



# VENTURA BREEZE

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"That's a heavy key!"

## Visit Ventura received the Key to the City for X Games success

President and CEO Marlyss Auster accepted the Key to the City from Mayor Joe Schroeder for Visit Ventura's leadership in bringing the X Games to Ventura

Visit Ventura was honored to receive the Key to the City for Visit Ventura's tremendous efforts in bringing the X Games to Ventura. This is just the second time Mayor Schroeder has bestowed a Key to the City as Mayor of Ventura.

"Visit Ventura did so much for the City, not just for this year but for the next decade," said Mayor Schroeder after presenting the Key to the City. "Everything went better than we ever hoped... Visit Ventura showed everybody what can happen when you preplan and you communicate with others."

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## Ventura ArtWalk returns

Ventura is known as one of the most creative communities in Southern California. It's time to focus on the magic that brought many artists and entertainers to our area. ArtWalk is back! This family-friendly event Sept. 23-24, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., featured hundreds of artists in local galleries and creative collaboratives in businesses and other unique spaces. Large art installations, music, poetry, dance and theater will all be a part of this event run by a new and enthusiastic all-volunteer team.

Ventura's long-running and popular arts event took a break during the pandemic and is back, better and larger than ever. Because of the great interest from the arts community, organizers decided on a two-day event to give participants extra time to see all the venues. The route started near Cemetery Park, traveled down Main Street and up Ventura Avenue, encompassing the Library's Topping Room, City Hall, the Crowne Plaza, Ventura Mission, Museum of Ventura County, Vita Art Center, Working Artists Ventura(WAV), Bell Arts Factory and Art City. In between were numerous galleries and businesses featuring local artists and musicians. Two-day pop-up galleries along the route featured even more artists.

The event is also focusing on performing arts. Two stages, the Main Street Stage Downtown and the City Hall Atrium, will feature some of the area's top performers. Highlights will include aerial acrobatics from The Aerial Studio, a performance from the Ventura County Ballet, and sets from local favorite bands Shaky Feelin and the Heavy Hitters. The Rubicon Theatre Company will entertain at City Hall. A third stage by Mission Park featured performance art.

It has not been held since 2019 and was welcomed back by folks enjoying the art and music. Hundreds of artists showed off their wonderful art.

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Exhibits inside Bell Arts Factory



At the County Museum several exhibits for ArtWalk viewers. Photos by Richard Lieberman.

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enlightened  
when I laugh at  
myself.  
— Rabindranat  
Tagore

## City News

The City Council voted in June to admonish Councilmember Mike Johnson and required him to apologize to staff members for bullying. The City Council discussed whether to take away Johnson's committee assignments but decided against it.

As a result Mike Johnson is suing the city for not allowing him to participate in a closed-session meeting that he believes should have been made public and for not giving him an opportunity to defend himself against bullying allegations.

At the meeting in May, the City Council discussed allegations by two city employees accusing Johnson of acting in a hostile and bullying manner during two City Council meetings in 2022.

Johnson's lawsuit alleges the city violated the state's open meeting law by keeping him and the public out of the closed-session meeting and failing to disclose the topic of the meeting. The lawsuit also says that the closed-session meeting prevented Johnson from defending himself.

The state's open meeting law, The Brown Act, prohibits a majority of legislative body members from communicating or taking action on an item outside of an open, public meeting. There are

some exceptions.

The lawsuit demands the city abide by the Brown Act, hold open and public meetings, post an agenda 24 hours before each special meeting with a brief general description of an item and make available to the public any materials distributed.

Johnson's lawsuit also requests the city record the audio of closed-session meetings and preserve them for a period of time.

The Ventura Pier, most of which remains closed to the public because of damage caused by the January storms is anticipated to open early next year.

Construction on the pier should start in late February or early March. It will take 30-45 days to complete the required repairs. Work needs to be done on 7 timber piles and numerous bracings and brackets.

The total estimate for final repairs is about \$1 million. The city is in the process of obtaining funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, and the state for the project.

The pier's front is open so the popular restaurants are accessible.

A long-term project to replace an underground pipe has closed one of three northbound freeway lanes until spring 2024. The effort will impact a half-mile stretch south of California Street. The left lane will be closed. Northbound motorists will use the two right lanes.

The closure will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as weather and other conditions allow, said Jim Medina, a spokesman for the agency.

The pipe replacement is meant to remedy the on-going wet spot along the center median that also can go into the left traffic lane. Workers will dig up pavement to reach the clogged or broken pipe.

## Advocates pursue "Mental Health For All" at community walk

As the American public increasingly understands the critical nature of accessible, affordable mental health care, so do the demands on NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, known locally as NAMI Ventura County.

To support its free educational programs, power its advocacy efforts and strengthen outreach to the community, NAMI presents its largest mental health awareness and fundraising event of the year, NAMI Walks Ventura County on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Ventura County

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## As I See It by Sheldon Brown

Vol.17 No.1. Another anniversary.  
Printed from 2011 issue:

*Wow, another year of publishing the Ventura Breeze has passed, quite amazing and wonderful for the Breeze and for Ventura as we start our fifth year.*

*When daughter Staci and I decided to launch Ventura's only local community based newspaper four years ago we didn't know what to expect or how it would be accepted in the community.*

*The acceptance of the paper has been simply wonderful and overwhelming.*

*There are just so many people that I want to thank: my incredibly dedicated and extremely hard working staff, our wonderful writers, distribution folks, photographers, studioNothing, our printer and our advertising advisers (that is the correct spelling by the way).*

*And especially wife Diane for still putting up with me working seven days a week and going out so much to all of the wonderful events that are being presented in Ventura (they just keep growing).*

*Thanks to Professor Scamp (deceased) for always being there for us, for his always interesting articles; he still doesn't know that he is famous so he still works for treats, dog food and being treated as if he owns the place (actually not bad pay).*

*Our readership just keeps growing and our readers continue to tell us that they love reading the Breeze either by a wonderful phone call, or I am stopped in the street by strangers, or by receiving an email letting me know how much the paper is loved, read and appreciated and how wonderful it is that Ventura finally has a local newspaper just serving Ventura. A very special thanks to all of you readers and staff.*

Sheldon Brown, Publisher

A had some med lab work done and the instructions said FAST, so I ate my breakfast in a hurry.

How quickly our world has changed. Not so long-ago cannabis

events would be unheard of. Now, the Ventura County Fairgrounds is considering allowing cannabis shows on the state-owned grounds. The board of directors voted (in a 7-2 vote) to adopt cannabis event guidelines from the California Department of Food & Agriculture (which owns the grounds) and expressed their intent of drafting a policy detailing what could and couldn't take place at gatherings.

The action was designed to allow negotiations to proceed for a well-known trade show, Hall of Flowers, that has expressed interest in coming to the fairgrounds for an event next year. Staff members said the show could generate more than \$50,000 of revenue and noted other cannabis groups have expressed interest in holding events there.

If they can have gun shows, they could certainly have this. Which is more dangerous?

I am occasionally lambasted for being critical of the Trump presidency but not Biden's. Truth is, I've never been critical of Trump's presidency only of him being a completely immoral and dishonest person. You can decide if he, and Biden are good presidents. I just don't think an immoral person should be our president. Truthfully, I don't want either of them to be my president. It's sad that they might be our choices - that's it's, the best we can do in 2024.

A New York judge has found that Donald Trump committed fraud and lied about the value of his assets in a significant portion of a case in which New York Attorney General Letitia James is suing Trump and his company for \$250 million.

Certainly not my expertise, but if a person lies on loan documents in order to obtain a loan it seems the

banks could take over the properties?

When Moses brought the 10 commandments down the hill, he was so mad at the Israelites that he threw the tablet on the ground and it broke. So only he knew what was on it, maybe he made the whole thing up?

## Mailbox

Sheldon,

I consider you to be a highly educated person. We have the same Alma Mater (U of M) I am pretty sure you completed your education there.

It's a shame that the only comments made about Hunter are about drug use and firearm possession. Do you not know how much money he received and the false job titles under fake non-profits?

Sheila Murphy

*Sheila: First of all, even though I was born in Detroit I'm a USC grad (Am I still a highly educated person?). To be fair I also said "and perhaps other Biden transgressions far exceeds this particular item."*

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

**Correction to the article, Ventura Women's Conference: Balancing the Successful You/ Please go to this website for further information and to register: <https://venturawomensconference.com/> It will be on Saturday, October 21.**



Beachside Bash held at San Buenaventura State Beach Park. Photos by Yana Khiyod.

## Fun for all ages, with fabulous food and drinks

The three Rotary clubs of Ventura presented the End of Summer Beachside Bash on September 23, at San Buenaventura State Beach Park.

A national ribeye steak cookoff, car show, live bands and food trucks were at San Buenaventura State Beach Park. The event marks the end of summer and was sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Ventura, Ventura East, and Ventura South.

Fun for all ages, with fabulous food and drinks, a car show and a steak cook off, plus celebrity chef demonstrations and live music. All proceeds from this event will go to local charities.

Last year collectively the Rotary Clubs gave \$770,056 to service-oriented organizations.

The cookoff was sponsored by the Steak Cookoff Association, in Ventura for the first time. Ventura bands Nautical Thrust and The Bomb will entertain with yacht rock, Latin soul, and funk. Grill demonstrations by award-winning BBQ chefs Kyle Matuszewski and Phil "the Grill" Johnson. Visitors enjoyed a variety of offerings from food trucks, beer and wine, and shopped at local vendors.

"On behalf of Ventura's three Rotary clubs, I am thrilled to invite our community to join us for a day of joy, connection, and giving back at Ventura's First Annual End of Summer Beachside Bash" said Neal Lassila, President of the Rotary Club of Ventura.



Did Joaquin Murrieta rob the Olivas?

## Olivas robbery riddle solved!

by Richard Senate

For decades the Great Robbery at the Olivas Adobe was an enigma. Everyone knew something big had happened but the fact of the event were obscured over the centuries. No one knew who robbed the house, what year and date it happened or even how much was taken.

Storytellers had added much—the outlaw could only have been Joaquin

Murrieta, the celebrated bandit who terrorized all California, and the amount taken must have been staggering. With one suggestion it was \$75,000 in gold. The riddle was cracked by the hard-working research skills of Olivas Docent Lisa McGuirk who searching old newspaper clipping discovered a brief article in the Santa Barbara Gazette from the 1856 issue, dated September 18th. This find put all the stories to rest (at long last).

To quote the article:

"We learn that a robbery was committed on the Olivas Rancho, below San Buenaventura, on Sunday evening last, by a large party of men (one report says thirty), who broke into the house and succeeded in carrying off \$4,500. Two men have been arrested, and are in the custody of authorities at San Buenaventura." \$4,500 dollars in 1856 would be worth \$157,307.07 in today's purchasing power. Family legends say that the two captured men were taken to a tree in Ventura and hanged. The money was never recovered. Thanks to the hard work and eagle eye of Ms. Lisa McGuirk fact can now replace folklore at the Olivas Adobe.

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## Advertorial



### Jen Waldman, Pilates Teacher at Inner Soulstice Wellness Pilates Studio

by Ayn Devera

Thank you to all who attended the celebration for Inner Soulstice Wellness Pilates Studio on September 17. What a wonderful event with close to 200 attendees! Now, I am happy to announce a new instructor at ISW! Jen Waldman began her body movement education as a young child. Born with congenital scoliosis, her father, who had been confined to a wheelchair after being injured in World War II, wanted to prevent Jen from losing her own mobility. He insisted that she receive chiropractic care and attend ballet. Jen continued to practice ballet through adulthood, gaining a strong curiosity about the body that organically

lead her to study massage therapy, which deepened her understanding of movement, imbalances, and pain.

In 1985, she was discovered by the late Mari Winsor, innovative Pilates instructor extraordinaire, who brought Pilates to the forefront of Hollywood. Mari invited Jen to learn and teach Pilates at her studio in West Hollywood. Jen agreed, falling in love with the precision and flow of Pilates that was reminiscent of ballet, which had saved her from scoliosis. While ballet relieved Jen of pain, Pilates stabilized her musculature and was injury preventive. As one of the early second-generation practitioners of Pilates in Southern California, Jen's training includes instruction from two of Joseph Pilates' disciples (first generation students), his famed protégé, Romana Kryzanowska, and Jay Grimes. Additionally, she received training from second-generation instructors directly influenced by Ron Fletcher.

Encouraged by Mari, Jen opened her own Pilates studio in 1992 located in the city of Los Angeles. She is certified through Live Art in the Pilates Method; received training in dance movement for Parkinson's; and has worked with a variety of age groups and abilities. With decades of Pilates instruction under her belt, Jen is capable of adapting Pilates exercises to any body. Her expertise and dedication to teaching Pilates is a special gift to our community and we look forward to serving you in achieving pain-free movement so that you can continue to do the things you love for as long as you can. Come see us at Inner Soulstice Wellness Pilates Studio! We are offering an introductory special of five sessions to experience Pilates. To purchase and book your sessions, email [info.innersoulsticewellness@gmail.com](mailto:info.innersoulsticewellness@gmail.com) or text (805) 399-4776. We are excited to meet you and help you move with ease!



In 2013, Volunteer Gary Best recorded a PSA for CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly

## Here's to Gary Best. Well done, Friend!

by Tammy I. Glenn

Executive director, CAREGIVERS Volunteers of Ventura County

Gary Best recently died on February 3, 2023, leaving a huge void in our community. From his love of theatre and improvisation to Sunday nights when his Irish group would perform at Brendan's, Gary's voice was as distinctive as his heartfelt contributions. One of the most recent examples of Gary stepping up was when he served as the emcee at Suz Montgomery's memorial service. Those two Guardian Angels working in concert from the Great Beyond are certain to have an impact on our advancement.

We're going to miss Gary terribly here at CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly. It would be wrong of us to try to capture Gary's whole story in one little epitaph. We weren't planning this at all.

Gary's voice will forever endure as will the eulogy that he wrote for Howard Burroughs, the CAREGIVERS' senior Gary served for more than a decade. In his own words, you'll catch a brief glimpse of one of our most treasured volunteers. If you knew Gary, then you know how hard it will be to replace him. If you didn't know Gary, then maybe it's time to take your turn in distinguishing yourself the way he did.

Now, I've been warned to not make this about myself but I'm an actor ... so that's obviously not going to work for me.

Howard and I began our Bromance about 10 years ago. It's a familiar story, he had just lost his wife, I had been divorced for a while, and neither of us really looking for a serious relationship.

At first, of course, I was attracted to his quick wit, his intellect and well, let's face it, he was mighty easy on the eyes. An easy man to develop feelings for.

But as time passed I realized that I had fallen for him before I realized what a catch he was. I won't go into detail about his amazing life as a scientist and educator. Faithful husband for 66 years. And, of course, philanthropist.

Being with him as much as I was, I got to witness how universally loved Howard was.

Y'know, I grew up on a farm and we had an old barn that my mother always loved. It leaned a little to one side, the paint was long gone and the old wood

had turned a sort of silver gray. My father wanted to tear it down but my mother wouldn't have it. She said, "When I look at that old barn, I think of all the years it has stood against the winds of winter, summer heat, kids playing in that hayloft and growing up and leaving. That old barn has seen a lot. I think it's more beautiful than it's ever been." Howard was like that old barn. There's a certain kind of beauty that can only be acquired through years of hard work and experience.

He was kind, he was generous, a lover and poet at heart. We had lunch together nearly every week for the last 10 years and I have to say I've never known a better man.

And, Gary, neither have we!

### Advocates pursue "Mental Health" Continued from page 2

Government Center (800 S. Victoria Ave).

Ventura County Supervisor Matt LaVere will act as the Honorary Chairperson for the event. Opening ceremonies will begin at 10am.

With one in five people experiencing mental illness at any given time, NAMIWalks Ventura County expects to attract thousands of residents from across Ventura County to celebrate mental health recovery, to let community members know they are not alone and to honor the memory of loved ones lost to suicide.

"This is a new, uncharted time for mental health care. We must recognize the significant impact that current events are placing on our mental wellness," said Roberta Griego, NAMI Ventura County Executive Director]. "Our friends, family and neighbors can afford nothing less than Mental Health for All. NAMIWalks is a force because we have to be."

To join NAMIWalks, visit [namiwalks.org/venturacounty](http://namiwalks.org/venturacounty). There is no registration fee, but fundraising is encouraged. Participants raising at least \$100 receive an event T-shirt. One hundred percent of funds raised stay local, supporting NAMI Ventura County's free mental health programs, resources and services.

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Emily Sehati



Linnea Browne



Kady Farmer

## Are you looking forward to your senior year?

by Juliette Nasarenko

**Emily Sehati** - A senior at Ventura High School is looking forward to watching the senior class come together and grow into the people they want to become. Emily says, "Many of the seniors are starting to realize that this is their final year at Ventura High School" and they want to make the most of it. This is the time that students commit to colleges and pursue their passion beyond the classroom. As the ASB (Associated Student Body) President, Emily is anxious to lead the student body in new and exciting events that will uphold VHS traditions. She is excited about her Field Studies class which will allow her to explore the Ventura River once a week, get out of the classroom, and talk to professionals in the environmental science field. Another fun highlight is the opportunity to see her teacher, Mr. McEntyre swim underwater every week. Emily as the President of Model UN, also makes sure that students are educated on international issues and then trains them for conferences through public speaking and writing exercises.

**Linnea Browne** - Her senior year has just arrived, and she is already looking forward

to her last year in high school. At Ventura High School they host several dances throughout the year but Linnea is looking forward to the Senior Ball. This is her first time attending this dance and it is one of the favorites at Ventura High School. They offer delicious food, dessert and an night to dress up and dance. She says the Senior Ball is an "opportunity to celebrate being seniors and being together." Linnea is also looking forward to her classes and learning to continue to grow academically. She is taking courses that will challenge her but also teach her to think "outside of the box." As President of the National Honors Society she is looking forward to some fun volunteer opportunities locally such as beach cleanups and food drives throughout the year. Linnea has a lot of hope and excitement for a great year!

**Kady Farmer** - As a Senior at Ventura High School Kady has a lot of energy and aspirations. He is looking forward to his final year and the opportunity to attend Homecoming with all his friends. He is extremely passionate about neuroscience and hopes it will be his major in college. As a member of the Track and Field team he participates in the long and triple jump along with 4X400 meter relay. Kady hopes to make it to CIF in Prelims in all three events. As a saxophone player in the Honors Strings and Honors Wind Ensembles he will be able to compete nationally. Last year both groups traveled to Boston and received superior ratings. This year the Wind Ensemble and Strings Ensemble hope to make it to grand nationals and maintain their superior ratings. Kady says, "Track and music always bring out the best in people." He feels holding this philosophy will help him grow into a better version of himself and lead to a year full of surprises, excitement, and hard work.

### Visit Ventura receives Key to the City Continued from page 1

The finals weekend hosted in Ventura saw a number of record-breaking moments. Tickets were completely sold out for Day 2 of the competition — the first time in X Games' history. X Games California 2023 witnessed the competition's first Chumash blessing in which three Chumash tribe members performed the welcoming in front of athletes and media. Official X Games merchandise was sold out for the first time ever as well. 16 hours of X Games broadcasted content on ESPN, ABC, and ESPN2 averaged 459 thousand total viewers, up nine percent versus X Games 2022 and a 10 percent increase versus X Games Minneapolis 2019 (the last event with fans in attendance).

Visit Ventura led city-wide and county-wide partnerships to ensure a successful event. A partnership with Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, Metrolink, Ventura County Transportation Commission, Bike Ventura, and Revolution Surf and Skate resulted in an X Games Transportation Plan unlike the City has ever seen before. A city-wide call out to local businesses inspired creative X Games-themed cocktail drinks, special release beer, and food, demonstrating the innovation and passion of Ventura's small businesses to support a large-scale event.

"That's a heavy key!" said Marlyss Auster, President and CEO of Visit Ventura, with a laugh after receiving the key on behalf of Visit Ventura. "This was truly a team effort. It was amazing to have all of our stakeholders and partners at the table collaborating to make this event the success that it was. It just goes to show what we can do together and the whole world witnessed what Ventura is all about and what we're made of."



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One of the highlights of the night was the inaugural Empty Bowls silent auction.

## Food Share hosted its Second Annual Fed Up Shindig

On Saturday, September 23rd, Food Share hosted its Second Annual Fed Up Shindig, bringing together more than 350 people from our community in a united effort to combat hunger. This event, held at Food Share in Oxnard, was not only a night of great music, food, laughter, and generosity but also an opportunity to shed light on an issue affecting one in four people in Ventura County - food insecurity.

Food Share, a proud member of the Feeding America network, the nation's

largest hunger-relief organization, understands the far-reaching impact of hunger. Their mission goes beyond merely distributing food; they aim to provide quality sources of nutrition to promote good health and a balanced diet for those struggling to make ends meet on tight budgets.

The staggering statistics regarding food insecurity emphasize the importance of initiatives like Food Share's. The majority of individuals they serve are hardworking, often holding down more

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Ventura County held its annual Beach Cleanup. It covered several areas, some not the Pacific Coast, some inland like Santa Paula. These photos are at Surfers' Point Promenade. Photos by Michael Gordon.

than one job to provide for their families. Rising concerns about job security and the increased cost of living affect our community, transcending race, age group, and gender. It's a challenge we all face, one that unites us at every kitchen table.

Food Share operates a vast 46,000-square-foot warehouse space, equipped with a 1,176-square-foot cooler and a 1,176-square-foot freezer. Each day, this warehouse receives an average of 36,000 pounds of food, providing a lifeline for countless families. To put it into perspective, their freezer alone is equivalent to 1,176 household freezers, and their cooler equals 802 household refrigerators.

At the heart of this year's Fed Up Shindig were the individuals who founded Food Share back in 1978. Virgil and Lynn Nelson, along with their friends John and Jewel Pedi, initiated this incredible journey in a family garage. Their presence at the event added a special touch to the evening, reminding us of the humble beginnings that have blossomed into an indispensable organization.

One of the highlights of the night was the inaugural Empty Bowls silent auction, which garnered tremendous support and success. Over 100 beautifully crafted bowls were auctioned and sold, symbolizing our community's commitment to filling the bowls of those in need. Trinity Hatch contributed to the spirit of giving by creating over 300 Fed Up friendship bracelets for sponsors, staff, volunteers, and vendors who tirelessly worked to ensure the night was a resounding success in the

fight against hunger.

The Second Annual Fed Up Shindig was a testament to the power of community coming together to tackle a shared challenge. It celebrated the past, present, and future of Food Share's mission while reminding us all that we have the ability to make a difference, one meal at a time.

## Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast has events coming up at Camp Arnaz

Tent-or-Treat Halloween Extravaganza!  
When: October 28th from 3:00 pm - 7:00pm

Where: Camp Arnaz 155 Sulphur Mountain Road, Ventura, CA 93001

Tickets: \$10 at <https://www.classy.org/event/tent-or-treat-2023/e491415>

Join us for a night of fun at Camp Arnaz's Tent-or-Treat event! Tent or Treat will include plenty of activities for you and your family to enjoy! We will have lawn games, vendor booths, tractor rides, hay maze, haunted yurt, crafts, Halloween movies and of course lots of candy!! Visit our camp horses who will be dressed for the event! Food



will also be available to purchase in the main lodge & the Girl Scout food truck! Saturday October 28th 2023, from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. For tickets and vendor applications visit <https://www.classy.org/event/tent-or-treat-2023/e491415> #TentOrTreat #HalloweenAdventure #FamilyFun  
 Winter Wonderland Holiday Event!  
 When: Friday and Saturday Evenings in December starting December 1st -30th from 5:00 pm - 9:00pm  
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## Rubicon Theatre opens 25th Season with *The Lifespan Of A Fact*

Season 25 begins! Rubicon Theatre, Ventura County's premiere non-profit professional theatre company, dedicated to entertaining, engaging and enriching the lives of the region's residents and visitors through innovative live performances, is thrilled to launch the company's 25th "Silver" Anniversary Season, entitled Truly Yours, with The Fountain Theatre's acclaimed West Coast Premiere production of *The Lifespan Of A Fact* running October 4 - 21, 2023.

Based on the nonfiction book by John D'Agata and Jim Fingal named "Best of the Year" by the Huffington Post, this fast-paced, funny, smart and timely play follows the conflict between an ambitious young fact-checker trying to make his mark and a prominent writer

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who has created a groundbreaking and poetic essay that may save a flailing magazine from collapse. The two come head-to-head in what Charles McNulty of the L.A. Times described as "an epic journalistic battle over the meaning of truth...ratcheted up for comic effect."

Written by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell and Gordon Farrell, *The Lifespan Of A Fact* had a successful run on Broadway in 2019 with Daniel Radcliffe ("Harry Potter"), and Tony winners Bobby Cannavale and Cherry Jones. The production ran for more than 100 performances.

The Fountain Theatre transfer directed by Simon Levy stars Ron Bottitta, Jonah Robinson and Inger Tudor. The production garnered more than a dozen rave reviews. McNulty lauded the play as an "engaging comedy," noting that the authors don't take sides

and that the play offers an opportunity to "reexamine our assumptions." BroadwayWorld hailed the production's "sizzling performances," while The Hollywood Reporter called the play "ingenious."

Creator Gordon Farrell posted of the upcoming run, "Do not miss it! The best production of my play since Broadway -- and in some ways better! A total treat! Get your tickets now!"

*The Lifespan Of A Fact* opens Saturday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m., with low-priced previews October 4 - 6. Performances during the regular run are Wednesdays at 2 and 7 p.m. (talkback following), Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$30 - \$79.50 with discounts available for subscribers, students, military and equity.



A billboard promoting ArtWalk on Main Street. Photos by Richard Lieberman



### Ventura ArtWalk returns Continued from page 1

Marie Lakin, ArtWalk Chair was thrilled with the wonderful attendance to the Walk and the many many artists participating.

To make it easier to attend Gold Coast Transit District offered unlimited ride passes for Saturday and Sunday along their routes.

To learn more about the ArtWalk event, performers and artists, visit [www.artwalkventura.org](http://www.artwalkventura.org).



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The aircraft was named "That's All, Brother" by the aircrew. Photos by Janie Tan and Kevin Jackson.

# Historic D-Day plane visited Camarillo

The Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing Aviation and War Museum at the Camarillo Airport hosted the historic C-47A Skytrain named That's All, Brother on Sept. 27-Oct. 1. This historical World War II aircraft led the Allies' main airborne invasion over Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

That's All, Brother was the C-47A

troop carrier aircraft that led the airborne invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944, carrying 101st Airborne Division paratroopers into France during the D-Day invasion. The aircraft was named "That's All, Brother" by the aircrew, who felt it was a fitting message to Adolf Hitler. Following D-Day, That's All, Brother" served in Operation Dragoon, Operation Market Garden, the Relief

of Bastogne, and Operation Varsity. After the War, the aircraft was sold as surplus, and its contribution to history was almost forgotten. In 2015, the Commemorative Air Force rescued the aircraft from a boneyard, completed a lengthy restoration to get it flying, and returned it to its World War II configuration. In June 2019, the aircraft returned to England and France to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day (flying over Omaha Beach on June 6, 2019). The aircraft plans to return to Europe for the 80th anniversary of D-Day commemorations in June 2024.

For more information about events and activities at the Commemorative Air Force Museum at Camarillo Airport, visit [www.CAFSoCal.com](http://www.CAFSoCal.com).

### The Bookmark

## About Libraries and Friends

by Mary Olson

Ventura County Library Offers Local Adults Scholarships to Earn Diplomas through Career Online High School. According to the 2020 census, almost 15% of adults over the age of 25 residing in Ventura County are without a high school diploma. If you are over the age of 19 and ready to finish high school, the Ventura County Library is offering Career Online High School (COHS), a fully accredited online diploma program for you! COHS scholar-

ships are available through the VCL's partnership with the California State Library and Smart Horizons Online Education, providing a 24/7 online classroom, personal academic coaches, and real-world career training. The program includes courses in a variety of career pathways such as childcare and education, commercial driving, food services, home care professional, hospitality, introduction to manufacturing, office management, retail customer service, security professional, and general career preparation along with regular academic subjects. Upon graduation, you will have an accredited diploma, a certificate in your chosen career path, a ready to use resume and cover letter, and other tools to start or advance your career. For more information about the Career Online High School, visit [www.ventcolibrary.org/cohs](http://www.ventcolibrary.org/cohs) or contact Antonio Apodaca—Education, Literacy, and Outreach Manager for Ventura County Library—at [Antonio.Apodaca@ventura.org](mailto:Antonio.Apodaca@ventura.org) or (805) 677-7159.

**Former FBI and DOJ Special Agent Kenneth Strange** will visit the Ojai Library at 2 pm on Saturday, October 14, to talk about his newest book, *A Cop's Son: One G-Man's Fight Against Jihad, Global Fraud and the Cartels*. Strange served with three distinct and distinguished U.S. government agencies pursuing criminals and bad actors, including some of the most heinous criminals on the planet. His service to those agencies brought him into direct

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conflict with Jihadists, International Fraudsters, and the Cartels. What sets this book apart from any other in the law enforcement genre are not only the true crime investigative stories accrued over a remarkable career or the posthumous homage paid to his father's storied 38-year NYPD career, but the fact that few federal agents could cobble together such fascinating and diverse investigations across the globe. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146 or ron.solorzano@ventura.org.

**Women's Economic Ventures** presents a Financial Empowerment Class, in the Topping Room in E.P. Foster Library on Saturday, October 7, **10:30 am to 1:30 pm**

In this free 3-hour class, you'll learn how to: Take control of your personal finances: understand your "money mindset" and create

new financial habits to increase your financial confidence and resilience; Set meaningful financial goals: Create a budget, pay off debt, manage your money and achieve your long-term financial goals and Become a more effective and financially confident business owner.

Learn more and register at <https://www.wevonline.org/classes/resources/financial-empowerment/>

**The Teen Advisory Group** meets in E.P. Foster Library on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, 5 to 6 pm.

Teens plan fun TEEN and CHILDREN'S events and earn community service hours.

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Pooch Parade is back. Photos by Patricia Schallert and Yana Khiyod.

## The tails never stopped wagging

Presented by CARL the Annual Pooch Parade was held on Sept. 24, at the Ventura Harbor Village main lawn. Canine Adoption and Rescue League is Ventura County's largest all-breed, no-kill, non-profit dog rescue and sanctuary. Since 1996, they've helped thousands of dogs in need. Their creed is "Every Dog Deserves a Second Chance".

The return of this dog day afternoon event engaged dog lovers with a fundraising dog walk, competitions and pet expo. C.A.R.L Pooches up for adoption showed off on a stroll down the promenade, then performed stunts and make friends while looking for their own forever home. The Pooch Parade is their biggest fundraiser of the year.

By enjoying a sunny day on the beach with food, sun, and dogs (so many dogs!). The dog competitions included agility, frisbee, trieball and obedience. The main event of the day was the dog parade.

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Trustee LaVere will serve on the Board until December 2024.

## VUSD Board of Education appoints new trustee

The Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) Board of Education appointed Ms. Alicia LaVere to serve as Trustee for Area 3 at a Special Board of Education meeting that was held on September 26, 2023. Six candidates were interviewed that day, with the Board choosing LaVere to serve in the role. Trustee LaVere will take the seat of former Trustee Amy Callahan, who, after serving two and a half years of a four-year term, announced her decision to resign for personal reasons last month.

Trustee LaVere is familiar with VUSD. She is a parent of two elementary-age children in the District, served as a member of the Loma Vista Elementary School Site Council, and currently as its PTA President. Trustee LaVere is an Occupational Therapist who has worked at various hospitals and skilled nursing facilities throughout the county. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a Master of Arts Degree in Occupational Therapy.

"We are grateful to have had six highly capable and dedicated candidates for our open board position. It shows just how important our students and schools are to this community," stated Board President Sabrena Rodriguez. "We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Alicia LaVere, a committed parent volunteer and enthusiastic supporter of public education. I look forward to working with her and my colleagues to ensure we provide a high-quality, student-centered experience for all of our community's children."

Trustee LaVere will serve on the Board until December 2024, the time left on Callahan's term. She would then have to run in the November 2024 election to serve another term.

"As a mother of two children in the Ventura Unified School District, I have always held education and the welfare of our students in the highest regard," stated Trustee LaVere. "I am humbled to have been chosen for this extremely important position, and it will be a privilege to serve alongside the current board members as we work together with the common goal of supporting our students, staff, and community."

"We are so pleased to have Trustee LaVere join our governance team. Her experiences as an engaged parent, PTA

leader, and dedicated healthcare professional complements the diversity of our Board of Education," stated Superintendent, Dr. Antonio Castro. "She is someone who is committed to the tenets of public service and who will immediately contribute a unique voice in promoting the promise of our schools."

Holding public office is not a new concept for Trustee LaVere's family; her husband is Ventura County Supervisor, District 1, Matt LaVere.



Trustee Callahan has stepped down.

## Board member resigns position

After serving two and half years of a four-year term, Ventura Unified School District Board of Education Trustee, Ms. Amy Callahan has announced her decision to step down from her Area 3 seat for personal reasons.

"This decision has not been easy and comes after much reflection. Due to personal reasons, I find myself needing to step down from this role that has meant so much to me. I want to convey my gratitude to each of you. Serving this District, which has been integral to my family's life, has been a privilege. The remarkable educators, dedicated staff, and talented students within this District have made this journey truly rewarding," stated Callahan.

Callahan, a VUSD alumna, has two children in the Ventura Unified School District. She stated that she intends to continue to be an involved parent who is "excited to witness the continued excellence that the District will undoubtedly achieve."

"Trustee Callahan has been a steadfast champion of improving the lives of our students since her election in 2020. Her commitment to literacy and equity has helped to guide the Board and the District in our work to ensure every child has the best possible education we can provide. Amy's dedication has made a tangible difference for our community's children," stated Board President Sabrena Rodriguez.

"Trustee Callahan's ardent passion for literacy has energized several strategic priorities. Her belief in the promise of public education and her dedication to underserved communities have helped shape the dialogue around resource allocation. We thank her for her service to our District," stated Superintendent Castro.

The Board of Education will look into filling the vacant Trustee seat as soon as possible. There will be a formal process to fill the rest of the term, which expires in December 2024. Information on how that process will be run will be sent as soon as details are finalized.

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Mary Thompson, President of Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters and member of the Breeze staff enjoying a day at the Olivas Adobe with Benjamin.

## 98 and going strong

His name is Benjamin Garcia and he was born on Aug. 16, 1925 in Torrijon Mexico. He never knew his father because he had passed away when his mother was 6 month pregnant with him. He was raised by his mother and three sisters until he was old enough to work, then he went to live with his uncle to help him work the farm. At the age of 18 years he served in the Mexican military for 2 years. In 1948 he married Nativida Garcia and had 7 children. In 1960 he immigrated

to the US with his wife and children. He first worked in the farm fields of Ventura County and later worked in the packing houses. His last job, until he retired was at a machine shop on the Avenue. He now is retired and enjoying life in his home in Colonia Oxnard at the age of 98 years old. Editor: If you are a senior (over 70-years), or know of one, who would like to share their retirement, life or job, with us please let us know at editor@venturabreeze.com.

## Parkinson's Support Groups

Free Ventura County Parkinson's support group meetings: a community-based support group focusing on sharing relevant information and education about all things Parkinson's.

Meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday, 10-11am, at Crosspointe

Church (5415 Ralston Ave.) Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Ventura County Parkinson's Support Group gets together every month with skilled, experienced professionals who present significant breakthroughs, strategies and related issues surrounding Parkinson's. The group's mission is for participants to better understand and talk about how this information impacts their

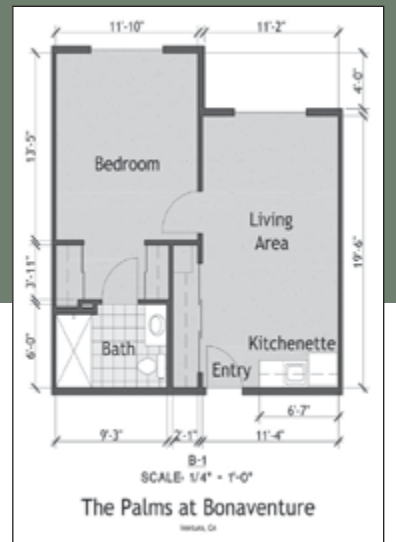
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own lives and affects immediate family members. In addition to those diagnosed with PD, caregivers, family members and friends are ALL welcome to attend FREE of charge.

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

Jon Everhart, retired accountant, US Marine and regular group attendee said, "It's nice comparing treatments, symptoms, and the challenges we all face living with Parkinson's." This caring group empowers people like Jon to be more proactive and to participate in deciding the direction of his treatment, complemented by his team of doctors' suggestions.

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

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

The next meeting will feature Dr.

Erin Presant, a neurologist turned nutritionist she is returning to our group and will be bringing some of her best (and favorite) dishes for us to taste and try—dishes that are naturally beneficial for improving quality of living with Parkinson's. You can find her at medicineofyum.com, but you won't want to miss this presentation!

## Experience the joy of learning

Experience the joy of learning this Fall! Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University Channel Islands is pleased to announce a new set of classes starting soon for people age 50+.

In the class "The Science and Magic of the 2024 Solar Eclipse", discover one of nature's greatest spectacles and learn how and where to see it.

Examine the elements that made America great, why we are now struggling, and a possible roadmap for America's resurgence in "How America Became Great - And Can Be Great Again".

Explore the universal theme of love and the challenges of relationships in both the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia in "From Russia With Love": Experiencing Russia Through Film".

The six-week classes start on October 23rd, and registration opens October 9th.

Both in-person and Zoom classes are available. Learn more and see the entire catalog of classes at: go.csuci.edu/olli or call 805-437-2748.



## Senior Living



People who received the hearing aids reported substantial improvement in communication abilities.

### Hearing aids slow cognitive decline in people at high risk

From NIH Research Matters

As the world population ages, the number of people living with dementia and other types of cognitive impairment continues to rise. Safe and affordable interventions to prevent or slow age-related cognitive decline are greatly needed.

Studies have found an association between hearing loss and the development of dementia in older adults. Research also suggests that using hearing aids to treat hearing loss may help slow the development of cognitive problems. But potential links between hearing loss treatment and improved cognition hadn't been tested in a large, randomized study.

To close this gap, an NIH-funded research team co-led by Dr. Frank Lin from Johns Hopkins University enrolled

nearly 1,000 adults, ages 70 to 84, into a clinical trial. They compared the rate of cognitive decline over a three-year period between people who did and didn't receive hearing aids.

The researchers recruited participants with substantial hearing loss from two different study populations. About 250 healthy older adults came from a long-term study of heart health at four sites in the United States. Another 739 people were newly recruited from the surrounding communities at the same four sites. Participants recruited from the heart-health study had more risk factors for developing dementia, including being older and having faster rates of cognitive decline than those from the general community.

The researchers randomly assigned participants to one of two interventions. About half received hearing aids and instruction in how to use them. The other half were assigned to a health education program focused on promoting healthy aging. Both groups received follow-up visits every six months to reinforce the training.

Before the start of the study and annually for three years, all participants took a battery of tests to measure cognitive functioning. The results were published on July 17, 2023, in *The Lancet*.

People who received the hearing aids reported substantial improvement in communication abilities over the course of the study. Those in the health-education group, as expected, did not experience improvement in hearing and communication.

In the main analysis of all study participants, the researchers saw no difference in the rate of change in cognitive functioning between people who received the hearing aids and those

who didn't.

However, when the analysis focused on people from the heart-health study who had a higher risk of dementia, the benefit of the hearing aids was substantial. Those who received hearing aids had an almost 50% reduction in the rate of cognitive decline compared with people in the health-education group.

"Hearing loss is very treatable in later life, which makes it an important public health target to reduce risk of cognitive decline and dementia," Lin says.

The researchers are continuing to follow the study participants to see how changes in cognition develop over time. They're also looking at brain scans and data on social engagement to better understand how protecting hearing may prevent cognitive decline in vulnerable older adults.

"Until we know more," Lin adds, "we recommend for general health and well-being that older adults have their hearing checked regularly and any hearing issues properly addressed."



"Are we there yet?"

### Unsafe driving

Friends and family members are often first to notice the signs of unsafe driving. Another way to evaluate driving skills is to have the person's driving skills assessed by a professional. The American Occupational Therapy Association maintains a national database of driving specialists, or you can check with your state's Department of Motor Vehicles or a health care professional to recommend someone who can evaluate driving skills. Note that there may be fees associated with these types of assessments. There are also a number of online resources for assessing driving skills yourself.

What are the laws about dementia and driving?

State laws vary regarding when a person with Alzheimer's should stop driving. Some states will automatically revoke a license when a person is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia. Other states may offer the chance for a diagnosed person to take and pass a driving test.

Many states require retaking a driving test when there is reason to believe someone may be unable to safely operate their vehicle or over a certain age. Information on unsafe driving can come from law enforcement, medical personnel, concerned citizens, and family members. Check with your state's department of motor vehicles for more information.

What to do when driving becomes unsafe  
If you notice unsafe driving, you will need to take steps to keep the person from driving. It is always a tough conversation, and it's important to do it in a caring way. Try to understand how unhappy they may be to admit they have

reached this new stage.

Here are some ways to help stop people with Alzheimer's from driving: Try talking about your concerns with the person. Find tips on talking with someone about no longer driving.

Take them to get a driving test. Ask the person's doctor to tell them to stop driving. The doctor can write "Do not drive" on a prescription pad and you can show this to the person.

If necessary, hide the car keys, disable the car, move it out of sight, or consider selling it.

Finding other transportation options  
Losing the ability to drive can be difficult, but driving is only one form of transportation. Consider finding other ways that the person with Alzheimer's can travel safely on their own.

Your local Area Agency on Aging can help you find local services that may include free or low-cost buses, taxis, or carpools for older people. Call 800-677-1116 or search the Eldercare Locator online. You also can try searching Rides in Sight or calling 855-607-4337, a service of the nonprofit ITN America that provides information about transportation options for older adults.

Some churches and community groups have volunteers who take older adults where they want to go. Family and friends are another great resource.

For more information about driving safety and dementia  
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## Senior Living



Leslie and her students having fun and getting a great workout at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura.

# The Phenomenon of Muscle Memory

What is muscle memory?

Muscle memory is a neurological process that allows you to remember certain motor skills and perform them without conscious effort. It is the result of extensive practice. Despite the name, this skill resides in the nervous system, not the muscles. When a movement starts and is repeated over time, the brain creates a long-term muscle memory for that task, eventually allowing it to be performed with little to no conscious effort. This process decreases the need for attention and creates maximum efficiency within the motor and memory systems. A great example of this is when you get in your car to go somewhere. When you were first learning how to drive, it probably felt like a lot of steps to keep track of – adjust the seat and mirrors, put the key in the ignition, put the car in drive, check your surroundings, and/or turn on the radio. But over time those movements became so automatic that you oftentimes probably weren't even aware that you were doing them – your mind could be focused on other things while you were driving.

### Exercise in Relation to Muscle Memory

Dance is an especially fun way to experience the benefits of muscle memory. With time and practice, dance routines can be performed almost automatically because of the strength of the specific neural connection in your brain. The more frequently you do the routines, the more you strengthen the implicit long-term memory and the easier it becomes to recall. This allows you to perform at a more efficient level – not only when you exercise but in all areas of your daily life!

When I teach seniors in my Young at Heart dance program, we always repeat certain dance moves, steps and exercises. We also incorporate new movements because it helps keep the students engaged and the class exciting and fun. I know some of my students may not always remember a step or move right away but as they attend my classes regularly, their muscle memory kicks in and they can easily keep up and do a little more every time.

### Tips to Improve Muscle Memory

- Practice, practice, practice
- Repeat and then repeat it again
- Repetition and more repetition
- Consistency is key

Be patient with yourself

Enjoy the process

Whatever you lose, you can gain back again, as long as you are willing to go back at it again!

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

For more information contact Leslie at [Dancekidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:Dancekidsfun@gmail.com) 805-312-8089 or visit the website: [www.LeslieSokolDance.com](http://www.LeslieSokolDance.com)



Sylvia Taylor-Stein, Executive Director of Ventura County Ombudsman Program.

## Ombudsman (Long Term Care Services of Ventura County) is hiring a Volunteer Coordinator

by Carol Leish, MA

Long term care services of Ventura County Ombudsman Program is hiring. Sylvia Taylor-Stein, Executive Director, said, "We are looking for that special someone to join our team as an onsite full time employee and work with our amazing ombudsman

volunteers, some of whom have been with us for over 20 years."

"The mission of the Ventura County ombudsman program is to assure the highest quality of life and care possible for our elderly and disabled in long-term care facilities throughout Ventura County. The Ventura County Ombudsman Program advocates for the highest quality of life and care possible for all our elderly living in long term care facilities. In fact, Ombudsman is a Swedish word that means 'advocate.'

"The Ombudsman is trained, certified and mandated by federal and state authority to identify, investigate, and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of residents and to provide services to help in safeguarding their health, safety, welfare and rights" ([www.OmbudsmanVentura.org](http://www.OmbudsmanVentura.org)).

"For the first time in many years," according to Taylor-Stein, "we are opening the doors for applications to the Volunteer Coordinator role." As a Volunteer Coordinator, you will be stepping into a significant role within a program that is recognized as a benchmark across California. The role will work closely with the 34 dedicated Ombudsman volunteers. Those who are seeking a position that allows them to make a big difference and be at the heart of elder care in Ventura County, you are encouraged to consult the job description on the website: [www.OmbudsmanVentura.org](http://www.OmbudsmanVentura.org) and consider

joining the team.

This important Full Time 35 hr./wk. of the incoming Volunteer Coordinator will serve the important purpose to oversee and provide support to volunteer Ombudsmen. This will include overseeing, supporting, and assisting volunteer Ombudsmen with facility assignments, problematic cases and ensure quality control of documentation and reports.

Other responsibilities of this job will include coordinating volunteer facility assignments and ensuring adequate facility coverage. This will include assisting in the investigation and resolution of various cases. Tracking annual training hours received by each ombudsman will be also be a part of the position.

Qualifications for this position include the successful completion of the 36-hour State Certified Long Term Care Ombudsman training and post-training mentored facility visits. Completing the 18 hours of additional training annually to retain certification, which is provided by agency.

Those who are interested in making sure that Long-Term Care residents are living within caring and compassionate environments and have a passion to help by being a part of the Ombudsman team, please contact Allison Peck (Program Coordinator) by calling her at: 805-656-1986; or, emailing her at: [apec@OmbudsmanVentura.org](mailto:apec@OmbudsmanVentura.org).



## Victorian Halloween

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# The Pet Page



**Dedicated to Scamp**

■ A 2-year-old girl who walked away from her home in Michigan's Upper Peninsula alongside two family dogs was found in the woods hours later sleeping on the smaller dog

like a furry pillow, state police said.

"She laid down and used one of the dogs as a pillow, and the other dog laid right next to her and kept her safe," Lt. Mark Giannunzio said Thursday. "It's a really remarkable story."

Troopers used drones and police dogs in the search while local police and citizens from both Michigan and adjacent Wisconsin helped look for the girl in the remote wooded area.

■ A new animal welfare law that took effect in Spain outlaws the use of animals for recreational activities that cause them pain and suffering but allows bullfights and hunting with dogs.

Spain's first specific animal rights legislation is intended to crack down on abuses. The law particularly targets the mistreatment of domestic animals, introducing fines of up to 200,000 euros (\$212,000).

It bans the buying of pets in stores or online, but gives stores a grace period to find homes for their animals. In the future, it only will be legal to purchase pets from registered breeders. The new rules allow pets into most establishments, including restaurants and bars.

The law bans the use of wild animals at circuses and gives owners six months to comply. It allows zoos to keep using the marine mammals in their dolphin shows until the animals die.

Bullfights are regarded as part of Spain's

cultural heritage. A proposal to include hunting dogs in the law prompted an outcry in some rural communities, and the government backed down.

The law also aims to introduce mandatory pet insurance and registration as well as training for owners.

■ Puppies are so adorable that you may feel tempted to adopt two instead of just one. Even though having two puppies may seem like a good idea, raising them together can cause long-term behavioral problems.

Harmony Diers, a veterinary technician at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that while these problems are not a guaranteed outcome of raising two puppies together, nor are they breed specific, littermate syndrome is more common than not when raising two puppies from the same litter, or even two close in age from separate litters.

"Littermate syndrome refers to a specific set of unfavorable behaviors that two puppies might exhibit if raised together immediately after weaning from their mother, like anxiety or fear," Diers said. "This syndrome occurs when a pair of puppies raised together develop such a close bond with one another during important socialization stages that it hinders their ability to bond with their new owner."

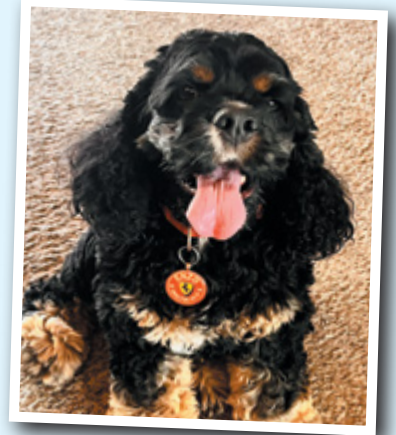
The socialization stage, or when a puppy is between 3-12 weeks old, is when a puppy's senses mature, encouraging them to explore their environments and socialize with others. It is also the stage when puppies become aware of their relationship with humans.

"Puppies ultimately learn how to react to things they encounter in their world during the socialization stage," Diers said. "If bonded closely with their owner, an individual puppy will look to their owner for an answer on how they should react, either to be praised for ap-

## Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi: My name is Enzo (Ferrari) and I'm 3.5 years old. I was named Enzo because I'm super fast like a Ferrari! I'm called an American Cocker Spaniel, and my fur is black and tan colored, with a little patch of white on my chest. It's really hot outside today and after chasing lizards and birds in the backyard, I decided to cool down in the house. I live in East Ventura, and I love my parents!



## Join Scamp Club

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

Lost pet? Go to [LostCatVenturaCounty.com](http://LostCatVenturaCounty.com) or [LostDogVenturaCounty.com](http://LostDogVenturaCounty.com) - free websites for finding and posting when you've lost or found a cat or dog.

propriate reactions or to be redirected away from inappropriate ones."

For example, if you adopted a single puppy and that puppy chewed on a shoe, their decision to behave that way in the future – or not – would depend on your response to their interesting choice of "snack." However, if you have two puppies, they might mutually agree that shoe chewing was a great choice without waiting for your response, reinforcing the undesirable behavior.

"A pair of closely bonded puppies tend to be 'in their own world' and will likely look to

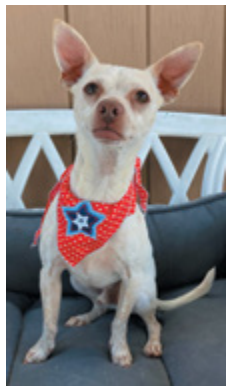
one another for how to respond to new stimuli rather than looking to their owner," Diers explained. "This gives them the opportunity to feed off of one another's fear and anxiety, which can develop into unhealthy behaviors."

Lamm's cat-eye visualizations look washed out and not as vibrant. Red, for example, looks "just kind of like a dark color," Kornreich describes. Cats can better detect vibrancy on the blue-yellow end of the spectrum than the green-red end, which has everything to do with the types of cells in their retinas.

## Shelter Dogs In Need Of Homes!



**Meet Simba!** A gorgeous 10 month old Vizsla mix boy, soft red coat, so loving, active, great with kids and dogs, cats unknown, needs a loving home in Ventura County. Call Mary (818) 261.6974.



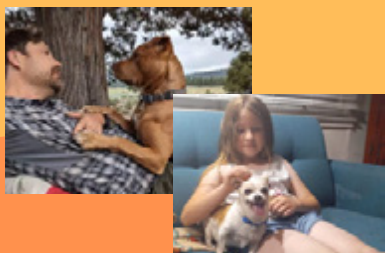
**Meet Champ!** A handsome, smart, fun, agile 5 year old Chihuahua mix boy, white/tan, dog friendly, no cats, looking for an all adult active home. Call Mary at (818) 261.6974.

## be a FOSTER SAVE a life CARL

The Canine Adoption and Rescue League's Volunteer Foster Care Program provides temporary housing and care for dogs and puppies. We need loving homes like yours to continue helping these animals.

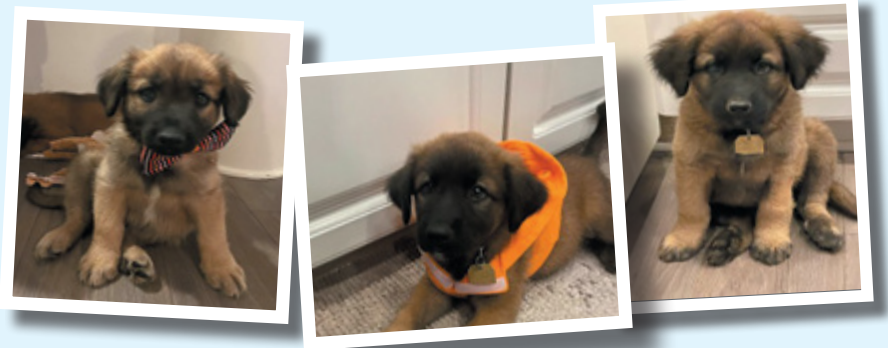
### Foster Volunteer FAQs

- Dogs of all ages need foster care, including happy and healthy dogs, mothers with nursing litters, dogs with medical conditions or injuries, and some with special needs
- Existing pet owners can become foster volunteers
- A typical foster stay is two weeks, two months, or longer
- The timeframe of each foster situation will be according to your availability
- Foster volunteers provide housing, exercise, socialization, and love!
- C.A.R.L. provides all food and medical care for foster animals, including vaccinations and medications



If you are interested in FOSTERING at C.A.R.L., please contact our Foster Coordinator, Mary at [maryomeh@gmail.com](mailto:maryomeh@gmail.com).

## Forever homes wanted



Hi: we're Hulk, Lightning and Thor, adorable and adventurous Great Pyrenees, Chow, Boxer, German Shepherd and Labrador X (DNA test results). Our mom Kiki was pregnant and rescued from Apple Valley shelter in her hour of need. CARL volunteers (Team Kiki) stepped up to sponsor her so we all could come into CARL's adoption program. We're in a foster home, but what we really want is our forever home. Our other siblings have found theirs, we're still waiting for ours. We can't wait to start making wonderful memories as a cherished member of a loving family. If you're ready and able to give us a lifetime of love and wonderful memories, please fill out an application to meet us. Canine Adoption and Rescue League C.A.R.L.

Chuck is a sweet, gentle old man who walks well on leash, and has done great with children and adults here at the shelter! While he doesn't appear



to be reactive to other dogs, we think a doggie sibling just as mellow as he is would suit him best. He has several large masses that, while we believe to just be fatty, make shelter life a little extra uncomfortable for him. If you have a big heart for senior pups with frosted faces, Chuck is the guy for you. If you'd like to meet Chuck, schedule an appointment at <https://www.vcas.us/adopt> or come down to the shelter during

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

# 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.

## Felony Hit and Run with Major Injuries

On September 21, 2023, at about 9:50 am, the Ventura Police Department Communications Center received multiple 9-1-1 calls regarding an injury traffic collision on Telegraph Road east of Joanne Avenue. Ventura Police patrol officers responded to that location and found the victim bicyclist lying in the roadway with major injuries to his lower body. Responding officers began an investigation and contacted the Ventura Police Traffic Unit to assist.

Based on witness and victim statements, it was determined that the victim was riding his bicycle westbound on Telegraph Road approaching Joanne Avenue. He was riding lawfully on the right side of the roadway between parked vehicles and westbound traffic lanes. As he was riding, a blue bus was traveling westbound in the #2 lane of Telegraph Road. As the bus overtook the bicyclist, it collided with the bicyclist's handlebars, knocking the bicyclist to the ground. The bus's rear wheels then ran over the bicyclist. A passing motorist, who was traveling behind the bus, observed the collision and stopped to render aid to the bicyclist. The bus continued its route without stopping to render aid or exchange information.

Based on a witness statement, it was determined that the involved bus belonged to the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC). With assistance from the VCTC, officers were

able to locate the bus and contact the driver. Based on statements, video evidence, and physical evidence on the bus, the driver (Edgar Landeros) was placed under arrest and booked at the Ventura County Jail for felony hit and run.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind motorists that vehicles must leave a safe distance for bicycles when overtaking them. Vehicle code section 21760 states the following:

### Possession of Imitation Firearm

On Sept. 30, at 8:40am, an alert passenger traveling in a Gold Coast Public Transit bus noticed another passenger (Rafael Vera 30 years) in possession of a handgun. The witness reported the sighting to an additional bus driver, who in turn notified the Ventura Police Department. Officers quickly located the bus parked at the Ventura Transit Center and began strategically removing passengers from the bus, during which time Vera was detained. The investigation revealed that Vera had hidden an imitation handgun and a black ski mask on the bus upon officers' arrival. Officers found the imitation handgun had been illegally modified to look like a real firearm.

Vera was later arrested and booked into custody at the Ventura County Jail for an outstanding misdemeanor or warrant, possession of a modified imitation firearm, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine.



Wes Corney examines a water sample from the Santa Clara River Estuary, Sept. 2023.

## Ventura Water - In Focus

by Ventura Water

Throughout our series highlighting the people and processes that make up Ventura Water, the importance of excellence in the workplace has been an underlying theme. This month, focusing on the Laboratory Team, the necessity for consistently high quality of work is as clear as clean water. By collecting and analyzing our water not only does the Lab Team ensure the water we drink meets or exceeds water quality standards, but they also make sure the water we discharge back to Earth's water cycle is safe. Water quality standards are developed and enforced by the State Water Resources Control Board. Simply put, the work the Lab Team does substantiates how well the water and wastewater systems are running. They're

also an integral part in the daily operations of Ventura Water's facilities, running tests that give plant operators information they need to keep systems running efficiently.

Among the Lab Team's eight members are many science degrees, certifications, areas of expertise, and decades of experience, which completes a robust team. Six lab analysts handle liquid and solid samples, following various testing methods and procedures and using sophisticated equipment to compile results for reporting. The Laboratory Supervisor oversees lab operations, planning for future water quality standards, and opportunities to improve efficiency. Accuracy and accountability are paramount to the Lab Team's work.

Wes Corney holds a degree in microbiology and has been on the Lab Team for three years. He's a local, having grown up in Ventura, and says the opportunity to serve his community is what he appreciates most about his job. As Ventura Water's only Laboratory Assistant, he is always on the move. Each week Wes collects samples from over forty sampling points across the city. Some are taken at treatment facilities, others from wells or tanks, and some directly from local water bodies.

The rigorous work our Lab Team performs keeps Ventura Water in compliance with State and Federal water quality standards, and because of the vital role they play in public health and environmental protection, excellence must be their standard. Next month we'll focus in on Ventura Water's Environmental Compliance Team, who monitors water coming into the wastewater plant, protecting it and the environment from harmful pollutants.

# Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

Wednes 9/13

5:00pm, monitored a 40ft sailboat en route to the Ventura YC looking for the guest dock. Officers met the vessel and escorted to the dock.

Thursday 9/14

2:46pm, dispatched to diabetic seizures at VWM D-dock. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with the patient on their vessel.

4:55pm, received report from City of Ventura employee that their laptop was left on the bumper, fell off while driving away and that a transient picked it up and ran off into the Arundo south of Surfers Knoll. Officers searched, but UTL.

Friday 9/15

2:20am, received report of an individual acting strangely, honking horn and seemingly in distress. Officers responded, found the vehicle and contacted an extremely upset person. After a conversation, the person felt better and left.

8:45am, received a float plan from the Hokuloa canoe club. They are paddling from Ventura Harbor to Santa Cruz Island tomorrow, will return Sunday.

Saturday 9/16

11:40am, received report of a distraught female who lost her keys at the Marina Park dock. Officers responded, assisted her with a ride home to Oxnard shores.

Sunday 9/17

7:57am, received a float plan from 2 kayakers planning on paddling around Santa Rosa Island after being dropped off by Island Packers.

3:45pm, received report that the

Hokuloa canoe club had returned from Santa Cruz Island safely with no issues.

Tuesday 9/19

1:40pm, received report of a older female attempting to cross the road near the launch ramp. Officers responded and were able to assist her to a nearby bench.

Wednes 9/20

2-5pm, Harbor Patrol officers conducting Water Rescue training with Ventura City Fire, consisting of lifeguarding skills and utilizing the Fireboat.

9:11pm, received report of a VIM tenant over-serving a 32 y/o male who is now intoxicated and acting aggressively towards his mother. Officers responded and escorted the female to her vessel, her son was passed out, no longer a problem.

Thursday 9/21

8:16pm, contacted by an irate female transient reporting her purse was stolen by homeless males. Officers advised to contact VPD to report theft, she ran off upset eventually knocking over trash cans in Surfers Knoll parking lot.

Friday 9/22

4:28am, dispatched to brush fire near Surfers Knoll. Officers responded with VFD and assisted with pulling hose from parking lot to extinguish the fire.

Saturday 9/23

12:05pm, received complaint of 3 juveniles fishing on the rip rap near the Harbor Cove Café. Officers responded in Fireboat and issued warning.

3:45pm, received multiple reports of a capsized sailboat near the Patrol Dock.

Officers responded in Fireboat, righted small sailboat, mast was stuck in the mud

Sunday 9/24

11:20am, received a request to remove a dead sea lion from the Derektor docks. Officers responded in Fireboat, towed the mammal out to sea.

11:45am, received request for assistance removing a large sea lion that was blocking access for a Derektor marina tenant. Officers responded

in the Fireboat and convinced the large "knot-head" to move to another dock.

Tuesday 9/26

6:28pm, observed weather service issued a Small Craft Advisory, raised pennant

3:10pm, received report of a disabled sailboat becalmed 2 miles south of the harbor. Officers responded, found 41ft sailboat and towed the vessel to boatyard haul out slip for repairs to the engine.

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Moving Up?  
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**King Crossword**

**Answers**

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# Ventura events

by Ana Baker

**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 she-nanigans. Our speaker on Oct. 3rd will be Earl Arnold, and he will speak about fly fishing. On Oct. 17, our speaker will be Jessica Flanagan, a Ventura County Forensic Nurse. Lyle Hotzler at 805-341-9820

**Do you want to 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.

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

**Oct. 4: BCNN (Beach Cities Newcomers and Neighbors) meeting is the first Wednesday of the month at Pacific Corinthian**

**an Yacht Cub 2600 Harbor Blvd Oxnard.** Our speaker in October is Debbie Gohlke. She has been a member of the Oxnard Soroptimist club for 35 years. She has held numerous positions through the years, delegate, director, VP of fundraising, president and region board member. She is chair of the annual community awareness event STOP Human Trafficking going on 17 years. This year she won the first place sweepstakes at the Ventura County Fair in the Baked Category. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Doors open at 9:30 AM. BCNN is a group for Women from Ventura, Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

**Oct. 5: Many children and teens have experienced the death of a loved one; this is a difficult time for anyone grieving a loss.** Livingston's Grief and Bereavement Program provides two free support groups, Good Grief Club (ages 6-10) and Young Teen Group (ages 11-15). These groups will run from October 5th through November 9th on Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. For reservations, contact 805-389-6870 or online at lmvna.org/grief. Space is limited.

**Oct. 7: The East Ventura Community Council (EVCC) is sponsoring a free family fun bicycle ride beginning at 10 a.m. at Ventura's Community Park.** The group ride will follow easy-to-navigate bike routes through the adjacent neighborhood. The free family fun ride reminds us to choose bikes over cars for personal health and our city's air. Sign-up information is available

on the EVCC website at <https://eastventura.org/>. The purpose of the EVCC is to encourage residents to understand East Ventura's problems, needs, and expectations and to recommend, initiate, and participate in developing and implementing programs or solutions. The EVCC facilitates communications between the community and government or other service agencies.

**Oct. 10: Program by The Ventura Audubon Society 7 - 9 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion and via Zoom.** You'll be introduced to the diverse array of local birds that grace our yards and open spaces. Benny Isaac Jacobs-Schwartz owns and operates a bird-guiding business and lifestyle brand called BIRDS by BIJS (pronounced Bee-jus). For more information and the Zoom link, go to [www.venturaaudubon.org/speakers](http://www.venturaaudubon.org/speakers).

**Oct. 14: Ventura Audubon Society Field Trip to Ormond Beach | Saturday 8:30am: Join us for our first field trip of October at Ormond Beach.** This is one of the top birding areas in Ventura County and is visited by over 200 shorebird, raptor and migratory bird species. It's an easy flat walk on dirt paths and the beach. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned birder you'll not want to miss this field trip. For details and to sign-up, visit <https://www.venturaaudubon.org/field-trips>.

**Oct. 16 & 23: Comprehensive Bereavement Training Class.** This class is designed to provide information on healthy grieving and how we

can best companion someone who is mourning the death of a loved one. Classes will take place on October 16th and 23rd in Camarillo from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is open to the community and requires people to register by October 13th. To register, call 805-389-6870 or online at [lmvna.org/grief](http://lmvna.org/grief).

**Oct. 21: The Ventura County Genealogical Society's annual Seminar is online via Zoom on Saturday from 8:30 - 4 p.m. PDT.** Presenter Michael D. Lacopo, D.V.M., one of the most sought-after genealogy speakers, offers four presentations. Topics include:

- Incorporating Social History into Your Research
- Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the "Evidence"
- The Genealogist's Quadfecta
- "She Came from Nowhere..." - A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogical Problem.

Registration (\$35 fee) is open at <https://ventura-cogensoc.org/2023-annual-seminar>. **Oct. 21: The 33rd annual Youth Stamp Fair will be held Saturday at the Dudley House Museum, 197 N Ashwood Ave.** Learn about stamp identification, soaking and drying, storage and mounting, cachets, watermarks, perforations, special postmarks, and topical collecting. Free Prizes, free parking, and, for those under 18 are free, stamps galore. Sponsored by Ventura County Philatelic Society, founded in 1928. Web site: [venturacountyphilateliccoc.org](http://venturacountyphilateliccoc.org) for more information or call 805 415-9857



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49 children at Camp Hope summer retreat.

## Young crime victims attended Camp Hope

To provide hope and foster resilience in childhood victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and physical and sexual abuse, the Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC) hosted 49 children at its annual Camp Hope summer retreat.

Since 2015, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office and VCFJC have hosted an annual five-day-long summer camp in partnership with Camp Hope America, the first evidence-based camping and mentoring program in the nation for children exposed to trauma. Camp Hope's goal is to give healing, hope and childhood experiences back to children and teens who have been impacted by violence.

For the last two years, Camp Hope has been held at Camp Daley, a Salvation Army property outside Calabasas. Camp Hope activities included hiking, ziplining, rock wall climbing, recreational pool time, art, mindfulness, yoga classes and a dunk tank. The campers are supported by college-age counselors at a ratio of 3:1 to ensure campers have the safety and guidance they need. Staff from the district attorney's office, doctors and donors volunteer, as well.

The VCFJC launched Camp Hope after the Ventura County district attorney's office noticed the generational impacts of violence as members of the same families were appearing as both defendants and victims year after year. Camp Hope was intended to be a proactive, rather than reactive, response to childhood trauma, as well as a crime prevention tool.

"Hope is a powerful tool in overcoming childhood trauma. One of the things we teach on a daily basis is that you should believe in your dreams, believe in others and believe in yourself," said Mike Jump, chief deputy district attorney and executive director of the Ventura County Family Justice Center. "Your past does not define your future. You are in control. We talk about that around the campfire."

This year's camp was paid for with funds raised by the Ventura County Family Justice Center Foundation's inaugural Hope Gala on July 28. The gala raised \$140,000, which exceeded expectations for the event.

The VCFJC has identified 600 children who qualify for the camp, but enrollment is limited based on funds. Depending on the generosity of donors, the VCFJC hopes that next year's camp

will include a second session to accommodate an additional cohort of 50 campers.

The Ventura County Family Justice Center is continuing to expand its footprint in order to assist more children and their families after experiencing violence. The county is currently moving forward with plans to convert a 32,000-square-foot-building in Oxnard into a secondary VCFJC location. Christine Mitchell, the project manager for the much-anticipated East County family justice center, which is in the early planning stages, stepped into her new role the day of the Hope Gala.

To support the Foundation by sponsoring the Gala visit here: [vcfjcfoundation.org](http://vcfjcfoundation.org).

## The Museum of Ventura County announces free online cooking show "Feast or Flop," a culinary journey through history

The Museum of Ventura County is excited to announce the launch of "Feast or Flop," an engaging free online cooking show that combines the world of culinary delights with recipes found in the Museum's archives. Viewers are invited to join Museum of Ventura County Collections Manager Renee Tallent as she teams up with talented regional chefs to recreate vintage dishes and determines if they are worthy of a feast or a culinary flop. The first full episode spotlights Renee as she collaborates with Chef Adam Hart from the Oxnard College Culinary program to take on a recipe for Lima Bean Loaf, a vintage dish with a unique twist. This first episode is now available for streaming on the Museum of Ventura County's website, [www.VenturaMuseum.org/Feast](http://www.VenturaMuseum.org/Feast).

"This is an exciting adventure that lets us dive into the culinary history of our beautiful County. 'Feast or Flop' is a fusion of gastronomy and history, showcasing the vibrant and diverse flavors

that have shaped our community. It's where vintage recipes meet modern chefs and the outcomes will be fascinating," commented Renee Tallent, Collections Manager for the Museum of Ventura County.

In the second episode, Renee joins forces with Chef Luis Sanchez, Owner and Chef of Mouthful Eatery in Thousand Oaks, as they test a vintage recipe for Avocado Soup, offering a taste of the past with a modern twist. The "Feast or Flop" series will feature a total of six episodes, with new installments released every two weeks through November. Upcoming episodes include Chicken Poached in Champagne, Spanish Liver, Potato Caramel Cake, and Fattigmand Cake, each uncovering a different facet of Ventura County's culinary heritage.

## Short-term jobs restoring local parks damaged by flooding

Workforce Development Board of Ventura County (WDBVC) is excited to announce short-term jobs for unemployed adults, to help clean, repair, and restore local parks damaged by the devastating winter storms of 2022-23. WDBVC and Goodwill of Ventura have partnered with the federally funded National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG), which allows Goodwill to hire workers to clean up mudslides and landslides from the severe storms

of 2022-2023. These temporary jobs as restoration team members have flexible hours with pay of up to \$25 an hour and provide on-the-job training and work experience.

With Ventura County unemployment at 4.2%, this is an excellent chance for those who have faced long-term unemployment (four weeks straight or more) to earn an income making a meaningful difference in their community. No previous experience is required, though workers must be at least 18 years old and have the legal right to work in the U.S.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to aid two local issues simultaneously," said Andrea Sanchez, Sr. Administration Manager at WDB. "We strongly encourage adults struggling with unemployment to help their local community through this project."

Further information is available at: <https://gwvsb.org/mission-services/>

For potential workers who are interested, they can receive more information by emailing [hrivera@goodwillvsb.org](mailto:hrivera@goodwillvsb.org) or calling (805) 981-0130 x117.

The Workforce Development Board of Ventura County administers federal funds to support America's Job Center of California locations and other free job seekers, youth, and employer programs and services in Ventura County. The Workforce Development Board of Ventura County is a proud partner of America's Job Center of California network. Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you have limitations in hearing or speaking, dial 711 to reach the California Relay Service (CRS). For more information, call 805-477-5306 or visit <http://workforceventura.org>.



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Jared Lantiegne (who dazzled audiences last year as Gomez Addams in The Addams Family Musical) will star in this production.

## Ventura College presents: “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love & Murder”

The uproarious musical “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love & Murder” comes to Ventura College’s Performing Arts Department beginning October 19, jump-starting the Halloween season with a burst of merry mayhem.

Winner of four Tony Awards (including Best Musical), “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love & Murder” is a British black comedy recounting the macabre life of Monty Navarro, a poor relation of one of England’s finest families (the

D’Ysquiths), who are as snobbish as they are wealthy. When Monty learns he is eighth in line to the family fortune, his desperation to improve his circumstances – and impress a woman – sets him on a murderous path to eliminate those who stand between him and his inheritance.

The musical is based on a novel by Roy Horniman, and features music by Steven Lutvak, a book by Robert L. Freedman, and lyrics by Lutvak and Freedman. Despite its murderous

nature, the show is surprisingly family friendly. The show’s high body count is matched by memorable tunes and hilariously witty lyrics. In its New York run the New York Times gushed “bloodlust hasn’t sung so sweetly, or provided so much theatrical fun, since Sweeney Todd first wielded his razor with gusto many a long year ago!”

One of Gentleman’s Guide’s conceits is that a single actor must play all eight doomed members of the D’Ysquith clan, singing, dancing, and bicycling through personas at a dizzying pace. At Ventura College, Jared Lantiegne (who dazzled audiences last year as Gomez Addams in The Addams Family Musical) will take on this chameleonic tour-de-force.

Isaiah Maldonado will play Montague “Monty” Navarro. Taylor Bernstein, who starred as the Governess in Ventura College Opera’s production of Benjamin Britten’s “The Turn of the Screw” will play Sibella Hallward, Lily Calhoun is Phoebe D’Ysquith, Isabella Catalano is Miss Shingle and Ivy Calhoun is Evangeline Barley. Costumes are by Anais Libunao and Sets/Lighting by Jamie Birkett.

The talented student cast will be accompanied by a live professional orchestra under conductor

Brent Wilson, who also staged the production. Wilson is the Performing Arts Department’s CoChair at Ventura College, resident guest director at Viterbo University, and director of choral studies at University of California, Santa Barbara. He served as Assistant Conductor and Chorus Master of Opera Santa Barbara for over twenty productions and conducted productions of The Consul and Don Pasquale. His production of Leonard Bernstein’s Trouble in Tahiti for Viterbo University was awarded third prize (collegiate division) by The National Opera Association. “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love & Murder” runs October 19-22, with evening performances at 7:30 PM in the Yunker Auditorium at Ventura College’s Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults. VCPA is offering \$5 tickets for seniors & students. The Ventura College Performing Arts Center is located at 4700 Loma Vista Road, Ventura. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at <https://ventura.vbotickets.com>.

## Community support urgently needed for additional emergency shelter homes for children and youth in Ventura County

Strengthening VC Families, an initiative of Ventura County Children and Family Services, is asking for families to help children in need by providing safe Emergency Shelter Homes (ESH) for children and youth who need an immediate place to go.

The ESH program provides children, youth, and families with a foundation of respect and support, from special people

who can support children and youth by providing a safe place to stay, while birth families receive support so that they can reunify with their children as soon as it is possible.

“We all know the importance of a safe and loving home”, said Arturo Vargas, Manager of Resource Family Approval (RFA). “It’s a big ask” but it’s an important ask.

We need families to serve as emergency shelter homes for children and youth who need immediate, short-term care ranging anywhere from 1-60 days. There is compensation for this important work.

The unique demands of being an ESH require a special set of skills and circumstances that include patience, consistency, and a commitment to providing a safe and loving environment for children and youth who have experienced trauma.

Important qualifications for becoming an Emergency Shelter Home: Complete the Resource Family training program, learning about children and youth in trauma.

Be empathetic and supportive to both birth parents and the extended family of a child.

Be available 24/7 for placement referrals.

Have experience parenting children.

Have a stable, nurturing home.

Own reliable transportation.

Have good verbal and written communication skills, bilingual is a plus.

Be a member of the professional team of support available to you.

Must reside within Ventura County.

“Emergency Shelter Homes provide a safe environment for our children at such a critical time in their lives and this is a very meaningful way to step up and help our community, help our families, and help our children and youth,” said Jaci Johnson, Program Coordinator III in Recruitment at Ventura County Children and Family Services.

If you are interested in helping children and youth in need, please call 805-654-3220 or go to [strengtheningvcfamilies.org](http://strengtheningvcfamilies.org) to learn more.

The County of Ventura Human Services Agency, Children and Family Services (CFS) vision is to offer support, hope and opportunity to families and children in need. It is through this vision we have developed Strengthening VC Families approach.

The goal of helping children and youth in Ventura County is to support the whole child, whole family, and whole community through integration and alignment of services. This goal is achieved by increasing preventative work to keep families together, aligning practices throughout the continuum of health and human services, and active engagement with diverse community partners to strengthen families together.

## Buena High School awarded NOAA Ocean Guardian School Designation

During the 2022-23 school year, two exceptional students, Jasmine Paramo and Madison Hawley, enrolled in Mr. Yorke’s AP Environmental Science class at Buena High School, and embarked on a remarkable journey to

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make their school an official Ocean Guardian School. The dynamic duo led by their teacher successfully applied for a grant through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ocean Guardian school program. Their vision was to transform Buena High School into an eco-conscious institution with a particular focus on a mixed-use garden.

The project's primary goals were to cultivate herbs and vegetables, serving as a resource for Buena High's Culinary Program, while also nurturing native plants to support local pollinators and biodiversity. Their dedication has borne fruit as Mr. Yorke recently received the exciting news that they have been awarded a \$4000 grant, officially designating Buena High School as an Ocean Guardian School.

This year, 13 Environmental Field Studies capstone students from Buena High School will be leading the charge in planning and executing this transformative project. As project managers, they are eager to take on the challenge. The impact of this endeavor will extend beyond the school's walls. By growing organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs the culinary arts classes will reduce their pesticide and nutrient pollution footprint, sourcing ingredients from a sustainable, on-campus garden rather than potentially nonorganic suppliers. The installation of drip irrigation and rain collection barrels will not only support the garden's growth but also conserve water resources that would otherwise go unused. Additionally, the creation of native plant habitats will reduce water usage and promote water filtration over harmful runoff.

Mr. Yorke also serves on the education seat for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Council. Through this role, he became acquainted with NOAA and its programs. Mr. Yorke commented, "I firmly believe that hands-on, real-world opportunities are incredible vehicles for students to learn scientific practices and principles. These kinds of real-world opportunities help foster deeper understanding, practical skills, and critical thinking. Students involved in projects like this become well-rounded, engaged, and scientifically literate individuals prepared to contribute meaningfully to the world and make it a better place."

## Healthgrades awards Community Memorial Hospital

Community Memorial Hospital - Ventura is proud to announce five important awards for exceptional care from Healthgrades, a leader in hospital transparency and research.

Community Memorial Hospital - Ventura earned the 2023 Outstanding Patient Experience Award, placing it among the top 15 percent

of hospitals nationwide for patient experience, according to Healthgrades. The patient experience measures reveal how patients felt about the care they received at the hospital and are based on patient survey data that Healthgrades obtains from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS also recognized Community Memorial with its 5-star rating this year - the highest distinction possible through its Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating system.

Community Memorial Hospital - Ventura also achieved four 5-star ratings in the areas of neurosciences, pulmonary, gastrointestinal, and critical care, according to research released by Healthgrades. These 5-star ratings reflect that Community Memorial Hospital - Ventura delivered better-than-expected clinical outcomes of care provided in these areas and distinguish the community hospital as a leading provider of care in these specialties.

"We are honored to be ranked in the top 15% of the country for patient experience. Earning this designation is a testament to the incredible care and experience the team at Community Memorial provides each and every day to our patients," said Mick Zdeblick, President & CEO, Community Memorial Healthcare. "I am proud of our team for their continued dedication to providing our community with exceptional care."

For the 5-Star ratings awards in specialty care, Healthgrades evaluated patient mortality and complication rates for 31 common conditions and procedures at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide to identify the top-performing hospitals for neurosciences, pulmonary, gastrointestinal, and critical care. Community Memorial's 5-star ratings were, specifically, in the areas of respiratory failure (critical care), gastrointestinal bleed (gastrointestinal), stroke (neurosciences), and pneumonia (pulmonary).

For the Outstanding Patient Experience Awards annual analysis, Healthgrades evaluated 2,780 hospitals that submitted at least 75 patient experience surveys to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The survey data covered patients who were discharged between January 2021 and December 2021. Of those hospitals evaluated, 419 outperformed their peers (based on their patients' responses) to achieve this award. Survey questions focused on issues like patients' perspectives of their care in the hospital, cleanliness, noise levels, medication explanations, hospital staff responsiveness to patient needs, and whether or not a patient would recommend the hospital to friends or family.

## OAKtober tree planting at Community Park

Subtle but "big" changes are happening at Community Park. Over the last two years, the Ventura Tree Alliance Ventura Tree Alliance (VTA) in partnership with the City of Ventura's Urban Forestry division and West Coast Arborists planted 40 oaks to shade the outer walkways at the park. Some of the



Some of the trees are now producing their very first acorns.

trees are now producing their very first acorns. These tiny bright green nuts add visual brightness to visitor's walks, and along with the significant growth of these trees, display the health of the new oaks.

Fundraising for the purchase and delivery of the trees is underway. The value of trees in cooling the air, providing habitat, reducing water run-off, muting traffic noise and mitigating Co2 emissions is important. If you enjoy the new trees or the park, want to add to the beauty of Ventura, or want to positively affect climate change, please give generously. Each tree costs \$250, so your donation matters. You can make a difference Ven-

turaTreeAlliance.com/donate.

The Ventura Tree Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public-benefit corporation that brings community members, educators, and business professionals together to enhance the urban tree canopy in the city of Ventura.

The mission is to "plant trees to augment Ventura's urban forest, beautifying Ventura and counteracting climate change. Our goals are to inspire, engage and support Venturans in planting and caring for trees through education, advocacy, volunteerism, and fundraising."

To find out more, visit [www.VenturaTreeAlliance.com](http://www.VenturaTreeAlliance.com) and join us on Facebook.

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by Pam Baumgardner  
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We're in the middle of celebrating Ventura County's 150th anniversary, and the event not to be missed is coming up on Saturday, October 21 at Santa Paula Veterans Park. During the early afternoon there's a Mountain to Sea Jubilee Family Festival free to the public, but starting at 2:30, a ticketed Jubilee Music Fest kicks off with live music from Charles Law Band, Whiskey Business, Rey Fresco, Mariachi Camarillo and the headliners, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy! There is limited capacity with presale tickets only, and they're available on Eventbrite. There will be food trucks, a beer and wine garden and artisan fair. No outside food, drink, or dogs allowed. It's festival style seating, so you can bring blankets or low chairs.

Tickets sold out quickly for Grammy winning and multi-platinum selling Soul Asylum show at the Deer Lodge for November 11. I'm a little sad to miss this one as I would have certainly plopped down \$55 for such an intimate show with the band that gave us "Runaway Train" and "Somebody to Shove."

Could be a blip in planning as two events are scheduled over the same weekend at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. I'm giving you the head's up as parking could be limited; may I suggest riding your bike or hiring Lyft/Uber/Taxi?

First, the Seaside Highland Games return on October 14 and 15 with all the normal fun and games, as well as plenty of lively Celtic music from Stand Easy, Ploughboys, Brian Caldwell & Paul Castellanos, Browne Sisters & George Cavanaugh. Tickets can be secured through the event's website at Seaside-HighlandGames.com.

And then Boots and Brews falls on Sunday, October 15 to be held at Surfer's Point Live in the parking lot of the fairgrounds. Headliner for this one is Jon Pardi with Niko Moon and recently added to the bill, Michael Ray. Tickets available on the event's website at BootsAndBrews.com.

Quick Notes: the final Rock the Collection concert with DSB is on Wednesday, October 4; the Camarillo Old Town 9th Annual Wine Walk promises live music along with the wine, beer and vendors on hand on Saturday afternoon, October 7 (1-4 pm); Pier Under the Stars falls on Saturday October 7 from 4-7 pm with Ignition; the highly talented Phil Salazar and Tom Corbett performance at Namba is on Saturday, October 7; Sucka Punch Productions has a Tuesday night thrash/metal show at Mrs. Olson's on October 10 starting at 5:30 with D.R.I. (Dirty Rotten Imbeciles), ACXDC, Deathwish and Brat with advance tickets on Ticketweb; Cadillac Zack presents a special Thursday evening show with John Primer and Bob Corritore Band at Cantara's on Thursday October 19 with tickets through Eventbrite; and just announced, Lee Ving returns to Ventura with Fear for a show at the Ventura Music

Hall on Saturday, November 25.

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

### All Kinds Studio

**433 E. Main St., Ventura**

Thurs 10/12: Exploding Flowers, Scientists & Saboteurs, The Spires, Bobi Rae

### Angry Ferret

**11990 Hertz St., Moorpark**

**Fri 10/6: Whole Hog**

Fri 10/13: Morrison Drive

### Aqua Beachfront Bar

**Crowne Plaza; 450 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura**

Wednesdays: Déjà vu Too

### Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts

**Logan House, 8585 N. Ojai Rd., Ojai**

Sun 10/15: Chamber on the Mountain

### Bellringer Brewing Company

**472 E. Main St., Ventura**

Fri 10/13: Katie Leigh

### Boatyard Pub

**1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura**

Music 6-9; except Sundays 4-7

Wednesdays: Frank Barajas

Thursdays: Jim Friery; Bluegrass Jam

Fri 10/6: Teresa Russell

### Bombay Bar and Grill

**143 S. California St., Ventura**

Wednesdays: Blues Night

Sat 10/7: Tommy Quayle, Agie and the Nightmares, Duncan and the Dragon-slayers

Sat 10/14: Led Tasso

### Boots and Brews

**Ventura Fairgrounds 10 W. Harbor Blvd, Ventura**

Sun 10/15: Jon Pardi, Michael Ray, Niko Moon

### Cantara Cellars

**126 N. Wood Rd., Camarillo**

Sat 10/7: Brittney and the B-sides

### The Cave

**4435 McGrath St., Ventura**

Wed & Thurs: Bobby Apostol

Fri & Sat: Warren Takahashi

### Copa Cubana

**Ventura Harbor Village**

Mondays: Glenn Bennett

Tuesdays: Blues Tuesdays

### Copper Blues

**591 Collection Blvd., Oxnard**

Fri 10/6: Jessica Ash

Sat 10/7: Siempre Selena Tribute

Fri 10/13: Caliente 805

### Deer Lodge

**2261 Maricopa Hwy., Ojai**

Thurs 10/5: Simon Phillips

Fri 10/6: The Allegations

Sat 10/13: Dan Sadin

### Enegren Brewing Co.

**444 Zachary St., Moorpark**

Fri 10/6: Vanise Terry Band

### Four Brix

**2290 Eastman Ave., Ventura**

(Fridays 6-8:30; Sundays 1-3:30)

Fri 10/6: Inna Rude Mood

### Garage

**1091 Scandia Ave., Ventura**

Fri 10/6: What the Funk

Sat 10/7: Faultline

### The Grape

**2733 E. Main St., Ventura**

Tues: The Gratitude Jazz Jam

Wed 10/4: Paul Jost Trio

Thurs 10/5: SicNarf

Fri 10/6: Special EFX Allstars feat. Chieli Minucci

Sat 10/7: Flattop Tom's Jumpin' Blues Band (2 pm); Henry Franklin Quartet (8 pm)

Mon 10/9: ProJect - The Ultimate Prog Rock Experience

Thurs 10/12: Nicole Zuraitis

Fri 10/13: Eric Harrington

Sat 10/14: The Azar Lawrence Experience

### Leashless Brewing

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

Thurs 10/5: Singer/Songwriter Open Mic Night

Fri 10/6: Skabone Jam

Sat 10/7: Tribe Devine; Vinny Berry

Sun 10/8: Jahmon Soul

Thurs 10/12: Jacob Marquez

Fri 10/13: Keyth G & the Universouls

Sat 10/14: Mark Masson Jam Grass; Adam Lenhard

Sun 10/15: Katie Skeene Band

### Libbey Bowl

**210 S. Signal St., Ojai**

Sun 10/8: Ojai Pops Orchestra - 805 Brass Ensemble

### Magnavino Cellars

**961 Rice Ave, Oxnard**

Sat 10/14: Doc Rogers Band

### Majestic Ventura Theater

**26 S. Chestnut St., Ventura**

Thurs 10/5: Dr. Bachlava and Human Growth Hormone

Fri 10/6: The Devil Makes Three, Christopher Paul Stelling

Sat 10/7: Awolnation, IronTomb

Fri 10/13: The Black Angels, The Dandy Warhols

Sat 10/14: 40 Fingers

Tues 10/17: The Offspring

### Manhattan

**5800 Santa Rosa Rd., Camarillo**

Wed 10/4: Robert Van

### Margarita Villa

**1567 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura**

Fri 10/6: Mark Masson & Friends

Sat 10/7: Little Alice and the Cats

Sun 10/8: Corsican Brothers

Fri 10/13: Colette Lovejoy Band

Sat 10/14: Cinnamon Whiskey

Sun 10/15: CRV

### Mrs. Olson's

**2800 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**

Sun 10/8: Teresa Russell

Tues 10/10: DRI, Cromags, ACXDC, Brat, Deathwish

### Namba Arts

**47 S. Oak St., Ventura**

Sat 10/7: Phil Salazar and Tom Corbett

Sun 10/8: The Listening Room

Sat 10/14: The Salty Suites

### Oceanview Pavilion

**575 E. Surfside Dr., Port Hueneme**

Sat 10/7: Deepest Purple, Ghost in the Machine, Katie Leigh

### Ojai Valley Brewing

**307 Bryant St., Ojai**

Sat 10/7: Blues Bullet

Fri 10/13: Zydeco Zippers

Sat 10/14: River Ripley

### Ojai Underground Exchange

**616 Pearl St., Ojai**

Fri 10/6: The Refugees

Sat 10/7: Bad Ass Boot

### Pier Under the Stars

**668 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura**

Sat 10/7: Ignition

### Poseidon Brewing

**5777 Olivas Park Dr., Ventura**

Fri 10/6: The CocoKnots

Sat 10/7: Vinny Berry

Sun 10/8: The CocoKnots

Fri 10/13: Vanise Terry Band

### The Raven Tavern

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

Fri & Sat 7 pm; Sunday 2 pm

Fri 10/6: Doc Rogers Band

Sat 10/7: Sonic Boomers

Sun 10/8: Jayden Secor

Fri 10/13: Jayden Secor Band

Sat 10/14: Teresa Russell

Sun 10/15: Doc Rogers

### Rock the Collection

**2751 Park View Ct., Oxnard**

Wed 10/4: DSB

### Sam's Place

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

Sat 10/14: Whole Hog

### Seaside Highland Games

**Ventura Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura**

Sat 10/14: Stand Easy, Ploughboys, Brian Caldwell & Paul Castellanos, Browne Sisters & George Cavanaugh

Sun 10/15: Stand Easy, Ploughboys, Brian Caldwell & Paul Castellanos, Browne Sisters & George Cavanaugh

### The Shores

**1031 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**

Sat 10/14: CRV

### Social Tap

**1105 Seaward Ave., Ventura**

Sat 10/7: The Elektrik Love-In

### Strey Cellars

**951 N. Rice Ave., Oxnard**

Sat 10/7: Barrelhouse Wailers

Sun 10/8: Pull the Trigger

Sat 10/14: 805 Social Club

Sun 10/15: Holgers Heros

### Taqueria Jalisco

**4275 Tierra Rejada Rd., Moorpark**

Tuesdays & Fridays: Jim Friery

### Tony's Pizzeria

**186 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Wed 10/4: Caught Red Handed

Thurs 10/5: SkaDaddyz

Mon 10/8: Mini Driver

Wed 10/11: CRV

Thurs 10/12: Stevie Char Band

### Topa Topa Brewing

**2024 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo**

Wed 10/11: Erinn Alissa

Sun 10/15: Katie Shorey

### Topa Topa Brewing

**4880 Colt St., Ventura**

Tues 10/10: Jam

### Vaquero y Mar

**435 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Sundays: Mariachi

Tuesdays: The Sea Hunter, Lowered Expectations

Wednesdays: Tribal Me

Fridays: Conjunto Zacamandu

Sat 10/7: The Mentors, Psychotic Barnyard, Seirens, Gob Patrol

### Ventura Music Hall

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

Wed 10/4: Glaive

Fri 10/6: Psychedelic Porn Crumpets

Sun 10/8: The Happy Fits, Small Crush & Hot Freaks

Wed 10/11: The Original Wailers

Fri 10/13: Eli Young Band

Sat 10/14: Kean Lewis, Sara Kays

### Waterside

**3500 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**

Sun 10/15: Teresa Russell

### Winchesters

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

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

Thurs 10/5: Karyn 805

Fri 10/6: Doc Ventura

Sat 10/7: J Coursey Willis

Sun 10/8: Ray Jaurique Trio

Thurs 10/12: Brandon Ragan

Fri 10/13: Sage & Austin

Sat 10/14: Steve & Sally Williams

Sun 10/15: Karen Eden & the Bad Apples



The Ventura County Potters' Guild invites you to our Second Annual Pottery Market and Bow of Thanks in Downtown Ventura, October 21 (10-6) and October 22 (10-5). Visitors will have an opportunity to purchase a handmade bowl donated by a local potter for just \$25. Funds raised will go to Downtown Ventura's Family Reconnection Program.

The Ventura County Potters' Guild is a non-profit and runs the Ventura Pottery Gallery in Ventura Harbor. The Gallery is open every day from 11 - 6. The monthly meetings are open to the public and feature ceramic demonstrations or presentations. More information can be found at <https://vcpg.org>.

At Studio 99 @ The Bell Arts Factory  
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Meet the Artists on First Friday, October 6, 6 - 9pm  
John Parker's collection, "Textured Tablets: A Fusion of Images, Words & Wood," is literally grounded in nature. He has about 15 sculptural pieces on display, both two dimensional and bas-relief, in various sizes.

"My work, as a whole, is intended to convey a sense of peace," added Parker, who has enjoyed woodworking and using wood as his art medium for 50 years.

The entrance to Studio 99 at the Bell Arts Factory is around the back of the building off of Wall St. Studio 99 is open Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 4pm



# Ventura Art Scene

## Reading materials solicited

Through the years, one of the functions of the CMHS Auxiliary has been the distribution of books and magazines to patients and their visitors. With the onset of Covid, and the safeguards that were implemented, that was discontinued. Now permission has been granted to begin this service once again. There's just one problem--there's a distinct

lack of materials to be delivered.

We're asking for donations of reading materials from the public in addition to those donated by our members. General interest subject matter is appreciated and may be dropped off at the front desk of the Ocean Tower of CMH. Magazines do not need to be current, but should be appropriate for general distribution.

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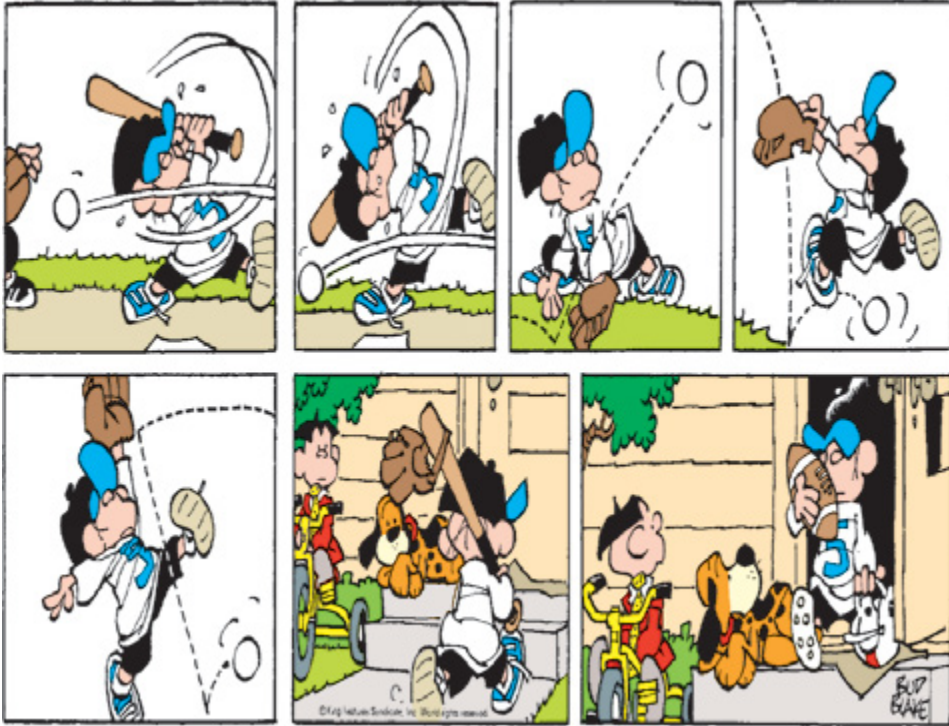
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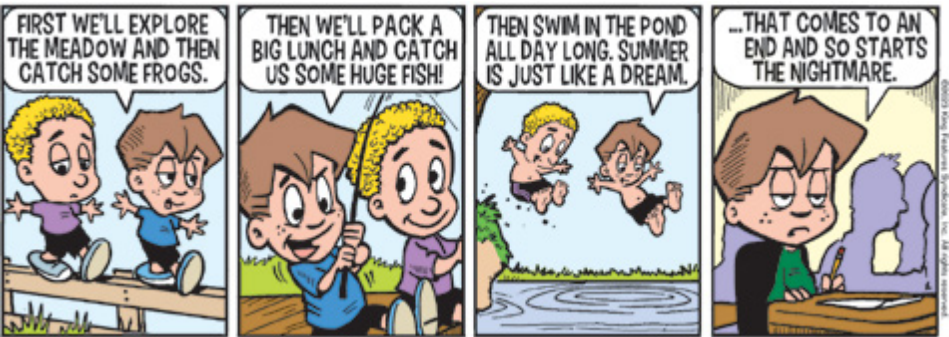
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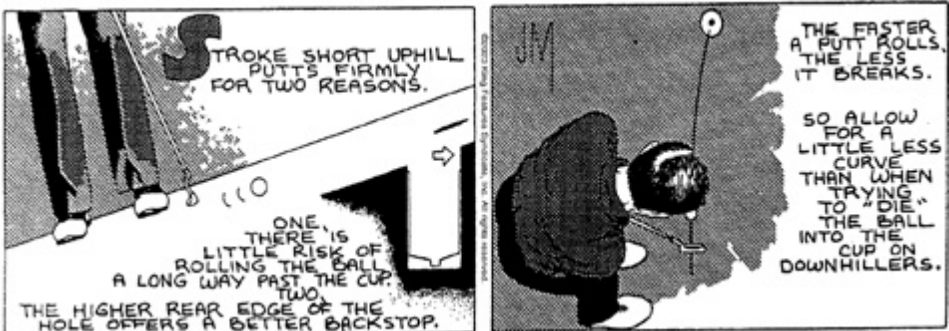
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(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to [venturabreeze.com](http://venturabreeze.com))

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 15

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Filly's brother
- 5 Group of seals
- 8 Old U.S. gas brand
- 12 Sandwich cookie
- 13 Sailor's "yes"
- 14 "Pygmalion" writer
- 15 Nevada city
- 16 Tropical fruit
- 18 Nebraska river
- 20 Demons
- 21 Towel word
- 23 Bol. neighbor
- 24 Engages in make-believe
- 28 Tibia's place
- 31 PC key
- 32 Hotel offering
- 34 Bond rating
- 35 Brusque
- 37 Tormenting
- 39 Spanish gold
- 41 IRS agent
- 42 Rustic homes
- 45 TV type
- 49 Table protector
- 51 Inky stain
- 52 Italian wine region
- 53 Notable time
- 54 Booty
- 55 Slugger Sammy
- 56 Letter sealer

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- 2 Hurler Hersher
- 3 Sultry Horne
- 4 Like some grins
- 5 Drink-to-go holder
- 6 Popeye's Olive
- 7 Hearing-impaired
- 8 Aromatic
- 9 Chinese city
- 10 Uttered
- 11 Has
- 17 Actress Long
- 19 Afternoon affairs
- 22 Long-legged shorebird
- 24 Chest muscle
- 25 Baton Rouge sch.
- 26 Circus gymnasts
- 27 Short-lived levy of 1765
- 29 Author
- 30 Pester
- 33 Alike (Fr.)
- 36 One of the Nixons
- 38 Powerless
- 40 Low digit
- 42 Bookkeepers (Abbr.)
- 43 To boot
- 44 Diving duck
- 46 Trudge
- 47 Synthesizer pioneer
- 48 ABA member
- 50 Notre Dame's Parseghian

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# Show Time

A View from House Seats

## English thriller on stage in Ojai

by Shirley Lorraine

Now on stage at the Ojai Art Center Theater is *The Rope*, a classy psychological thriller built on a true story. It's not a "who-dunnit." It's "why it was done." The crime is explained in the first few minutes. From there, the action relies on wordplay, not too subtle hints and the gullibility of others.

*The Rope*, written in 1929, by Patrick Hamilton, explores sentiments based on the real-life crime of two wealthy American teens, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, who kidnapped and killed a fellow university student just for the intellectual experience. They took their lead from studying philosopher Nietzsche's theory of Superman in which it is promoted that some people are intel-

lectually superior to others and thus are free to live by different standards.

In fact, Leopold and Loeb were both said to be of high intellect, confident that they could successfully pull off a perfect crime. However, they were turned in by an acquaintance whose own lack of moral compass defied logic. The famous trial of Leopold and Loeb was sensational as they were defended by Clarence Darrow who ultimately spared them execution by obtaining sentences of life imprisonment.

In Hamilton's rendering, the setting is London. Students Wyndham Brandon (Jon Markham) and Charles Granillo (Evan Roush) have just strangled a fellow student and stashed his body in a chest in their drawing room. They then hold

a small party and brazenly invite the victim's father, Sir Johnstone Kentley, (Ray Mastrovito) as well as a few others, basically to heighten their feelings of superiority over all their guests.

Ultimately, they are found out, their plan to leave crumbles heightened by drink, emotions, a raging storm and confrontation. Even though Brandon boldly announced to the guests what had been done, he was stunned to find that his ruse did not fool everybody. His partner, Granillo, is unable to keep a stiff upper lip, and falls apart as the action continues.

The interior setting is well appointed with some nicely detailed touches. The play also features a well-rounded cast of typically English characters - a butler (Len Klaif), an ingenue (Stephanie Blaze Bates) dotty older lady (Theresa Secor) and a naïve young man (William Palo), keeping the action light-hearted in many areas, to further highlight the burdens

held by the hosts. Each plays their part well, adding subtle humor and an air of nonchalance throughout.

The story was retold and relocated for American audiences by Alfred Hitchcock, in a 1948 film starring James Stewart. Some of the characters' names and identities changed, but the plot remained the same in content and conflict.

The plot is a complex one, exploring levels of morality, to whom they should apply, and attempts, through characterization, to rationalize the sheer audacity of theorizing that wealth or intellectual status makes one person better than another.

Well done, director Kimberly Demmary. A solid cast and production.

*The Rope* continues through October 22. Performances on Friday and Saturday begin at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. [www.OjaiACT.org](http://www.OjaiACT.org) has all the details.

Streaming Spotlight by Cindy Summers

## Love At First Sight

- Netflix



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

When Oliver (Ben Hardy) was young his family was surprised by his mother's cancer diagnosis and that's when he decided he never wanted to be surprised again, so began studying statistical analysis in the belief that with enough data everything would be predictable. While studying statistics at Yale he received the unfortunate news that after fourteen years in remission his mother's cancer had come back and was asked to return home for an unusual living memorial.

Hadley (Haley Lu Richardson) missed her flight to her father's wedding in London, and usually her perpetual tardiness and uncharged phone led her to get into trouble but this day it led her to Oliver. She met Oliver while trying to charge her phone at a charging station, but with none available Oliver offered her his charger. They discovered they were on the same flight to London, and with a while until the flight departed decided

to get something to eat together.

Time passed quickly and before they knew it they were almost late for their flight. Hadley was in business class (due to it being one of only two seats available on the next flight) but Oliver was in economy. As fate would have it, due to Oliver's seat belt being broken he was moved to the only other seat available on the plane which was next to Hadley. Hadley was fearful of flying and grabbed Oliver's hand during take off.

They spent seven hours on the plane learning about and falling for each other, and joked since they already had a meal the meal on the plane was their second date. Oliver charmed Hadley by wearing the pajamas provided in business class and they woke with the plane landing in London. Oliver gave Hadley his number outside customs but Hadley's phone died before she could store the number, and was an hour in customs so when she came out Oliver was no where to be found.

Hadley called her father who arranged for her to get all setup, but during the wedding Hadley could only think about Oliver. When it was over Hadley overheard a couple of wedding guests talking about leaving to attend a memorial at Peckham House which seemed it could only have been for Oliver's mother. Hadley decided to try to find Oliver, though she really had no idea where he was and headed out the door saying she'd be back for the

reception in four hours.

The story then backs up at this point and tells it from the perspective of Oliver from the point at which they were separated at the airport. Oliver's brother showed up in DJ gear and a music box, immediately drawn the attention of police and were asked to leave. They did so quickly and drove away in Luther's big green sprinter van. The brothers visited, then changed into Shakespearean costumes for their mother's unusual farewell living memorial where all her friends and family performed songs, dances and poetry in her honor.

Being reminded of his parent's love by his mother's speech, Oliver kept thinking of Hadley. Oliver spoke to his mother privately that he was

upset that she was refusing treatment, but she didn't want to go though needless suffering. When Oliver rejoined the party, Hadley was there and they hugged as if they had known each other forever. They visited out by the river but had a misunderstanding leaving both uncomfortable, so Hadley left but accidentally left her bag behind.

Hadley got lost and called her dad to come get her to take her to the reception while Oliver decided he needed to return Hadley's bag, so the whole family loaded up in the van to find her. With fate appearing on their side thus far, would these seemingly destined lovers find each other.

Runtime: 1h 30m



It was a weather perfect weekend for an incredible 3-day regatta with competitors from NY, NC, FL, WA, OR, ID and CA. Ventura has become a favorite regatta of the year for some that participated. Ventura Yacht Club hosted the race and is being recognized as a premiere venue for one design dinghy racing at a national level!

According to Stanton Smith, the Thistle Class is currently one of the most popular Corinthian classes in the US and boasted an 88-boat national Championship this year in Montana.



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## On Vacation - England



Kathleen Shaffer reads her hometown paper Ventura Breeze while enjoying the garden of Shakespeare's house in Stratford Upon Avon, England.

"I like this place and could willingly waste my time in it."  
- William Shakespeare



Artist Elizabeth White opens her studio as part of this year's Ojai Studio Artists Tour:

## Ojai Studio Artists (OSA) tour set for Oct. 7-9

The Ojai Studio Artists (OSA) tour, set for Oct 7-9, features a stunning array of art and the opportunity to explore and immerse yourself in the private spaces where it's made. This year OSA is celebrating its 40th anniversary, making it the longest-running studio art tour in California.

The Ojai Valley Museum hosts an opening reception on Friday Oct. 6 from 5-7 pm, offering visitors a chance to mingle with artists and help plan their journey over the three-day weekend. Work by all participating artists is featured in the Museum's current show, "Turning Corners."

Among the artists included this year are Spark Taylor, whose modern impressionist landscapes vividly capture familiar local scenes and Lucinda Yates, wearable art entrepreneur turned fine artist who turned a pandemic Zoom portrait project into a hugely

successful series capturing a multitude of distinct people and personalities.

Work by all participating artists is on view until October 9 at the Ojai Valley Museum in the show "Turning Corners," offering visitors a chance to get a one-stop overview of the work featured on the tour and begin to plan their personal itinerary.

Chamber On The Mountain, a chamber music concert series celebrates the opening of their Eleventh Season by presenting Project:CSQ - California String Quartet - on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3:00 pm in Logan House (located at the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts in Upper Ojai). Tickets \$35.00 at [ChamberOnTheMountain.com](http://ChamberOnTheMountain.com). Audience members are invited to meet the artists at a lovely outdoor patio reception following the performance.