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MILITARY / NON PROFIT

4/1/2022 4:17 Morning Edition

The "Secrets of World War II" exhibition at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley features 200 artifacts part of the 10,000 square foot exhibition.

It's a startling entrance to an exhibition looking at the biggest conflict in human history. You find yourself face to face with what appears to be the front of a tank. The huge new exhibition at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library tries to tell many of the unknown, or little known, stories of World War II. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports.

HUMAN INTEREST / NON PROFIT

4/4/2022 4:27 Morning Edition

Conejo Valley film festival has special purpose. It's also a fundraiser for breast cancer prevention.

Lance Orozco reports. Two friends who became breast cancer survivors are bringing Lunafest to Conejo Valley Thursday night. They are two good friends who live in the Conejo Valley. The two women were brought even closer together when they were both diagnosed with the same disease. They are now both breast cancer survivors.

PUBLIC SAFETY

4/5/2022 3:29 All Things Considered

Ventura County mom whose family - even the dogs - got seriously sick from hidden mold warns others. It's something which affects over two out of three homes and hidden mold can cause serious health conditions. It's hidden between walls or under flooring, but mold affects around 70% of our homes. Mom-of-two Susan, from Moorpark – we aren't using her real name for legal reasons – says she's had to move home after she and her children - both aged under 7 - suffered serious health issues caused by hidden mold. Caroline Feraday reports.

PUBLIC SAFETY / COVID-19

4/6/2022 4:29 Morning Edition

With a second COVID-19 booster available, do you get it now? Tri-Counties health expert has answers.

Depending on circumstances, some may want to wait before getting the latest booster. With the latest COVID-19 surge easing around the country, and on the Central and South Coasts, news about the virus has been eclipsed by things like the war in Ukraine, and high gas prices. You've probably heard that the Centers for Disease Control opened the door for a second vaccine booster shot. But who's eligible? And, should you do it now? KCLU Lance Orozco reports.

RACE

4/7/2022 4:07 Morning Edition

New stage production opening on South Coast looks at tough issue of racism and law enforcement. Lance Orozco reports. Santa Barbara's Ensemble Theater Company produces play American Son. It's a play looking at a parent's nightmare, but on a deeper level, racial dynamics in America. Your son doesn't come home one night. You go to a police station, because you find out they have his car. But, there are no answers as to his whereabouts. And, your son is black. The plays is called American Son.

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HUMAN INTEREST

4/11/2022 4:23 Morning Edition

Long before records, wax cylinders played music. UCSB has one of the world's largest collections.

Lance Orozco reports. Wax cylinder collector supports new initiative to collect, and preserve some of the oldest recordings. They are the sounds of history. It's music from the late 1800's. Long before we had digital downloads, CD's, cassettes, or even records, wax cylinder recordings were the first commonly used way of recording music, and the spoken word. UC Santa Barbara's Library has one of the largest cylinder collections in the United States, with some 20,000 cylinders dating back to the late 1800's.

HEALTH CARE

4/12/2022 3:30 All Things Considered

There's a shortage of OB-GYNs - and the Central and South Coasts are no exception.

KCLU's Caroline Feraday reports. A new residency program aims to tackle the problem in the Santa Maria Valley. Each month, more than 257 babies are delivered at the Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria – that's the highest number throughout the Central Coast. But – like many places – the center is experiencing a lack of Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians – says Dr. Anne Kennard, at the Marian.

EDUCATION

4/13/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

During Oxnard visit, State Schools Superintendent calls for more dual-language immersion classes.

Democratic State Senator Monique Limon of Santa Barbara introduces bill which would provide more funding for dual-language programs in schools. It's a program that's helping public school students become proficient in two languages at the same time. The Oxnard Elementary School District is one of the leaders in the state in dual-language immersion programs, with more than half of its campuses offering the program. Lance Orozco reports.

EDUCATION / NON PROFIT

4/13/2022 3:02 All Things Considered

Ventura County non-profit injects some joy into classrooms with its music program.

Can you remember back to the music classes at your elementary school? Well, this is a music class with a difference. A class of elementary school students in Ojai are taking part in a music class. It's part of a program called BRAVO - run in public schools by Ojai Music Festival. KCLU Caroline Feraday reports.

PUBLIC SERVICES

4/14/2022 3:13 All Things Considered

Ventura County Animal Services need more foster carers for pets.

If you are an animal lover but aren't sure about the commitment of a full-time dog or cat – maybe fostering animals from the local shelter is for you? At the Animal Shelter in Camarillo, the sound of dogs barking almost sounds like they're asking, 'pick me, pick me.' Caroline Feraday reports.

WILDLIFE / INFRASTRUCTURE

4/18/2022 4:10 Morning Edition

Work starting on world's largest wildlife crossing, but research set stage for Conejo Valley project. Lance Orozco reports. Biologists have been studying the lives of carnivores in the Santa Monica Mountains for more than two decades. It's a project that's been talked about for years. Work will officially get underway Friday on what's being called the world's largest wildlife highway crossing, which is being built over Highway 101 in the Conejo Valley. The idea is of course to help wildlife from mountain lions down to lizards safely cross ten lanes of freeway. But, it's about much more than preventing roadkill.

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ENVIRONMENT / NON PROFIT

4/19/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

Final fundraising push kicks off this week for unique nature preserve in hills east of Ventura.

The Harmon Canyon Preserve permanently protects more than 2100 acres of land. The Ventura Land Trust is trying to raise the final million of the \$11.6 million program. Birds are chirping, and bees buzzing on a hillside that's covered with bright yellow flowers, and a smattering of stately coastal oak trees. It feels like a remote wilderness area, but it's just 15 minutes by car from downtown Ventura. It's the Harmon Canyon Preserve. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports.

LOCAL ECONOMY / UNEMPLOYMENT

4/21/2022 4:38 Morning Edition

Need a job? South Coast hospitality industry has plenty of openings, and not enough workers.

Restaurants, hotels, even the Santa Barbara Zoo are struggling to find employees. Gabriel Odell is looking for a job in the restaurant industry. Despite his lack of experience, the Santa Barbara County man is drawing a lot of interest at a job fair. It's a problem you've heard about during the pandemic, and is still an issue today. The food service and hospitality industries are having a hard time finding, and keeping employees. It's a huge concern on the Central and South Coasts, where those kinds of jobs are key to the region's tourism industry. Lance Orozco reports.

WILDLIFE / INFRASTRUCTURE

4/22/2022 3:34 Morning Edition

Cougar crossing coming! Work starts on Conejo Valley wildlife crossing, to be largest in world.

Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing to span ten lanes of Highway 101 in Agoura Hills, creating safe passageway for mountain lions and other wildlife. It was a groundbreaking event for what supporters call a groundbreaking project. After decades of research, and years of fundraising, work officially got underway Friday in the Conejo Valley on the world's largest wildlife crossing. Lance Orozco reports.

POLITICS

4/26/2022 4:37 Morning Edition

Former U.S. Attorney General says there was never evidence to back Trump's claims of rigged election.

Lance Orozco reports. Bill Barr also blasts Democrats and the media during appearance at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. He was on the job for less than two years, but he was in the eye of the storm of some of the biggest controversies during the Trump Administration. Former Attorney General Bill Barr had harsh words about the former President, but also about the Democratic party, and the news media during a Monday night appearance at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

LOCAL BUSINESS / HUMAN INTEREST

4/27/2022 3:35 All Things Considered

Inspired by their own son, the restaurateurs employing those living with disabilities.

A chain of Santa Barbara County restaurants is offering unique employment opportunities for those living with disabilities. It's the lunchtime rush at Kyle's Kitchen in Goleta. There's a steady stream of customers coming in to order from their menu of brioche bun burgers, fries, salads and more. They're here for the food, and the service. But they might not know one of the other missions of the Santa Barbara County chain of restaurants. "We want to eat food and help great people," explained Michael Kling, the General Manager at the Hollister location of Kyle's Kitchen. "That's something we do through our 'Giving Back' program." Caroline Feraday reports.

ENVIRONMENT

4/29/2022 4:38 Morning Edition

Drought prompting new water use restrictions for hundreds of thousands of people on South Coast. Lance Orozco reports. Shortfall in State Water Project supplies mean limits will be placed on outdoor watering. It's a familiar sound. It's the sound of a lawn sprinkler. But, officials with some water agencies on the South Coast say it's a sound we should be hearing less often this spring, and summer. A district which supplies state water to much of Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties announced that the drought is forcing some major cuts in how water can be used.

SPORTS

4/29/2022 3:32 All Things Considered

A right royal welcome as polo season kicks off on the South Coast. It's the oldest equestrian sport and as spectators are welcomed back to Santa Barbara Polo Club this weekend, they're set for a tournament fit for royalty. Eight players - making two teams, are on horseback and using mallets to hit a ball in this competitive polo match at Santa Barbara Polo Club. The season begins this weekend with a tournament which ends on Sunday. It features some of the best-known players in the sport – including the man dubbed the David Beckham of polo - Nacho Figueras. KCLU's Caroline Feraday reports.

UKRAINE / HUMAN INTEREST

5/2/2022 3:31 Morning Edition

Some South Coast musicians rally to help children impacted by war in Ukraine. Four chamber music concerts planned for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, with classical and Broadway music featured. Some South Coast residents decided they want to do something to help children impacted by the war in Ukrainian. The residents are a group of about a dozen musicians. So, they've decided they way they can help is by using their musical talents. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports.

HISTORY

5/3/2022 4:37 Morning Edition

It was famous! It's a national landmark! Yet, most don't know this Ventura County ranch exists. Lance Orozco reports. A hit novel turned it into a tourism hotspot for years ... but, that was back in the 1880s. It's a scenic, and historic gem hidden in plain sight. Thousands of cars and trucks go whizzing by it every day, as they travel on Highway 126 between Ventura and Valencia. It doesn't look like much from the highway. But, if you stop you car, and take a few steps, you can actually travel back more than 150 years in time.

UKRAINE / HUMAN INTEREST

5/3/2022 3:37 All Things Considered

Waxing lyrical: Ukrainian woman stuck here because of the war finds a creative way to fundraise. KCLU Caroline Feraday reports. It's ten weeks since Russian troops invaded Ukraine. 29-year-old Yuliya Gorenko is measuring out wax on the kitchen scales at her boyfriend's parents home in Thousand Oaks, where she's preparing to hand-make a batch of scented candles. Yuliya is from Ukraine, and has been in a long-distance relationship for around four years with her Ventura county based boyfriend. They'd been planning to move in together in Kyiv in March. She traveled here on Feb 15th.

ARTS & CULTURE

5/5/2022 4:13 Morning Edition

New South Coast plaza intended to be a cultural and arts hub for region. KCLU Lance Orozco reports, Michael Towbes Library Plaza will connect the Santa Barbara Library, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and is near the Granada Theater. We are standing in the last place you expect to find more than a hundred people taking part in. It's a weed strewn dirt lot in Downtown Santa Barbara. But, this property fits the old adage of what makes a piece of property important: It's location, location, location.

WILDFIRE

5/6/2022 4:23 Morning Edition

Joe Tyler touring state to try to increase awareness about wildfire preparedness.

The Central and South Coasts have several major brush fires in the last year, but nothing like the catastrophic Thomas, and Woolsey fires in 2017 and 2018. The state's top fire official says given the impacts of the drought, he's worried as we move into high wildfire season. Joe Tyler became Fire Chief of CalFire, the state's fire agency in March. Speaking to KCLU News, he says the wildfire potential will be high. He says they have been monitoring the factors which can create a high threat, and notes that the outlook isn't good. Lance Orozco reports.

ARTS & CULTURE

5/10/2022 3:51 All Things Considered

The movie star going from silver screen to the musical stage on the Central and South Coasts.

Caroline Feraday reports. Dennis Quaid is playing live dates in Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties, this month. From the Rookie to Parent Trap and dozens more big screen hits, Dennis Quaid has been a Hollywood A-Lister for decades. While his film successes have earned him an Emmy and two Golden Globe nominations, did you know he's also a singer/song-writer, who has been playing music since his grandfather bought him his first guitar? Now, he's on tour and playing live this month on the Central and South Coasts.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

5/12/2022 3:11 All Things Considered

South Coast scientist played a critical role in capturing the first image of our galaxy's black hole.

A major space discovery is making news around the world and some Santa Barbara County based researchers are a key part of it. A black hole is a region in spacetime where gravity pulls so much that not even light can get out. Because no light can get out, we can't see black holes. However, the first ever image of the black hole in our Milky Way – the galaxy that includes our solar system – is making news around the world. Caroline Feraday reports.

LAW ENFORCEMENT / PUBLIC SAFETY

5/18/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

Enough! Santa Barbara County law enforcement, community leaders unite to take on opioid crisis.

KCLU's Lance Orozco reports. A Santa Barbara mother, who lost 22-year-old son to a fentanyl overdose, is part of the campaign, saying no other parent should have to feel this type of pain. It's pain no parent should have to endure. But, Stephanie Forrester OF Santa Barbara has been in agony for the last three months. Her 22-year-old son died of a fentanyl overdose.

EDUCATION

5/20/2022 4:24 Morning Edition

Three Central Coast colleges taking part in new state program offering stipends to students for community service.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cuesta College, Allan Hancock College among 45 colleges statewide participating in College Corps program. A new program is going to help low-income college students on the Central Coast financially, while helping the communities they are living in at the same time. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports.

WILDLIFE

5/23/2022 4:41 Morning Edition

New Condor-Cam provides bird's eye view of condor family in Ventura County's backcountry. Endangered birds making a comeback, but there are still less than 100 in Southern California population. The population of the endangered California Condor has increased by one, with the birth of a new condor chick in Ventura County's backcountry. "It's in a nest in what we call Toms Canyon, which is near the Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, which is near Fillmore," said Arianna Punzalan, the Supervisory Wildlife Biologist for the California Condor Recovery Program. While the nest that's home to the new chick is in a remote area, you can experience it live through a brand new condor-cam. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports.

HUMAN INTEREST

5/25/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

Beyond prison and parole, some former prison inmates in Santa Barbara County getting fresh starts. Graduation ceremonies honor some formerly incarcerated people who have completed a unique program helping them re-enter society. He was a federal prosecutor, a noted consumer protection attorney, and a law professor. But, his life exploded in 1995. Lance Orozco reports.

ENVIRONMENT

5/26/2022 4:38 Morning Edition

New South Coast trail offers spectacular views of Santa Barbara Channel, Ventura County. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports. It's the latest effort by the Ventura Land Trust as it develops recreational uses for parts of the 2100 acre Harmon Canyon Preserve. It has spectacular hilltop views of much of the South Coast, from the Channel Islands to the Santa Clara River Valley. Just in time for Memorial Day Weekend, a brand-new two mile trail in the hills above Ventura has opened to the public. It's in the Harmon Canyon Preserve, which is a 2100 acre nature preserve on the east side of Ventura, owned and managed by the Ventura Land Trust.

EDUCATION / ARTS & CULTURE

5/27/2022 3:20 All Things Considered

Chalking up a street art festival with a mission to bring art education to schools. Caroline Feraday reports. A long-running street painting festival returned to Santa Barbara after a two year break because of the pandemic. The ground is being swept, areas measured and marked out, and artists are arriving at the Santa Barbara Mission on Friday. Over the next three days, over a hundred street paintings will be drawn live with chalk pastels on the pavement in front of the Mission. It's all to raise funds for the Children's Creative Project, a non-profit arts education program of the Santa Barbara County Education office.

WILDLIFE

5/31/2022 4:17 Morning Edition

Biologists have a new theory on what may be creating a health crisis for California's Brown Pelicans. Lance Orozco reports. Experts say it could be connected to a shortage of the fish which make up their limited diets. It's a crisis which has puzzled biologists along the Central and South Coasts for weeks. What has been leaving hundreds of brown pelicans sick, and in some cases dead?

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PUBLIC HEALTH / COVID-19

6/1/2022 4:01 Morning Edition

Public health expert in Tri-Counties say latest COVID-19 surge may peak in mid-to-late June.

Group gatherings, relaxed masking, increased transmissibility of new COVID-19 variant among factors cited for surge. Once again, we are in the middle of another COVID-19 surge. Maybe you know someone who's had the virus in the last few weeks. Depending on whether Memorial Day weekend events fuel the surge, experts say it could peak in the next few weeks. "The modeling from the state is saying this is going to peak mid-to-late June," said Ventura County Public Health Officer Dr. Robert Levin. He talks about factors behind the surge. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports.

POLITICS / OIL

6/3/2022 4:06 Morning Edition

Ventura County voters deciding fate of proposals to toughen oil, and gas drilling reviews.

Ventura County's Measures A and B would require already permitted older oil and gas facilities to meet newer environmental standards for drilling. How far should Ventura County go to protect the county against the potential negative impacts of oil and gas production? That's the question facing voters in the forms of Measures A and B. In 2020, Ventura County Supervisors passed an ordinance which would require operators with facilities which have years, sometimes decades old permits to go through new environmental reviews for drilling. Opponents gathered enough signatures to put the issue before voters. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports.

POLITICS / LAW ENFORCEMENT

6/6/2022 4:40 Morning Edition

Voters deciding contentious Sheriff's race in Ventura County.

Two Ventura County Sheriff's Office veterans face off against each other. We're in the home stretch for the June primary election, with a number of races on the Central and South Coasts among those being decided. In Ventura County, voters will settle one of the most contentious races on the region, which will decide who will run the largest law enforcement agency in the Tri-Counties. Lance Orozco reports.

NON PROFIT / COVID-19

6/7/2022 3:28 All Things Considered

A new free after-school program for kids aims to close the learning gap due to COVID.

KCLU's Caroline Feraday reports. Many kids struggled to keep up at school with online learning becoming the norm during the pandemic. At Maple Elementary School in Ventura County, school has finished for the day. Some students are being given a snack and starting the next part of their day – after school enrichment. For many of those here – and many like them – for the best part of two years, learning was switched to online, during the height of the COVID pandemic. Now, this new after-school enrichment program is providing extra support for those who may have fallen behind.

ARTS & CULTURE

6/8/2022 3:30 All Things Considered

An international music festival returns to Ventura County.

Caroline Feraday reports. The Ojai Music Festival features four days of outdoor classical and contemporary performances. Rehearsals are underway on the stage at the Libbey Bowl in Ojai. The piece is called Echoing of Tenses, by composer Anthony Cheung, and it will be one of the contemporary and classical performances which will take place from Thursday through Sunday at the Ojai Music festival. The festival has been a summer fixture in the town for over 60 years, Ara Guzelimian, Artistic and Executive Director of the Ojai Music festival told KCLU.

EDUCATION / INCLUSION

6/14/2022 3:29 All Things Considered

Former students of a segregated elementary school in Carpinteria are being honored. KCLU's Caroline Feraday reports. Did you know it's only 75 years ago that a court ordered the desegregation of "Mexican only" schools in this state? It was the year of the first Polaroid camera, Harry S Truman was President and Meet The Press made its television debut on NBC - 1947. It also marked the decision to end school segregation for Mexican Americans in California. Aliso Elementary in Carpinteria was one such school which, until 75 years ago, was designated for "Mexicans only."

INFRASTRUCTURE / VETERANS

6/17/2022 4:35 Morning Edition

Off the streets and into homes; Work starts on affordable housing project for Ventura County vets. Lance Orozco reports. Two non-profits team up to build \$69 million project in East Ventura aimed at helping formerly homeless, and low-income veterans. We're at the groundbreaking for a major new affordable housing development on the South Coast for veterans. But, construction crews have already started on a project which will help get some once homeless, as well as low income veterans and their families into long-term homes.

INFRASTRUCTURE

6/20/2022 4:37 Morning Edition

Another leg of the Highway 101 expansion project is complete on the South Coast. But what's next? KCLU's Lance Orozco reports. Carpool lanes are now complete from Ventura County through Carpinteria, but the project still has to go from Summerland to Santa Barbara. Traffic is flowing well on Highway 101 in Carpinteria, something which often didn't happen during the morning, and evening commute hours. Last week, another major step towards decades old efforts to end chronic traffic congestion between Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties was completed. Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins said carpool lanes were completed through the City of Carpinteria, along with bridge and intersection improvements.

UKRAINE / ARTS & CULTURE

6/27/2022 3:30 Morning Edition

Santa Barbara Solstice Parade includes reminder of crisis facing Ukrainian war victims. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports. Ukrainian dance, flags part of weekend celebration; Some Ukrainians in parade. The music is playing, and people are dancing, walking, and even skateboarding through downtown Santa Barbara during its annual Summer Solstice Parade. While Saturday's parade is supposed to be about fun, some people also stepped up with reminders of those struggling as a result of the war in Ukraine. One of the largest dance troupes in the parade included members of the Ukrainian community, featuring Ukrainian music and flags.

WILDFIRE / NON PROFIT

6/30/2022 4:28 Morning Edition

New program offers fire safety inspections for at-risk homes in wildfire danger zones in Ventura County. KCLU's Lance Orozco reports. Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council gets Cal Fire grant to do free inspections, and provide safety tips. We're on a unique new home inspection tour in Ventura County, one intended to help homeowners protect their property against wildfires. Max Young is a Wildfire Safety Liaison with the Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council. He's at the Santa Paula home of Heidi Ortloff. She bought a home on the northeast side of the city a year ago with beautiful views from her backyard, but it's also up against an orchard, and some grassy open space. Ortloff is one of the first people to take advantage of the Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council's new Home Hardening Resiliency Program.