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City of Ventura names William "Bill" Ayub as the new City Manager

The City of Ventura is pleased to announce the appointment of William "Bill" Ayub as the new City Manager, effective August 8, 2023. With a diverse and extensive law enforcement background and a strong commitment to public service, Ayub brings a wealth of experience and leadership to his new role.

Ayub brings over 37 years of progressively responsible law enforcement experience, including nearly 15 years in management, most of which was with the County of Ventura. He served as the Sheriff of Ventura County for over four years until his retirement in January 2023.

"We are thrilled to welcome Bill Ayub as our new City Manager. His exceptional track record of collaborative leadership and dedication to uplifting the community fit perfectly with our city's values," said Mayor Joe Schroeder. "We are confident that he will lead with integrity, foster positive connections in our community, and provide a visionary direction that will propel Ventura towards an exciting and prosperous future."

Ayub's career began in 1985 as a police cadet and reserve police officer with the Santa Paula Police Department. Over the years, he has held various positions, including serving as a police officer in the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the City of Port Hueneme

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The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura is excited to announce the appointment of Jeff Lambert

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) for the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) is delighted to announce the appointment of Jeffrey "Jeff" Lambert as the new Chief Executive Officer for the HACSB. Lambert brings a wealth of experience and expertise in housing planning, policy development, and community engagement to his new role. Jeff succeeds Denise Wise who is retiring after serving the organization for 12 years.

Jeffrey Lambert is a skilled leader and community development professional who has a wealth of public service experience. In his previous posts, he served as the Community Development Director for the City of Ventura and the City of Oxnard. While at the City of Ventura, Jeff worked closely with the Housing Authority on various affordable housing developments including the Westview Village community, which is in the process of completing its third phase of a major renovation project later this year. Jeff most recently held the position of Chief Operation Officer for the Ventura County Community Foundation. Lambert holds a degree in Psychology and Political Science from Clark University, in Massachusetts and a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Southern California.

Lambert's appointment comes after the BOC went out for a second search, after an unsuccessful search earlier this year. This national search attracted candidates from all over the country, and Jeff was one of two candidates that were invited for final interviews. The final interviews included interviews with community stakeholders, the Citywide Resident Advisory Board, and Executive Staff.

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Jeff Lambert returns to Ventura.





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– Jessica Ennis



Ventura Water Pure Project presentation made to the Ventura Marina Community.

Ventura Water Pure Project- First of a series

by P. Lawrie

On August 1, 2023, a presentation was made to the Ventura Marina Community regarding the Ventura Water Pure Project. The goals were to inform the community and businesses and surrounding community about the anticipated impact of the project by building a collaborative relation through communication with concerned residents and businesses.

The team from MIMIAGA(Mimiaga Engineering Group) were introduced and each presented issues regarding the water supply and challenges with how the local supply of water is going to change and increase the amount of drinking water to the city by 20%.

The Ventura Water Pure Project is a multi-benefit water reuse program that will recover, treat, and reuse water that is currently discharged into the Santa Clara River Estuary, creating a new local drought resilient, water source that isn’t dependent on rainfall, and adding further purification to the system that is already in place. It is a 4th step in the already in place, three phase process.

Ventura is one of the largest cities in Southern California to rely solely on local water supplies. Rainfall feeds the Ventura River, Lake Casitas, and ground water basins to meet all the Ventura community needs. However, new challenges like prolonged drought and increased legal and environmental regulations have challenged Ventura’s water sources.

A decade of evaluations, studies, and piloting has allowed local leaders to consider many forward-thinking solutions to Ventura’s water problem. Ultimately this work led to the Ventura Water Pure Program.

The Water Pure Program will produce a drought-resistant water supply, and will reduce the amount of water that the city releases into the Santa Clara River estuary.

There are three steps on how Ventura Water Pure Program Project will work.

1. Currently, wastewater from the City of Ventura is sent to the Ventura water reclamation facility, where it is treated and cleaned before it is being discharged into the Santa Clara River estuary. In the future, a portion of this water will be sent to the new Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) for reuse.
2. Using a scientifically proven process, the Ventura water program will treat water to drinking-water standards, creating a reliable, locally controlled high quality water source.
3. The purified water will then be injected into a local groundwater basin and later distributed to the Ventura water customers.

For over 40 years, this solution known as” palatable reuse” has been used throughout California.

The Ventura Water Pure Project includes several project components, including an Advanced Water Purification Facility, which will treat water from the Ventura water reclamation facility to

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As I See It by Sheldon Brown

I feel sorry for the TV channels. They were all geared up to cover the “storm of the century” with a reporter on every corner. Except, in most cases it never materialized. Ventura had about an inch of rain. The only thing unique about this is that it was in August and not during our rainy season.

They were so desperate that innocuous events became big news. They kept showing a little fender-bender on the freeway and another one avoiding the first one. There will be more serious freeway accidents today. But my favorite was “It was reported that a rock fell on a car in Pt. Mugu.” I’m surprised that they didn’t have a geologist explain what a rock is.

And the TV alerts (couldn’t understand a word they said) warning of flash flood conditions in LA and Ventura counties. That’s like telling us there will be flash flood conditions somewhere in the United States.

This is disturbing. The very basis of our democracy is being threatened by very scary people. Folks on grand jury’s spend hours working each week for very little pay serving their county, county and our freedom. If they now need to be concerned about their physical safety, it’s a sad day for America.

The purported names and addresses of members of the grand jury that indicted Donald Trump and 18 of his co-defendants on state racketeering charges this week have been posted on a fringe website that often features violent rhetoric, according to NBC News. Must they now be concerned for their lives? Do their homes need to be guarded by law enforcement?

Recently, FBI agents fatally shot a 74-year-old Utah man who threatened to assassinate President Joe Biden. This was just the latest example of how violent rhetoric has created a more perilous political environment across the U.S.

Six days earlier, a 52-year-old Texas man was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison for threatening to kill Arizona election workers. Four days before that, prosecutors charged a 56-year-old Michigan woman with lying trying to buy guns for her mentally ill adult son, who threatened to use them against Biden and that state’s Democratic governor.

Threats against public officials have been steadily climbing in recent years, creating new challenges for law enforcement, civil rights and the health of American democracy.

In our last issue, I commented on how good it was that some community colleges could offer bachelor’s degrees. Apparently, the idea isn’t welcomed by all. For over a year, the California Community College and the California State University systems have clashed over their respective roles. Who should be granting bachelor’s degrees?

Community colleges were designed to award two-year associate degrees and provide career training, while the Cal State system would offer four-year bachelor’s and master’s degrees and the University of California system would prioritize research and doctoral programs. Some career training, however, takes more than a 2-year degree to complete.

New law allows the community college system to approve up to 30 new bachelor’s degree programs each year at any one of the state’s 116 community colleges. Moorpark College is one of those community colleges and will offer bachelor’s degree under a new biotechnology program that launches in fall 2024.

Community colleges can only offer bachelor’s degrees in unique fields that no other public four-year campuses currently offer.

Congratulations to Jeff Lambert who is returning to Ventura. We just can’t get rid of him – kidding.

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) announced the appointment of Jeffrey “Jeff” Lambert as the new Chief Executive Officer for the HACSB. Lambert brings a wealth of experience and expertise in housing planning, policy development, and community engagement. Jeff served as head of Ventura’s community development department for many years and I always found him to be very approachable and easy to work with.

Mailbox

Mr. Editor:

Please no awards for city until they fix roads..... worse now than ever... Nice to see you are a Trojan, I am class of 56..... and your comments on Community Colleges is right on.

Robert Lombardi

Robert: Even better some community colleges are going to offer bachelor degrees.

Breeze:

Great job Sheldon. As always, thanks for the support!

Darin Schindler

Ventura Chief of Police

Breeze:

I have been reading all the accolades and patting on the back that has occurred since the X Games have come and gone. Perhaps there is much to this fanfare. Perhaps there is a missing element that hasn’t been addressed. Working as a vendor (not a restaurant) in downtown I’m questioning this success.

From a small store vendor stand

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Visitors got to witness breathtaking aerobatic maneuvers. Photos by Daniel Jackson and Janie Tran.

Wings Over Camarillo Air Show

Wings Over Camarillo Air Show, the premier air show on the Central Coast of California took place on August 19. This year’s event was filled with captivating performances, static aircraft displays, family-friendly activities, and a touch of history.

Visitors got to witness breathtaking aerobatic maneuvers as skilled stunt pilots take to the skies, showcasing an array of thrilling moves such as loops, rolls, spins, hammerheads, and stalls. But that’s not all – the event was more than just high-flying entertainment. Attendees explored a diverse collection of static aircraft models, offering an up-close look at aviation history and innovation.

Families got to enjoy hands-on experiences that cater to all ages, from watching drones and UAVs take flight to participating in interactive STEM activities that shed light on aviation, aerospace, and STEM fields.

History buffs found a highlight in the 82nd Airborne Division 505th Reenactment Camp, a unit recognized by the California Historical Group. This camp pays tribute to World War II combat soldiers, and this year’s event proudly

features their historical reenactments.

Adding to the excitement was the inclusion of a motorcycle and classic car show, offering a dynamic blend of aviation and automotive enthusiasts. As the day unfolded, an impressive lineup of performances takes center stage, including the USAF Wings of Blue Parachute Team, P-51 Mustang Fly-B, and the Ventura Sheriff HH-60L Helicopter Water Drop.

Amidst the action, the event paid homage to the C-46, the largest operational twin-engine aircraft in American service during WWII. The C-46 made history by ferrying crucial supplies over the treacherous Himalayan Mountains, a feat known as “Flying the Hump.” The iconic China Doll aircraft, built in 1945, stands as a rare survivor from that era.

With a blend of heart-pounding aerobatics, historical reenactments, engaging STEM displays, and a nod to aviation history, the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show delivered an unforgettable experience for attendees of all ages. Don’t miss the chance to be part of this thrilling and educational event that celebrates the wonders of flight and the spirit of exploration again next year!

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Up next, the CAPS staff is gearing up for an Open House at the CAPS Media Center.

CAPS Media Studio “Artists in Exile”

In June the CAPS Media Center reopened on a limited basis, by appointment, for existing CAPS Members. Among the first to take advantage of the CAPS resources are the self-described “Artists in Exile.” Under the guidance of Phil Taggart, CAPS’ “Artist in Residence,” the eclectic ensemble of musicians, poets and other artists gather one evening per week to record live performances in the CAPS production studio.

The summer months have kept CAPS Media crews busy with a variety of productions, highlights include recording and live streaming graduation ceremonies for Ventura, Buena, Pacific, and El Camino high schools and Ventura College as well as recording and live streaming the Ventura Unified School Board meeting.

For the City of Ventura, CAPS crews continue to provide weekly coverage, broadcasting and streaming of meetings at City Hall including City Council, Design Review, Historic Preservation, and Community Development. In addition, videographer/editors Gary Roll and Alex Uvari recorded, edited, broadcast, and streamed public information meetings for the City at the Westside Community Center and Pierpont Elementary.

CAPS crews continue collaborations with the outstanding staff at the Museum of Ventura County on engaging productions commemorating Ventura County’s 150th anniversary. The diverse projects include Interviews with Innovators – informative discussions on current and past events with Lucas Zucker from CAUSE, Carlos Ortega the MVC curator, and Regina Crawford from the NAACP Ventura County. Feast or Flop is a savory series of tasty recreations of historic Ventura County recipes cooked up from the MVC archives by host Renee Tallent, the MVC collections manager with chefs throughout the county. Thus far the menu has included lima bean loaf, avocado soup and other local creations prepared by Adam Hart, director of the culinary arts program at Oxnard College, and Luis Sanchez, chef, and owner of Mouthful Eatery in Thousand Oaks.

The CAPS/MVC collaborations for the 150th celebration also include Voices of Ventura County a series of historic interviews selected from the MVC archives by Deya Terrafranca, the research and archives director at the museum. The fragile cassette recordings were restored, digitized, and formatted into programs by CAPS staff members Elizabeth Rodeno and Manny Reynoso.

KPPQ - CAPS Radio’s DJ of the month is Kevin Wallace. Kevin is director

of the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts as well as a singer/songwriter. He says his interest in visual art, conceptual work, design, storytelling, and poetry can all be traced to the albums that he collected, listened to, and studied as a young boy, rummaging through the remainder bins at his local record stores in Detroit. A member of KPPQ from the start, he has produced 2 shows: an arts and music show and his current venture, Ojai Dream. Kevin shares his passion for the musical arts on Ojai Dream, airing Mondays and Fridays at 8pm and Saturdays at Noon on KPPQ-LP 104.1 FM and streaming on MyTuner.

Up next, the CAPS staff is gearing up for an Open House at the CAPS Media Center in the coming months. The Open House is an opportunity for the public to drop in and discover all the media resources and talent available for everyone in Ventura. More information on the upcoming Open House will be available in the coming weeks on the CAPS website at capsmedia.org, on KPPQ, on social media, and elsewhere. CAPS Membership will be open to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Ventura. Annual membership fees are currently \$40 for an individual or \$100 for a nonprofit organization.



Approximately 900 riders participated.

“Cool Breeze” Bike Ride

by Patricia Schallert

The “Cool Breeze Century” bike ride, took place on August 19th with approximately 900 riders from cycling communities throughout Southern California. “Channel Islands Bicycle Club” and the “Kiwanis Club of Ventura Foundation” have partnered for over 20 years to host the “Cool Breeze Century”. Channel Island Bicycle Club is a nonprofit, recreational



The Ventura Chamber of Commerce Taste of Ventura is back! On August 17, it was a night of Ventura’s finest food, drinks and live music under the stars. Featuring more than 35 restaurants, caterers, breweries, wineries offering small bites and drink samples. Taste was held at the Museum of Ventura County.

organization for beginning and experienced road bicyclists, providing enjoyable and safe rides in and around Ventura, Santa Barbara, and LA Counties. They also provide grants to improve and heighten the biking community, promote bicycling, encourage youth cycling, support other cycling programs, while encouraging ridership growth, and promoting safe cycling.

The Kiwanis Club of Ventura Foundation is a group of dedicated volunteers serving the needs of Ventura with an emphasis on youth and vulnerable adults, while providing its members opportunities for fellowship, leadership, and business relations. The Kiwanis also support students with special needs, scholarships, volunteers while supporting the Salvation Army, Pier Under the Stars, and other organizations.

Additional supporting sponsors can be found on coolbreezecentury.com

The event began with registration April 1, and provided five rides, one for everyone. The Classic Century was a 100-mile ride, which had the right number of hills and plenty of ocean. Hilly Century had more hills. Double Century with more hills and more distance, but is considered a “reasonable” ride. Metric Century was rather flat and shorter for those not quite ready for a Century and the Mini was listed as a fun 30 miles primarily along the ocean.

Over 100 friendly volunteers along each ride provided support, popsicles and water. Riders finished in historic downtown Ventura’s Mission Park and were treated to an after-ride buffet from Peirano’s and a no-host beer drinks. DJ Joe provided the music.

James Sears, a first time rider in the Cool Breeze ride, took the 30 mile Mini bike ride to Carpenteria and back. James suffered from a stroke 15 years ago but

prior to his stroke, he had been riding his bike for 30 years. He was tired but is ready to ride the more challenging Century rides next year.

William “Bill” Ayub new City Manager Continued from page 1

before joining the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office in 1996.

“I am honored and excited to take on the role of City Manager for the City of Ventura,” said William Ayub, a long-time Ventura resident. “Serving in the city I call home means a great deal to me. I look forward to working alongside the talented team here to build on Ventura’s strengths, tackle challenges, and uplift our residents’ overall quality of life while promoting a culture of collaboration and responsiveness.”

Apart from his professional achievements, Ayub has a long history of volunteerism, including supporting little league as an assistant coach and serving on the board of directors. He has also been an active member of the Ventura Sheriff K9 Foundation and remains involved with organizations such as the Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and the Board of Directors for Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families.

Ayub holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the California State University at Northridge, a Master of Science in Emergency Services Administration from the California State University at Long Beach, and an Associate of Science in Administration of Justice from Ventura Community College.

As the City Manager, Ayub will earn a base salary of \$280,000, and his total compensation with benefits will be \$351,130.

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The festival gives visitors an opportunity to enjoy street painting.

Art & Street Painting Festival Harbor

The 15th Annual Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival returns to picturesque Ventura Harbor Village on September 9th & 10th, 2023 from 10 AM to 5 PM. www.venturaartfestival.com.

Presented by Ventura County Art Events, Inc., the Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival boosts 30 curated artist vendors showcasing their art in Ventura Harbor Village. Works of art include paintings, pottery, photography, and jewelry -- all available for purchase. Additionally, the sidewalks along the Ventura Harbor Village

promenade and Fisherman's Memorial will be the canvas for more than 20 talented and colorful chalk artists, creating murals ranging from 10x5 ft. to 10x10 ft. in size. Well known chalk artists, Clif Gold, Julio Jimenez and Rod Tryon, plan to attend.

The festival gives visitors an opportunity to enjoy art, street painting, and the beauty of the Ventura County coast. Admission & parking are free.

Said Barbara Hinton, Executive Director of the Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival "The street painters are working in real time right before your very eyes."

The Ventura Art & Street Painting festival weekend at Ventura Harbor Village highlights live seaside music on the Village Promenade Stage all weekend long including versatile entertainer, Preston Smith, a legend in the Southern California music scene, on September 9, 2023 from noon-3 PM. Visitors can also take in a performance by reggae favorite Tony Lee and Forbidden Fruit, who plan to bring their pop reggae style, that is both infectious and fun for the entire family, from Noon-3 PM on September 10.

A benefit for FOOD Share of Ventura County, Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival has raised over \$60,000 for FOOD Share of Ventura County over the years according to Ventura County Art Events, Inc. For more festival details or to get involved visit www.venturaartfestival.com.

The destination is the picture-perfect weekend getaway for couples, friends, and families. While at the festival, visit Ventura Harbor Village art galleries and even more unique maker spaces, eateries and a new wine tasting room. For additional information regarding Village galleries art demonstrations and activities, visit VenturaHarborVillage.com.



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Claudia Wilson leading the canvas mark-making project.

EPIC Leadership Center completes summer program

EPIC Leadership Center, a non-profit organization in Ventura, completed its Summer Program in Westview Village, Ventura. Activities led by EPIC staff and supported by local volunteers were held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the Westview Village Community Center. The activities included art, sports, character and leadership training, and games with 8-30 kids in attendance. Fridays were typically dedicated to local field trips including two trips to Santa Cruz Island sponsored by Channel Islands National Park Foundation, and a trip to the local Ventura Botanical Garden. Each field trip included volunteer guides that made the experience educational and entertaining. The kids were always engaged, filled with questions, excitement and curiosity. Over the eight weeks, activities and projects emphasized character and leadership traits that included integrity, self-awareness,

fairness and teamwork. The summer program started off with character training focused on EPIC’s mission using the Golden Rule, “Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them,” a guide to create “everyday leadership” regardless of age, education or ethnicity. The “Golden Rule” was coupled with an art activity led by Ms. Claudia Wilson (Ms. Claudia). “Ms. Claudia” likes to expose the kids to as many different materials and concepts of mark-making as possible. In this project, Ms. Claudia started out the activity with canvases that were already used rather than a large white canvas that can be intimidating and stressful for kids to come up with something meaningful. Starting with a used canvas sets that aspect aside and the kids are free to experiment and create. By having everyone paint on the same canvas no one must take responsibility for the outcome. The outcome while interesting and tangible, is not as important as the process of creating, sharing, interacting, being considerate, and treating each other the way you want to be treated especially when there is someone right next to you.

The summer program was developed and led by Kate Simonson, Program Director and Falisha Lopez, Assistant Program Director, both residents at the Westview Village Community. Kate, a 10-year resident, is a recognized leader in the Westview Village community using her skills to identify and oversee initiatives that align with EPIC’s mission, to develop leaders and transform lives. Falisha, a 3-year resident, partners with Kate to identify and execute the activities that benefit and support the Westview community and families. Falisha’s superpowers of nurturing and empathy partner well with Kate to create dynamic and successful EPIC leaders right there at Westview.

EPIC is planning its fall program! Come, be a part of transforming lives and neighborhoods right here in Ventura, CA. Please visit EpicLeadershipCenter.org for more information, volunteer opportunities, and to donate. Editor: Westview Village is the first public housing property to be constructed in the City of Ventura.



Claudia Hoag McGarry is a local playwright who taught English at VC for years. She has a play coming to Namba Performing Arts Space on September 9 named I Can Hear You,Damn It. It is presented at 3 and 7pm. The director, Jordana Lawrence, lives in Ventura and works for the Alzheimer’s Association. Stage manager, Shannon Dalton, also lives in Ventura. 47 S Oak St, (805) 628-9250

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Midland: Making Old Country New a last look at the Fair

by Kylee Brown
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In the early 2010s, Mark Wystrach (lead vocals), Cameron Duddy (bass guitar, vocals), and Jess Carson (guitar,

vocals) got together and formed a country music trio named Midland. The band initially bonded over their shared love of classic country music and aspired to add a retro flair to modern country music. From Midland, Texas, the band reportedly chose their name in homage to an old Dwight Yoakum song, "From Here to Midland." Their eclectic brand of music is said to make old country new and appeals to a broad range and age of fans. Much like the Ventura County Fair itself, which brings young and old together to share live music, rides, and other excitements, the trio brought a large and enthusiastic crowd of all ages when they performed at the fair on August 2nd, 2023, kicking off the entertainment for the fair's opening night.

22-year-old Ventura native David Koger attended the concert with his dad John Allen Koger. David shared that Midland is his favorite country band after being introduced to the band a little over a year ago. "This is definitely the best country concert I have ever been to," he said. "It feels more local and more energetic, and granted, I was at the front; it felt pretty amazing." David had attended Ventura County Fair concerts in the past and gushed about Midland, stating that it was his favorite country music experience. When asked what appeals to David about live music, he responded, "It's slightly different every time you go to a live show—it's not the same recording you hear every time on the radio." David's father, John Allen Koger, is a fan of a wide range of country music, from Kenny Rogers, Brad Paisley, and Garth Brooks to Midland. John said, "Classic country has a 'feel-good' to

it and tells a really good story which is kind of the definition of country music in general." John shared that upbeat styles of country music appeal to him, and that's what he enjoys about the Grammy Nominated band the most.

The crowd included many local Ventura folks as well as people who traveled to attend the concert. Hailey Johnson is a self-proclaimed cowgirl, a dedicated country music fan, and spent many years as a competitive equestrian. The 20-year-old college student drove down from her hometown in Santa Ynez to see Midland live at the fair. "I was happy to make the drive out to Ventura for this concert," said Johnson, "I think this was the first concert where I was able to get close and right up front, the energy was immaculate, and the people up front were true fans. I loved it." Johnson said she also appreciated the diverse crowd that attended. "I liked being with my friends in real-time, bonding over a band we would listen to in our cars, and now finally seeing them live and being able to sing along with the band," she said.

As John Koger reflected, the concert was a unifying event for the entire crowd. "I'd heard Midland on the radio, and I knew they were one of David's favorite bands," he said. "The highlight was just the fun vibe and people all having a good time, dancing and singing together."



The pirate and mermaid themed event made a big splash with the families.

Annual "Back-to-School" Gift~Away Event

Kids & Families Together (K&FT) - Heart 2 Heart Program set sail on Saturday, August 12th, with all pirates and mermaids on board for their 13th Annual Back-to-School Gift~Away Event! This year's event was sponsored by the Port of Hueneme, and The Gene Haas Foundation. The event was graciously hosted at The Assistance League of Ventura County. Over 100 children and 60 families attended the event.

The pirate and mermaid themed back-to-school event made a big splash with the families being served by programs at K&FT. Young mermaids, pirates, and even a few princesses, arrived to pick out their own backpacks and school supplies that were gifted by generous sponsors and donors. "Our community provided for these families in a way that is most needed, with day-to-day essentials", said Jeni Futvoye, Community Resource Manager. The event

theme, coupled with the beautiful weather and dedicated volunteers, provided a gathering for the families that was filled with support and light-heartedness. Each child was welcomed by a group of "professional" pirates and a fairy. The families enjoyed using their "treasure map" throughout the event to discover art projects, cuddle Xander bunnies, clothing, household goods, and more. Carl the DJ kept the mood light and F-U-N, playing hits the children would recognize, and dance to if the mood struck! At the end of the journey, children turned in their treasure map to pick out a special gift from the treasure chest.

One of caregiver commented after the event ... "First and foremost, I wanted to express my deep gratitude for the event you hosted on Saturday. The experience was truly amazing, and we really enjoyed ourselves! The kindness shown to us by everyone was heartwarming, and we felt a genuine sense of love. My kids were talking about the event the whole entire day!"

K&FT is grateful to the generous sponsors and donors who made this event possible: The Port of Hueneme, Gene Haas Foundation, Assistance League of Ventura County, CarMax - Oxnard, Lavender Life Company, Pierpont Racquet Club, Ventura Downtown Lions Club, St. Maximillian Kolbe Church, Soroptimist International of Conejo Valley, Forty Leaguers, TruckStop, Above the Bar Entertainment, Bell Arts Factory-Michele Foster, Cal Lutheran University, LBA Realty, Meathead Movers, SoCal Honda Dealers, Key Club of Oxnard, and our wonderful community of individual donors.

Thanks to the 45 volunteers who worked so hard helping to prepare for this event by organizing donations and filling backpacks, those who helped with setting up and decorating, distributing donations, at the gratitude table, and art project during our event...making the event joyful and a memorable experience for all!

"Kids & Families Together - Heart 2 Heart Program is doing what we do best... providing meaningful and positive experiences meant to last a lifetime." - commented Carrie McAuliffe Sandoval- K&FT staff and Heart 2 Heart co-founder.

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point the Games seemed to have a very negative impact. There wasn't a huge up tick in shoppers during the regular daytime hours in fact, numbers dropped, considerably.

What might have caused this? Perhaps because daytime hours coincided with X Game activities and no one ventured up to downtown until after regular business hours ended?

Perhaps the woes threats and worries about traffic and parking were deterrent to those who weren't interested in the event?

Perhaps the X Game vendor outreach was only given to restaurants and excluded the other vendor stores?

I do not purport that I speak for all vendors but the word that spreads like small town gossip was how their X Game experience wasn't a "rousing success".

Thought for future: if you want vendor inclusion how about do just that, afford ALL vendors a presence at the event (County Fair included). Perhaps a pop tent set up in a designated Downtown Vendor area. Info, coupons, samples on the ready.

Success should be summed up by all, not just the top tier. George Smith



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Senior Living



“This was the best day I’ve had in years.”

The Palms at Bonaventure makes Barbie Dream come true

As a part of its quarterly “Livin’ the Dream” program, The Palms at Bonaventure Assisted Living and Memory Care selected resident Karol Greysen to live her Barbie fantasy.

Greysen (76) moved into The Palms earlier this summer. One of the first things the community learned about her was her affinity for pink, sparkles and all things Barbie. She was encouraged to apply for “Livin’ the Dream” amid the Barbie mania, and was over the moon to learn she was the chosen recipient for the month of August.

Greysen, along with her new friend and fellow Palms resident Geary Ray, departed Ventura the morning of August 5 with two community staff members: Vibrant Life Director John White and Marketing Director Ginny Arroyo. The

crew each wore a pink shirt and sunglasses, with Greysen's shirt detailing a special Barbie motif.

The foursome's first stop was The Santa Monica Place in Los Angeles to visit The World of Barbie experience. Greysen (and her guests) walked through the iconic Barbie Dream House, "drove" the Barbie bus, got a virtual Barbie makeover – even experienced building her very own custom Barbie, which she took home as a souvenir.

Afterward, The Palms treated Greysen and Ray to lunch at The Cheesecake Factory before heading to Santa Monica's AMC 4 to see the Barbie movie in style.

"I don't know what to say," Greysen said afterward. "This was the best day I've had in years."

Alzheimer's disease genetics fact sheet

by National Institute on Aging

Many people wonder if Alzheimer's disease runs in their family. Is it in your genes? This question isn't easy to answer. Researchers have identified several genetic variants that are associated with Alzheimer's and may increase or decrease a person's risk of developing the disease. What does that mean? Let's first learn about the role of genes.

Human cells contain the instructions needed for a cell to do its job. These instructions are made up of DNA, which is packed tightly into structures called chromosomes. Each chromosome has thousands of segments called genes.

Genes are passed down from a person's biological parents. They carry information that defines traits such as eye color and height. Genes also play a role in keeping the body's cells healthy.

Variations in genes — even small changes to a gene — can affect the likelihood of a person developing a disease such as Alzheimer's.

Do genes cause diseases?

Permanent changes in one or more specific genes are called genetic variants. Some of these variants are quite common in the human population. While most genetic variants don't cause diseases, some do. In some cases, a person inherits a genetic variant that will almost certainly lead to that individual developing a disease. Sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis, and some cases of early-onset Alzheimer's are examples

of inherited genetic disorders. However, other variants may simply increase, or even decrease, a person's risk of developing that disease. Identifying genetic variants and their effects can help researchers uncover the most effective ways to treat or prevent diseases in an individual.

Additionally, factors such as exercise, diet, chemicals, or smoking can have positive or negative effects by changing the way certain genes work. In the field of epigenetics, researchers are studying how such factors can alter a cell's DNA in ways that affect gene activity.

Genetic research is a component of precision medicine, an emerging approach that considers individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle. Precision medicine will enable researchers and doctors to predict more accurately which treatment and prevention strategies will work in particular groups of people.

In most cases, Alzheimer's does not have a single genetic cause. Instead, it can be influenced by multiple genes in combination with lifestyle and environmental factors. Consequently, a person may carry more than one gene or group of genes that can either increase or reduce the risk of Alzheimer's.

Importantly, people who develop Alzheimer's do not always have a history of the disease in their families. Still, those who have a parent or sibling diagnosed with the disease have a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's than those without that association.

Genetic variants that affect Alzheimer's disease risk Ten years ago, researchers knew of only 10 genes linked with Alzheimer's. Today, scientists have identified more than 70 genetic regions associated with Alzheimer's. Understanding which genes play a role — and what role they play — may help identify new methods to prevent, delay, or treat dementia.

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“I hope I don’t have an infection!”

Hospitalization for infection linked to higher dementia risk

Hospitalization due to infection may increase a person’s likelihood of developing dementia, according to a large NIA-funded observational study. The researchers found people hospitalized with an infection were more likely to be diagnosed with dementia years later than those who were not hospitalized with infections. The results, published in JAMA Network Open, suggest measures taken to prevent infection may also contribute to dementia prevention.

Previous findings have suggested an association between dementia and certain types of infections, such as

systemic and central nervous system infections. Additionally, hospitalization for any reason, but notably for infection and critical illness, has been linked to cognitive decline. Building on these findings, a team led by researchers at the University of Minnesota and an NIA scientist explored the association between hospitalization for infection and dementia by looking at data from the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study, an observational study that has followed participants for up to 32 years.

Using data from 15,688 participants

who did not have dementia when they entered the ARIC study, the scientists determined whether participants were hospitalized for an infection, and how many subsequently developed dementia three to 20 years later. The research team also investigated whether different types of infections were associated with varying dementia risk.

During the maximum follow-up period of 32 years, 19% of participants were diagnosed with dementia, and 38% were hospitalized with an infection. The researchers determined people who were hospitalized with an infection were 70% more likely to be diagnosed with dementia than those who were not. The types of infections most associated

with dementia were blood and circulatory, urinary, and hospital-acquired infections, such as catheter-associated urinary tract infections.

The study’s findings provide evidence that hospitalization with an infection increases one’s risk of developing dementia, underscoring the importance of infection prevention when and if possible. More research on the links between infection and cognition could also lead to improved dementia screening practices.

This research was supported in part by NIA grants K76AG057020 and RF1AG072387 and the Intramural Research Program at NIA (ZIAAG000348).



A healthy diet can help reduce the risk of many chronic diseases.

Staying healthy

Preventing or controlling high blood pressure, not only helps your heart, but may help your brain too. Decades of observational studies have shown that having high blood pressure in midlife — the 40s to early 60s — increases the risk of cognitive decline later in life. In addition, the Sprint-Mind study, a nationwide clinical trial, showed that intensive lowering of blood pressure (even below the previous standard target of 140 for systolic blood pressure) lowers the risk for mild cognitive impairment, which is a risk factor for dementia.

High blood pressure often does not cause signs of illness that you can see or feel. Routine visits to your doctor will help pick up changes in your blood pressure, even though you might feel fine. To control or lower high blood pressure, your doctor may suggest exercise, changes in your diet, and if needed — medications. These steps can help protect your brain and your heart.

(Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diets. According to observational studies of more than 900 dementia-free older adults, closely following the MIND diet was associated with a reduced risk of Alzheimer’s and a slower rate of cognitive decline. Learn more about diet and prevention of Alzheimer’s disease.

Be Physically Active

Being physically active — through regular exercise, household chores, or other activities — has many benefits. It can help you:

- Keep and improve your strength
- Have more energy
- Improve your balance
- Prevent or delay heart disease, diabetes, and other concerns

Studies link ongoing physical activity with benefits for the brain and cognition as well, although a strong link between physical activity and Alzheimer’s disease prevention has not yet been documented.

A healthy diet can help reduce the risk of many chronic diseases such as heart disease or diabetes. It may also help keep your brain healthy.

In general, a healthy diet consists of fruits and vegetables; whole grains; lean meats, fish, and poultry; and low-fat or nonfat dairy products. You should also limit solid fats, sugar, and salt. Be sure to control portion sizes and drink enough water and other fluids.

Researchers are looking at whether a healthy diet can help preserve cognitive function or reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s. For example, there is some evidence that people who eat a Mediterranean diet have a lower risk of developing dementia.

While scientists aren’t sure yet why the Mediterranean diet might help the brain, its effect on improving cardiovascular health might in turn reduce dementia risk. In contrast, the typical Western diet often increases cardiovascular disease risk, possibly contributing to faster brain aging.

Researchers have developed and are testing another diet, called MIND, a combination of the Mediterranean and DASH

In one study, exercise stimulated the human brain’s ability to maintain old network connections and make new ones that are vital to cognitive health. Other studies have shown that exercise increases the size of a brain structure important to memory and learning, resulting in better spatial memory. Aerobic exercise, such as brisk walking, is thought to be more beneficial to cognitive health than nonaerobic stretching and toning exercise. One study found that the more time spent doing a moderate levels of physical activity, the greater the increase in brain glucose metabolism — or how quickly the brain turns glucose into fuel — which may reduce the risk for developing Alzheimer’s disease.

Federal guidelines recommend that all adults get at least 150 minutes (2.5 hours) of physical activity each week. Walking is a good start. You can also join programs that teach you to move safely and prevent falls, which can lead to brain and other injuries. Check with your health care provider if you haven’t been active and want to start a vigorous exercise program.



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The Return to Bard Mansion Halloween Fundraiser will be an upcoming formal night out.

Upcoming new and exciting mental health fundraiser events

by Carol Leish, MA

The Turning Point Foundation in Ventura is having two upcoming fund-raising events. These events will be fun events to be able to help to provide: hope, a haven, and healing to improve the quality of lives for those in need of help. The Mission Statement of the Turning Point Foundation is: ‘To improve the quality of life for adults experiencing serious mental illness, addiction, lack of housing, and inadequate physical health care.’

Exploration Mental Health will be an upcoming Scavenger Hunt. Participants will visit unique locations in Ventura, Oxnard, and Camarillo that relate to mental health. The mission will be to complete tasks along the way. Prizes will be awarded to various winners!

An email with the event map will be sent out on September 8th, 2023 at 10:00am to the email addresses provided at checkout. September 8th will be your start date and time. Remember to check your spam and junk folders. You will have from September 8th to September 13th, 2023 at 5:00pm to complete the scavenger hunt. The top 5 players (winners) to correctly finish first will receive their choice of prizes (listed below). The prizes are valued between \$150-\$200. All other players who correctly complete the hunt by the deadline will receive consolation prizes. Only registered players will receive the event hunt map and are eligible to win.

The prizes for the scavenger hunt include: 1) A \$150 Costco Gift Card; 2) A \$200 Patagonia Gift Card; 3) Magic Castel VIP Guest Pass for 4; and 4) various trips (whale watching and going to local islands), by Island Packers Visit: www.turningpointfoundation.org/explorationmentalhealth to register for the excitement!

The Return to Bard Mansion Halloween Fundraiser will be an upcoming formal night out (October 28th starting at 6:30pm), in what is known as a haunted mansion! You will gain exclusive access to the Bard Family’s 1912 Mansion, which is located on the Port Hueneme Naval Base. It will be an unforgettable evening that will include a dinner (prime rib, chicken plicata or vegetarian), with either wine, water or coffee or tea, and dessert. Magic from the Magic Castle magician Ron Saylor will highlight the evening. Comedy will be provided by, Big Tom. Ghost tours and a Silent Auction will also be included! You will be able to explore parts of the mansion that most people have never seen. This will include seeing the attic

and the basement.

All proceeds from this Halloween Fundraiser event on October 28th benefit the Turning Point Foundation. To register, visit: www.turningpointfoundation.org/bardmansionhalloween. While having fun, you will be helping those who are becoming more hopeful through having a haven and receiving healing through the services that Turning Point Foundation provides to them.

Ventura Water Pure Project Continued from page 2

drinking water standards. An Ocean Outfall pipeline has been designed to discharge concentrate to support excess flows of tertiary treated water during rainy seasons. The Ventura Water Pure Program will allow Ventura to meet legal requirements, improve water quality, and secure a new local source of drinking water that is drought resistant.

Many communities in California, and across the nation are implementing advanced water purification systems similar to the Ventura water pure program.

Residents in the Ventura Marina and Portside Community, upon hearing the presentation had some concerns about construction regarding liquefaction, blowing dust, strong prevailing winds, noise levels and vibrations from the drilling and pipe driver process. Increased water rates are also an issue of concern.

Questions were also raised regarding Harbor crossing and traffic control. The traffic pattern will change but access to businesses and residents will be maintained. There may be some one-way traffic concerns but there will be flaggers directing traffic and access to businesses and residences.

What’s visible so far on Harbor Blvd is the parking lot on Schooner and Harbor which will be a temporary boat storage with fencing, access, and security cameras. Boats will be moved from the Derecktor Shipyard to Schooner and Harbor Blvd temporarily from the dry docks near Harbor Town.

This project is slated to begin soon after Labor Day 2023. The off shore pipeline construction will begin in Winter/Spring of 2023 and is projected to be completed by summer 2024. Updates on the project can be found at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/OceanOutfall or by calling 805-500-8103





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The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) is thrilled to announce their participation in Clear The Shelters, the nationwide pet adoption event organized by NBC Universal. This one-day pet adoption event will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 2023, from 11:00am - 5:00pm at both the Camarillo and Simi Valley Animal Shelters. Shelter Director, Jackie Rose, says "The goal of Clear The Shelters is to find a loving home for every available animal in our care!"

To assist residents with the initial cost associated with adopting a shelter animal, VCAS will be waiving all pet adoption fees, though a small pet license fee may apply. Adoption gifts provided by Hill's Science Diet, VCA Animal Hospital, and Assemblymember Steve Bennett.

Eventgoers are encouraged to preview shelter animals online at www.vcas.us/pets to see who they may be interested in adopting. Shelter officials estimate there will be over 300 animals to choose from at this event, including dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, rabbits, and other furry friends. "With the shelter running at 110% capacity, Clear The Shelters could not have come at a better time!" Said Marketing Manager, Randy Friedman.

VCAS wishes to remind everyone that promotions do not guarantee

the adoption of a shelter pet and that all interested parties must participate in the full adoption process to ensure the best possible matches are made.

National Dog Day is on August 26, so celebrate your furry friends in the best ways possible way. Dogs have been with us for at least 14,000 years. Take them for a nice walk, treat them their favorite food and toys. A great opportunity to adopt a dog.

Dogs are a man's best friend for a reason, so why not celebrate them? These furry friends range in all different shapes, sizes, and breeds. There is a dog out there for everyone! Whether you like big dogs or small dogs, every pup should be celebrated on National Dog Day.

This holiday was created in 2004 by Colleen Paige, a Pet & Family Lifestyle Expert and animal advocate. She created this day so that all dogs can be celebrated and also to draw attention to the number of dogs in shelters and to encourage adoption to those who have yet to find a place to call home. August 26 is significant to Colleen because it is the day her family adopted her Sheltie when she was 10 years old.

Since the first celebration in 2004, National Dog Day has grown and is now celebrated across the world. In 2013 the holiday was written into New York legislation and can be seen on the New York State Senate's website.

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

DJ short for "Don Juan" loves to get into things like crawling in a dryer to be able to snuggle with warm clean clothes. He also gets into wastebaskets if they're not closed tight. He likes sitting in a basket for bicycle rides and chasing squirrels. He's a "chick magnet" when he takes walks with his owner. He's a real sweetie and loves to snuggle.



Join Scamp Club

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

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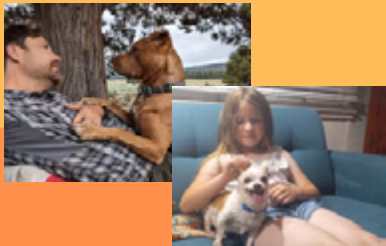
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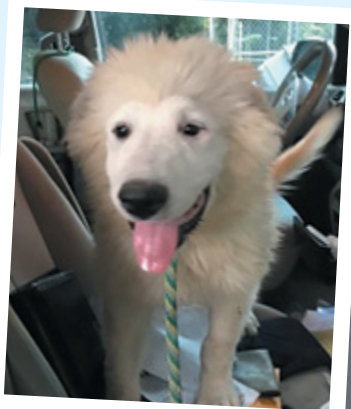
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Police Reports

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.

Stabbing-Homicide

On August 12, at about midnight the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a stabbing that just occurred in the 3400 Block of Preble Av. Responding officers located one male adult in an apartment suffering from a stab wound to his upper body. Additional officers located the suspect running from the scene. The Victim was transported to the Ventura

County Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives responded and took over the investigation. The initial investigation revealed that the victim and suspect were roommates. They were involved in a verbal altercation inside their apartment when the suspect stabbed the victim one time in the upper torso.

The suspect, Christopher Rayhogan (9-6-03), was arrested and booked into Ventura County Jail for 187 PC Murder.

Anyone with any additional information about this incident is asked to call Detective Tovar at 339-4462

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

Wednes 8/2

6:05pm, dispatched to a child locked in a vehicle at the Portside apartments. Officers responded with VFD, found vehicle in carport and were able to gain entry to the vehicle to release the small child to their parents.

Thursday 8/3

3:15pm, observed two Personal Watercraft exiting the Keys in violation of speed and wake ordinance. Made contact, issued warnings and conducted safety inspection that uncovered out of date registration.

Friday 8/4

2:05pm, received report of hazardous material spill near the trash enclosures in the Harbor Village. Officers assisted VPD maintenance with containment. Harrison trash will fully clean up the accident tomorrow.

Saturday 8/5

9:37am, received report of a hazard to navigation, capsized peddle boat in the main channel of the keys. Officers responded, found, towed the vessel to dock.

Sunday 8/6

8:40am, assisting State Parks with lifeguard tryouts at San Buena Ventura Beach. Officers responded in Rescue B19 and Rescue personal watercraft to monitor 65 lifeguard candidates participating in timed swim tests.

9:45am, observed two kayaks capsized at the harbor entrance. Officer on the Rescue personal watercraft took the two persons onboard and towed the kayaks to the longdock for dewatering and re-launching of the vessels.

4:33pm, observed two kayaks in distress on the outside of the South Jetty of the Harbor. Officers were in the Fireboat, pulled three victims onto the boat and towed two kayaks back into Harbor Cove, dropping off victims there also.

Tuesday 8/8

10:00am, officers attending ocean rescue training with Oxnard, Ventura and Ventura County Fire departments near Oxnard Shores. The Fireboat and Rescue Watercraft were utilized to practice lifeguarding rescue techniques. 4:45pm, received report of an injured sealion near VWM A-dock. Relayed Channel Islands Marine Wildlife Inst (CIMWI) contact info 805 567-1505.

Wednes 8/9

1:10am, found an unresponsive female in the Launch ramp restrooms. Officers were able to gain response, remove her from the restroom, assist calling friend. 8:10pm, issued warning for blinding lights to Fishing vessel Endeavor.

Thursday 8/10

11:55pm, while on patrol, officers removed local transients from L/R restroom's.

Friday 8/11

4:40pm, received request for safety equipment requirements. Officers assisted boater with "ABC's" of boating and requirements for a 16ft motor vessel. 10:10pm, observed 40 young adults at Surfers Knoll preparing for a beach fire. Officers informed the group of the ordinances for illegal fires. The group left.

Saturday 8/12

10:20am, dispatched to a stingray strike, fisherman was struck near Harbor Cove 12:25p, officers contacted, then removed an illegal fruit stand vendor at Harbor Cove. The vendor unwillingly complied, advised they need permits to operate.

Sunday 8/13

12:59am, dispatched to Portside complex for a fall victim. Officers responded with AMR/VFD and assisted the elder male up and onto his bed, no injuries.

4:35pm, observed "Swan" peddle boat beset by the strong winds, in danger of colliding with moored vessels. Officers in RB19 were able to take the vessel en tow back to the rental dock. Later, found 2 rental SUP paddlers needing a tow.

Monday 8/14

3:05pm, observed a large motor vessel on the rip rap near Patrol Office. Officers responded in Rescue B19 and by foot to assist the disabled vessel.

The vessel was taken en tow to their slip in the boatyard haul out dock.

Tuesday 8/15

1:32pm, received report of commercial vessel pumping petroleum into the harbor. Officers investigated, found a sheen but were unable to locate the source. Multiple vessels appeared to be suspicious, could have caused the spill

Jeff Lambert returns Continued from page 1

John Polansky, the Chair of the board, is ecstatic that the BOC was able to successfully reach an agreement with Mr. Lambert. "The entire Board of Commissioners is looking forward to partnering with Mr. Lambert and HACSB's talented team to continue the vital work of providing safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities and support services to help meet the needs of the most vulnerable residents in the City of Ventura", said Polanskey.

Jeff, eager to get started in the new role stated, "I have had the pleasure



On August 12, Shih Tzu Amelia held a Paw-ty to celebrate her 13th birthday. She invited all of her dog friends who were told they could bring their humans. Pizza, salad and drinks were served plus a dog cake and a human cake.

Amelia lives at Portside Ventura Harbor so when mom Chris takes her for a walk she gets to enjoy the harbor and the boats sailing by.

of working with and following the great work of the Housing Authority for more than a decade. I am thrilled to join this amazing team and to continue to work to serve our residents and the Ventura community. I cannot wait to get started!"

"I am excited about the next phase of growth that the Housing Authority is entering, and Jeff will be able to lead the agency in its next phase of development, said outgoing CEO, Denise Wise.

Jeff Lambert will resume his post on August 28, 2023, with a starting salary of \$225,000.

The HACSB is the largest residential landlord in the City of Ventura with more than 1,480 Housing Choice Vouchers and 1097 affordable rental units. The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura is to provide and develop quality affordable housing for eligible low-income residents of Ventura County and to establish strong partnerships necessary for HACSB customers to achieve personal goals related to literacy and education; health and wellness; and job training and employment leading to personal growth and economic self-sufficiency.

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Raise funds to get the historic Ventura Pier reopened. Photo by Michael Gordon.

Tickets on Sale for “Pier Under the Stars”

Tickets are now on sale for Pier Under the Stars—the 28th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier on Saturday, October 7th, from 4-7pm. Each year more than 500 residents and visitors attend this beachfront culinary event adjacent to the pier to sample the county’s best food, wine and spirits provided by over 25 area businesses. This year the event is needed more than ever to raise funds to get the historic Ventura Pier reopened.

Restaurants, cafes, wineries and breweries serve their signature dishes and beverages from tented booths along the seaside Promenade while guests enjoy live music and dancing under the

stars and an amazing silent auction. The sell-out event hosted by Pier into the Future—a non-profit organization--“is a much anticipated community gathering of friends that raises funds for our beloved Pier”, said Pier Into the Future Executive Director Jenise Wagar-Hernandez. The organization was founded by a group of dedicated community leaders, in partnership with the City of Ventura, to establish an endowment fund to maintain and enhance the historic Ventura Pier for future generations to enjoy. The organization has contributed over \$1,128,000 to the City of Ventura over the last 30 years to enhance the Pier.

General admission tickets are \$95 and include food and beverage tasting and a commemorative Pier wine glass. A limited number of VIP tickets are offered at \$185. VIP tickets include all of the benefits associated with General Admission, plus a reserved seat at a VIP table along the promenade and a special wine tasting in the VIP area.

Tickets are available on line at www.eventbrite.com.

Visit www.pierintothefuture.org for more information.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Wanna Play Bridge? Join us for ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge games. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. 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. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Website with more information can be found at <https://venturacountyphilatelicsoc.org>

Meet up at the end of Seward near the beach. (1140 S Seward St) 8:30-10:30 a.m. Arrive any time during the timeframe. Fun for the whole family! Supplies provided BYO water.

Sept. 3: Old-Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Assoc. Sunday 2-4 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. Live Music on stage. Jamming in the Canada Room. Free admission and parking. Open to the Public. For more information call 805-517-1131 or visit Facebook: OTCBGMA Current Ventura County Covid regulations will apply.

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

Sept. 5 & 19: 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 of each month. Men of all descriptions are welcome to stop to sample our shenanigans. Lyle Hotzler at 805-341-9820

Sept. 5 – Mary Cathcart from the Community Memorial Hospital. She’s an officer in the Auxiliary and will speak on the many men and women that volunteer in the many services of the hospital. This ranges from the pharmacy and ICU to greeters and those in records. It’s a very rewarding activity with varied work days and reasonable hours. They’re always in need of people who have leadership skills.

Sept. 19 – Bob Harris from the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation. Should be an informative talk on the needs and services available for veterans on the central coast. I imagine we will get some interesting stories about unusual cases of veterans in our community.

Sept. 5: Beach City Neighbors and Newcomers (BCNN) - Women’s social organization serving women in Oxnard, Ventura, and Port Hueneme. Wednesday from 9:30 -

11:15 a.m. at the Ventura Yacht Club. 1755 Spinnaker Dr. The speakers are Kellie Tyndall and Deputy District Attorney Melissa McMurdo. They both will discuss prevention and everything available in our community. BCNN has dozens of small groups off-shoots, from sports activities to wine tasting, bridge, games, book groups, and more.

Sept. 8: Sespe Fly Fishers of Ventura will be conducting our monthly “First Saturday” introductory Fly Rod Casting and Intro to Fly Fishing clinic. It will be on September 8 due to the Labor Day Weekend. There is no charge and all are welcome. Whether you are an experienced fly fisher or a complete novice we want to help you improve your casting and learn to enjoy this great sport. If you don’t yet have a fly rod, don’t worry, just come and use one of ours. Please join us at Chumash Park, Petit and Waco, 9:00 to 11:00 am, in East Ventura, off Telephone Rd. For everyone’s safety we ask all those attending to please comply with any current recommendations by the Ventura County Health Department.

The Bookmark

About Libraries and Friends

by Mary Olson

The Ventura County Library has announced its sixth annual One County, One Book community reading program. One County, One Book aims to unite the Ventura County community around a common narrative, spreading interest in and facilitating discussions about the selected book.

This year’s One County, One Book selection is *Solito*, by Javier Zamora. *Solito* is Zamora’s memoir of his migration from El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine. To participate in One County, One Book, pick up a copy of *Solito* from one of the 12 library branches or Mobile Library. In addition to regular holdings, each library branch will have an Honor Book Shelf set up with additional copies.

Throughout September, 2023, people across the county will have a chance to attend discussions and other special events related to the themes of the selection.

Cal Lutheran will present a panel of professors— Dr. Julia Fogg, Dr. Jamshid Damooei, and Dr. Jose Alfredo Torres—who will talk about border crossings, the criminalization of immigration, and the economic impact of immigrants in Ventura County. This event will take place in Cal Lutheran’s Lundring Events Center at 7 pm on Thursday, September 21. For more information about the panel, contact Michaela Reaves at reaves@CalLutheran.edu or (805) 493-3381.

Hill Road Library’s Book Club will discuss *Solito* at the September meeting, 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 26. For more information on this Book Club, please email Linda.Cherry@ventura.org.

The One County, One Book capstone event will be an author presentation by Javier Zamora that will be held as part of the Ventura County Celebration of Books and will take place on September 30 at 2 pm on the campus of CSU Channel Islands. The presentation will be in English, with Spanish translation available.

The 2023 One County, One Book



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The Ventura County Library Foundation is hosting an author reception prior to the author talk featuring A Taste of Central America. Attendees enjoy lunch, complimentary paperback copy of Solito, and book signing with the author. Tickets are required for the author reception and can be purchased for \$75 each at www.vclibraryfoundation.org. Proceeds support the Library Foundation.

E.P. Foster's Young Readers Book Club meets on Saturday, August 26, 1:00 to 2:00 pm to discuss The Human Kaboom by Adam Rubin & create a character sheet (DND style)

For children ages 9-12 (4th or 5th grade reading level).

Ventura Friends of the Library invite you to visit our Bookstore in E.P. Foster Library

Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 pm

We also invite you to browse anytime at our Online Bookstore for local sales. <https://venturafol-107753.square.site/s/shop> In August, Notable Books for Youth are 10% off! Just order and pick up at the bookstore in E.P. Foster in as few as two days.

The Topping Room in E.P. Foster will be a stop in Art Walk Ventura, September 23 & 24. Ventura Friends of the Library will be participating. In 2019, the Friends received a generous donation of original watercolors and photographs from the family of Hank and Susan Stoutz. A selection of these works will be offered for sale at the Art Walk, along with a selection of Art, Architecture and Photography books.

Autism Society Ventura County

Autism Society Ventura County (ASVC) has been serving Ventura County since 1994. Our mission is to create connections, allowing everyone in the Autism community to live fully. Our Board of Directors are comprised of individuals on the Autism spectrum, Parents, Service Providers and Community members. 1 in 36 babies born today will be diagnosed with Autism according to the CDC. At ASVC, we work to make sure that individuals with Autism and their families have access to the best that Ventura County has to offer.

Some of our year-round programs are: Parent and Caretaker Support Groups, Young Adult Support Groups, Young Adult Social Groups at fun locations like Zander's Game House in Camarillo, Virtual Art Classes for Kids, Teens, and Young Adults, Everyone has a Story: Bookclub and Writing Workshops, Advocacy trainings and informational seminars, and so much more! You can find us at community events around the county providing support and information to individuals and families who need us, and the community at large. We have many ongoing initiatives, including a health equity program and an active advocacy committee.

We hope you will join us at our World's Largest Jigsaw Puzzle Marathon at Pacific View Mall from September 15-24! Tickets are on sale now at tinyurl.com/asvcpuzzlemarathon. Complete this 60,000 piece puzzle with us over 10 days. The puzzle is split into sixty 1,000-piece puzzles, so gather your team and spend a few hours with us! This fund-

raiser allows us to expand our programs to meet the needs of our community in Ventura County.

Here are some of our other upcoming events that you won't want to miss: Our 2023 Awesome in Autism Awards on 10/19 at Wood Ranch Country Club in Simi Valley. Nominations are accepted through 9/4- help us recognize the heroes in our community. In January 2024, join us for the first ever Celebrating the Autistic Mind Art Show at the Museum of Ventura County. From January 11-14, we will be showing art from our wonderfully diverse and talented community. Join us in April 2024 for our 12th Annual Aut2Run!

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to stay up to date with our programs and events. For more information about Autism Society Ventura County, check out www.Autismventura.org, or e-mail programs@autismventura.org. For sponsorship and donor information, reach out to Katrina@autismventura.org.

The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children opens Bright Space at The City Center

The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children will be opening a Bright Space at The City Center, 837 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura, on Thursday, August, 24. Bright Spaces, the signature program of the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, provide engaging environments for play that are cheerful, inviting, safe, and fun, and support non-profits like The City Center and the children and families in their care. The Bright Horizons Foundation has created over 300 Bright Spaces in the United States. This Bright Space will be a play space for families with young children who are experiencing homelessness.

The City Center provides a safe place for homeless families to learn the skills need to become productive members of society.

"Our goal with Bright Spaces is to give children the opportunities they deserve to develop resilience and form stronger bonds with their families and other caring adults. We strive to promote healing, offer nurturing and stimulating activities, and provide a stable, enriching environment for each child who walks through the door," stated Yvonne Lynch, President of The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children.

Bright Spaces are customized based on the needs of the non-profit organization. The space created at City Center will allow preschool-aged and school aged children to experience a sense of normalcy and stability through play and learning. Through the collaboration between Bright Horizons foundation for Children, Amgen Foundation, The Rotary Club East, and a very special donor Fred C. Ferro, there is new furniture, toys, learning materials, and computers. Each area was intentionally designed to engage a variety of ages. The walls are adorned with beautiful candid photos of the children living at The City

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Autism Society Ventura County

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by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

I cannot believe Labor Day is almost here and with it what most call the “end of summer.” Of course, nothing could be further from the truth as summer doesn’t official end until Friday, September 22, and even then, we typically have warm gorgeous weather up until the middle of October. But I’m not a weather person and all I care about is that we have live music all year round! So, let’s get started...

Spencer Makenzie has outgrown their original location on the public street next to their restaurant and they’re now hosting their annual Throw Down Cornhole Festival at the Ventura County Fairs. Along with all the competition will be live music featuring Morie & the Heavy Hitters, Acoustic DNA, and Prince Again on Friday, August 25; then on Saturday the 26, it’s Highway Starr and Whiskey Business. This is a ticketed event.

There’s free admission for the Hueneme Beach Fest, but do plan to spend money on parking (\$10, though a free shuttle will be provided as well) and carnival rides and of course all the delicious food offered by all the food vendors. Along with all the arts and crafts vendors and chalk art exhibition, there will be plenty of live music both days with Morie and the Heavy Hitters, Joyas Prestadas (tribute to Jenni Rivera), and Led Zepagain on Saturday, August 26, then it’s Always Tina, Anything for Selena and Britain’s Finest on Sunday, the 27 of August.

The Rubicon Theatre hosts The Platters, Many Voices ONE name, for five shows over the weekend of August 25 through the 27 with two shows on Friday and Saturday. You’ll enjoy timeless classics such as “Only You,” “The Great Pretender,” “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes,” My Prayer,” and more. Find out more at RubiconTheatre.org.

Oh! And don’t forget the Oxnard Jazz Festival falls over the weekend of September 9 and 10 at Oxnard State Beach. Secure tickets at OxnardJazzFestival.com.

Quick Notes: adding to the list of venues offering open mic/jam nights is Café Fiore on Tuesdays; As of press time, only the first of two nights has sold out for The Offspring at the Majestic Ventura Theater (Tuesday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 18); Rock the Collection kicks off their summer concert (while others are wrapping theirs up) with Bruno and the Hooligans on Wednesday, August 23; City of Caterpillar, the Discussion and Head Cut play Gigi’s on Saturday August 26; Music Under the Stars wraps up the summer season with Lisa Haley & the Zydekats on Saturday, August 26; Neon Blonde plays Sans Souci on Saturday, August 26; Bell Arts Factory hosts Juan D. Mendoza on Sunday, August 27; The Trivle Omdobble plays Topa Topa Brewing on Sunday, August 27; and there’s an extra night of music at Leashless on Tuesday, August 29 with Spring Loaded Band;

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

Aqua Beachfront Bar (Crown Plaza)
450 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura
Sat 9/2: Rey Fresco

Bell Arts
432 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura
Sun 8/27: Juan D. Mendoza

Boatyard Pub
1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura
Music 6-9; except Sundays 4-7
Mondays: Jason Ho

Wednesdays: Frank Barajas
Thursdays: Jim Friery; Bluegrass Jam
Fri 8/25: Mack and D
Sat 8/26: Flattop Tom
Sun 8/27: Ken Devoe
Tues 8/29: Karen Eden & the Bad Apples

Café Fiore
66 California St., Ventura
Tuesdays: Open Mic and Jam

Cantara Cellars
126 N. Wood Rd., Camarillo
Fri 8/25: Heathers on Fire
Sat 8/26: Cash Cats

The Cave
4435 McGrath St., Ventura
Wed & Thurs: Bobby Apostol
Fri & Sat: Warren Takahashi
Tues 8/29: Benjamin Hillel

Copper Blues
591 Collection Blvd., Oxnard
Wed 8/23: Checkered Past
Fri 8/25: Heller Highwater
Sat 8/26: Los Amigos (11 am); NDR CVR SPR GRP (7 pm)
Sun 8/27: Red Rhythm
Fri 9/1: Caliente 805
Sat 9/2: Strange Days

Copa Cubana
Ventura Harbor Village
Mondays: Glenn Bennett
Tuesdays: Blues Tuesdays
Sun 8/27: Freddie and Friends
Sun 9/3: The House Arrest Band

Deer Lodge
2261 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai
Fri 8/25: Daily Specials
Sat 8/26: Virtual Nobodies
Wed 8/30: Alabaster Deplume
Fri 9/1: Glenn Annie, Will Warden

Four Brix
2290 Eastman Ave., Ventura
(Fridays 6-8:30; Sundays 1-3:30)
Sun 8/27: Smokey & Friends
Sun 9/3: Cary Park

Garage
1091 Scandia Ave., Ventura
Fri 8/25: Buena Onda
Sat 8/26: Bombafiya

Gigi’s Cocktails
2493 Grand Ave., Ventura
Sat 8/26: City of Caterpillar, The Discussion, Head Cut

The Grape
2733 E. Main St., Ventura
Tues: The Gratitude Jazz Jam
Wed 8/23: Tom Rizzo Group
Thurs 8/24: Little Wooden Bridge
Fri 8/25: Phoenix Big Band
Sat 8/26: Heart of Blues (2 pm); Jonathan Stout & his Campus Five (8 pm)
Thurs 8/31: Skip Spiro’s 10 Piece Jazz/Blues Project
Sat 9/2: Ray Jaurique Band (2 pm); Paul McCallum & Friends (8 pm)

Harbor Cove Café
1867 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura
Saturdays 10 am: The Cool Hand Ukes
Fri 8/25: Sea Hunters
Sat 8/26: The Rincons
Fri 9/1: CocoKnots
Sat 9/2: Rising Son

Harbor View Park: Concerts by the Sea
3850 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard (4-6 pm)
Sat 8/26: Ignition
Sat 9/2: Brandon Ragan Project

High Street Arts Center
45 E. High St., Moorpark
Fri 9/1: Laurel Canyon Band

Sat 9/2: U2xPerience
Sun 9/3: Surf City Allstars

Hueneme Beach Fest:
E. Surfside Dr., Port Hueneme
Sat 8/26: Morie and the Heavy Hitters, Joyas Prestadas, Led Zepagain
Sun 8/27: Always Tina, Anything for Serena, Britain’s Finest

Keynote Lounge
10245 Telephone Rd., Ventura
Thursdays: Open Mic
Fri 8/25: Reign
Sat 8/26: The Balance

Leashless Brewing
585 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura
Thurs 8/24: Singer/Songwriter Open Mic Night
Fri 8/25: Steph’s Rockin’ Roadshow
Sat 8/26: Mark Masson (2 pm); Grooveshine (7 pm)
Sun 8/27: Soul Majestic
Tues 8/29: Spring Loaded Band
Fri 9/1: Top Shelf
Sat 9/2: B-Foundation
Mon 9/4: One People

Libbey Bowl
210 S. Signal St., Ojai
Thurs 8/24: Belinda Carlisle
Sun 8/27: Ojai Pops Orchestra
Fri 9/1: Dionne Warwick
Sat 9/2: Gino Vannelli

Majestic Ventura Theater
26 S. Chestnut St., Ventura
Sun 8/27: Atreyu & Memphis May Fire
Fri 9/1: Common Kings
Sun 9/3: De Parranda con la Banda

Manhattan
5800 Santa Rosa Rd., Camarillo
Wed 8/23: Robert Van
Fri 8/25: Tour Support
Sat 8/26: Jeanne Tatum
Wed 8/30: Warren Takahashi

Margarita Villa
1567 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura
Thurs 8/24: John Franco
Fri 8/25: Operation 90s
Sat 8/26: Crosscut 805
Sun 8/27: CRV
Fri 9/1: Dive Bar Messiahs
Sat 9/2: Vinyl Gypsies
Sun 9/3: Doc Rogers Band
Mon 9/4: Los Amigos

Music Under the Stars
Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olvias Park Dr., Ventura
Sat 8/26: Lisa Haley & the Zydekats

Namba Arts
47 S. Oak St., Ventura
Fri 8/25: The Listening Room Redux
Sat 9/2: Mary Scholz

Ojai Valley Brewing
307 Bryant St., Ojai
Fri 8/25: Jayden Secor Band
Sat 8/26: Kid Memphis
Sat 9/2: Beau Red and the Tailor Made

Ojai Underground Exchange
616 Pearl St., Ojai
Sat 8/26: Aurora

Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard
Fri 8/25: Louie the Singer
Sat 9/2: Lisa Lisa

Peirano’s
204 E. Main St., Ventura
Thursdays: Mack and D
Sat 8/26: Frank Barajas
Sun 8/27: Mack and D
Tues 8/29: Olivia Mucha, Dylan Brehm, Michael Henszey, Dawn Lunsford, Gaby Montiel, Krystal Park

Poinsettia Pavilion
3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura
Sun 9/3: Old-Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Assoc.

Poseidon Brewing
5777 Olivas Park Dr., Ventura
Fri 9/1: Cocoknots

The Raven Tavern
1651 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard

Fri & Sat 8 pm; Sunday 2 pm
Fri 8/25: Brandon Ragan Project
Sat 8/26: Black Mountain Thieves
Sun 8/27: Doc Rogers
Fri 9/1: Operation 90s
Sat 9/2: Delta by the Beach
Sun 9/3: Vinny Berry

Rock the Collection
2751 Park View Ct., Oxnard
Wed 8/23: Bruno and the Hooligans

The Rubicon Theatre
1006 E. Main St., Ventura
Fri 8/25: The Platters (2 shows)
Sat 8/26: The Platters (2 shows)
Sun 8/27: The Platters

San Souci
21 S. Chestnut St., Ventura
Sat 8/26: Neon Blonde

The Shores
1031 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard
Fri 8/25: Doc Ventura & Eddie (4 pm); CRV (8:30 pm)
Sat 8/26: The Jazzmen Suites
Sun 8/27: No Biggee

The Six
419 W. Main St., Ventura
Mon 7/31: Stuuuu’s Open Mic
Fri 9/1: Twisted Gypsy
Sat 9/2: Kimo Moya & Da Island Style

Spencer Mackenzie’s Throw Down Cornhole Festival
Fairgrounds; 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura
Fri 8/25: Morie & the Heavy Hitters, Acoustic DNA, Prince Again
Sat 8/26: Highway Starr, Whiskey Business

Strey Cellars
951 N. Rice Ave., Oxnard
Sat 8/26: Vinyl Gypsies
Sun 8/27: Holgers Heros
Sat 9/2: Ignition

Tony’s Pizzeria
186 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura
Wed 8/23: Caught Red Handed
Thurs 8/24: Stoneflies
Sun 8/27: Heart & Soul

Topa Topa Brewing
2024 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo
Fri Aug 25: The Virtual Nobodies

Topa Topa Brewing
4880 Colt St., Ventura
Sun 8/27: The Trivle Omdobble

The Twist on Main
454 E. Main St., Ventura
Fri 8/25: Brobots
Sun 8/27: Jack Keough; Jetlemons, Chris Murphy

Vaquero y Mar
435 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura
Sundays: Mariachi
Tuesdays: The Sea Hunter
Wednesdays: Tribal Me
Fridays: Conjunto Zacamandu

Ventura Music Hall
1888 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura
Sat 8/26: Dogstar
Fri 9/1: Lil Rob

Waterside
3500 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard
Thurs 8/24: Déjà vu Too
Fri 8/25: Bushwackers
Sat 8/26: Goleta Sound
Sun 8/27: Tres CocoKnots
Thurs 8/31: Vinny Berry

Winchesters
632 E. Main St., Ventura
Music Thurs 5:30; Fri 7 pm; Sat 3 pm; Sun 3 pm
Thurs 8/24: Steve and Sally Williams
Fri 8/25: Doc Ventura
Sat 8/26: Blown Over
Sun 8/27: 4 on the Floor
Tues 8/29: Blues Jam featuring Bobby Hart
Thurs 8/31: Karyn 805
Fri 9/1: Brittney & Ben
Sat 9/2: Mack and D
Sun 9/3: Medicine Hat
Mon 9/4: Nautical Thrust





Bonny Butler in her home studio



Separated Only by a Curtain, hard maple
- John Parker

Creative self-expression unites three artists whose divergent subject and media choices will yield concurrent solo exhibitions Sept. 1-Oct. 28 in Studio 99, Buenaventura Art Association's gallery and headquarters at Bell Arts Factory in Ventura.

They are **Jennifer Krosch** of Ventura, **John Parker** of Camarillo and **Bonny Butler**, who lives in Oxnard. Krosch and Butler are painters; Parker carves and incises maple hardwood wall art.

All three plan to be on hand to discuss their artworks and techniques at First Friday open gallery receptions 6-9 p.m. on Sept. 1 and Oct. 6 and during several open studio hours for Ventura's annual ArtWalk, slated 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 23 and 24.

Buenaventura Art Association, founded in 1954, occupies Studio 99 at 432 N. Ventura Ave., which is open noon-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and has an outlet at Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts and a display at SpiceTopia, a Main Street retail store.

Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts, at 1559 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 106, in Ventura Harbor, is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week. SpiceTopia, at 576 E. Main St., is also open daily, but the hours vary.

For more about BAA and its programs, call the gallery at 805-648-1235 or visit buenaventuraartassociation.org

A special exhibition of the art of **Michael O'Kelly** is showing at the Binkley Healing Center located at 961 E. Main in Ventura. It features original oil painting, pen and ink drawings on gold leaf and limited edition reproductions on glazed metal. Schedule a guided tour with the artist: 805-701-4488 or mokart50@gmail.com. The show runs for about 10 weeks and will have four more openings.



The Ventura Pottery Gallery at Ventura Harbor invites you to join us at our Fourth Annual Marvelous Mug Marketplace September 9 & 10 from 11-6. Over 40 local potters have been hard at work producing unique, functional mugs for your daily enjoyment. Short ones, tall ones, wide ones, colorful ones, funny ones, gorgeous ones.

Don't miss the popular Harbor Art and Street Painting Festival when visiting the Gallery. The Ventura Pottery Gallery is located at 1567 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105 in Ventura Harbor. The gallery is open seven days a week from 11-6.

Can't make it to the Gallery? Please visit our Online Store at www.venturapotteryonline.com.



Ventura Art Scene

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WHEN: AUGUST 26TH 2023 11AM-3PM

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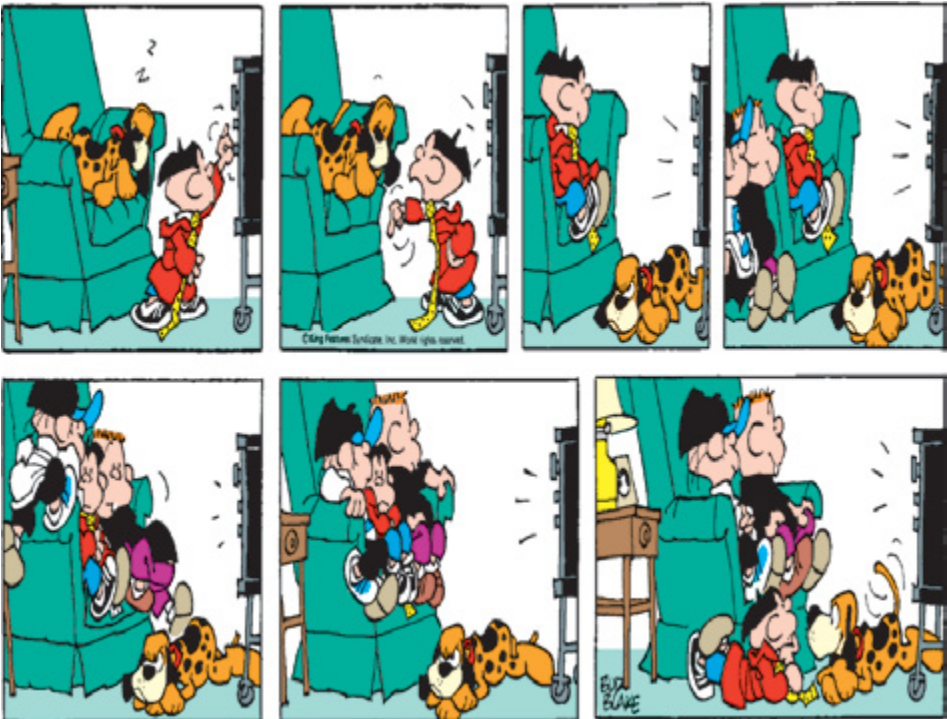
ART WALK AT THE SHORES IS A GROUP EFFORT BY RESIDENT & LOCAL ARTISTS AND VOLUNTEERS LIVING IN THE SHORES TO HELP BUILD A STRONGER SENSE OF COMMUNITY WHILE SHOWCASING THEIR MANY TALENTS IN VARIOUS MEDIA FOR VIEW/SALE.



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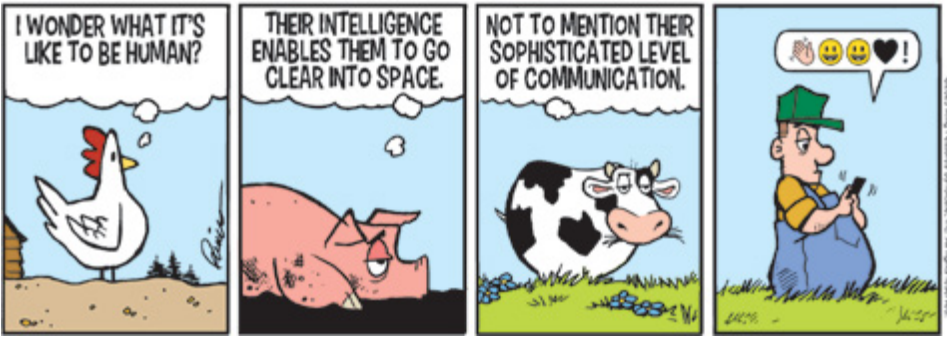
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Out on a Limb



Amber Waves



Play Better Golf with Jack Nicklaus



Solutions on page 13

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

8	5			2		9	
		3	9				6
	4				7		2
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Solutions on page 13

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Solidify
4 Tummy muscles
7 Rum cake
11 Sir Guinness
13 Cistern
14 Modern taxi rival
15 Wife of Jacob
16 Melody
17 Shoe fillers
18 Wash thoroughly
20 Canadian flag emblem
22 Uncivilized
24 Prepared potatoes
28 Medium
32 Condition
33 Orem's place
34 Talk on and on
36 Actress Merrill
37 Talk a blue streak?
39 Extreme
41 Tolerate
43 Light brown
44 Tropical tree
46 Salon sounds
50 "— and Away"
53 Charged bit
55 Duel tool
56 Fan publication
57 Bar bill
58 Pro —
59 Mr. Stravinsky

DOWN

1 Guys' dates
2 Power co. supply
3 Tragic king
4 "Selma" director
5 Release money
6 Throat affliction
7 Self-serve meal
8 Honest politician
9 Spell-off
10 Illustrations
12 Communal meal at a place of worship
19 "Humbug!"
21 DDE's opponent
23 Peruke
25 Secular
26 Sicilian spout-or
27 Bargain
28 Brownish purple
29 Dazzle
30 Lawn party site

31 Automobile
35 Cudgel
38 Epoch
40 "— Kapital"
42 Select group
45 Castle defense
47 Apple tablet
48 Anti-fur org.
49 Penn or Astin
50 Submachine gun
51 Glutton
52 Family card game
54 Cagers' gp.

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On Vacation



While vacationing in Kauai Hawaii Edwin Harkins took time to catch up with Ventura news.

Show Time

A View from House Seats

Enjoy the Glamour of The Golden Age

by Shirley Lorraine

Annually, the Fractured Actors Theater Company presents an underground evening of theater and music. Situated in a black box Theater at Liminal Church on Palma Drive, Fractured Actors brings to life Sweet Jay's Speakeasy, located in an inauspicious warehouse in Ventura. Each year brings a new theme, a new look and a thoroughly fun evening.

This year, the Company presents The Golden Age, a Speakeasy Project, a glimpse back to the glamour of the silver screen and Tinseltown of old. As noted in the dialogue, it is a "celebration of celluloid." The theater is subdued in black and red décor with dimmed lighting. Libations are available to add to the atmosphere.

The very talented Ham family leads the action with writing, directing, producing, staging, performing and encouraging participation. The one-acts are written just for each production to fit with the theme. All of the actors, many of them familiar faces from last summer's presentation of a foray into the mysterious Area 51, fully immerse themselves in the folly of this year's offering with some eye-catching costuming and creative staging.

The event's hosts, Anthony Elias Contreras and Cassie Kelso-Bucey, lead the action with clever banter, jokes and quick pacing. Appearing throughout, their charming, easy manner keeps the action moving and the laughs coming.

Employing minimal set pieces, the stage is easily reset for each of the four short plays, all of which take a

tongue-in-cheek approach to what could have been issues of the day in the film business. Actors take on multiple roles throughout, reappearing in new personas. Interspersed with the plays are sultry singers keeping the audience fully in the era. Everyone seems to be having a wonderful time and their enthusiasm easily blankets the audience.

Each of the plays addresses a different aspect of what may have or could have taken place in the Golden Era. Each features opportunities to explore what-ifs and what-could-have-beens. It's a fun ride of possible alternative endings.

From silent movies to telephone operators to "the town's most awkward welcoming committee" with a sweet ending to put a bow on the evening, Fractured Actors brings a unique theatrical experience every summer. So dust off your Fedora, get out the pearls and boas and enjoy an evening of song, film and immersive original one-act plays. Catch this one if you can. If you've never been, go, then mark your calendar to watch for next summer's offering.

Sweet Jay's offers a limited opportunity to catch these engaging evenings. Performances continue August 25-27 and September 1 & 2. Fridays and Saturdays curtain is 8 p.m., Sundays at 5 pm. There is one extra matinee performance at 2 p.m. on September 2. Space is limited so reservations are a must. Most suitable for adults.

fracturedactors@gmail.com for additional information.

brought DVDs of his movies to have him sign as well as running lines with him back at the motel were they were sequestered without outside contacts or even the use of their cell phones.

Halfway through the series, the judge and jury take a field trip to the site involved in the case and of course get themselves in various sorts of trouble. Even though some of the stunts the other jurors pulled were sometimes outrageous, Ronald always kept a calm demeanor and offered help and advise whenever he could since the whole jury viewed him as their leader after being assigned as foreman. Since half the jury was at a different motel than Ronald and James Marsden, they all gathered under the supervision of bailiff Officer Nikki Wilder (Rashida "Sheedz" Olayiwola) at a Mexican restaurant to share some time together but the excursion mainly became a babysitting job for Ronald.

After closing arguments, the jury got sent to the deliberation room to decide on a verdict. It was Ronald's job as the foreman to lead the jury through deliberations and arrive at a unanimous verdict; but the jurors' petty issues and personal drama threatened to derail everything. Eventually Ronald helped guide the group into a unanimous "not guilty" verdict and when he presented the verdict back in court he finally learned that the whole thing was fake. To his surprise, Ronald Gladden received \$100,000 for his participation and the series has received 4 Emmy nominations.

Runtime: 8 - 30m episodes

The Bright Horizons Foundation
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Center, courtesy of Tana Hayes Photography.

The City Center is a transitional living center for homeless families with children in Ventura County, equipping them to rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient. Almost 100% of our graduates do not return to homelessness. We provide our residents with a safe place where they can receive support through counseling, mentoring, case management, financial coaching & employment assistance. They learn life skills necessary for self-sufficiency, acquire transportation, obtain employment, and no longer require government assistance.

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Streaming Spotlight by Cindy Summers

Jury Duty

- Prime Video and Freevee



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

"Jury Duty" is a clever comedic series from the producers of "The Office" and "Bad Trip" that explores the American judicial process as seen by the eyes of the jury, except for the fact that of the 12 jurors, 11 are actors and the twelfth juror Ronald Gladden had no idea that it's all fake. Actor James Marsden plays himself, however a much more conceited celebrity version that ends up getting the whole jury sequestered after paparazzi showed up to the courthouse. Everyone including the judge, bailiff, attorneys and defendants are also all actors and cameras film the whole thing under the pretense that they are doing a documentary about the American justice system which include personal interviews with all of the jurors as they move through the process.

The first episode was jury

selection and the first day it appeared that a number of people were let out of serving due to what seemed trivial reasons. On the second day, a couple of the actors called upon tried the same excuses, but were denied and 11 ended up on the jury with Ronald while James was assigned as the second alternate, Juror #14. Judge Alan Rosen is played by actor Alan Barinholtz who is actually a seasoned attorney of 40 years practicing law in Ohio and Illinois and extremely believable in his role as judge.

The colorful cast playing the other jurors are an eclectic cross-section of interesting personalities and most of the dialog is actually improvised by the actors. In the second episode, the juror the judge assigned as foreman became injured in the deliberation room after a cabinet fell on him, so the judge assigned Ronald and the new foreman and James Marsden moved to first alternate. Ronald had a very positive personality and was always very conscientious toward the other jurors, though had no idea what kind of wrangling he was in for now that he was foreman.

Ronald's first challenge was to keep juror Barbara Goldstein (Susan Berger) from not going to sleep while court was in session, and Judge Rosen stopped the proceedings several times to tell Ronald to do his duty as foreman and keep Barbara awake. Ronald was actually a James Marsden fan and

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The Ventura Chamber held a gala ribbon cutting at Portside Ventura Harbor. Portside is a coastal community with apartments for lease in a spectacular location on Pierpont Bay. It includes studio, one, two, and three bedroom apartments and townhomes with dedicated live/work units, shopping, dining, outdoor recreation, and brand-new marinas. The ribbon cutting featured food, drinks, music and tours of Portside.

Development team representatives included Jim Rosten, Co-Founder and Principal of Benedict Canyon Equities, Michael Sondermann, Owner of Sondermann Enterprises, Jessica Somes, Director of Asset Management at TruAmerica Multifamily, and Greystar’s Rachel Bazdarich, Business Manager for Portside Ventura.

Others attending the festivities were Stephanie Caldwell CEO Ventura Chamber of Commerce, Todd Mitchell of Ventura Harbor, Carrie Glenn of the City of Ventura, District 1 Ventura County Supervisor Matt LaVere, and Atticus Reyes, Field Representative from Assemblymember Steve Bennette’s office and Ventura Breeze publisher Sheldon Brown.

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Photos by Patricia Schallert



Councilmember Doug Halter, Phil Foster Ranger and Doug’s crew working to remove the fountain.

Fountain on the way to VBG

The last remaining fountain E.P. Foster hand crafted has been sitting in front of the former Foster house at 2717 N. Ventura Ave. Orpha (Pearle) Foster gifted the house and 7.5 acres to the school district.

Joa Cahill, VBG Executive Director had been waiting for the right donor to come along and that person finally did. The first canyon as you walk up into the gardens behind city hall will be a 3-stage site called “The Fernery.”

After digging below the base of the fountain they separated it from the much larger base and transported it to Ventura Botanical Gardens. The VBG Fernery site will require at least a year, if not two, to be completed, but it will eventually become a home where thousands of people walking through the gardens will be able to learn about the Fosters and all they did as philanthropists for the betterment of those living within Ventura County from the late 1870’s until 1932 when E.P. passed away.

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