everhart, retired accountant, US Marine and regular group attendee
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The many many weeks of rehearsal paid off.

Ed Sullivan came to Ventura

On Saturday, September 17th, and Sunday, September 18th, the Ventura Marina Community Theatre presented the Ed Sullivan Show starring Alan McIntosh as Ed Sullivan. It was presented in the clubhouse.

It featured the talents of the members of the senior Ventura Marina Community. Performers and crew were from all walks of life, some still working and some retired. It was held in their large multi-purpose room to an enthusiastic full crowd. It took those attending back to Sunday nights when families gathered together in front of their television sets to watch Ed Sullivan.

They enjoyed Elvis Presley, Phyllis Diller, Sonny and Cher, Abbott and Costello, The Mamas and the Papas, The Beatles, Tiny Tim, The Great Donzini and Bambi, Patsy Cline, George Carlin and The Ike and Tina Turner Revue. The many many weeks

of rehearsal paid off as seen in the quality of the performances and the approval of the crowd.

The Ventura Marina Community has 310 manufactured homes and was built in 1965. It is located at 1215 Anchors Way Dr, Ventura.

Preventing Falls at Home: Room by Room

Many falls happen at home, where we spend much of our time and tend to move around without thinking about our safety. There are many changes you can make to your home that will help prevent falls and better ensure your safety. Here are a few.

Ensure there are handrails on both sides of any stairs, and make sure they are

secure. Hold the handrails when you go up or down stairs, even when you are carrying something. Don't let anything you're carrying block your view of the steps.

Ensure there is good lighting with light switches at the top and bottom of stairs and on each end of a long hall. Consider using motion-activated lights that plug into electrical outlets and automatically turn on when you walk by them to help illuminate stairwells and pathways.

Keep areas where you walk tidy. Don't leave books, papers, clothes, or shoes on the floor or stairs.

Check that all carpets are fixed firmly to the floor, so they won't slip. Put no-slip strips, which you can buy at any hardware store, on tile and wooden floors.

Don't use throw rugs or small area rugs.

Don't walk on slippery, newly washed floors.

Bathrooms:

Mount grab bars near toilets and on both the inside and outside of your tub



and shower. Don't leave books, papers, clothes, or shoes on the floor or stairs.

and shower.

Place nonskid mats, strips, or carpet on all surfaces that may get wet.

Remember to leave a light on in the bathroom at night or use a night light that turns on automatically in the dark.

Bedrooms

Put night lights and light switches close to your bed.

Keep a flashlight by your bed in case the power goes out and you need to get up.

Place a landline or well-charged phone near your bed.

Kitchen

Keep frequently used pots, pans, and kitchen utensils in a place where they are easy to reach.

Clean up spills immediately.

Prepare food while seated to prevent fatigue or loss of balance.

Outdoor spaces

If you have steps leading to your front door, make sure they are not broken or uneven.

Add non-slip material to outdoor stairways.

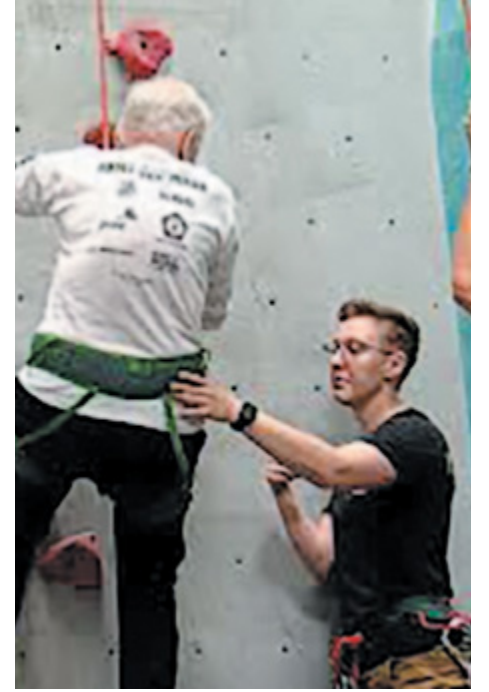
Keep the lawn, deck, or porch areas clear of debris, such as fallen branches.

Consider installing a grab bar near the front door to provide balance while you are locking or unlocking the door.

Turn on your porch light at night and if you leave during the day but plan on returning home after dark.

Watch out for false Alzheimer's cures

Although you might see commercials or online advertisements for products promising to improve brain health and prevent dementia, be cautious about such products. There currently is no product that will effectively prevent or treat Alzheimer's or related dementias. Check with your doctor before trying any new medication or supplement.



Older adults still have the ability to learn new things.

Myths About Aging

by National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Many people make assumptions about aging, what it is like to grow "old", and how older age will affect them. But as we are getting older, it is important to understand the positive aspects of aging. Research has shown that you can help preserve your health and mobility as you age by adopting or continuing healthy habits and lifestyle choices.

As people age, some may find themselves feeling isolated and alone. This can lead to feelings of depression, anxiety, and sadness. However, these feelings are not a normal part of aging as growing older can have many emotional benefits, such as long-lasting relationships with friends and family and a lifetime of memories to share with loved ones. In fact, studies show that older adults are less likely to experience depression than young adults. So, when should you be concerned? It's important to remember that older adults with depression may have less obvious symptoms or be less likely to discuss their feelings. Depression is a common and potentially serious mood disorder, but there are treatments that are effective for most people.

As people age, they may find themselves having a harder time falling and staying asleep. A common misconception is that a person's sleep needs decline with age. Older adults need the same amount of sleep as all adults — 7 to 9 hours each night. Getting enough sleep keeps you healthy and alert. Adequate sleep can also help reduce your risk of falls, improve your overall mental well-being, and have many other benefits.

Not true! Older adults still have the ability to learn new things, create new memories, and improve their performance in a variety of skills. While aging does often come with changes in thinking, many cognitive changes are positive, such as having more knowledge and insight from a lifetime of experiences. Trying and learning new skills may even improve cognitive abilities. For example, one study found that older adults who learned quilting or digital photography had improved memory. Seeking out new social connections with others and engaging in social activities, such as a dance class or book club, can keep your brain active and may also boost your cognitive health.

Dementia is not a normal part of aging. Although the risk of dementia grows as people get older, it is not inevitable,

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and many people live into their 90s and beyond without the significant declines in thinking and behavior that characterize dementia. Occasionally forgetting an appointment or losing your keys are typical signs of mild forgetfulness, which is very common in normal aging. Nevertheless, you should talk with a doctor if you have serious concerns about your memory and thinking, or notice changes in your behavior and personality. These problems can have a range of different causes, some of which are treatable or reversible. Finding the cause is important for determining best next steps.

As you age, you may think exercise could do more harm than good, especially if you have a chronic condition. However, studies show that you have a lot more to gain by being active — and a lot to lose by sitting too much. Often, inactivity is more to blame than age when older people lose the ability to do things on their own. Almost anyone, at any age and with most health conditions, can participate in some type of physical activity. In fact, physical activity may help manage some chronic conditions. Exercise and physical activity are not only great for your mental and physical health, but can help keep you independent as you age.



Depression can be difficult to recognize.

Depression and overall mood

Although depression is common in older adults, it can be difficult to recognize. For some older adults with depression, sadness is not their main symptom. Instead, they might feel numb or uninterested in activities and may not be as willing to talk about their feelings. Depression not only affects mental health, but also physical health. A review article funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute summarizes hundreds of studies from around the world showing that depression increases risk of heart disease and metabolic disorders. Research has also shown that recurrent depression is a risk factor for dementia. In a study of more than 1,000 older adults, scientists found a relationship between the number of depressive episodes and increased risk of developing Alzheimer's.

Although different than depression, which is a serious medical disorder, mood changes can also influence aging. A 2020 longitudinal study demonstrated a link between positive mood and better cognitive control. Further studies are necessary to determine whether changes that improve mood could improve cognition. The way you think about aging can also make a difference. Research shows that whether you hold negative or positive views about aging may impact health as you age. Negative

beliefs about aging may increase undesirable health outcomes, Alzheimer's disease biomarkers, and cellular aging. Meanwhile, positive beliefs about aging may decrease the risk of developing dementia and obesity. What can you do?

Depression, even when severe, can be treated. As soon as you begin noticing signs, it's important to get evaluated by a health care professional. In addition to deep sadness or numbness, lack of sleep and loss of appetite are also common symptoms of depression in older adults. If you think you or a loved one may have depression, start by making an appointment to see your doctor or health care provider. If you are thinking of harming yourself, get help immediately — call the 24-hour 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 or 800-273-TALK (800-273-8255).

Why is the flu more dangerous for older adults?

The flu is more dangerous for older adults for a few reasons. One reason is that the immune system — which helps your body fight infections — weakens as you age. For example, because your body is busy fighting off the flu, you might pick up a secondary infection such as pneumonia. A second reason is that older adults are also more likely to have other health conditions, like diabetes, that increase their risk for complications from the flu.

The good news is the flu vaccine reduces your risk of getting the flu and of getting seriously ill if you do get sick with the flu. Flu vaccination is especially helpful for people with chronic health conditions. For example, it has been linked to lower rates of heart problems (cardiac events) among people with heart disease and fewer hospitalizations among people who have chronic lung disease or diabetes.

Free Ventura County Parkinson's

Continued from page 9 said, "It's nice comparing treatments, symptoms, and the challenges we all face living with Parkinson's." This caring group empowers people like Jon to be more proactive and to participate in deciding the direction of his treatment, complemented by his team of doctors' suggestions.

This unique group gives everyone a great opportunity to learn more about current PD research, to gain more awareness about local help and resources, to share relevant experiences with others — and to have fun along the way.

The Ventura County Parkinson's Support Group was recently resurrected (post-Covid) by Dr. Vanessa White, owner of Ventura County Neurofitness (a local fitness program designed specifically for those with Parkinson's and other neurological degenerative diseases). The impetus for her assuming this responsibility was after her mother-in-law, Toy White, was diagnosed several years ago with PD. This important, special group was born upon her passing.

This month, Dr. Bradley Hiner, Neurologist, will be conducting a Q & A session for all things Parkinson's.

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Ventura Unified opens organic farm

Mayor Sofia Rubalcava and the VUSD Board of Education joined VUSD staff for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, August 29, 2022, to officially mark the opening of Sa'aliyas Ranch to Ventura Unified School District students. This certified organic farm facility will prepare high school students for agricultural science, business, and technology career opportunities and engage Kindergar-

ten through 8th-grade students in STEM-related projects and activities as they learn about Ventura County's agriculture industry.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, VUSD Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, shared, "Sa'aliyas Ranch (Chumash for "on the path") has five acres of avocados, lemons, row crops, a state-of-the-art greenhouse with an aquaponics system, and indoor and outdoor learning

spaces developed for K-12 students. Designed to be self-sustaining and teach students about agriculture, science, business, and technology in one of the largest industries in Ventura County, the ranch allows students to see science in action. We are thrilled to offer this exciting opportunity."

Local industry and community partners were invited to the ceremony to recognize their time and input throughout the planning and development process. Students will be involved in the marketing and selling of produce to local businesses, and their partnership is essential.

Mike Etchart, Sa'aliyas Ranch Farm Manager and CTE Agriculture & Natural Resources teacher, explained, "The agriculture industry is one of the biggest employers in our county, with many different career opportunities that pay living wages in our region. This facility will not only provide students with an opportunity to learn about the science of agriculture but also gain valuable job skills in high school that would lead to careers with any number of local employers in the sector."

We look forward to introducing the community to this immersive learning space; watch for public farm visit opportunities coming later this fall! For more information, visit our website at www.saaliyasranch.com.



Dani Anderson is the new County first-ever Disability Access Manager.

Disability equity in workforce during National Disability Employment Awareness Month

by Carol Leish, MA

October, 2022, will be recognizing the importance of disability equity in the workforce. 'Disability: Part of the Equity Equation' has been chosen as this year's theme. This includes realizing the contribution to the nation's economy made by workers with disabilities. Also included are the inclusion policies and practices benefiting workers and employers (www.dol.gov).

"A strong workforce is the sum of many parts, and disability has always been a key part of the equation," said Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy Taryn M. Williams. "People with disabilities make up a wonderfully multifaceted group. By recognizing the full complexion of our community, we can ensure our efforts to achieve disability inclusion are, in fact, truly inclusive."

Recently the County of Ventura selected their first-ever Disability Access Manager, Dani Anderson, just before National Disability Employment Awareness Month. She will be expanding community engagement efforts and improving services delivery for

individuals with disability access and functional needs.

"We are thrilled to have Dani Anderson join our team. She brings extensive professional and lived experience that will help us build upon efforts to ensure county services are accessible and inclusive of people with disabilities and other functional needs, particularly in emergency response," said County Executive Officer Dr. Sevet Johnson. "Ensuring that our services align with the needs of our community members is critical, and we believe Dani is the perfect person for the new role."

Anderson will be responsible for overseeing the County's accessibility efforts and will work closely with the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services on emergency response, preparedness, and recover efforts, and will oversee county efforts to improve service delivery to individuals having disabilities. She will also manage various grant and disaster assistance programs and coordinate with multiple agencies and stakeholders.

As a disability advocate and public affairs professional, Anderson recently served as Senior Manager of Access and Functional Needs and Customer Care at Southern California Edison. She also has seven years of non-profit experience, previously serving as the Executive Director of the Independent Living and Resource Center. In 2016, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from California State University Channel Islands.

Anderson said, "Through working within the County of Ventura and with community partners, we will be able to enhance awareness, accessibility, programs, and services to contribute to an even more inclusive community. I believe my lived experience (being a wheelchair user) and my eagerness to create change in the County where I was born and raised will provide me with a unique perspective leading to successful results."

Mailbox

Continued from page 4 students.

Do not believe VUSD's Facebook posts, intended to paint a picture that all is well. Had the district turned the camera on August 23rd, their post lauding VUSD's "Celebrate" rally would have painted a different picture: teachers and school staff, dressed in red, carrying signs and banners, chanting and proclaiming their outrage and disappointment at the district's failure to honor, appreciate, and respect their work.

Speaker and student, Gino Caceres, understood the situation better than the district, ending his story of resilience by thanking teachers and staff for "taking care of us." His success was their success. The value and the worth of teachers and school staff continue to fall on deaf ears as the district refuses to expedite negotiations for an expired contract.

Teachers and staff of VUSD ask parents and the community to stand up for their kids by standing by their teachers and school staff. Teachers and staff cannot continue to care for the academic, emotional and social needs of students while facing financial insecurity and emotional distress in their own lives.

Sébastien P. DeClerck Vice President, Ventura Unified Education Association Teacher, Pacific High School, Ventura Editor note: We asked the VUSD to respond to this but they didn't.

Authors Luncheon Fundraiser

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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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

Residential Burglary Arrest

On September 9, at 5:00 am, a resident on Ayala St called the Ventura Police Command Center and said that someone had just broken into their residence, and he was following the suspect as she was walking away.

Responding officers arrived on scene within four minutes and located the suspect a short distance from the residence.

The ensuing investigation revealed that the suspect, 32-year-old Ryan Flores, had made entry into the residence through an unlocked front door while the residents were asleep. The residents were awakened from the commotion inside the house and went downstairs. Flores had taken the keys to the residents' car and was attempting to steal the car from the driveway when the resident confronted her.

Flores fled on foot and was apprehended a short while later.

Flores was booked into Ventura County Jail on charges of residential burglary, attempted vehicle theft, and possession of narcotics.

Vehicle Burglary and Possession of a Firearm Arrest

On Oct. 3, the Ventura Police Department Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of a subject, later identified as Seth Gibson (24-years-old, Ventura Resident) tampering with a vehicle. The caller confronted Gibson but left when he saw that Gibson was holding a gun in his hand. Patrol officers responded to the location and found Gibson inside the vehicle. Investigation revealed he was in possession of a semi-automatic handgun and had burglarized the vehicle.

Gibson was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for vehicle burglary and several gun-related charges including possession of a concealed firearm, possession of an undetectable firearm (AKA: "ghost gun"), and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

9/14 5:25am, dispatched to a fire alarm in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded with VFD, alarms were malfunctioning due to low battery.

9am-7pm, received multiple calls (20) concerning dead/sick or injured sea lions through out the harbor and the keys. Sea lions are dealt with by an agency called CIMWI (CI marine wildlife institute). If a sick/injured sea lion is observed, contact CIMWI at 805 567-1505 or fill out online report at CIMWI.org.

9/16 4:44pm, dispatched to an aircraft down at Marina Park. Officers responded with multiple agencies to the call. 3 persons were aboard, no injuries sustained. The

plane landed on the beach and eventually ended up on the Greenock jetty.

9/17 6:15am, received request to open locked restrooms at the launch ramp from VPD. Officers assisted and VPD arrested an individual for warrants..

11:10am, assisting with a memorial paddle out for Firefighter Clapsaddle at Harbor Cove. Later, officers assisted with Coach Barrette paddle out at the Pier.

9/19 9:10am, officers retrieved/trailored rescue boat on loan from City of Oxnard to return it. Much thanks to the city for loaning their vessel.

9/20 12:00pm, received report of an aggressive sea lion attacking kayakers in the keys. Officers responded in Fireboat 1, but were unable to locate the mammal or kayakers in the area described.

9/21 3:20am, received a report of a dead sealion near the Portside marina rip rap. Officers advised they would investigate during daylight hours.

11:33am, received report of a vessel adrift in the keys. Officers responded in Fireboat, were able to tow the vessel back to its dilapidated dock in the keys.

9/22 7:31am, officers received request to standby at the launch ramp restrooms while VPD arrests transients residing there. Several arrested for outstanding warrants.

9/23 7:25pm, received a request to jumpstart a vehicle disabled on Spinnaker Drive. Officers attempted several times, but unfortunately were unable to help.

9/24 1:40pm, while on patrol in the Fireboat, observed to skin divers attempting to cross the Pierpont Basin. Officers contacted and educated about no diving or swimming in the Harbor ordinance. The pair returned to Marina Park Dock.

9:15pm, contacted by a family with a disabled recreational vehicle in the village. Officers attempted to jumpstart the RV, but were unsuccessful. Transported the family to the 4points Sheridan where they were staying. Vehicle was towed away

9/25 7:30am, officers opened gate at the end of Spinnaker for NSSA contest parking.

2:55pm, observed a small sailboat with 2 POB having difficulty. Officers responded in Rescue B19 to assist. After several attempts to right the sailboat, officers assisted with lowering the sails and took the vessel en tow to the L/R.

4:20pm, received report of a disabled electric boat. Officers responded in the Fireboat, towed the vessel to the Dreamer Rental dock and released.

4:47pm, received report of an unconscious person in a vehicle near 1575 Spinnaker Dr. Officers responded and found the patient, she was intoxicated. Her husband arrived on scene and she was released to him. No medical.

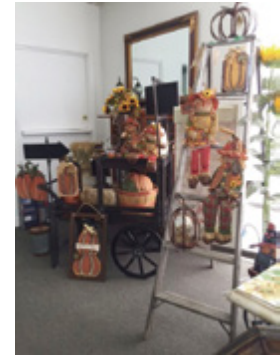
9/26 5:40am, observed NWS issued a Small Craft Advisory, raised warning pennant.

12:35pm, gave permission to commercial fishermen to store lobster traps at the launch ramp while they prepare for lobster season that began October 1st at 6am.

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Ana and Jaime Baker are seen here in Sitka Alaska on a cruise. Of course, they brought a Breeze with them.

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King Crossword

Answers

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The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

■ Meet the newest member of the Ventura City Fire Department -- Hope.

As a therapy dog, Hope has the very important job of providing comfort and support to firefighters

after they've had a difficult run. She also visits children in the community who have experienced a tragedy, to help them start to heal.

■ SPAN Thrift Store is open to the public and looking for donations of adult clothing, household items and tools. SPAN Thrift Store regularly provides \$10 spay and neuter clinics for low income households for cats and dogs. Upcoming clinics: Tuesday, October 11th, parking lot of Shiells Park, 649 C St, Fillmore; Tuesday, October 25th, parking lot of SPAN Thrift Store, 110 N. Olive St., Ventura. Please call to schedule an appointment (805) 584-3823

■ Beginning September 18th, all dog owners now have a Happy Hour destination just for them and their 4 legged friends at Peirano's! They have created a menu just for your dog. They can have a dog gone good time sipping/slurping on bacon water and chomping on salon skin treats, or scrambled eggs. Live music every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 3-5 pm and Friday evening from 6-8, Sunday Brunch from 1120-2:00pm.

■ Alexandra Horowitz has been studying the inner lives of humanity's best friend for about two decades, including in her current role as head of the Dog Cognition Lab at Barnard College in New York. Since 2009, Horowitz has also been a book author, translating the latest findings from the field of canine science for the general public.

In her book *The Year of the Puppy* Horowitz dives deep into the earliest stages of being a dog. But this book comes with an added personal angle: It details Horowitz and her family's journey in raising their own puppy, Quiddity, from the very start of life. Among other things, Horowitz discusses why new dog moms are always licking their puppies; why puppies aren't too fussy about the nipples they nurse on; and how everything from a mom's diet to the placement of a fetus within the uterus can subtly affect a dog's later development.

■ A national study finds millions of pets that were adopted during the pandemic weren't spayed or neutered, which is causing severe overcrowding at animal shelters and a sharp rise in euthanasia.

Josh Fiala, who oversees the spay/neuter program at the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, says those important surgeries did continue throughout the COVID years at the state's largest non-profit shelter, though veterinarians are becoming scarce.

Fiala says it's fortunate the ARL was able to maintain its schedule during the past two years as he says spaying and neutering of pets is vital. "It helps control the pet population. Our shelters are full enough as it is. We do not need more pets in the area," Fiala says. "If people want to find animals, there's definitely plenty in shelters across the U.S. And it does, from a health perspective, from a behavior perspective, it's shown to have benefits as well."

■ According to a recent paper published in the journal *Animal Cognition*, dogs store key sensory features about their toys—notably what they look like and

how they smell—and recall those features when searching for the named toy.

Prior studies suggested that dogs typically rely on vision, or a combination of sight and smell, to locate target objects. A few dogs can also identify objects based on verbal labels, which the authors call "gifted word learner" (GWL) dogs. "Just like humans, GWL dogs not only recognize the labeled objects—or categories of objects—as stimuli they have already encountered, but they also identify them among other similarly familiar named objects, based on their verbal labels," the authors wrote. They wanted to investigate whether GWL dogs have an enhanced ability to discriminate and/or recognize objects compared to typical dogs.

To find out, they conducted two separate experiments. The first involved 14 dogs, three of which were GWL dogs (all border collies): Max, Gaia, and Nalani. All three had participated in prior studies and demonstrated they knew the names of more than 20 dog toys. Most of the dogs were tested in the lab; three were tested in their homes using the same experimental setup. The experimenter and the dog's owner stood with the dog in one room. An adjacent room held dog toys. The rooms were connected by a corridor and separated by heavy curtains. All the windows were covered with dark nylon sheets.

The same 10 unfamiliar dog toys were used with all the dogs, and the toys were of different shapes, sizes, colors, and materials. The experimenter randomly divided the toys into two sets, and then picked one toy randomly out of each set to be the target toy.

After the training phase, each dog was tested in both light and dark conditions with the corridor and toy room lights turned off. They were asked 10 times to retrieve the target toy from among the other four toys in a set, which had been randomly scattered on the floor. The toys were reshuffled between each iteration. Everything was recorded using an infrared video camera, and the researchers recorded not just toy selection and retrieval but also searching and sniffing behavior.

The second experimental setup and location were the same as the first, but only the three GWL dogs were tested, along with an additional GWL dog named Whisky. All four knew the names of the 20 toys used in the experiment, scattered randomly on the floor. If the dog retrieved the correct toy, it was rewarded. Once again, the dogs were tested in both light and dark conditions.

All the dogs in the first experiment—regardless of whether they were GWL dogs or typical dogs—successfully picked out the target toys in both light and dark conditions, although it took them longer to locate the toys in the dark. Most relied on visual cues, even though dogs possess an excellent sense of smell. The GWL dogs in the second experiment were also able to select the named toys when commanded by their owners, with similar reliance on visual cues—what the toy looks like—augmented by their sense of smell (what the toy smells like), particularly in dark conditions.

According to the authors, this confirms that when dogs play with a toy, they record its features using multiple senses, creating a "multistory mental image." They prefer to rely primarily on visual cues, but dogs can incorporate other sensory cues, most notably smell, when the conditions call for it.

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



Jax is a Shih Tzu, he was rescued about 4 years ago. He is about 11 years old. He loves sailing and boats! His favorite pastime is lounging on his mommy's lap and going for car rides.

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Meet Snapple, a playful, cuddly, gray 11-week-old kitten! He came in with an orange tabby (seen here) who got adopted shortly after this video was recorded. So, Snapple is still here, waiting for his forever home. He's a little under the weather, but due to our expert veterinary care, he's doing much better! If you'd like to meet Snapple, schedule an appointment at <https://www.vcas.us/adopt> or come down to the shelter during

normal Adoption Hours of 1:00pm - 6:00pm Tuesday - Sunday. If you have questions, please contact us at (805) 388-4341 or info@vcas.us. VCAS



Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

The Ventura Senior Men's Group meets for a social lunch and program at the Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Men of all descriptions are always welcome to stop in to sample our shenanigans. Lyle Hotzler at 805-341-9820 or Rick Follenweider at 650-520-1098 can supply details.

Wanna Play Bridge? Join us for ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge games every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. At 12:30. 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. All Welcome.

Oct. 5, 19: 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. We provide peer-led support where you can openly grieve without being judged. 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. To speak with the TCF Chapter Leader in Ventura, contact Laura Lindsay at (914) 610-8918.

Oct. 9: Victorian Halloween at Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, from 11 - 3 p.m. Free admission. See this historic adobe home as you've never seen before, learn fascinating facts about mourning practiced during the Victorian era, hear haunting stories from the Olivas family's past, and tour the small adobe to find out what lies beneath the courtyard. Will the séance in the Sala bring back visitors of significance? Join us and find out. www.cityofventura.ca.gov/OlivasAdobe

Oct. 11: The San Buenaventura Women's Club will be meeting at noon on Tuesday, October 11 at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road, Ventura. Guest speaker is Jackie Wiley, Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Lunch is \$20. Reservations required. ((805) 320-2702. Everyone welcome.

Oct. 12, 26, & Nov. 9: Join the Museum of Ventura County for open model drawing sessions with nude and clothed models from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Life Drawing with Cathy Barroca and Barbara Brown. Arts educator Cathy Barroca holds an M.F.A. in painting and printmaking, is known for painting the 100-ft mural "Portrait of a Neighborhood" in Casa de Anza Library, and has been sharing her talents teaching at Ventura College since 1998. Every experience level is welcome. Chairs and easels will be provided. Artists must bring their own supplies. 10-35 participants per class. The fee for all three sessions is \$50 for MVC members and students and \$65 for non-members. Register at www.venturamuseum.org

Oct. 15: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. our monthly plant and collectibles sale continues on the grounds at the Dudley House. Bromeliads, orchids and succulents will be on sale along with a variety of collectibles. Vendors please call Charlie at 805/746-4317 for details. The museum

is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood Streets (197 N. Ashwood) in Ventura. Free.

Oct. 16: John Biggs celebrating 90 years of a true original American composer. 3 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6300 Telephone Road. Admission: \$20 at the door. Please arrive early. www.venturasda.org (805) 642-5387

Oct. 22: The 32nd youth stamp fair will be held Saturday, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Dudley House Museum, 197 N. Ashwood Avenue, Ventura. Learn all about the world of philately (stamp collecting). Free admission and parking. Win prizes! Educationally fun for all ages! Sponsored by Ventura County Philatelic Society founded in 1928. For more information see the website venturacountyphilatelicsoc.org or call (805) 667-8042

Oct. 22: Ventura Friends of the Library will hold a Book Sale at the Vons at Telegraph and Victoria, 6040 Telegraph Rd, from 10-3 p.m. Quality used books at bargain prices! Music on CDs and Vinyl and Audiobooks.

Oct. 23: Children's Music Academy will present Music Speaks II, a free concert on Sunday at 6 p.m. at Orchard Community Church in Ventura. Featuring performances by Children's Music Academy and Junior Music Academy current and former teachers and alumni. Performances include music from classical, Broadway, jazz, and rock genres and feature piano, vocals, and flute. Donations will be accepted for Musician Foundation's competitive scholarship program for economically disadvantaged 3rd and 4th-grade students in Ventura County. The foundation also helps current families experiencing financial hardship to continue studying music at CMA. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com. For more information, contact (805) 658-6661.

Nov. 5: Hill Road Library is pleased to announce our Library Lecture event, in partnership with California State University - Channel Islands: "Chumash Presence, Past, and Present." This event will take place on Saturday from 11:30 - 1 p.m. at the Hill Road Library. We hope you will take a moment to promote this event to your communities and consider joining us for a very informative day.

Ojai news and events

Ojai ACT approaches election season with Walter Cronkite is Dead, a play about conversation and understanding in politically and culturally divided times. The play runs three weekends only, through October 16.

Written by multi-award-winning playwright Joe Calarco, Walter Cronkite is Dead stars Sindy McKay and Jill Dolan as Patty and Margaret—two strangers forced together for a long night in a public place.

Performance times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. General admission is \$20, \$18 for students and seniors, and \$15 for Art Center members. For Ticket information and group sales call 805-640-8797.

Local author Chip Fraser will visit the Ojai Library at 1pm on Saturday, October 8, 2022, to speak about his books Philosophy of a Dashboard

Saint and Looking for Emerald City. This talk will center on being kind and doing good—two concepts we can never have enough of.

California State University Channel Islands Assistant Professor of Art Simon Quiroz will visit the Ojai Library at 1pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022, to deliver a talk titled "Coloring Motion Pictures." This program is part of the CSUCI Library Lecture Series, presented in collaboration with the Ventura County Library.

Along with this talk, two additional Library Lecture Series programs are scheduled for the coming weeks. Colleen Delaney, Ph.D., will deliver a talk titled "Chumash Presence Past and Present" at the Hill Road Library (1070 S. Hill Road, Ventura) at 11:30am on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Finally, Rainer F. Buschmann, Ph.D., will deliver a talk titled "Primitive Art in Civilized Places" at the Ojai Library at 1pm on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

Chamber On The Mountain, a chamber music concert series in presents Anita Graef, Cellist with Louise Chan, Pianist, on Sunday, October 16, 2022, 3:00 pm at Logan House (located at the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts in Upper Ojai). Tickets \$30.00 at www.ChamberOnTheMountain.com. Audience members are invited to meet the artists at a lovely outdoor patio reception following the performance.

The show is all music, all the time, with very little dialogue in the evening. "The songs are outstanding and so well-known that they need no introduction," Camp said. "The song list is lengthy, including such favorites as "Nothing

Like a Dame," "I Can't Say No," "My Favorite Things," "Cockeyed Optimist," "People Will Say We're in Love," "If I Loved You," and many more.

"I wanted OPAT to produce a show that celebrates these two giants of musical theater while making us feel glad to be back attending live performances after the pandemic," said Joan Kemper, Executive Producer at OPAT. Tickets are available soon at www.ojaitheater.org. Prices are \$30 for seniors and students and \$40 for general admission—telephone orders at 805-640-5814.

After a summer break, walking tours of historic Ojai resume on October 22. Put on your comfortable shoes, bring a friend or family member, and enjoy learning about Ojai as you walk around town.

The Ojai Valley Museum offers walking tours at 10:30 am every Saturday. The 90-minute tours are interesting and informative. Trained docents share stories about the people, places, events, and architecture that shaped Ojai.

Walking Tours of Historic Ojai start at the Ojai Valley Museum. They are offered year-round (except during Ojai's hottest months). Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$25 per family, children 6-17 and OVM members are \$5 and include admission to the museum all day.

The Ojai Valley Museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Avenue in Ojai. Free parking is available behind the museum, off Blanche Street. The Museum is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

For more information, call the Museum at (805) 640-1390, ext. 201, email info@OjaiValleyMuseum.org or visit the museum website at OjaiValleyMuseum.org.

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by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

There are a number of special events lined up during the next two weeks, and of course you'll also want to map out your Halloween plans, I'm finding a number of venues are celebrating on the days leading up to the big night. If you go to the VenturaRocks.com calendar page, you can search "Halloween" and see what I've found out so far. I'll give more details in the next issue of the Breeze.

Let's start with Boccali's in Ojai and their Boots & Bluegrass special event featuring live music from Drea & Kellen Van Allen. This ticketed event includes a family-style Italian dinner, non-alcoholic beverage (wine & wine available for sale though), and live entertainment on Thursday, October 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 in the evening. Ticket information can be found on the Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

The Seaside Highland Games return to the Ventura County Fairgrounds this year over the weekend of October 8 and 9th with live music from the Angry Brians, Sligo Rags, Browne Sisters, George Cavanaugh and the Ploughboys. This Scottish themed event is family friendly and includes such competitions as bagpiping & drumming, drum majoring, fiddling, highland dancing, and heavy athletics. Tickets can be found at SeasideHighlandGames.org.

Saturday, October 8 is also the return of Surf 'n' Suds. This ticketed event features rows of vendors and with lots of alcohol samplings, and this year a mega sized beer pong competition. They're back at their San Buenaventura State Beach location (entrance at San Pedro Street). The last time I went, I visited one of their vendors selling a unique wine opening device, and I ended up on a commercial which aired on several social media platforms, so you know, you too might can become a star. Live musical entertainment will feature the Free Love Project, KingQueen Band and DJ FIU. For ticket information, go to SurfBeerFest.com.

Surfer's Point Live hosts Boots & Brews (yes this is the second one in the past few months), and it falls on a Friday, October 14, starring Tim McGraw, Michael Ray and Bailey Zimmerman. So get off early from work, pull on your country boots and head over to the Ventura County Fairgrounds when the gates open at 3 pm, grab a cold one and enjoy some of the best country music around! Secure your tickets at BootsAndBrews.com.

The Brite Room located at Music Freqs, at 2258 Pickwick Drive in Camarillo offers an all-ages live music venue with bands of all genres available to the under 21 crowd. You most likely will remember this is the space formerly known as Rock City Studios. Kudos for taking a chance, and making a safe place for kids to take in live shows. I'm hoping to share more of their listings in the future. Currently I have Feed the Beast, Disrupted Euphoria and Black Moon Lilith on Friday, October 7, and Ottto, Noah Weiland and Akila Fly on Saturday, October 8. Tickets are available via EventBrite.

Ojai Valley Day is Saturday, October 15

with lots of vendors, arts, activities and live music from 10 in the morning until 6 pm. I understand they'll have two stages one of which is the Gazebo, and the other the Libbey Bowl where Abba Dabba Doo! (Abba tribute) plays at about 3 pm followed up by Spencer the Gardener, both of which are free to the public.

New shows on sale:

Ojai Underground:
Jamie Drake on October 15
Expandards on October 21
Perla Batalla on November 11 & 12
Ventura Music Hall
The Aquadolls, Sitting on Stacy & Strange Case on October 21
La Santa Cecilia on November 1
Sammy Johnson on November 3
Long Beach Dub Allstars on December 3
Zoso, the ultimate Led Zeppelin tribute on January 14, 2023
Ventura Theater
GlorRilla on January 14, 2023

Quick Notes: The Twist is switching hands early this month, current owner Teri doesn't anticipate any major changes with the live music you've come to know and love; It's a Flashback 90s night at Poseidon Brewings with Vinny Berry on Friday, October 7; Numbskull Productions present Dirty Rotten Imbeciles at Gigi's on Tuesday, October 11; Cantara Winery is celebrating their anniversary on October 15 with Heart and Soul; and Rey Fresco will do an intimate performance at the Aqua Beachfront Bar located inside the Crown Plaza Hotel on Saturday, October 15.

By the time this issue rolls off the presses, The Fatty Vegan will have closed their doors for good. Sad times for you Vegans out there, but we're much appreciative of all the live bands you brought to town. Best wishes for your family's future.

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

Music Calendar

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

Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts
8585 N. Ojai Road, Ojai

Sun 10/16: Anita Graef w/ Louise Chan
Boatyard Pub

1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura
Wednesdays: Frank Barajas

Thursdays: Jim Friery; Bluegrass Jam
Fri 10/7: Teresa Russell & Stephen Geyer

Tues 10/11: Karen Eden & the Bad Apples
Fri 10/14: Epitome of Dreams

Sat 10/15: Déjà vu Two
Tues 10/18: Troy Edwards

Boccali's

3277 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai
Thurs 10/6: Drea & Kellen Van Allen

Boots & Brews (take II)

Ventura Fairgrounds
Fri 10/14: Tim McGraw, Michael Ray & Bailey Zimmerman

Cantara Cellars

126 N. Wood Rd., Camarillo

Fri 10/7: Katey Shorey

Sat 10/8: Doc Rogers Band

Fri 10/14: Paulie Cerra

Sat 10/15: Heart & Soul

The Collection

2751 Park View Court, Oxnard

Rock the Collection

Wed 10/19: Bruno and the Hooligans

Copper Blues

The Collection, Oxnard

Fri 10/7: Bring on the Night

Sat 10/8: No Biggie

Fri 10/14: Jetlemons

Four Brix Winery

2290 Eastman Ave., Ventura

Fri 10/14: Heart and Soul

Sun 10/16: Clear Sky Trio

Gigi's Cocktails

2493 Grand Ave., Ventura

Tues 10/11: Dirty Rotten Imbeciles,

Boilerman

The Grape

2833 E. Main St., Ventura

Tuesdays Jazz Ja

Wed 10/5: Sean Riddle Quartet

Thurs 10/6: Karl Hunter (5 pm); Kavika G

and Tyler Hammand (8 pm)

Fri 10/7: Fred Kaplan (5 pm); 6 Beats Apart

Sat 10/8: Fausto Cuevas y la Moderna (2

pm); WebBinney (8 pm)

Wed 10/12: Neil Elliott Dorval

Thurs 10/13: Tom Etchart & Friends (5 pm);

The Urban Jazz Collective (8 pm)

Fri 10/14: Fred Kaplan (5 pm); Marina

Pacowski Band (8 pm)

Sat 10/15: Barrelhouse Wailers

Keynote Lounge

10245 E Telephone Rd, Ventura

Thursdays: Open Mic

Fri 10/7: Heart and Soul

Fri 10/14: Reign

Sat 10/15: The Balance

Leashless Brewing

585 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura

Fri 10/7: Mike Beers

Sat 10/8: Shakamon & Dread Kennedy

Sun 10/9: Jake Mclelland

Fri 10/14: Andrew Hart

Sat 10/15: Kimo Moya

Libbey Bowl

210 Signal St., Ojai

Thurs 10/6: Ben Harper

Sat 10/15: Abba Dabba Doo! (3 pm);

Spencer the Gardener (5 pm)

Sun 10/16: Judy Collins and Sophie B.

Hawkins

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut St., Ventura

Wed 10/5: Apocalyptica Cell-O

Thurs 10/6: Lagwaggon, Strung Out, Sack

Sat 10/8: GWAR, Light the Torch, Crobot,

Nekrogoblikon

Sun 10/9: The Front Bottoms

Wed 10/12: Testament

Manhattan

5800 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo

Wed 10/5: Richard Weiss

Fri 10/7: Lisa Ritner

Sat 10/8: Tour Support

Wed 10/12: Robert Van

Fri 10/14: Jeanne Tatum Trio

Sat 10/15: Doc Rogers Duo

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor

Fri & Sat 7-10 pm; Sun 5-8 pm

Fri 10/7: Urban Dread

Sat 10/8: Dive Bar Messiahs

Sun 10/9: Karen Eden & the Bad Apples

Fri 10/14: Vinyl Gypsies

Sat 10/15: Crosscut 805

Sun 10/16: Corsican Brothers

Namba Arts

47 S. Oak Street, Ventura

Fri 10/14: Dogyear, Logan Campbell, Josh

Cronin, Roberto Hermsillo, Aaron Burch

Ojai Underground

616 Pearl Street, Ojai

Sat 10/8: Jude Johnstone & Amilia K. Spicer

Thurs 10/13: Jackie Bristow & Jeff Young

Sat 10/15: Jamie Drake

Ojai Valley Brewing

307 Bryant Street, Ojai

Sat 10/8: The Silent Treatment

Fri 10/14: The Moondawgs

The Raven Tavern

1651 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard

Fri 10/7: Operation 90s

Sat 10/8: Jetlemons

Sun 10/9: 8 Years Gone

Fri 10/14: Doc Rogers Band

Sat 10/15: Urban Soul

Sun 10/16: Smokey & Friends

San Souci

21 S. Chestnut St., Ventura

Fri 10/7: Robot Uprising, 5th Street Saints

Band

Seaside Highland Games

Ventura Fairgrounds

Sat & Sun 10/8-10/9: Ploughboys, Angry

Brians, Sligo Rags, Browne Sisters & George

Cavanaugh

The Shores

1031 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard

Fri 10/7: Steve and Sally Williams

Sat 10/8: Sin Chonies

Strey Cellars

951 Rice Ave., Oxnard

Sun 10/9: Crosscut 805

Fri 10/14: Whiskey Business

Surf 'n' Suds

San Buenaventura State Beach

Sat 10/8: Free Love Project, KingQueen

Band, DJ FIU

The Twist on Main

454 E. Main St., Ventura

Wednesdays: Americana Night

Thursdays: LA Jazz Connection

Fri 10/7: Littlefish

Sat 10/8: Vinny Berry (2 pm); Vanise Terry

Band (8 pm)

Sun 10/9: Déjà vu Too (12:30 pm); Mark

Masson (5 pm)

Fri 10/14: Sin Chonies

Sat 10/15: Steve & Sally Williams (2 pm)

Sun 10/16: Joe Delia (12:30 pm); Kenny

Devoe (5 pm)

Ventura Music Hall

1888 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura

Wed 10/5: Bad Suns

Thurs 10/6: Dirty Honey, Dorothy, Mac

Saturn

Fri 10/7: Ocean Alley

Sat 10/8: the James Hunter Six

Thurs 10/13: Kabaka Pyramid, Jordant

Sat 10/15: LA Dispute, Sweet Pill & Pictoria

Vark

The Vine

308 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai

Saturdays: Smitty and Julia and Friends

Sundays: Austin Vallejo

Fri 10/7: TD Lind and the Aviators

Winchesters

632 E. Main St., Ventura

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

3 pm

Fri 10/7: LA Jazz Connection w/ Davey

Miller

Sun 10/9: Pull the Trigger

Thurs 10/13: Brandon Ragan

Fri 10/14: Karyn 805

Sat 10/15: Crooked Eye Tommy

Sun 10/16: Karen Eden & the Bad Apples

Tues 10/18: Open mic with Jenna Rose

1901

740 S. B Street, Oxnard

Sat 10/8: Steve and Sally Williams

Ventura Music Scene



LGBTQ Impact Project by Joe; untitled

Focus on the Masters Arts Archive & Library Learning To See Outreach Impact Project Art Exhibit

Ventura County Government Center Hall of Administration Atrium Gallery

800 S Victoria Ave, Ventura
October 6 - November 11, 2022
Reception: Friday, October 8, 2022
4:30pm - 6:30pm

The public is invited to join Focus on the Masters Arts Archive & Library (FOTM) for a celebration of the creative spirit by underrepresented communities in our community with the Impact Project. With funding from the California Arts Council, this exhibit features collaborative artworks by each of the Immigrant, LGBTQ and Black communities of Ventura County.

This exhibit is a testament to the value of individual and community expression. We asked, "What would you want to express as a member of an historically underrepresented community?" One of the immigrant participants was taken aback and stated that no one had ever asked her that question. Her reaction underscores the need for these types of community projects where lesser seen points of view are illuminated.

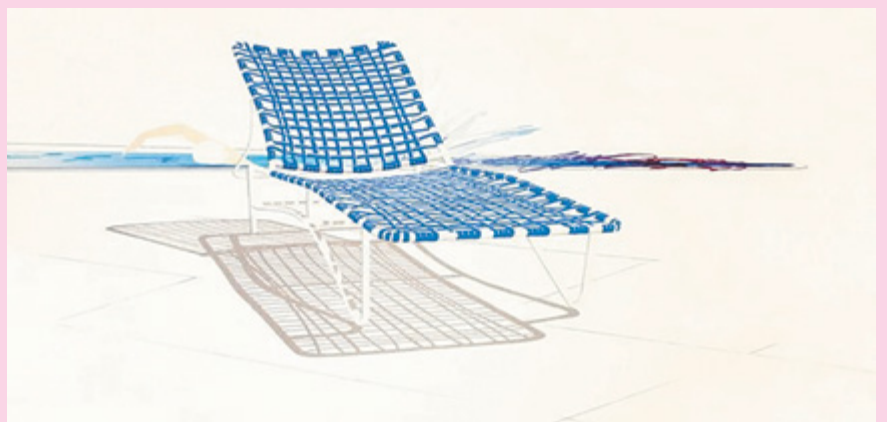
Also featured is artwork by k-8 students who participated in our Learning To See Outreach (LTS) in-school art program. www.FocusOnTheMasters.com
For more information about Learning To See, contact Aimee@FocusOnTheMasters.com or 805.653.2501



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A few months ago we gave our artists multiple blank 8"x8" canvases and asked them to bring back their best work! They have been working diligently and without much fanfare to create new artwork--pieces that they (and we!) are definitely proud of. The result will be an exhibit of over 60 8x8 canvases, as well as a dozen or more 8x10 matted photos and works on paper, that are fresh off the easel, and that our artists have donated to us so that all proceeds from the sale of these gems will go to Buenaventura Art Association.

The best part is that all of these works will be priced at only \$49!



If you want to be cool, go to the pool!

"Chaise Lounge" by Ventura native Bruce Freeman evokes memories of poolside activities and leisure. This serigraph print is a part of the Municipal Art Collection on permanent display at City Hall with over 100 additional pieces. Stop by anytime during business hours to take a look or view online at MAC-Collection-Brochure-2018-COLOR (ca.gov)

Ventura Art Scene



The Ventura Chamber held a ribbon cutting at Castle Vision Cabinetry, 4531 Market St. Ste G; Ventura. They specialize in Semi Custom & RTA (Ready-To-Assemble) cabinetry with a focus to bring their customers quality products, personalized service, and innovative design. Photo by Michael Gordon.



A Ventura Chamber ribbon-cutting was recently held at the Perez Family Funeral Home. 3150 Loma Vista Rd. (805) 484-6365 Photo by Michael Gordon

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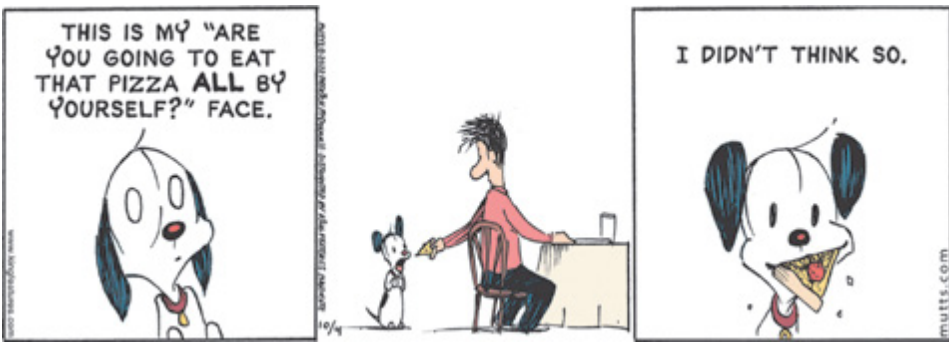
Mother Goose and Grimm



Shoe



Mutts



Hagar the Horrible



Marvin



Moose and Molly



Solutions on page 13

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

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	8			3	2
2			1		7
		9	6	5	4

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

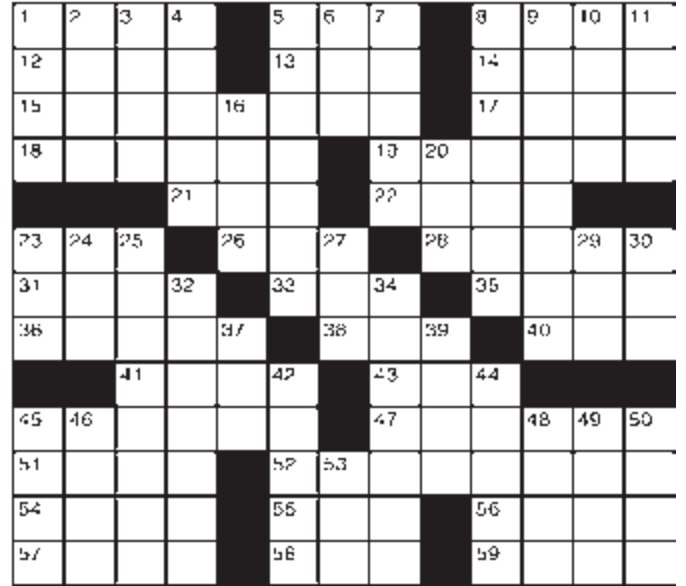
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Solutions on page 13

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Piratic quaffs
- 5 605, in old Rome
- 8 Last write-up
- 12 Like some vaccines
- 13 Ecol. watch-dog
- 14 Stratagem
- 15 Turkey's most populous city
- 17 Actress Falco
- 18 Second of two
- 19 Church keyboards
- 21 Six, in Sicily
- 22 Harvest
- 23 Fireplace residue
- 26 Society now-bie
- 28 Golf great Sam
- 31 Coach Ewbank
- 33 Passing craze
- 35 Capital on a fjord
- 36 Cardiff's country
- 38 "Uh-huh"
- 40 Kids' game
- 41 Antitoxins
- 43 French article
- 45 Juan's pals
- 47 Cease-fires
- 51 Track assignment
- 52 Brazil's most populous city



- 54 Karaoke prop
- 55 Brit. record label
- 56 Bridal cover
- 57 Writer Kingsley
- 58 Wee bit
- 59 Old U.S. gas brand

- 8 Pizza sauce herb
- 9 Hungary's most populous city
- 10 "The doctor —"
- 11 Casual tops
- 16 Must have
- 20 Scale members
- 23 "How adorable!"
- 24 Mermaid's home
- 25 Finland's most populous city
- 27 Inlet
- 29 Carte lead-in

- 30 Pooch
- 37 "Stayin' Alive" band
- 34 Shoulder muscle
- 37 "No seats" sign
- 39 Criminal, to cops
- 42 Plus
- 44 Debonair
- 45 — mater
- 46 Hurt severely
- 48 Poolroom supply
- 49 Yale students
- 50 Without help
- 53 "I — Rock"

DOWN

- 1 Stir up
- 2 — Major
- 3 "The Martian" actor Damon
- 4 Bed boards
- 5 Question after a mission
- 6 PC's brain
- 7 Bravery

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cumspect in how you phrase your comments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The weekend shows improvement.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like the sudden setback in your plans. But keep that headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpian sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule, but be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with the opportunity that has opened up for you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging your own good qualities. A lull in your social life ends by the weekend. Have fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as Crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let those recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royallness needs some time away from the limelight to catch up on things, whether it's tidying up your desk or making those calls you've put off. You're back in the center of things by the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But, you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more cir-

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for getting things done. You also have a gift for bringing people together in both personal and professional relationships.
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Showtime

A View from House Seats

Flight Delays Spark Reluctant Acquaintance

by Shirley Lorraine

Theaters must have a back-up plan when the scheduled season runs into bumps. At the Ojai Art Center Theater, the cancellation of a scheduled production of *Blithe Spirit* created an opening that held an opportunity for two accomplished actresses, Jill Dolan and Sindy McKay, to reprise their roles as strangers in an airport in *Walter Cronkite is Dead* by Joe Calarco, now playing through October 16.

The two appeared in the production in 2019 at another venue. Having seen and enjoyed that one, I was entranced by the way the two slipped into their roles like donning a comfortable old coat. The staging employs the original, effectively simple set by Tom Eubanks as well as recorded “airport” announcements that are well worth paying attention to.

Margaret (Jill Dolan) is a woman embarking on her first air flight ever. She carries considerable mental baggage and a large measure of fright. It doesn’t help that a raging storm has delayed or cancelled flights, leaving passengers to languish in the few sparse waiting areas of the airport. Her attempt at calm is interrupted by the arrival of hurricane Patty (Sindy McKay), a seasoned traveler and compulsive talker.

Margaret is significantly uptight and minimalistic, while Patty is casual, slightly chaotic and curious. To Margaret’s dismay, Patty’s belongings and manners spill over the “shared” space in unapologetic abandon.

On the surface, the two appear to be from completely different worlds and situations. As time passes and delays continue however, they discover

numerous similarities and eventually even enjoy each other’s company. The journey of their plight is a mixture of amusement, tension, pathos, reflection, realizations and acceptance.

Considering the current weather conditions on the East Coast, I couldn’t help but think of how a version of this scenario is probably playing out in many airports across the globe. How timely. The dialogue reminds one to see beyond oneself and be kind to fellow travelers who may be struggling with the conditions both outside and below the surface.

As so often happens in unfamiliar public surroundings, one never knows what to expect. Both actresses are so at ease in their roles, neither missed a single, solitary beat as their table suddenly became shorter on opening night, not once, but twice. The audience reacted more than the two did, carrying on without a hitch. Kudos, ladies.

The 90-minute production is played without intermission so sit back and just enjoy the interaction. Curtain time for this production is 7:30 and you won’t want to miss the “intro” of *Walter Cronkite* giving the news.

There is nothing like live theater, in my opinion, to transport one to other worlds and embrace viewpoints and thoughts of others. I recommend attending *Walter Cronkite is Dead*. Time well spent.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The Ojai Art Center is located at 113 S. Montgomery Street. www.ojaiact.org (805) 640-8797.

Streaming Spotlight by Cindy Summers

Ambulance

– Amazon Originals



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

Will Sharp (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II) was desperately struggling with insurance companies to get his wife a much needed cancer surgery while struggling in his own life to find a job to support his family. When Will was young he was taken in by the Sharp family and was very close with his brother Danny (Jake Gyllenhaal), though they chose very different paths growing up. Will became a Marine, while Danny grew wealthy following the family business of robbing banks. Though their relationship became strained in the past, Will turned to Danny to borrow over \$200,000 to cover an experimental surgery for his wife which she needed but was not covered by insurance.

Though Danny had been involved in illegal activities in the past, Will had thought he was on the right path but walked right into Danny’s current plan to rob a bank of \$32 million which he offered Will part of if he would join them on the bank robbery. Though Danny had gotten Will involved in things in the past, he always made sure nothing happened to

Will and said that he needed Will to pull off this job that he had planned way in advance and had a team assembled and waiting.

Meanwhile Paramedic Camille “Cam” Thompson (Eiza Gonzalez) was training her new partner Scott (Colin Woodell) on his first day on the job, and LAPD Officers Zach (Jackson White) and Mark (Cedric Sanders) cruised the streets small talking about Zach’s interest in a woman that worked at the federal bank. Little did any of them know that all their lives were about to intersect.

Will agreed and the team drove to the bank while Officers Zach and Mark had arrived at the bank for Zach to ask the bank teller out on a date. At the same time, a SIS Undercover Team lead by Captain Monroe (Garret Dillahunt) had actually had Danny and his team under surveillance outside the bank. They didn’t recognize Danny’s crew going in due to the fact that at the last minute they changed their getaway vehicle from a Mercedes Benz to the service truck, but they thought the truck looked suspicious and assumed the heist was still going down.

Police and SWAT teams surrounded the bank while Danny and Will with Officer Zach tried to exit from the basement. Office Zach grabbed Danny and tried to wrestle his gun away from him and Will shot him to defend Danny. Cam and Scott were just down the street eating lunch when they heard the shots and then the radio call to respond to the bank.

Cam and Scott responded to the officer
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This 'n' That

Ventura's Key Campaign Issues In 2022

by Res Publica

We want to outline the critical campaign issues facing City Council candidates in 2022. If you live in Districts 1, 4, 5 or 6, you have a critical decision to make in this election. Your choice for City Councilmember will shape Ventura's future for decades. How the candidates address the current campaign and the issues that confront our community today should guide your selection.

What campaign issues do you want your candidate to address? Your answer may depend on the district you live in but, regardless of your district, there are some citywide issues every candidate must address.

Water Is Among The Top Campaign Issues

Water and wastewater treatment will be among the costliest issues the City Council and, ultimately, you will face in the next four years. Ventura Water is asking the Council for over \$259 million to complete VenturaWaterPure.

Ventura Water convinced the City Council to raise water and wastewater rates by 43% to pay for the project. They claimed the benefits would be another reliable water source by 2025 and, by doing so, we would comply with the Wishtoyo Consent Decree of 2012. Their message was that "your wastewater" would be the "reliable water source."

Since the Council agreed to the rate increase, the project has had several significant changes. First, the city relieved the supervisory duties over VenturaWaterPure from then-Ventura Water General Manager Susan Rungren and turned them over to Linda Sumansky inside the City Manager's office. Placing VenturaWaterPure under the oversight of the City Manager's office takes water and wastewater decisions away from trained engineers and water employees and turns them over to politicians.

Second, Ventura Water reduced the scope of VenturaWaterPure significantly. Ventura Water will no longer build a state-of-the-art water treatment plant by 2025. Instead, they will treat the wastewater and dump it into the ocean. As a result, what's known as the Ocean Outfall will be completed by 2025 to fulfill the 2012 Consent Decree. The advanced water treatment plant will be completed by 2030 if all goes according to the revised plans.

Third, the Water Commission approved none of the changes to the plan for VenturaWaterPure. Ventura Water is taking the changes to the City Council, circumventing the Water Commission's input.

Any discussion about water in Ventura should be about the cost of producing and delivering water to the citizens of Ventura. And that cost is rising. Ventura Water presented to a VenturaWaterPure Ad Hoc committee in August 2022. Ventura Water stated the planned expenditures would increase another \$76 million, bringing the entire project to over \$373 million.

Find out from your candidates where they stand on VenturaWaterPure.

Homelessness increased by a staggering 34% between 2020 and 2022. The city's homeless count is 713 people. Only Oxnard, with a population twice the size of Ventura, has more.

Shouldn't the Council and Ventura's citizens know how much homeless services cost and how they get allocated? What should Ventura do for those not housed in the shelter? Some of the remaining homeless are vagrants. They choose to live the lifestyle and panhandle. How do candidates plan to combat vagrancy, so Ventura is more welcoming?

Public Employee Pensions Is The Toughest Campaign Issues

Ask the candidates running in your district if they will work with the city's unions to reform public employee pensions. The last time the City Council modified pensions was 2010, and those changes were modest.

The city staff believes pensions will level out in six or seven years. Yet, the bill came from CalPERS for this year's contribution to the unfunded pension liability, and it was staggering. Ventura will pay \$19.9M to CalPERS. Can Ventura last that long amid its other financial burdens?

Campaign Finances

The elections in 2020 were the costliest in history. Since district elections began, candidates have been spending more each election cycle.

The rising expenditures seem odd. By moving to districts, each candidate needs to reach a smaller number of potential voters (15,000 instead of the entire city). City officials intended district voting to help candidates spend less to be elected. Rather, district voting has had the opposite effect.

Growth Is Always Among The Key Campaign Issues

Growth means different things to different people. Yet, it's inescapable that Ventura needs to grow.

Ask if your candidates acknowledge that growth, jobs and water availability are inseparable. They also need to recognize and respect the opposition to building more houses with greater density and height throughout the community. Forward progress on growth means accommodating, integrating and compromising.

Voting works best when people take the

time to learn about campaign issues. Educate yourself on the candidates' positions on the campaign issues for 2022. We've provided a framework to ask pertinent questions.

Don't succumb to the political feel-good clichés candidates use to attract your vote. Ask yourself, "Do these candidates have the capabilities to solve these problems?"

The Seaside Highland Games returning to the Fairgrounds

The Seaside Highland Games, Ventura's very own Scottish/Celtic Festival, will return to their home on California's Central Coast this October 8 & 9, 2022. The Ventura County Fairgrounds is the ideal spot for this many-faceted Festival. Every Games activity from bagpipe bands to sheepdog demos is within easy access of the Fairgrounds' Main Street—our "Clan Row."

Beginning in 2002, the Organizers believe that a proper Highland Festival must have as its backbone a good representation of Scottish Clans and Societies. Still true, you will find over seventy (70) such Societies ready and able to discuss their strong connection to true Scottish soil. And to welcome you as either a newcomer or old friend—and direct you to someone best able to help you trace your family lineage.

Perhaps you just came for the music? Well, do not dismay my friend. We are so pleased to offer a fine array of artists starting with the our amazing regulars the Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh on the Alex Beaton Center Stage, the always fine music of Sligo Rags—taking a break from Disneyland appearances. The popular Plougboys led by Mark Romano and The Angry Briens (who are not at all angry) will headline the Celtic Rock Stage.

Dancing has always been a huge part of Seaside's stage presentations from youthful Scottish Highland Dance to the more mature Scottish Country Dance (and, yes, you can most certainly join in)! And the amazing Harp Glen sponsored by the venerable St. Andrews Society of Los Angeles!

But no Festival is complete without the huge and talented Scottish Heavy Athletes. Look to Morgan Arena for these talented fellas and gals tossing, throwing, heaving impossibly heavy implements to new height and distance records! And, yes, the long pole-like cabers are there to be turned as well. That event, like the stage shows, continues nonstop throughout the weekend.

If you can't do without bagpipes—and which of us can—you are in the right place! Plan your weekend to arrive at Saturday's Noon Grand Parade and Opening Ceremonies which will dazzle your eyes, ears and cellphone cameras!! All the guest pipe and drum bands will march interspersed with Clan/Family groups past the Alex Beaton Stage to officially open the Games to all comers! Grab a chair or bleacher seat for this spectacularly bright and colorful event.

If you don't have your very own kilt or tartan garb, look no further than the many high-quality vendors to find exactly what you need. And while there, why not sample some delicious Welsh Cakes or the wonderful Scottish meat pies or fish & chips and so much more...perhaps a Scottish Cerveza?!!

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Make your plans to join us on the Fairgrounds in October. Lovely Buenaventura awaits! For more information visit Seaside-Games.com.

Ambulance

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shot call in the basement and loaded Zach in the ambulance and headed for the hospital. Before they got out of the basement, Danny stopped the ambulance, pulled Scott out and Will took his jacket to pose as the driver while Danny rode in the back. They were stopped exiting but Cam helped them with their cover and escaped the bank.

Followed by LAPD helicopters, the chase led them all through the streets of LA as dozens of police vehicles were completely destroyed. It seemed Danny's only hope was to reach out to Papi (A Martinez) who worked with Danny's dad to aid their escape, though someone else from his past, FBI Special Agent Anson Clark (Keir O'Donnell) joined the pursuit and was closing in having studied Danny's prior 37 robberies as well as those of his bank robbing father.

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