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A Fabulous 4th!

The Rotary Club of Ventura once again hosted the 4th of July Fireworks Show and Family Picnic at the Ventura College athletic fields. The event was held on Tuesday, July 4th with the fireworks show beginning at approximately 9 pm. Begun in 1994, the Ventura Rotary Fireworks event marked its 30th Anniversary in 2023.

Photos by Michael Gordon and others.



Jack Zoltan: 18-Year-Old Surfer On The Rise

by Joseph Seemayer

Jack Zoltan is an 18-year-old surfer who is a standout at Ventura County beaches including the Ventura Harbor and The Point to name a few. As a competitor, Jack is committed and focused. His goal is to continue to improve as an athlete while competing against some of the best in the nation. To help achieve this goal, Jack began working with a coach about two years ago. That coach is well known, former professional surfer and Ventura resident, Mike Lamm.

Mike Lamm competed on the US Bud Pro surfing tour in the 1980's. His passion for coaching developed during his time as an amateur and professional. Today, some of Mike's notable coaching achievements include world tour professional Lakey Peterson, who he has coached to two National titles, a U.S. Open Jr victory and a silver medal in the ISA surfing games. In addition to Lakey, Mike has coached professional surfer Tia Blanco, an ISA gold medalist and Nick Rozsa, who he coached to the number one position on USA team and US Open Pro Jr finalist.

Locally, Mike also coaches one of Jack's biggest role models and best friend, professional surfer and Ventura native, Dimitri Polous. Jack shares that Dimitri pushes him to be a better surfer and person every day.

Some of Jack's strengths include his focus, determination and willingness to work hard. "Jack has made massive gains and improvements in his surfing skills during this last year", Mike states with satisfaction. As Jack's coach, Mike said it was evident that Jack has the

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Jack has a strong, determined attitude along with an almost businesslike work ethic.

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Local Government News



As Interim City Manager, Penman will oversee the city's day-to-day operations.

Ventura City Council appoints Don Penman to serve as Interim City Manager

The Ventura City Council has selected retired City Manager Don Penman to serve on an interim basis as the city manager. Penman retired in 2011 after serving 14 years with the City of Arcadia. Since retirement, Penman has served as interim city manager for Ventura, Calabasas, Azusa, Covina, San Fernando, and Temple City.

"The City Council is confident in Don's ability to lead the organization during this transitional period as we seek a new City Manager," shared Mayor Joe Schroeder. "With his extensive experience in local gov-

ernment and prior interim managerial role in 2018 with Ventura, Don is well-suited for the position. He is committed to actively involving the Council, staff, and public in important decision-making processes."

As Interim City Manager, he will oversee the city's day-to-day operations and ensure that processes and services run smoothly. He will also work with the City Council to identify and prioritize key initiatives that will benefit the community.

"As I step into this role, my primary focus is facilitating and supporting a smooth transition. It's inspiring to see the positive progress that has taken place in Ventura since my last involvement in 2018," shared Don Penman. "I look forward to contributing to the community's well-being and collaborating closely with the exceptional City Council and staff members. Together, we will work diligently to drive our city forward."

Penman will work in a limited term appointment while the recruitment process for a permanent city manager is completed. It is estimated that it may take up to three months to complete the recruitment and hiring process for a permanent City Manager, which will include candidate interviews/selection, background investigation, negotiating an agreement with a candidate, and providing the new City Manager with the ability to provide sufficient notice to their current employer.

Assistant City Manager Akbar Alikhan served as interim city manager from February 13 - June 15, 2023, when he resigned to accept a position with the City of Thousand Oaks.

As the Interim City Manager, Penman will receive a salary of \$132.50 per hour. There are no benefits for Mr. Penman pursuant to CalPERS requirements.

As I See It by Sheldon Brown

When Liz Campos, who uses a wheelchair, was elected to the Ventura City Council my first thought was the council chamber raised dais wheelchair accessible? After 6 months on the council she is unable to sit with the other council members even after a temporary ramp was built. A solution still seems to be months away to meet ADA requirements.

It's absurd that the city didn't immediately take steps to see that she could participate on the Dais with other council members.

The Baldwin Park man accused of being the insider in the theft of \$572,020 from last year's Ventura County Fair was sentenced to three years in prison. Assuming the money has been spent so he can't return it, that's not a bad income of \$190,673 per year even if he serves the entire 3 years.

The Ventura City Council voted 6-0 to hire Don Penman, 72, as interim city manager. Councilman Mike Johnson was absent from the meeting. We continue with city manager roulette. Hopefully the next one will hang around longer (if he-she isn't fired first).

An animal virus outbreak has caused cancellation of two horse shows at the August County Fair and could bring precautions for other events involving animals.

Basketball player Russell Westbrook has enjoyed his time playing with the LA Clippers so much that he decided to re-sign with them - he took the biggest pay cut in league history. Westbrook agreed to a two-year, \$7.9 million deal. How embarrassing - playing a game for only \$3.95 million per year. I feel sorry for him.

The Ventura City Council has banned bicycles, electric bicycles, skateboards and

other wheeled devices on five blocks of Main St in downtown because of community concerns over safety.

The ban is in the car-free zone from San Buenaventura Mission to Fir St., and the one block of S. California St. - between Main and Santa Clara - that is also closed to cars. There are exceptions for people with disabilities and people with baby strollers.

Downtown Ventura Partners has a Park Ambassador team that monitors the area and will issue warnings to those who will be breaking the law when it becomes effective on July 26. Once the ban is in effect, violators could receive a warning from police on the first offense. Subsequent offenses will be considered an infraction, which could result in a ticket costing between \$100 and \$500 for repeated offenses.

Sounds good, but enforcement might be a lot more complicated. I doubt if the police will be involved, but there have been injuries caused by bikes (especially ebikes) driving downtown.

Council member Mike Johnson had this to say; "On a vote of 4-2 (Councilmember McReynolds and I dissenting; Councilmember Campos was absent), we banned riding bikes, skateboards, and the like downtown, on the blocks that have been closed to cars as part of Main Street Moves. While I myself once called the police when a swarm of bicyclists was riding recklessly down Main Street, Council should have tried addressing the specific problems rather than impose a blanket ban."

"I ride my bike downtown, and I don't pose any sort of threat. I don't like riding on Santa Clara, I won't ride on Poli, and walking my bike the length of Main Street Moves is going to be flat-out annoying. There are people -- including families



Upcoming waterline replacement project on Telegraph Road

Starting mid-July 2023, the City of Ventura will begin a waterline replacement project on Telegraph Road between Hill and Mills Road. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2024.

The Midtown to Westside Interconnect Project will allow water to be moved more efficiently from the east side of the City to the west, which will allow the City to utilize all supply sources more effectively. The current anticipated cost of the project is \$11 million and includes \$2 million in funding from the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRMM) Grant.

Construction impacts include lane closures and night work between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The night work is planned at the intersections of Victoria Avenue and Mills Road to minimize traffic impacts. Regular working hours are Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

For more information about this project visit CityofVentura.ca.gov/Construction.

-- who go downtown mainly because it's a nice place to ride a bike, skateboard, scooter, or a one-wheel dealio, and they don't cause any problems. They help make downtown more fun."

"I'm concerned about whether and how it's going to be enforced; we're not directing the PD to spend more time along Main Street Moves, and if they're not going to warn or ticket every person they see it's going to look like selective enforcement. It's a bitter pill, banning bikes and skateboards while rolling out the red carpet for the X Games."

Mailbox



Saga of the Exploded Refrigerator

Apparently for two days a fridge was set out on the sidewalk near a small park down the street from us with a "Free" sign on it. The doors were still on it, we are told--dangerous of course.

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Jack Zoltan
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natural athletic ability that a coach looks for in a new student. Mike explains that Jack possesses “the intangible X-factor that coaches look for to have to have students flourish”.

Mike continued, “He’s there at the crack of dawn and on time. Jack would really listen and put in the maximum amount of effort into each of his sessions”, according to Mike. All traits that are necessary to help an athlete continue to grow and achieve competitive success.”

When Jack finishes his training in the water, he then continues with running and time at the gym. “Jack really puts in the work to consistently improve”, which is mandatory for Mike.

Mike continued with Jack’s improvement as a competitor, “Jack was the only Californian competitor, in

an all-Hawaiian final at the National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) US National championships this year.” Besides his finals appearance and eventual fourth place finish in National Championships, Jack finished this past season ranked 4th in the nation for the NSSA Explorer juniors division, 1st in the Gold Coast Explorer juniors division and 5th Southwest Open mens divisions. An impressive season finish for this young athlete.

Since 1978, the National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) mission has been to encourage and assist its members in their interest to learn and develop the fundamentals and skills of surfing competition while competing in structured and quality events. Nationwide, there are more than 80 NSSA events that culminate with the annual National Championships, regarded as the highest profile youth surfing event in America.

The NSSA is one of the few national youth sports organizations that requires its participants to maintain academic standards in order to compete. Since the beginning of the NSSA program, the philosophy has been that athletics and scholastics go hand in hand.

Under his coach’s guidance and with the assistance of his sponsors, Body Glove, Roberts Surfboards, Smilyn Wellness, On a Mission and A Frame Surf Shop, Jack plans on continuing competitive surfing professionally in the World Surf League (WSL) North American qualifying series.

In addition to Jack pursuing a promising professional surfing career, Jack will also be joining the Sundowners Wildland Fire Crew out of Lake Casitas.

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Ventura's Annual Street Fair & Parade

The City of Ventura's 46th annual 4th of July Street Fair & Pushem-Pullem Parade was held on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Ventura's Downtown District.

The Pushem-Pullem Parade, presented by the Rotary Club of East Ventura, began at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street in front of Cemetery Memorial Park and continue into the Street Fair in Downtown Ventura.

This year's Street Fair featured artisan vendors, a car exhibit, food trucks, live entertainment, a kids' activity area, and more.

A complimentary Bike Valet, courtesy of the City of Ventura Transportation Division and Bike Ventura, was located at the corner of Main St. and Chestnut St.

The Classic Car Exhibit featured over 80 beautiful vehicles. Live entertainment, included local bands and community group performances were enjoyed by the large crowd of attendees..



Bikes, scooters, strollers, and wagons were all welcome at the parade. Photos by Janie Tran and Shirley Lorraine.



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Outdoor Summer Movie Series kicked off with a showing of Jaws

Sharks were in the Harbor

Hundreds of enthusiastic guests turned out to Ventura Harbor Village on Saturday, June 24, for an unforgettable evening as the Outdoor Summer Movie Series kicked off with a special showing of the iconic film Jaws (1975) at sunset. The event was a true celebration of cinematic history.

A highlight of the pre-show activities featured Susan Jane Backlinie, former actress and renowned stuntwoman, known for her unforgettable portrayal of Chrissie Watkins, the first shark victim in Steven Spielberg's blockbuster JAWS. As a resident of Ventura Harbor, Susan was present to personally welcome and interact with guests, signing autographs and posing for photos with devoted JAWS fans.

The festivities featured an information station hosted by The Shark Lab of Cal State University Long Beach, providing fascinating insights into these awe-inspiring creatures. Attendees also had the chance to win thrilling prizes, including tickets to experience the original JAWS ride at Universal Studios.

To add to the entertainment, KRUZ 103.3 FM was on-site, facilitating a captivating Q&A session with the talented actress Susan Backlinie.

Moreover, the event embraced the spirit of fun and creativity with a Costume Contest. Participants took the opportunity to showcase their love for sharks, with a delightful array of outfits. The crown for Best Shark costume went to an adorable canine dressed as a fearsome great white, while others joined in the movie-themed fun with shark onesies and personalized shark t-shirts. Another standout was the Best JAWS character, won by an impressive portrayal of a ship's captain.

Ventura Harbor Village Outdoor Movie Nights continues on Saturday, July 29, when "Goonies" will take center stage, followed by the enchanting adventure of "Moana" on August 26. For more information about these upcoming events, be sure to visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com. Get ready to be captivated by the magic of cinema under the stars!

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Taking in the outdoors while hiking at Arroyo Verde Park

by Hadie Tobar

Whether you are in need of a quick nature walk with your furry friend, getting a workout on a trail run or simply enjoying some fresh air to decompress, Arroyo Verde Park hiking trails provide different ways to experience the peacefulness of its environment.

After a few minutes of warming up on the trail, I begin to feel much better and it keeps me motivated during my weekend hikes. It takes me about an hour and fifteen minutes to hike roughly two miles of the trail loop. But it can also be a short hike if you choose to go on the trails on the lower part of the mountains.

Sometimes I like to explore through other connecting paths that add to the adventure - which also means it adds more time to complete. It's fun going around the hills. I've caught different kinds of small birds playfully flying in and out of trees and shrubs. They're a source of natural entertainment.

Some trails have an incline that gives you a good challenge up the hills. Then there are other trails I take to cool down while heading towards the back parking lot. In the summer, it gets very hot on the open trails so it feels refreshing to walk under the tree's shady sections. I enjoy

hiking through the Arroyo Verde trails because it feels good to get away from the city rush and take in the respite that nature provides.

The cool ocean breeze is very soothing while walking under the sun's warmth. It's especially wonderful to stop and rest on the bench at the top of a hill. It has a beautiful view of the sea to the west where the afternoon fog makes its way inland over the city. On the other side behind the hill, you can see so much greenery surrounding the area. And, just as beautiful wildflowers are blooming after a super rainy winter, so is poison oak. Watch out for its leaves-of-three when stopping to smell the flowers. Hiking is supposed to be good for your well-being but getting an uncomfortable reaction from something of nature can affect your health. Have fun on hikes but be safe.

Typically, on the weekends or later in the weekday afternoons, there are more hikers sharing the trails. Since the trails are open all year long that means you can plan your hiking routine to any day that works best for you. And you can start anytime between 7:00am and 6:00pm seven days a week.

Feel free to bring your dogs but they need to be on a leash when they're with you on a trail. If you plan to have your dogs off their leash, the big grassy area is designated for that on Tuesdays through Sundays between 6:00am and 9:00am, but not on holidays or if the park has a special event happening.

The main entrance to Arroyo Verde Park is at Foothill and Day Road. It's free to park your vehicle inside the lots Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, Sundays and on holidays, parking is \$2 per hour or \$5 maximum for all day. There's also free parking outside on the nearby side streets, which in some cases provide a bit of a warmup while you walk from your vehicle to a trailhead just a bit north of the main entrance.

It's a good thing the city of Ventura turned this land into recreational use more than 60 years ago. Otherwise, I wouldn't have the chance to experience this nice green landscape near my favorite blue tides.



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Kids & Families Together's (K&FT) Heart 2 Heart program will be hosting their 13th Annual Backpack Gift~Away event on Saturday, August 12th, in Ventura for legal guardians, kinship caregivers, adopted and bio-families currently working in programs with Kids & Families Together.

This will be a fun family event that will provide backpacks filled with age

appropriate school supplies, along with other donations for children and their caregivers. This year's theme is Pirates & Mermaids! We encourage our families participating in this event to come dressed in their best pirate or mermaid outfits!

Our goal is to serve 100+ children, who are currently "in care" at this event and send them back to school with confidence and the supplies they need for a fun and successful school year!

There are many ways to help support this event through financial giving, donations of school supplies or becoming a volunteer!

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Business Profile Angel A1 threading

On May 30, 2023, Angel A1 threading opened its doors on the corner of E. Main St. in Ventura. Anju also known as Angie is one of the owners and managers of Angel A1 Threading.

Anju is an immigrant who came to United States and has opened her shop. Angie stated “I take full pride in saying it’s an ancient technique, it’s an Indian technique, because that’s where it all started. I am your expert for Brow Threading! I have eighteen years of experience and believe that threading is the best way to treat your brows and skin.”

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throughout the region and in some countries it has ties to rites of passages or significant milestones. For example, in India soon-to-be-brides would traditionally hold off on getting their eyebrows threaded until marriage, when they would hold a threading party before the ceremony, threading has remained popular overseas, and is becoming a go-to hair removal method in the U.S.

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For more information contact: 805-643-1446 ext. 108/131, email: events@kidsandfamilies.org

Kids & Families Together (K&FT) is a nonprofit that has been serving foster/resource, adoptive, kinship, and birth families throughout Ventura County since 2000. K&FT works with children who have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect, loss, and multiple placements. K&FT also works with caregivers who need specialized education, support, and strategies to help raise safe, healthy, nurtured children who thrive. For more information about K&FT please visit us at: <https://www.kidsandfamilies.org/>

Ventura Land Trust (VLT) in 2020 for permanent conservation, with plans to open the preserve to the public in 2025. The event will be held at Ventura’s Poinsettia Pavilion from 6-8 pm.

VLT hosted a series of presentations for Mariano Rancho in 2022 with topics on public access, recreation, and conservation. The “Powerpoint-free” Mariano Rancho Community Roundtable will encourage dialogue between community members and a team of facilitators made up of Ventura residents, environmental experts, VLT advisors, and organization staff.

Roundtable topics include preserve name suggestions, trail design and types of recreation allowed on the preserve, conservation strategy, parking and access points, and community involvement and inclusion.

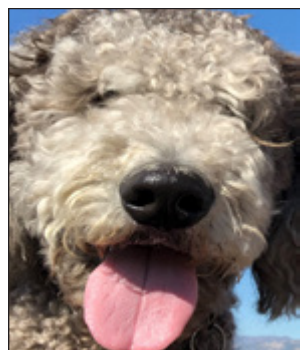
Executive Director Melissa Baffa stated “We have heard so many great stories from people about things they have experienced exploring the hills. We want people to keep making memories there for generations to come, and meetings like this are one way to make sure that happens.”

Roundtable feedback submissions can be made now through an online form on VLT’s website at www.venturalandtrust.org/community-roundtable. RSVPs to the Mariano Rancho Community Roundtable are encouraged.

The mission of Ventura Land Trust is to permanently protect the land, water, wildlife and scenic beauty of the Ventura region for current and future generations. Founded in 2003, Ventura Land Trust believes that preserving open space and providing public access enhances the economy, quality of life, and public well-being of Ventura and surrounding communities.

Ventura Land Trust Hosts a Community Roundtable for Mariano Rancho

Ventura Land Trust will host a Community Roundtable on July 25th to invite input from Ventura residents on up-and-coming nature preserve Mariano Rancho. The 1,645-acre property in the hills north of Ventura was purchased by



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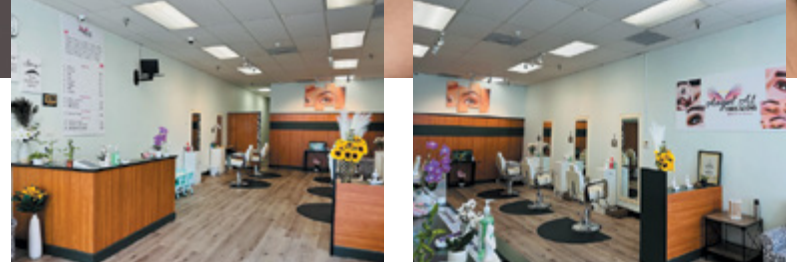
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Catalina Linn

Poster contest winners

The 2023 Ventura County Fair Youth Poster Contest Winning poster have been announced.

They are Catalina Linn of Westlake Village; 13 years old 1st place; Aarna Dalsania of Camarillo; 11 years old 2nd place; Briceida Lopez of Oxnard; 18 years old 3rd place.

The judges were:

Judging Panel: · Greg Wray – Rotary Club of Ventura & retired Master Illustrator for Disney · Neal Lassila – President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Ventura & 20-year veteran of The Walt Disney Company · Dr. Cesar Morales – Superintendent of Ventura County Schools · Chief Dustin Gardner – Ventura County Fire Department · Chief Darin Schindler – Ventura Police Department · Asst. Sheriff Andrew Salinas – Ventura



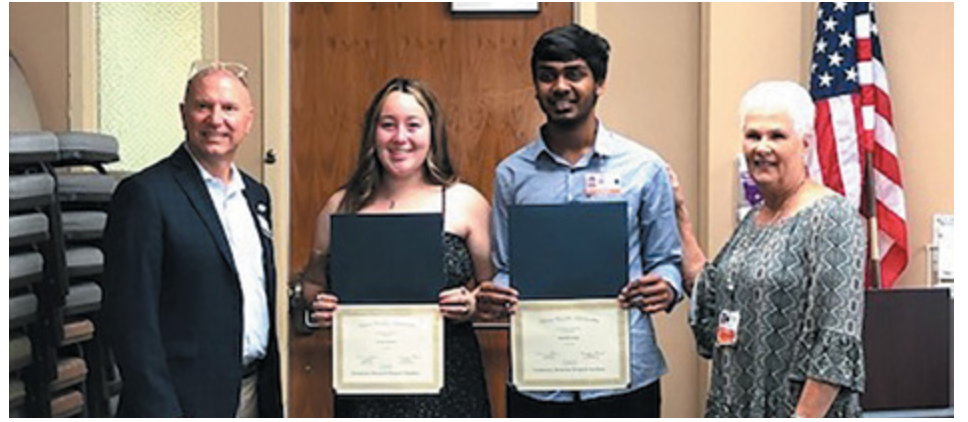
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Briceida Lopez

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The poster will be used on merchandise, in advertising, and featured around the 2023 Ventura County Fair from August 2-13.



Junior Coordinator Marilyn Beal presented the awards to Emily Gomez and Rithvik Kotla at a recent board meeting.

CMH Auxiliary presents Scholarships

Each year the Auxiliary of Community Memorial Health Services award scholarships to outstanding graduating seniors who have participated in the Auxiliary's Junior volunteer program. The Maria Cavallo Scholarships are given to students whose education and career goals are to enter the medical field.

Emily Gomez attended Ventura High School and contributed 300 volunteer hours at CMH, while earning a 4.15 weighted GPA. She was active in Key Club, Interact Club, California Scholarship Federation, Red Cross Club, and was a medical assistant intern. In addition, she received a National AP Scholar Award, and was in National Honors Society. She plans to attend Ventura College majoring in biology with a goal of becoming a physician.

Rithvik Kotla attended Adolfo

Camarillo High School where he achieved a 4.88 unweighted GPA. He volunteered 227.75 hours at CMH. He was captain and programming lead for the Adolfo Camarillo Robotics Team, president of the Math Club, Logistics and Web director of the Red Cross Club, and a tutor for "School on Wheels," a program which helps unhoused students. He received the Gold Award for Volunteer Service, Congressional Silver Medal Award, Academic Decathlon 1st place in Science in LA Star Competition, and 1st place in Ventura County Regional Science Fair for Zoology. He will attend U C Berkeley in the fall majoring in bioengineering with the career goal of physician scientist.

In addition to the officers and board of the Auxiliary, hospital CEO Mick Zdeblick was on hand to offer congratulations to these outstanding students.



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by **Leon Rouso**
CFP Board Emeritus

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These auctions are always so much fun, and I hope you can join us. Tickets will go on sale soon.

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If you have anything worthy of our auction; a trip, dinner at your favorite restaurant (Just ask, you will be surprised at how many will donate), a new boxed item, new clothing, jewelry, fursomes, and of course money, it will make this year's auction a record breaker.

So, whether you can or cannot donate an item or make a cash donation, please think about buying tickets for our Auction and save the date of November 11, 2023.

I promise you will have a wonderful time and really help our kids.

Let's ensure our club is here for another 85 years. Our children need us.

"Kids are great imitators....so give them something great to imitate"
- Anonymous



Salvation Army recognized leadership.

The Salvation Army celebrated an instillation event for the new Board Members

The Salvation Army is a globally recognized charitable organization that provides humanitarian and social services to local communities in need. On June 28th, the local Ventura Salvation Army Corp chapter of the Salvation Army celebrated an instillation event for the new Board Members.

Roger Case current Salvation Army Board President and chairperson is leaving his post after five years of dedicated service to the Salvation Army Board. Roger was recognized for his leadership and the challenges he had to face during the Covid pandemic.

Chris Brashers was recognized as the new Board President for the Salvation Army Corp in Ventura. Steve Shaw was elected to Vice Chairman. Both bring high standards to the advisory committee and are involved with the Hope Project in Ventura along with being involved in multiple service organizations.

The Salvation is committed to promoting education, job training and community development through new

and established relationships within the Ventura community, while maintaining gratitude and a commitment to those they serve. The new board members support and rely on volunteers and donations to support the wide range of programs and services.

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Then it was blown up a day or so later. Then a huge bomb of some sort went off last night around 10:15 pm inside it. It had a metallic ring to it. It burned half of a grapefruit tree and a nearby shrub.

This morning my wife saw it on her walk and called the police. They looked it over and left. Other neighbors told us that the fire department had been there (a day?) before.

There it sits as a relic of a misbegotten 4th of July celebration or a kinetic postmodern sculpture.

Robert Chianese
Robert: You had more fun than most of us.

Tree Town



Recently 130 new trees were planted along the River Trail bike path on the Westside, between Park Row and Ramona St trail access. Native and drought-tolerant species were chosen, including five different oak species, two pine species and 40 Cercis Occidentalis (western redbud). A grant covers maintenance for one year, such as watering using Gator bags and stake repair. These trees will be a beautiful buffer between the freeway and the path, and help mitigate air pollution and noise.

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Two electric scooters were stolen from Chamber office.

GOGO scooters stolen

In a surprising turn of events, GOGO, a local startup dedicated to providing eco-friendly transportation solutions, faced a setback when two of their electric scooters were stolen in a brazen smash-and-grab incident at the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. However, GOGO refuses to let this incident deter their mission. Instead, they are turning this adversity into an opportunity for growth and resilience.

The incident took place in the early hours of Friday, July 7, when a shattered window revealed the theft of the two electric scooters. GOGO's team was initially shocked by this unexpected blow, but they quickly rallied together to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to the community and their determination to overcome challenges.

Founder and CEO Luciano Morales expressed the team's reaction, saying, "While we are deeply saddened by this incident, we see it as a test of our resilience and determination. Our focus has always been on providing convenient and eco-friendly transportation options for our community, and we won't let this setback deter us from our mission."

Rather than dwell on the negative, GOGO is using this incident as an opportunity to highlight the importance of supporting local businesses in Ventura and showcasing the spirit of entrepreneurship. They aim to inspire others by sharing their journey of resilience and their commitment to making a positive impact on the community.

Despite the setback, GOGO remains dedicated to their vision of transforming transportation in Ventura. They are actively working with local law enforcement to recover the stolen scooters and ensure the safety and security of their fleet. In the face of adversity, the team

is more determined than ever to provide residents and visitors with sustainable and efficient transportation options.

GOGO invites the community to join them in this inspiring journey. By supporting local startups and championing eco-friendly initiatives, Ventura residents can contribute to the growth and vibrancy of the city.

For more information about GOGO and their mission, please visit their website at RideGOGOelectric.com or follow them on Instagram @ [rideGOGOelectric](https://www.instagram.com/rideGOGOelectric). Together, let us turn adversity into opportunity and build a stronger and more resilient community.



Drones are much more pet-friendly than fireworks.

The city's first-ever drone show to highlight X Games

400 drones will take flight on July 20, 21, and 22 to amaze and dazzle Ventura community members and X Games fans

Ribbon Cuttings



Chamber ribbon cutting at J. Henderson Law, 255 Maple Court Suite 120, Ventura. "My services are comprehensive, personalized, and handled with care." Photo by Michael Gordon.



A Chamber ribbon cutting was held at Moorhouse Financial in the Ventura Harbor Village, 1575 Spinnaker Dr #201. Phone (805) 684-2245. Photo by Michael Gordon.

for the city's first-ever drone show. The show is presented by Visit Ventura, in partnership with Go Drones, and will include 3D images to celebrate the X Games in Ventura.

Offering community members something fun, free, and sustainable they can participate in has always been a priority — it's a happy coincidence that the Visit Ventura Drone Show fits all three categories.

"It's going to be amazing to see 400 drones light up our sky," said Marlyss Auster, President and CEO of Visit Ventura. "So much of the X Games is a celebration of Ventura, our beach town community. We're excited to bring everyone together for such a cool event that's also eco-friendly."

Drone shows are entirely customizable to the event unlike other air spectacles. Because each drone is individually

illuminated, virtually any image created on a computer can be replicated in the sky during a drone light show.

At the size of a football field and a half, viewers can see the show up to five miles away depending on weather. Coupled with 3D imagery in the sky, the Visit Ventura Drone Show will immerse viewers like nothing else the community has seen before.

Not only are drone shows a beautiful spectacle in the sky, they are also more eco-friendly than fireworks. Drone shows eliminate fire concerns and other negative impacts on the environment. Plus, they are much more pet-friendly than fireworks; there are no loud booms during the show that would upset animals.

"In the dance of innovation, Go Drone Shows is excited to collaborate

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Senior Living



Cheryl was a registered nurse for 17 years.

Seniors Among Us

by Patricia Schallert

I met Cheryl Immel almost immediately upon moving into the Ventura Marina Community Park. She is a senior among us who continues to live a life that can be considered a successful and happy story.

Cheryl was born in Sherman Oaks, located in the San Fernando Valley. She and her husband Dean were given a sailboat as a wedding gift in 1994 and it was stored at the Channel Island Marina. They often came up to sail here and fell in love with the community of Ventura and always kept Ventura in mind for future retirement.

As a registered nurse for 17 years, Cheryl received her teaching credentials and taught Science at Burbank High School. She also taught at the New York Film Academy campus located at Universal Studios. Dean, Cheryl's husband, taught instrumental music at Burbank High School and then went on to teach music at USC.

Cheryl and her husband decided to retire when felt they were ready to move on and were old enough after teaching for so many years. Always keeping Ventura in mind Cheryl and her husband settled into the Ventura community full time in 2013.

The friendships that she has made in her community have made her very happy and it is evident in her infectious smile and laugh. She and her husband have joined the Ventura County Concert Band through Ventura's Adult Education program. She plays the flute and Dean plays the bassoon and he is also guest conductor.

Cheryl has reflected on the many things

she has learned as a retired person. She is the editor of the monthly community newsletter, "The Village Voice" and is Vice President of the HOA Board of Directors at the Ventura Marina Community Park.

She currently works with the Activities Committee and is the director of the "Footlighters Theater Company". During the pandemic, Cheryl had time to write a play called "Come Sail Away" for the "Footlighters Theater Company" and she is proud to have it being performed September 8, 9, 10, 2023 on stage in the Ventura Marina Park Community.

Retirement has given Cheryl opportunities to do many things she didn't have time to do before retirement. She continues to follow her interest in music, theater and writing along with discovering other possible projects as she goes along. Cheryl is not afraid to try new things and have new experiences. Taking the time to listen to stories from friends and families is important to her and allows patience.... And she always has a good book lined up to read.

When Cheryl looks back on her life, her most treasured event was meeting her husband Dean. He encourages her to go after her dreams and most of them include him which also makes her happy. As retirement seems to fit Cheryl, she continues to be open to new experiences and ideas while traveling different paths with her husband. Her values include kindness, helping others and not to be afraid to ask for help if needed.

I loved meeting Cheryl as she shares her joy in life with those around her.

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Dance Your Heart Away

by Leslie Sokol

It's summertime, so let's celebrate with friends and family! Summer is a great time to get active and take part in physical activities that make you feel better and give you more energy. A wonderful physical activity that I love to recommend is dance. It doesn't matter if you danced in the past or have never set foot on the dance floor - it's never too late to take it up again or try it for the first time! Dance is so much more than a great form of exercise - it is a joyful and fun activity that engages your mind and body and keeps you fit and healthy. When you dance, you stimulate your mind to release the hormone serotonin, which lifts up your mood, relieves stress and reduces negative emotions.

There are numerous types of dance classes you can try: aerobic dance, jazz dance, ballroom dancing, line dancing, the cha-cha-cha, ballet and salsa, just to name a few. You can also find dance classes that focus on movement therapy which enhances your cognitive, physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. All types of dance can bring joy and a host of physical and physiological benefits.

Dance and fitness classes typically synchronize movement with music which doubles the pleasure! As you dance, the different rhythms and speeds of the music work both your slow-twitch and fast-twitch muscle fibers, waking up your body and training it to move at

different speeds.

Science says it's (almost) all good to dance. Dancing can maintain and improve cognitive skills in healthy older adults. One to two hours of dance per week bolsters brain health via multi-sensory stimulation and social interaction. Memorizing choreography increases brain activity, improves neural connectivity and helps long-term memory and spatial recognition. It is also a social and community-oriented activity and a wonderful way to make new friends.

A study examining the effects of eleven types of physical activity, including cycling, golf, swimming, tennis and dance, showed that dance lowers the risk of this debilitating disease. Risks of falling are lower in older adults who dance. Dancing improves balance, coordination, flexibility, strength, posture and more! It is also one of the best weight-bearing exercises that you can do.

Summertime brings warmer weather and more outside time. Stay aware of how much time you're spending in the sun and make an effort to stay hydrated. Over sixty-five percent of your body is made up of water and it critical that you constantly replenish the fluids you lose through sweating. Be sure to drink fluids before, during and after exercise. Water is a great choice but you can also eat fruits that are mostly made up of

water, such as watermelon (eating fruit is also a great way to take in additional vitamins after your work out!)

I highly encourage to get started today and have some fun dancing your heart away! For exciting and active dance classes and videos, please contact me to learn more about my Young at Heart Adult Dance and Fitness program.

Leslie Sokol is the creator and founder of the adult dance and fitness

program For the Young at Heart. She has been teaching adults and children for forty-five years. You can watch For the Young at Heart by visiting her YouTube Channel or on TVSB. She also teaches in retirement communities throughout Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

For more information contact Leslie at Dancekidsfun@gmail.com 805-312-8089 or visit the website: www.LeslieSokolDance.com



Lunch is served at the Adult Center for a suggested donation of \$3.

Ventura Avenue Adult Center Programs

by Carol Leish, MA

The Ventura Avenue Adult Center offers classes, drop-in activities, the Westside Café Senior Nutrition Program (It is a delicious and nutritious lunch with a variety of food.)

And a variety of free and affordable programs and services for people over the age of 60. Janine Cobian is the Recreation Supervisor. Tom Musgrove and Cheryl Bucklin are Recreation Coordinators.

Drop-in activities, which are free, include Bridge (Mondays from 9 am-11:30 am); Bingo (Fridays 12:30 pm-2:30pm); and, Sewing (Thursdays from 10 am-Noon). Gardening, which is at Kellogg Garden in Ventura, is also free. Free computer classes focus on various things, such as: basic use of the computer; using email; and, using the Word program are from 8am-Noon on Tuesday's and Thursdays. Free ping pong games occur on Wednesday's from 1 pm-2 pm if enough people want to play at a time.

Exercise classes, including Tai Chi and Bone Builders have a reasonable price range and a waiting list of people

who want to take the classes. Ballroom Dancing, also for an affordable price, is offered Wednesday's from 10 am-11 am. An Acrylic Class, for 4 weeks on Wednesday from 1 pm-2:30pm is for \$150. For more information about various programs and availability of classes, please call: 805-648-3035

Janine Cobian has been working for the City of Ventura as a Recreation Supervisor for the Senior Services Section for 18 years.

"The City of Ventura, with a collaboration with Stiiix Billiards, enables Ventura residents 60 years old and older to play billiards for free. Stiiix Billiards is located at: 2520 E. Main St., phone number is 805-641-2020. According to Cobian. "All Ventura residents over age 60 must do is show that they are residents of the City of Ventura in order to play."

For fun activities and a good meal at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center, come by Monday-Friday between 9 am-3 pm. The address is: 550 N. Ventura Ave. Ventura, CA 93001. The phone number is: 805-648-3035. Look at the website at: www.cityofventura.ca.gov/vaac.

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Oooops, we had this photo in our last issue with a wrong description. These are residents of Aegis Living Peter, Sally, Carol, Jerry and in the back is Don.



Over the decades membership has declined to about 40.

The Ventura Senior Men's Club wants you to join

by Bob Warnagieris, Ed.D.

The Ventura Senior Men's Club, formerly known as the Ventura Retired Professional and Business Men's Club, was informally established in June, 1953 when two businessmen having lunch in a local restaurant got the idea of including acquaintances and friends for a regular socially-oriented luncheon. The businessmen, E.L. Van Delan and J.E. Roberts acted on the idea and invited some 20 men to an informal order-what-you-want luncheon at a Loop's restaurant in Ventura. The idea took hold and eventually included more than 200 members and a waiting list. The Club was formally established with a set of by-laws, officers and board in 1957.

The Club's mission and protocol were especially appealing to men who had been in many of the community's service clubs for years, but were looking for a more relaxed social-connecting activity without the usual volunteer demands and fund raising. The first set of by-laws expressly steered members away from topics involving politics and religion. Retirement activities, work history, community growth, opportunities and good fellowship are always on the docket.

Over the decades membership has declined to about 40 - the pandemic being a factor in that loss. To better reflect the average age of the members, the Club was renamed in 2021 as the Ventura Senior Men's Group. The makeup of members still includes businessmen and professionals, but has expanded to ranchers, farmers, educators, federal, state and county workers plus various service industries. Cost of an annual membership remains at only \$25.

The Group meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the Poinsettia Pavilion on Foothill Road in Ventura. The usual meeting format is to gather at 11:30 am in the Santa Paula Room (East Side) with the meeting starting at 12:00 noon for a buffet luncheon. The Group honors the flag, has an invocation, sings God Bless America and enjoys lunch. A speaker is booked for each meeting for a 1/2 hour presentation. Speakers cover all aspects of life in Ventura County including legal, protective services, senior services, recreational opportunities, educational

and business activity. Modest meal costs include use of the Santa Paula Room and announcements.

The Group is actively recruiting senior men (age 55 plus) to join in the fellowship with associates and friends. For further information those interested can call Lyle Hotzler, the Membership Chair, at 805-341-9820 or email at hotz1013@gmail.com.

The Bookmark

About Libraries and Friends

by Mary Olson

Ventura County Library Summer Reading Program continues with -- Musician Craig Newton presenting **Voice of America's Fun Songs**.

Get ready for foot stomping, toe tapping, hand clapping, sing-along fun as musician Craig Newton brings a variety of instruments to the library. This free event is sponsored by the Ventura Friends of the Library.

Monday, July 17th at Hill Road Library, 3:00 pm

Monday, July 24th at Avenue Library, 3:30 pm

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Thursday, July 13th at Saticoy Library, 1:30 pm and at Avenue Library, 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 25th at E.P. Foster Library, 11:00 am and at Hill Road Library, 2:00 pm

Find Your Voice! Family Musicals Film Fest and Coloring at Hill Road Library offers fun family musicals, drawing, and coloring for all ages.

Tuesday, July 18, 3:00 to 5:00

pm: Trolls World Tour

Tuesday, August 1, 3:00 to 5:00

pm: The Super Mario Bros. Movie Foster Library's Young Readers Book Club

For children ages 9-12 (4th or 5th grade reading level). E.P. Foster Library, Saturday, July 22, 1:00 to 2:00 pm: Discuss Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi & create a graphic novel character.

Summer STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, art and math):

E.P. Foster Library: Summer STEAM, Wednesdays, July 12 & 26, 2:00 to 4:00 pm; Maker Lab 3D Printing, Tuesdays, July 18 & 25, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Hill Road Library: Maker Lab, Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 17, 3:30 to 4:30 pm; Little Lab for ages 3 to 7, Tuesdays, July 18 & 25 & August 1, 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Hill Road Library Book Club: Tuesday, July 25, 5 to 6 pm: The Unlikely Adventures Of The Shergill Sisters by Balli Kaur Jaswal. To join the mailing list for this Book Club, please email Linda.Cherry@ventura.org.

Looking for a beach book? Or an audiobook for that long drive? Or a jigsaw puzzle for your staycation? Ventura Friends of the Library Bookstore

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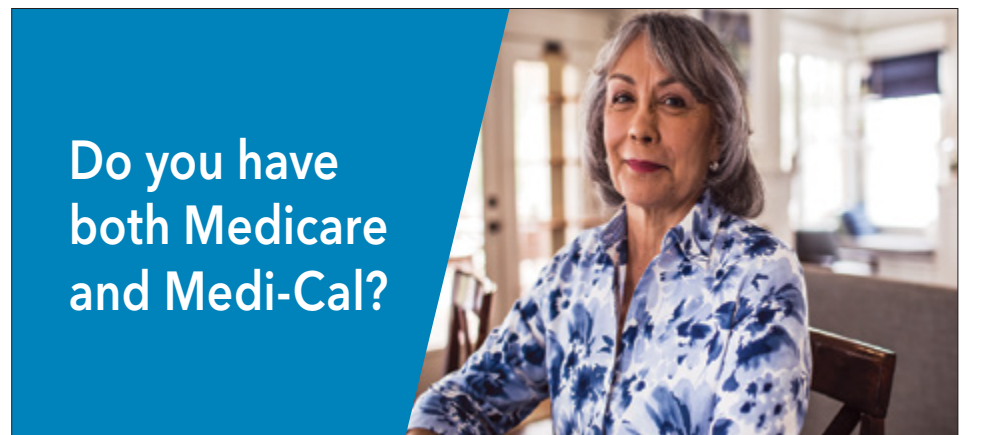
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with the visionary spirits of Ventura and the X Games to continue to push the envelope of sustainable entertainment, uniting adrenaline and artistry in an unforgettable partnership," said Eddie Fernandez, VP of Business Development at Go Drones. "Each show will be different from the night before, telling a story that is authentic to the story and spirit of both the X Games and Ventura. We look forward to bringing this unique experience to such a historic event."

The Visit Ventura Drone Show will last approximately 15 minutes and will occur Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at around 8:45 pm during the finals weekend. The drones will launch behind Ventura City Hall on Thursday and beyond Surfers Point beach on Friday and Saturday.

Thursday night's drone show directly follows the free, all-ages community event in Downtown Ventura. The Kickoff Skate Jam on July 20 will transform the intersection of Main and California streets into a unique, fan-friendly obstacle course and include music, X Games athlete meet and greets, and other family-friendly activities.



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■ Veterinarian Dr. Jeff Werber warns sand ingestion is common in dogs by Inside Edition Staff

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If you've got a dog and live near a beach, chances are it's one of your pup's favorite places to play catch. But that sand on the tennis ball or frisbee could be very dangerous for your dog, experts warn.

A condition known as sand impaction can occur when a dog ingests too much sand, leading to a painful blockage in the intestines. Veterinarian Dr. Jeff Werber warns that sand ingestion is common.

"Most dogs don't want to chomp on sand and eat it but they will pick it up when chasing the ball, chasing the frisbee or running on the beach, or picking up something along the shore. They're ultimately going to ingest sand," he tells Inside Edition.

He says a serious case of sand impaction can cause stomach pain and vomiting.

"It can cause a blockage, it doesn't pass easily," he says. "When it gets wet, it gets very heavy, like a sandcastle and just sits there... if it makes its way into stomach and intestine, it can cause a blockage."

When playing with your dog on the beach, Werber says it is important to remember to wipe sand off any toys. Also, be sure to check your dog's mouth and jowls, and brush all the sand away from their faces so they don't lick it and ingest it.

Also be mindful of the temperature when heading to the sand with your dog. If the hot sand feels like it is burning your feet, Werber says it's also burning your dog's paws, and it is time to go home.

■ Dogs who slow down physically also slow down mentally, according to a new study from North Carolina State University. Measuring gait speed in senior dogs could be a simple way to monitor their health and to document decline in their neurological function as they age.

"Walking speed in people is strongly associated with cognitive decline," says Natasha Olby, Dr. Kady M. Gjessing and Rahna M. Davidson Distinguished Chair in Gerontology at NC State and corresponding author of the study. "We hypothesized that the same might be true in dogs."

Olby and her colleagues measured gait speed off leash in 46 adult and 49 senior dogs. The adult dogs, who served as a control group, only had their gait speed measured. The senior dogs did some additional cognitive testing and their owners filled out a cognitive assessment questionnaire, called the CADES questionnaire. A higher CADES score indicates more severe cognitive decline.

The senior dogs were grouped together based on their CADES and cognitive testing scores. Individual gait speed was measured first by walking them over a five meter distance on a leash with a handler, then by offering a treat the same distance away from the dogs, and calling them to retrieve it off leash.

"The challenge with measuring gait speed is that dogs tend to match the speed of their handler when on

leash, so we measured both on and off leash to see which was the most useful measure," Olby says.

"Additionally, we are always concerned that body size and limb length will affect gait speed - but if you see a chihuahua and a great dane walking together off leash, the shorter one isn't always behind the other," Olby continues. "We found that on leash, size does correlate with gait speed, but off leash it doesn't make a difference. Capturing gait speed off leash lets us see the effects of both physical ability and food motivation."

The researchers found that in the senior dogs, size didn't matter when it came to speed; in other words, dogs in the last 25% of their expected life span moved more slowly than adult dogs, regardless of relative size.

"Just as in humans, our walking speed is pretty stable through most of our lives, then it declines as we enter the last quarter or so of our lifespan," Olby says.

Senior dogs who moved more slowly had more severe levels of cognitive decline based on the owner-completed questionnaires and also did worse on the cognitive testing.

The researchers also found that joint pain did not seem to correlate with walking speed, although they note that there were no dogs with severe osteoarthritis in the program. They hope to address this issue in future work.

"When you look at functional aging, the two most important predictors of morbidity are mobility and cognition," Olby says. "Mobility relies heavily on sensory input, central processing and motor output - in other words, the nervous system - as a result, mobility and cognition are super interconnected. When you have less mobility, the amount of input your nervous system gets is also reduced. It's not surprising that walking speed and dementia are correlated."

"For me, the exciting part of the study is not only that we show gait speed correlates with dementia in dogs as in people, but also that the method of testing we used is easy to replicate, since it's food motivated and over a short distance. It could become a simple screening test for any veterinarian to perform on aging patients."

The work appears in *Frontiers in Veterinary Science* and was supported by the Kady M. Gjessing and Rahna M. Davidson Distinguished Chair in Gerontology. Alejandra Mondino, postdoctoral researcher at NC State, is lead author of the study.

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"I can play in the sand if I don't ingest too much."

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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.

DUI Checkpoint

While conducting a DUI and DL checkpoint on June 30, 2023, the Ventura Police Department had one DUI related arrest. The checkpoint was held on Harbor Blvd. south of Schooner Dr. from 2100 hours and concluded at 0100 hours. The following is a list of the enforcement activities that took place at, or as a result of the checkpoint:

- 707 cars passed through the checkpoint
- 472 drivers were contacted and screened through the checkpoint
- 13 FST's were conducted
- 8 drivers cited for VC12500(a), Unlicensed Driver
- 1 driver cited for VC14601.1(a), Driving on a suspended license
- 1 driver cited for VC22350, Speeding

Checkpoint locations are based on a history of crashes and DUI arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired. Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Interrupted Vehicle Theft

On June 29, at approximately 6:30 pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call from a female reporting that her husband was in a physical fight with a man that was inside their vehicle near the intersection of Eagle St. and Partridge Drive. When the suspect, 32-year-old Oxnard resident Richard Gonzalez, was confronted by the victim's husband, Gonzalez physically assaulted the victim's husband

and started to run away. The victim's husband chased Gonzalez, and the Gonzalez brandished a firearm, took the husband's cell phone, and fled to a neighboring apartment complex.

Officers in the area quickly set up a perimeter and a K9 Officer started a track of Gonzalez. Officers deployed a drone and in conjunction with the K9 track, and Gonzalez was located by the drone in the backyard of an apartment, actively trying to open the rear sliding door and window.

Officers were able to take Gonzalez into custody and recovered the stolen cell phone. The ensuing investigation revealed the Gonzalez was attempting to steal the victim's car when confronted by the owner and Gonzalez was stopped by officers as he actively tried to enter an occupied apartment. The firearm used by Gonzalez was located and found to be a toy cap gun.

Gonzalez was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Attempted Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Brandishing an Imitation Firearm, Battery, Prowling, and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Commercial Burglary Arrest

On July 2, at approximately 2:30 am, the Ventura Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call from an alert security guard that a male subject, later identified as 24-year-old Oxnard resident Skyler Blanchette, was breaking into a business on California St by smashing a window and kicking the front door. Officers arrived on scene within a minute and located and detained Blanchette.

Blanchette was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for Commercial Burglary. A search of the Superior Court of California website shows Blanchette has been convicted of Exhibiting a Deadly Weapon, Shoplifting, Battery, Petty Theft, and First Degree Residential Burglary.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

Thursday 6/15

9-12pm, received reports of multiple dead sea lions adrift throughout the harbor. Officers responded to multiple events to remove the deceased animals.

Friday 6/16

6am-12pm, receiving multiple calls for sick/injured sealions. Relayed CIMWI contact info. Received a call from CIMWI, their message space is full.

Saturday 6/17

6:00pm, officers fielded 50+ calls about sick/injured sealions through the day.

11:55pm, observed several coyotes in VHV parking lots wandering around.

Sunday 6/18

9:35am, observed a child fall off a 32ft boat near Portside. The child was pulled onto a dock, officers ensured the victim was ok, gave safety talk to parents.

Monday 6/19

9:15am, observed boat in surpline near Greenock groin, moved to safer area.

4:55pm, observed a sealion in the Surfers Knoll parking lot, crawled to a bush.

Wednes 6/21

3:41pm, received report of sealion jumping onto a peddle boat with

two POB's. The sealion crawled over the 2 passengers to the back seat. Officers attempted to coerce the mammal off the craft, but were unable to. CIMWI was contacted, they responded, sedated the animal that eventually got off vessel & swam away.

Thursday 6/22

8:25pm, observed a kayak capsized near the patrol dock. Officers responded, pulled two persons from the water, dewatered kayak, transported to launch ramp.

Saturday 6/24

7:16pm, dispatched to an overdose in VHV restroom. Officers responded, found patient conscious, she fled into a crowd watching a movie on the village lawn.

Monday 6/26

10:05pm, received a complaint from harbor tenant that construction was occurring on commercial passenger vessels. Officers responded, found situation as reported and were able to convince the individual to cease construction.

Wednes 6/28

11:26am, dispatched to an assault in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded with AMR/VFD to assist the patient who refused treatment.

3:34pm, observed the dead sea lion



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that made it way onto the Portside promenade gone. Officials worked with a special deceased animal removal co.

Thursday 6/29

4:58am, officers lowered Small Craft Advisory warning flag, turned off lights.

9:00am, officers performing maintenance, swapping out Rescue Water Craft.

Friday 6/30

6:50am, observed city workers removing/burying dead sea lions. Officers assisting with location of sea lions that have crawled under bushes and died.

8:00am, observed dense heavy fog with less than 1 mile vis, activated fog signal.

4:20pm, received report from VWM manager that excessive amount of runoff water is coming out of the drain at end of A-Basin. Investigated, no pollution.

7:15pm, observed fog with 100 yard visibility, activated fog signal via VHF.

Saturday 7/1

11:48am, officers taking Rescue Water Craft on patrol along local beaches.

1:03pm, while on patrol in the truck, officers observed all parking lots full and the village and the beaches were crowded beyond normal capacity.

Sunday 7/2

5:45pm, dispatched to Ocean Rescue, demasted sailboat in danger of going aground near the Ventura Point. Officers responded in Fireboat. After securing tow line, found the skipper down below injured. Rescue Boat 19 responded with VFD medics to assist with medical, but unable to get on board because of conditions and behavioral issues with patient. Sailboat released at longdock, the patient was convinced to get medical attention for injuries.

6:50pm, after several attempts, officers were able to free a deceased sea lion from under a keys residence deck. The animal was eventually towed out to sea.

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Answers
Solution time: 22 mins.

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It was built to change delinquent girls though education and compassion.

The Ventura Girl's School Riots

by Richard Senate

A dream was shattered on the night of February 27, 1920 when the girls of the Ventura School for Girls rioted after the departure of a beloved doctor from the school staff.

Established on the upper Ventura Avenue, just outside of Ventura City limits it was founded with the best progressive intentions of 1912. It was built to change delinquent girls though education and compassion into socially acceptable young women. It was hoped this idealistic approach would solve all the problems with criminal behavior exhibited by young girls in the whole state of California.

But there were hints that everything wasn't as idealistic as the public was told. In 1918 The Ventura Free Press uncovered stories of terrible punishments inflicted on "difficult" girls. Those who failed to comply with the program were subjected to ice cold baths that could last twenty minutes. Some disobedient inmates were subjected to forced injections of Apomorphine that would induce violent vomiting as a form of punishment. Some staff walked out, other blew the whistle on the discipline inflicted on the girls. These warning signs were ignored and the harsh treatments continued with little change. Any "student" who showed signs of disobedience were given "treatments for hysteria."

The mask of compassion was pulled away when the girls rioted

after the dismissal of a beloved female doctor from the staff. On the February night the girls, screaming, broke windows, smashed furnishing and took to the roofs of the dormitories, thrown anything they could find at staff. The staff at the school were unable to control the insurrection and they called the Ventura County Sheriff's office. Sheriff McMartin and a quickly assembled posse descended on the school to establish order. They were met with a shower of projectiles. The Sheriff was struck on the head by a tossed chair, Deputy Juan Reyes was knocked out by a dropped flowerpot. With Billy clubs and much effort the riot was quelled and twenty-five girls were attested and handcuffed. The riot didn't end until 3:00 a.m. The Twenty-five "ringleaders" were taken to the county jail and locked in the drunk tank. In the confusion six girls escaped, four were recaptured but two disappeared, last seen in a truck bound for Los Angeles.

The next day saw the girls attempt to set fire to the buildings. The riots did cause a new examination of conditions at the school and in 1921 the state moved in to take control from the local boards that administered the reform school. The school continued on until 1962 when the inmates were transferred to Camarillo and it would close for good in 1970. An attempt at reform that failed.



On May 28th at 3:00 am John quietly slipped into the Ventura Harbor

Stand up paddling 55 miles in a day

After turning 55 years old, John Nordin set a personal goal to stand up paddle board (SUP) his years in miles. For nearly 20 years John was an avid surfer along the California coast. Reading articles in magazines and tracking storms hitting the coastline, he'd drive to beaches and camp in his car hoping to have a memorable surf session. While reading a surfing magazine he spotted a photo of someone stand up paddle boarding (SUP), and thought, "what a great way to stay in the ocean when there wasn't any waves." Not knowing how it all worked, he purchased his first SUP board and paddle. "Teaching yourself wasn't easy, with only having magazine photos to observe," but John was determined. As his paddling improved so did his boards, and along the way he met fellow paddlers through the Channel Islands Paddlers. Derek Turner introduced John to racing and they began training together. Entering his first race in April 2014, John enjoyed the paddling community even more.

John and his family frequented the races through the years, participating in as many as he could. He and his wife Jessica have a daughter with Autism and had a custom SUP board built to take her along. On January 2020 John and his daughter entered and won first place for tandem SUP in the Hanohano Ocean Challenge and were ready for more, but that's when the pandemic hit. Shutting down all live races for 2020-2021, John found virtual races like the 16 mile Molokai 2 Oahu race community. It was during this time he started watching long distance paddle races, researching the necessary gear and

meeting a new group of guys to paddle within the open ocean. This opened John's abilities and desire for more endurance paddles. Leading him and a buddy Larry Veilleux to paddle 13 miles around Platform C off the Santa Barbara coast.

The California River Quest, 2022 was to be his first endurance race, but due to the California draught it too was canceled. Over the years John had challenged himself with distance paddles, with the longest being 29.5 miles from Santa Barbara Harbor to Ventura Harbor.

On May 28th, at 3:00 am, John quietly slipped into the Ventura Harbor off the docks of the Ventura Yacht Club and began his 55 mile solo paddle. With the dark sky meeting the black waters, the only sounds were his paddle hitting the water with the occasional sea lion breaking the surface for air behind him. He had packed music in his drybag but chose to paddle the 9 laps through the harbor and Ventura Keys with only his thoughts and laminated encouraging quotes, enjoying the company of fellow paddlers for a lap here and there. His wife nourished him at their check point. Fellow Channel Islands Paddlers cheered him on throughout the day. Strangers began to recognize him and cheered him on from boats, docks and the shores as he passed them once again. By his final lap John had outlasted his Garmin watch and at 7:28pm he finally collapsed back onto the dock he started from, surpassing his 55-mile goal.

Not sure what the next challenge maybe, John does have his eyes set on a race called Seventy48. Paddlers paddle 70 hours within 48 hours.

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Q&A

Q: Reader Linda Mc writes “why are there all of those cones at the lot at Harbor Dr. and Schooner Dr.?”

A: The City has started to make the parking lot at Schooner and Harbor ready for the boats that have to be moved from the dry docks on Anchors Way because the pipes for the project are going right through the dry dock lot on the water side. The mediums on Schooner have been shortened and some landscaping areas have been paved to accommodate some of the larger boats to get into the lot. The cones will be where fence posts will go to fence in the entire lot.

As we know more about the project we will report it.
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The Ventura Senior Men's Group continues to meet for a social lunch and program at the Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura on the first and third Tuesday each month. Men of all descriptions are always welcomed to stop in to sample our shenanigans. Lyle Hotzler at 805-341-9820

Wanna Play Bridge? Join us for ACBL sanctioned duplicate bridge games every Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 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.

The Ventura County Philatelic Society's meetings are held every first and third Monday of the month at the Church of the Foothills, Ventura. Meetings start at 7:30pm. Website with more information can be found at <https://venturacountyphilatelicsoc.org>

Monthly Beach Cleanup First Saturday of every month! Come meet your neighbors and help keep our beach looking fresh. Hosted by Pierpont Beach Community Council in partnership with Surfrider. Meet up at the end of Seward near the beach. (1140 S Seward St) 8:30-10:30am. Arrive any time during the timeframe. Fun for the whole family! Supplies provided BYO water

July 16: Anyone interested in time-pieces, both antique and modern, can join the Ventura County chapter

of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors for a watch/clock marketplace, lunch, and a presentation on a horological topic.

Bring a watch or clock for a free evaluation. 11am. Dudley House Museum 197 N Ashwood Ave. Contact nawcc-ch190.com. For Details contact: Bob McClelland Director, Public Information (818) 225-8212 rjmcclell@pacbell.net

July 16: Channel Cities Jazz Club proudly presents Flattop Tom and the Jump Cats and invites you to our dance event at the House of Dance.

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July 20: The East Ventura Community Council (EVCC) will meet virtually at 7 PM. Visit the EVCC website at <https://eastventura.org/> for the Zoom meeting link.

The agenda includes the East Ventura police report from Cmdr Brown, followed by a presentation from the City of Ventura's Housing Services Manager, Leona Rollins. The City of Ventura manages a variety of programs to provide affordable housing to Ventura residents. The purpose of the EVCC is to encourage residents to understand East Ventura problems, needs and expectations, and to recommend, initiate and/or participate in the development and implementation of programs or solutions. The EVCC facilitates communications between the community and government or other service agencies.

July 22: 7:00 – 11:00 pm. VCAS Annual Open House at the Moorpark

College Observatory. Members of the Ventura County Astronomical Society will set up their telescopes early so you can see them in the day.

Professor Hal Jandorf will point out the coolest objects in the sky and give fun facts about them. The Dome will be Open. 7 to 11:00 pm, gates open at 6 pm. 7075 Campus Rd. Moorpark. Free Parking and Admission. www.vcas.org

July 26: The College Area Community Council in Ventura, will be holding a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 26th at 7pm.

Council meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month and include speakers and discussion on topics of neighborhood and community interest, including public safety and economic development. An invitation and link to the meeting will be sent to everyone on the CACC mailing list. Visit the College Area Community Council website @ <https://caccventura.com> to learn more, to be added to the mailing list or to access a link to the Zoom meeting."

Sept. 9: Relay for Life of Ventura. 10-10 p.m. at the Ventura County Credit Union, 2575 Vista Del Mar.

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New job program launched at community colleges

The Workforce Development Board of Ventura County (WDBVC) and the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) today announced the launch of a new joint job program designed to help Ventura County residents develop the skills they need to get in-demand, high-paying jobs.

The new career program will be offered at Ventura, Moorpark, and Oxnard Colleges, and include the following opportunities:

CNC Machinist and/or CNC Operator-Certificate of Achievement (Ventura College)
Computer Networking/Information Technology (CNIT)-Certificate of Achievement (Oxnard College)
Cybersecurity Administrator or Technical Support Specialist-Certificate of Achievement (Moorpark College)

"We are excited to partner with VCCCD to offer this new program," said Dr. Norman Albances, Assistant Director of the WDBVC. "This program is designed to help Ventura County residents develop the skills they need to get in-demand, high-paying jobs. We know that many people struggle to make ends meet and find good-paying jobs. This program will help them get the financial assistance and support they need to succeed."

"Our partnership with the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County and the California Workforce Development Board provides additional resources to advance educational and economic growth," said Brenda Acomb Forbes, Director of Economic and Workforce Development, VCCCD. "Our

county communities' greatly benefit from this collaboration with the goal of creating jobs of our future. While VCCCD currently offers these skills and education, this partnership allows us to further expand our work."

As Ventura County residents apply to the program, individuals will be assigned a Career Coordinator to assist with a comprehensive range of services, including financial aid assistance, job search support, resume writing assistance, interviewing skills training, and referrals to community resources. Completing the program will also help participants further their education to get placed in high-growth careers.

The Job Connect program officially launches July 5, 2023. Please visit jobconnectvc.org to apply.

For interviews: Please contact Sheena Kennedy with Consortium Media. Direct 805 202 9909 or Sheena@consortium-media.com

The Workforce Development Board of Ventura County (WDBVC) is a public agency connecting Ventura County residents with employment opportunities and businesses to a ready workforce. The WDBVC provides various services, at no cost, including job training, job search assistance, and apprenticeship programs.

The Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) is a community college district that serves Ventura County, California. VCCCD offers a variety of academic and career programs, including associate degrees, certificates, and workforce training.

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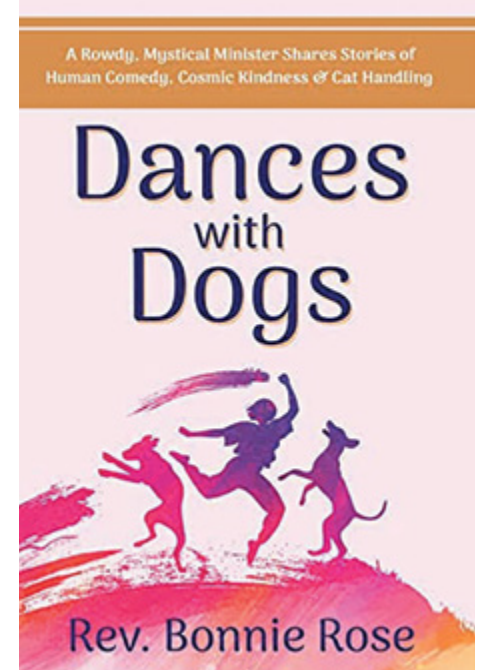
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Who leads, the dog or Bonnie?

Dances with Dogs is a compelling story about the author's journey from fear to extravagant joy

Author Bonnie Rose announces the release of her new memoir, *Dances with Dogs* - a Rowdy, Mystical Minister Shares Stories of Human Comedy, Cosmic Kindness, and Cat Handling.

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The Ventura Downtown Lions Club is making strides toward equality and embracing diversity.

Ventura Downtown Lions Club installs the first Hispanic female as the 100th Club President

On July 8, 2023, the Pierpont Racquet Club hosted the installation of Maya Zumaya, the first Hispanic Female to be the 100th Club President. This was one of the largest attended installations with over 80 attendees, including dignitaries from across Ventura County. Maya Zumaya was inducted as a member of the Ventura Downtown Lions Club in 2019 and quickly rose through the ranks of leadership. "I was in awe of the impact the Ventura Downtown Lions Club was making in our community it became my goal to expand our club in numbers and diversity so that we can improve and sustain the Lion Legacy." Maya with that goal in mind she chose her theme for the year "Honoring the Lion Legacy through Growth and Diversity."

The Ventura Downtown Lions Club is making strides toward equality and embracing diversity. President Maya shared, "when I first joined this club, I felt a little out of place because of its lack of diversity, but inclusivity kept me engaged. Diversity plays a crucial role in creating an inclusive and effective environment."

President Maya along with other members increased the membership by 10% in the 2022/2023 year, many with diverse backgrounds. The club membership currently stands at 166. The Ventura Downtown Lions Club is making all efforts to diversify, and those efforts awarded them Club of the Year by their District under Immediate Past President Pat Pothier.

The current Club Officers include the following: President Maya Zumaya, Secretary Misty Perez, 1st Vice President Kevin Seelos, 2nd Vice President Lisa Morris, Treasurer Cyndee McDaniel, Lion Tamer Caroline Doll, Tail Twister PDG Jeff Roundy, Membership Chair Daniel Sisk, Global Service Chair Debbie Casillas, Communications Chair Amie Lindsay, LCIF Chair Jon Youngerman, Immediate Past President Pat Pothier.

The Ventura Downtown Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at noon and the 2nd Thursday at 5:30pm. For information on club meeting locations and committees visit www.venturalions.org



VENTURA DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB
KICKS OFF NEW MEETING SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ONE NIGHT MEETING FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS
Monthly Club Meetings
1st & 3rd Thursdays at Noon
2nd Thursday 5:30PM
for information on meeting locations visit www.venturalions.com

VENTURA DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

Night Meeting Kickoff Event

Thursday, July 13, 2023
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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by Pam Baumgardner VenturaRocks.com

I'm super excited to catch the X Games at the Ventura County Fairgrounds over the weekend of Friday July 21 through Sunday, July 23, I secured tickets as soon as they went on sale. I've read there will be live music entertainment, what if any remains to be seen, but of course the main show will be the skateboard, BMX and Moto X competitions.

Having lost their location at the Fairgrounds due to the X Games setting up for the show, Tequila and Tacos Music Festival will be held at the Ventura State Beach this year with more traditional music from Ezequiel Pena, Vilma Diaz y la Sonora and Adelaide (tribute to Selena) on Saturday, July 15, then it's rapper/singer, Flo Rida, headlining with Vilma Diaz y la Sonora, and Upstream on Sunday, July 16.

The Happy Together Tour lands at Libbey Bowl on Thursday, July 13. Along with The Turtles are Little Anthony, Gary Puckett & the Union Gap, The Vogues, The Classics IV and The Cowsills. Between all the bands you're sure to hear some of the best pop tunes from the 60s including "Happy Together," "Goin' Out of my Head," "Young Girl," "Turn Around Look at Me," "Spooky," and "Hair."

Heritage Days Midsummer Block Party in Old Towne Camarillo runs the weekend of Wednesday, July 12 through Sunday, July 16 with live music (Friday - Sunday). Admission is free, but tickets are required for the carnival rides. Bands scheduled to play include Highway Starr, Todd Stanford Country Band, Hard Six, SkaDaddyz, Shaky Feelin' and more.

Harbor View Park 2023 Concerts by the Sea series has kicked off with shows 4-6 pm on Saturday afternoons. The Dive Bar Messiahs play July 15, and Psychedelic Summer on July 22 (you'll want to sport your best hippie attire for that one). Located at 3850 Harbor Blvd. in Oxnard, you're welcomed to bring picnics, blankets and lawn chairs.

The Rubicon Theatre has a couple of live music concerts coming up in August. Get tickets now before they sell out. First, it's Kids for Kids Benefit Concert featuring the music of Burt Bacharach on August 19; this one helps to raise scholarship funds for young people who might not otherwise be able to afford to participate in Rubicon's education programs. And then it's "The Platters: Many Voices ONE Name" show with five performances over the weekend of August 25 - 27. You know their hits such as "The Great Pretender," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "Harbor Lights," and more.

Quick Notes: "Brit Floyd, Celebrating 50 years of the Dark Side of the Moon," plays the Ventura Theater on Friday, July 14; Bombay has a special day of live music on Saturday, July 15 with Hol!day, Aaron Orbit, Brian Mikasa, Kyle Edward Hunt, Joey6Strings, and Ardi; the monthly Channel Cities Jazz Club dance event at House of Dance will feature Flattop Tom and the Jump Cats on Sunday, July 16 (1-3:30 pm); and Iam Tongi (Season 21 winner of American Idol) plays two shows at the Ventura Music Hall on Saturday, July 22.

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

Music Calendar

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

Boatyard Pub

1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura

Music 6-9; except Sundays 4-7
Wednesdays: Frank Barajas
Thursdays: Jim Friery; Bluegrass Jam
Fri 7/14: Finnhead Dave
Sat 7/15: Déjà vu Three

Sun 7/16: Epitome of Dreams
Tues 7/18: Noah Thoresen
Fri 7/21: Teresa Russell & Stephen Geyer
Sat 7/22: Karen Eden w/ Bill Macpherson
Sun 7/23: Ken Devoe
Tues 7/25: Karen Eden & the Bad Apples

Bombay Bar and Grill

143 California St., Ventura
Sat 7/15: Hol!day, Aaron Orbit, Brian Mikasa, Kyle Edward Hunt, Joey6Strings, Ardi

Cantara Cellars

126 N. Wood Rd., Camarillo

Fri 7/14: Caught Red Handed
Sat 7/15: Fish Fry w/ the Vonettes
Fri 7/21: Brandon Ragan Project
Sat 7/22: Heart and Soul

Constitution Park

601 Carmen Dr., Camarillo

Sat 7/22: the 80s Social Club

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village

Mondays: Glenn Bennett
Tuesdays: Blues Tuesdays
Sun 7/16: Heart and Soul
Sun 7/23: House Arrest Band

Deer Lodge

2261 Maricopa Hwy., Ojai

Sat 7/15: Kelly McFarling, Trudy Monk
Thurs 7/20: Bea Red and the Tailor Maide
Sat 7/22: Jeffrey Silverstein, Nydia Gonzalez

Four Brix

2290 Eastman Ave., Ventura

(Fridays 6-8:30; Sundays 1-3:30)
Fri 7/14: Inna Rude Mood
Sun 7/16: Frank Barajas duo
Sun 7/23: Brandon Ragan & Al

Garage

1091 Scandia Ave., Ventura

Sat 7/15: Honey Owl, The Mercer
Fri 7/21: Californiaomatic w/ ZeeCeeKeely, Skyler Lutes
Sat 7/22: Brittney & the B-Sides

The Grape

2733 E. Main St., Ventura

Tues: The Gratitude Jazz Jam
Thurs Happy Hour: Tom Etchart & Friends
Friday Happy Hour: Fred Kaplan
Wed 7/12: Ben Scholz Trio
Thurs 7/13: Richie Goods & Chien Chien "Connected"
Fri 7/14: George Colligan quartet feat. Zyanna
Sat 7/15: Art Farmers (2 pm); Poncho Sanchez - sold out
Wed 7/19: Doug MacDonald Group
Thurs 7/20: The Idiomatics
Fri 7/21: Anibal Seminario
Sat 7/22: Donna Deussen w/ Jim Fox (2 pm); Jacque Voyemant Septet (8 pm)

The Hangar Bar and Grill

824 E. Santa Maria St., Santa Paul

Sat 7/22: Lucky Break

Harbor Cove Café

1867 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura

Saturdays 10 am: The Cool Hand Ukes
Fri 7/14: Jason Ho
Sat 7/15: Jill Martini & the Shrunken Heads
Fri 7/21: Sea Hunters

Harbor View Park: Concerts by the Sea

3850 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard (4-6 pm)

Sat 7/15: Dive Bar Messiahs
Sat 7/22: Psychedelic Summer

Heritage Days Midsummer Block Party

Old Towne Camarillo

Fri 7/14: Highway Starr, Todd Stanford, No Class
Sat 7/15: Hard Six, Mad Dog & Smokin Js, Zerocks, Skadaddyz, the Brandon Ragan Project
Sun 7/16: Mariachi Camarillo, Foster Campbell & Friends, Full Clip, Shaky Feelin'

Heritage Square Summer Concert Series

715 S. A St., Oxnard

Fri 7/14: Los Cool Arrows
Fri 7/21: Decadent Decades

House of Dance

3007 Bunsen Ave., Suite E, Ventura

Sun 7/16: Flattop Tom and the Jump Cats

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Rd., Ventura

Thursdays: Open Mic
Fri 7/14: Pull the Trigger
Sat 7/15: Vinyl Gypsies
Sat 7/22: Pull the Trigger

Leashless Brewing

585 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura

Thurs 7/13: Singer/Songwriter Open Mic Night
Fri 7/14: Top Shelf
Sat 7/15: Jacob Marquez & the Good Vibes
Sun 7/16: Mestizo Beats
Fri 7/21: Keyth & the Universouls
Sat 7/22: Morie & the Heavy Hitters
Sun 7/23: One People
Libbey Bowl
210 S. Signal St., Ojai
Wednesdays: Ojai Summer Band Concert

Thurs 7/13: Happy Together

Fri 7/21: al Jardine & Friends w/ the Wilson Sisters
Sat 7/22: Classic Albums Live: Fleetwood Mac Rumours

Madewest

1744 Donlon St., Ventura

Sat 7/15: Doc Strange

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut St., Ventura

Fri 7/14: Brit Floyd: 50 years of The Dark Side of the Moon
Tues 7/25: Aquabats, The Aggrolites, Left Alone

Manhattan

5800 Santa Rosa Rd., Camarillo

Wed 7/12: Warren Takahashi
Fri 7/14: Tour Support
Sat 7/15: Jeanne Tatum
Wed 7/19: Robert Van
Fri 7/21: Lisa Ritner Duo
Sat 7/22: Pam and Hollywood

Margarita Villa

1567 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura

Fri & Sat 7-10; Sundays 5-8 pm
Fri 7/14: Joe Delia
Sat 7/15: Operation 90s
Sun 7/16: James Brothers
Fri 7/21: Smokey & Friends
Sat 7/22: Crosscut 805
Sun 7/23: Corsican Brothers

Mrs. Olson's

2800 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard

Fri 7/14: Musica Nortena
Sat 7/15: Andrew Langaker
Sun 7/16: Teresa Russell
Sat 7/22: Swing Shift
Sun 7/23: Mark Masson & Friends

Music Under the Stars

Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Dr., Ventura

Sat 7/15: Blue Breeze
Sat 7/22: Twisted Gypsy

Namba Arts

47 S. Oak St., Ventura

Sat 7/15: Stacy Antonel & Pi Jacobs
Thurs 7/20: Franck L. Goldwasser

Oceanview Pavilion Performing Arts Theater

575 E. Surfside Dr., Port Hueneme

Fri 7/14: Don't Look Back, Katie Leigh
Sat 7/22: Devotional, Notorious, Just Pretending

Ojai Valley Brewing

307 Bryant St., Ojai

Fri 7/14: Sophie Holt
Sat 7/15: The Van Allen Twins
Fri 7/21: Moondawgs
Sat 7/22: Keyth Garcia

The Ojai Underground

616 Pearl St., Ojai

Sat 7/22: The Linda Rondstadt Experience

Poseidon Brewing

5777 Olivas Park Dr., Ventura

Fri 7/14: Lil Bit of Everything
Sat 7/22: Steve and Sally Williams

The Raven Tavern

1651 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard

Fri & Sat 8 pm; Sunday 2 pm
Fri 7/14: Jayden Secor Band
Sat 7/15: Red Rhythm
Sun 7/16: Doc Rogers
Fri 7/21: Vinyl Gypsies
Sat 7/22: Brandon Ragan Project
Sun 7/23: Teresa Russell

The Shores

1031 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard

Fri 7/14: Jake McClelland (4 pm); No Biggee (8 pm)
Sat 7/15: Sin Chonies
Sun 7/16: Los Amigos
Fri 7/21: Doc Ventura & Eddie (4 pm); Nuestro (8 pm)
Sat 7/22: Goleta Sound
Sun 7/23: Pull the Trigger

Strey Cellars

951 N. Rice Ave., Oxnard

Sat 7/15: Hogers Heroes
Sun 7/16: David Brookings
Sat 7/22: Bad Habit
Sun 7/23: Michelle Tyler

Tequila & Taco Music Festival

San Buenaventura State Beach

901 San Pedro St., Ventura

Sat 7/15: Ezequiel Pena, Vilma Diaz y la Sonora, Adelaide
Sun 7/16: Flo Rida, Vilma Diaz y la Sonora, Upstream

Tony's Pizzeria

186 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura

Wed 7/12: Whiskey Business
Thurs 7/13: Ventura Irites Posse
Sun 7/16: House Arrest
Wed 7/19: Caught Red Handed
Thurs 7/20: Stone FLys
Sun 7/23: 90s Babies

Topa Topa Brewing

4880 Colt St., Ventura

Sun 7/16: Katie Leigh

Topa Topa Brewing

2024 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo

Fri 7/14: Teresa Russell
Sun 7/16: Katie Shorey
Sun 7/23: Steve and Sally Williams

The Twist

454 E. Main St., Ventura

Thurs 7/13: Mark Masson Jam Session
Fri 7/14: Jesse James Harris
Sat 7/15: Anthony Kouglaz, Joe Delia (12 & 4); CRV (8pm)
Sun 7/16: Matt Kelley, Morrison Dr (12 & 2:30); Keyth G (5pm)

Fri 7/21: Heathers on Fire

Sat 7/22: Adam Lenhard, Mark Masson (12 & 4); Operation 90s (8 pm)

Sun 7/23: Kris Simeon, Jazzmen Suites (12 & 2:30); Lynnzee Fraye (5 pm)

Twisted Oak

2433 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo

Sat 7/15: The 90s Babiez

Ventura Music Hall

1888 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura

Tues 7/18: Larry's Market Run
Thurs 7/20: The Downhill Jam
Fri 7/21: Heartless Bastards
Sat 7/22: Iam Tongi (two shows)

Winchesters

632 E. Main St., Ventura

Music Thurs 5:30; Fri 7 pm; Sat 2 pm; Sun 3 pm
Thurs 7/13: Brandon Ragan
Fri 7/14: The James Broz Band
Sat 7/15: McGuire/Moffett Band
Sun 7/16: Colette Lovejoy
Tues 7/18: Open mic w/ Jenna Rose
Thurs 7/20: The Pipes
Fri 7/21: RJ Mischo
Sat 7/22: Doc Ventura
Sun 7/23: Johnny & the Love Handles

Ventura Music Scene



Please join us for the 6th Annual Art Walk at the Shores on August 26, 11am-3pm. Begins at the corner of Wooley & Harbor. Art Walk at the Shores is a group effort by resident and local artists and volunteers living in the Shores to help build a stronger sense of community while showcasing their many talents in various media for view/sale. Visit www.artwalkoxnardshores.com.



Kyle Tiernan brings his one-of-a-kind, interactive draw along ART experience to four Ventura County Libraries: E.P. Foster Library, Hill Road Library, Avenue Library and Saticoy Library, this summer. Kyle, a Visual Educator, has performed his draw-along ART school assemblies in elementary schools nationwide since 2002. He will teach everyone (kids and grownups alike!) how to draw pictures in a hilariously fun and entertaining show. Attendees will get to take home their drawings. This free event is sponsored by the Ventura Friends of the Library.
 Thursday, August 3 at Saticoy Library, 1:30 pm Thursday, August 3 at Avenue Library, 4:00 pm Friday, August 4 at Hill Road Library, 11:00 am Friday, August 4 at E.P. Foster Library, 2:00 pm E.P.

Ventura Art Scene

Aera is hosting a fun(d)raiser and silent auction to support the campground

Summer is here and it's time for national park trips across California and beyond. It is true indeed that not all those who wander are lost. Some of us prefer to spend our time hiking and camping at the national parks; disconnected from the outside world and the constant run of news and social media.

The Channel Islands National Park is a special place. If you have been lucky to spend some nights camping on one of the remote Channel Islands, you'll understand. And if you have not yet camped out there, let's chat about it.

The Channel Islands Park Foundation is continuing their work to make those camping memories come to life for you. It's amazing to gaze across the channel or on a lovely summer night to enjoy the incredible display of stars.

Aera is hosting a fun(d)raiser and silent auction to support the campground and the fine work of the Channel Island Park Foundation. To raise \$10,000, learn about the campground, and share wonderful stories.

July 13, from 5.30 PM to 7 PM at the Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center at Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Dr.

RSVP at eventbrite.com/e/tickets-655387109487

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fear to extravagant joy. In the past, Bonnie struggled with insecurity and shame. When she learned to view the human-divine condition with humor and compassion, everything changed. In this book, Bonnie shares her life experience as a template for the reader's deep personal growth.

The book offers unconventional spiritual practices—befriending imperfections, small yet mighty acts of kindness, and living in unconditional joy. Central to this book is Bonnie's desire to help the reader awaken to heaven on earth; to celebrate the divine nature of everyone; and most of all, to help people fall in love with life no matter what—because greater love is essential in today's world. We transform the world as we transform ourselves, in love.

Rev. Bonnie Rose has been a New Thought/Ancient Wisdom minister for more than two decades. She is not your normal minister, and as such, Dances with Dogs provides an unusual approach to spirituality, including comedic tales of human woes and imperfections that help us laugh and heal ourselves through joy.

Bonnie currently serves as the Senior Minister of the Ventura Center for Spiritual Living in Ventura. She volunteers with ServiceSpace, a global organization dedicated to spreading kindness and generosity around the world. Bonnie can also be seen on local cable as a host for Our Ventura TV. She lives in Santa Paula with her husband and a ridiculously large menagerie.

Dances with Dogs can be purchased on Amazon or Barnes and Noble websites. Books are also for sale at the Ventura Center for Spiritual Living Bookstore, open on Sunday mornings at 101 South Laurel Street, Ventura, CA 93001; 805-643-1933; www.venturacsl.org. For more information, visit www.revbonnierose.com; or email bonnie@revbonnierose.com.



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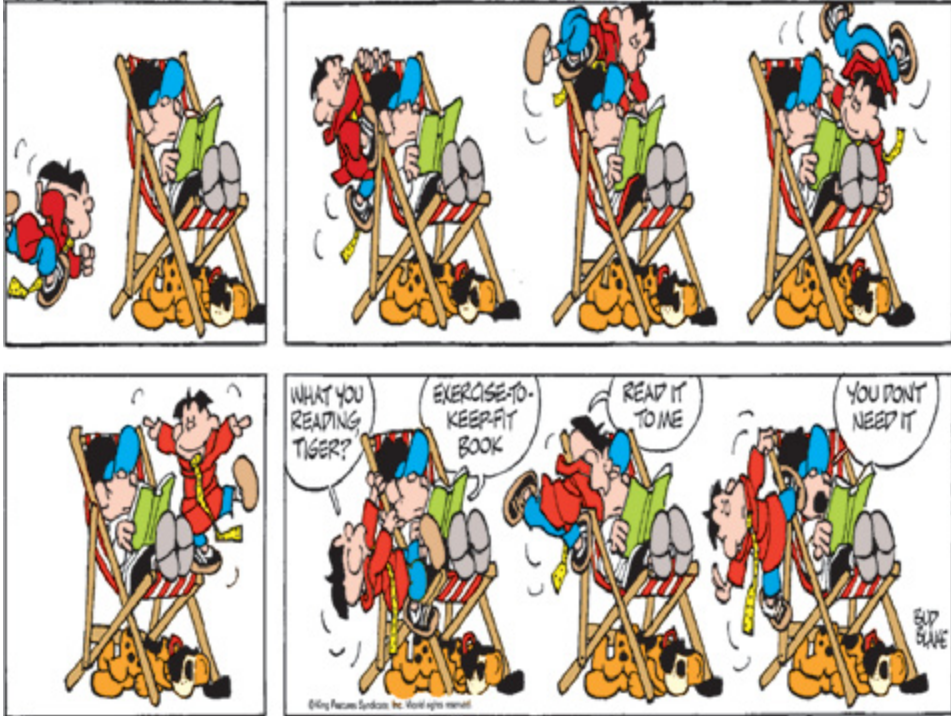



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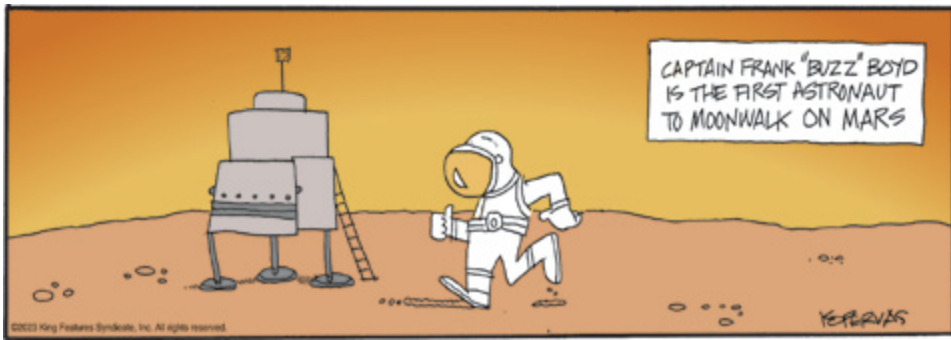
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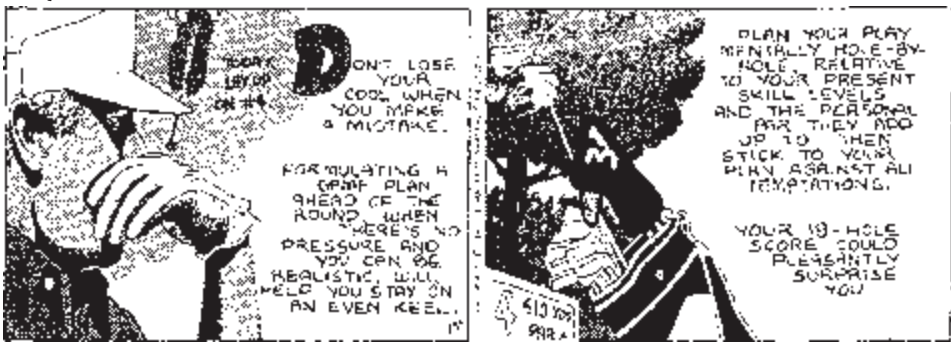
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Play Better Golf with Jack Nicklaus



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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Solutions on page 15

King Crossword

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- 19 Papa Hemingway
- 21 Boot camp reply
- 24 Swelled heads
- 25 Curator's concern
- 26 Mayo ingredient
- 28 "Bullitt" director Peter
- 31 Leeway
- 33 Hirohito's title (Abbr.)
- 35 Aspiration
- 36 Rapper's headgear
- 38 "Chandelier" singer
- 40 Stimp's pal
- 41 Christmas
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- 48 Zodiac feline

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- 21 Three feet
- 22 Slangy suffix
- 23 Tot's reading material
- 27 Baseball execs
- 29 Fencing
- 30 Fax
- 32 Manhandle
- 34 Football, slangily
- 37 Worldwide
- 39 Comes up
- 42 Dangerous bacteria
- 44 Sports fig.
- 45 Exile isle
- 46 Sleuth Wolfe
- 50 Flamenco cheer
- 51 Historic period
- 52 Bagel topper
- 53 Nemesis

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For more information, contact Janie Tran at janie@venturabreeze.com or 805-760-4591



Show Time

A View from House Seats

Powerhouse Nuns Pack a Punch in Ojai

by Shirley Lorraine

The wildly popular musical Nunsense by Dan Goggin is now on stage at the Ojai Art Center Theater. Translated into numerous languages and spawning several equally successful sequels, Nunsense has won many awards over the years, and deservedly so. It does, however, require a strong and talented cast which director Tracey Williams Sutton has certainly supplied.

Nuns are on patrol in the aisles as patrons enter, greeting parishioners and possibly lapsed angels alike with hugs and smiles which sets the tone even before the lights go down.

The setting is incongruously that of the musical "Grease," being staged by the teens of the fictional St. Mary's parish. It seems that the nuns have a problem on their hands and need to stage an emergency talent show to raise funds to complete an urgent project, so they use what they have.

The Reverend Mother (Sindy McKay) explains the reason for the show they are about to perform. It seems that a slight mishap with a batch of soup felled most of the convent's inhabitants resulting in quite a number of burials. Unfortunately, the monetary need proved more than the available funds and the remaining nuns (who were, luckily, not at the dinner table that fateful evening) must find a way to finish the job before the inspectors arrive.

Those left to take care of business include Sister Mary Hubert (Darrienne Lissette Caldwell), Sister Robert Anne (Dianne Miller), Sister Mary Amnesia (Anna Kotula), and Sister Mary Leo (Brianna Turner) as well as the Reverend Mother herself. Each has something unique to offer.

The Sisters are clearly having a blast

singing, dancing and revealing secrets. Opening night, the audience participated fully when prompted and then some. Performed with no intermission, the Little Sisters of Hoboken display an astonishing array of talents performed with a seeming endless abundance of verve. If this energy could be harnessed, it could light up all of Ojai.

Sister Mary Amnesia cannot remember who she really is, having been recently clobbered by a falling crucifix. Oh, the irony.

Ms. Kotula, also credited with choreographing and co-producing the show, appears suitably dazed and confused throughout. Sister Mary Leo dreams of being the first nun ballerina. Ms. Turner displays her dancing skills both en pointe and sporting tap shoes. The sight of all the nuns tap dancing in unison is a treat. Ms. McKay gives the others a run for their money at every turn.

As Sister Robert Anne, Ms. Miller delights the audience with her surprise talent and Ms. Caldwell as Sister Mary Hubert displays her impressive vocal skills. There are many beautiful harmonies throughout and continuous opportunities for laughter.

Cleverly disguised in the background of the set is Father Pianus, AKA Andy Street, Musical Director, who even has a few lines! Well done, Father.

For a good time this summer, call (805) 640-8797, Ojai Art Center Theater, to reserve your seat for Nunsense, a musical production suitable for all ages, religions and genders. www.ojaiact.org.

Curtain is 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:00 matinees on both Saturday and Sunday. Runs through July 23.

they started their own band playing ska music called The Executive.

In 1982, they changed the band name to Wham and moved toward pop music and songwriting. The first song they recorded was a political statement about what was going on with youth in Britain at the time called "Wham Rap", followed by "Club Tropicana" and then "Careless Whisper" which was eventually released in 1984 reaching number one in ten countries and selling 6 million copies worldwide. Contrary to the general assumption by most, it was Andrew who was guiding the band's direction musically, as well as choosing their fashion. They added two girls to the band for background vocals and dance routines, one of which was Andrew's longtime girlfriend Shirley.

Their first big break was in November 1982 when Wham was asked to perform due to a last minute cancellation on the well-known UK show Top of the Pops, which televised music stars like Elton John, Queen and the Rolling Stones. They performed "Young Guns" which rose to number 3 and by 1984 had their first number 1 single "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go". They had a string of hits and a successful UK tour but had no money due to their contract with Innervision where they got 4% a piece on singles in the UK, 2% in the rest of the world and no money on the 12 inch records which was the biggest selling. They decided they needed management to change the trajectory of their earnings, so hired Simon Napier-Bill and signed a new deal directly with CBS.

In 1984 George produced and released Careless Whisper as a solo artist, something

Andrew had anticipated happening and was fully supportive, and it was released in the US as Wham featuring George Michael. In October November 1984 they launched their hugely successful US tour with their album "Make It Big". They then came back to the UK and decided to do a world tour including Sydney, Japan and mainland China, where they were the first rock band to ever be allowed into the country.

Though they achieved great success, George was stifled by struggles in his personal life, being primarily that he was gay but unable to express that part of himself, so he internalized the issue by making music his life and basing his worth on his achievements in music. By 1986, after performing in Band Aid's "Feed the World" and doing a performance of "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" with Elton John at Live Aid, it was clear that George's talent had moved far beyond Andrew's and the band Wham. They amicably decided to do a final show at Wembley Stadium in June 1986, after which George pursued his solo career selling over 120 million records.

Runtime: 1h 32m

A Summer Winemaker's Dinner to benefit Rubicon Theatre Company

Rubicon Theatre is thrilled to announce "Dine & Delight" a private Winemaker's Dinner hosted by Water's Edge

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George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley were childhood friends that created the band Wham in 1982 with dreams of touring the world and topping the charts when they were only 18 years old. Due to their meteoric rise in fame and pop culture in the early eighties, it's a surprising fact that the band Wham was only together four years, playing their final show at Wembley Stadium on June 28th, 1986. Their magical journey is shared primarily through the scrapbooks that Andrew's mother made that included press clipping, chart ranking, photos, art from fans and more, starting with their very first record deal with Innervision Records in 1982.

George was eleven he moved to a new school where he met Andrew who was a year old. George's birth name was Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou and was very awkward, shy, a little pudgy and very studious. Andrew was the opposite, being very confident and outgoing, just wanting to have fun. Together they had a good time making up skits, listening to music and dreaming of one day being famous. In 1979, when they were both about 16 years old,



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