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Ventura to get at least one new council member.

Carl Morehouse will not be seeking re-election

"I am announcing that I will not be seeking re-election this Fall. I am honored, humbled and grateful for the confidence voters have had in my ability to help guide this amazing city we call home since I was first elected in 1999. However, seventeen years is a long time and I wish to take a break. I am now the second longest serving Council Member behind Jim Monahan; not a record I imagined when I started this rewarding adventure. I have enjoyed my tenure on the City Council but, at this point, I am looking forward to spending time traveling with my wife and addressing other priorities that are on our "bucket list".

"When I think back over my years as your Council Member, I am proud of the things that this community has achieved. Among those are:

The purchase and beginning of both the Community Sports Park on Kimball Avenue, and the more recent start to Kellogg Park on the West Side.

The development of an integrated paving program, wherein we evaluate the conditions of all of our streets in conjunction with the evaluation of our underground utilities, so that when we repave a street, we do it, literally from

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Soon there will be many unfinished offices in Ventura to lease.

Brooks Institute announces closure after 70 years

by Richard Lieberman

Brooks Institute a visual and media arts school announced on August 12, it plans to shut down operations. The school has cancelled its fall semester and will cease all operations by October 31st according to a letter sent to Brooks students.

The letter authored by Transition Officer Kristen Howard states, "Changes in economic regulatory conditions in recent years have had a significant,

prolonged, negative impact on instruction, we have attempted to mitigate the problem through contraction, strategic planning and innovation, but with only limited success. Because we do not expect the adverse conditions to change in the foreseeable future, our only responsible course of action is to proceed to closure."

The school also has announced it

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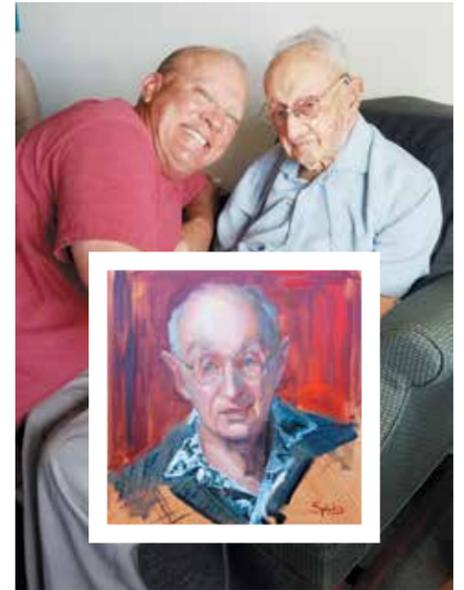


Andrews resigns from Republican Committee

Andrews resigns

"I am herewith resigning from my position as a member of the Ventura County Republican Central

Committee. Over the last number of years I have found the failure of leadership of the Republican Party to be tremendously disappointing. The de facto elevation of Donald Trump to the titular leadership of the National Republican Party as a consequence of his selection as the Party Presidential nominee is an abomination. In the process the Republican Party leadership has subscribed to the embrace of a philosophy of fear, anger, cynicism, meanness, and ignorance instead of statesmanship and honor. I cannot be a part of this betrayal of the fundamental principles of the traditional Republican Party -- limited government, fiscal responsibility, individual liberties, civil rights, fundamental moral values, and responsible patriotism."
Neal Andrews



Gary Best was Howard's CAREGIVERS Volunteer companion and "best friend." Portrait from the Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks.

Philanthropist Howard Borroughs will always be remembered

Just a few weeks shy of his 103rd birthday former biochemist, Howard Borroughs passed away.

Howard Borroughs, came to Ventura in 1979 with his beloved wife Evelyn and their canine companion, Daisy. Thanks to their generosity, we have The Evelyn and Howard Borroughs Library at Ventura College and the dog park at Camino Real Park that allows canines and their human companions to romp unleashed. And many other things in our community.

Behind the Museum of Ventura County is the Evelyn and Howard Borroughs Children's Garden with a 4 foot bronze turtle for the children to play on that Howard commissioned.

Because of their love of dogs, Evelyn and Howard also created an endowment for those in Ventura who breed Guide Dogs for the Blind. Additionally, Howard, a major contributor to the Ventura Music Festival, sponsored the Rising Stars program and is a corner

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Reyna Chavez was working in the Emergency Room at VCMC.

Reyna Chavez, "Scrubs on the Run"

by Jill Forman

2016 Business of the Year, Women's Economic Ventures.

2015 Latino Business Award, Small Business Category, Pacific Coast Business Times.

These accolades were won by an Oxnard native with no business experience, who had never even thought of owning her own company until 2011.

Reyna Chavez was working in the Emergency Room at VCMC as Clerical Supervisor, and needed uniforms. With a growing family and a full-time job, she had little time to shop; with \$200 in her pocket she tried local stores but couldn't find good quality at a reasonable price.

One day she drove back to her office and had a brainstorm: many local professionals must have the same problem. Aha, she thought, someone could go out to the clinics, and have mobile uniform sales for the staff. And she knew just the person to do it.

She called her husband, "I'm opening a business." She didn't have capital or a business plan, but did have

excellent credit, and started in January 2012. Every month she took a vacation day and went to different clinics, loading bins of uniforms and folding racks into her SUV. She continually needed to bring more, as people asked for specific items and the inventory kept growing.

One day she was driving past an existing scrub store near the Ventura hospitals and saw a "Store Closing" sign. She called the owner, bought all her fixtures and subsequently rented the location. In September of 2012 she opened "Scrubs on the Run." Her biggest goal is "to work with the community:" clinics, schools, any local organization needing uniforms.

A year later, she needed more capital. Traditional banks wouldn't loan to her, so she turned to Women's Economic Ventures (WEV), a nonprofit which gives loans to small businesses and helps with professional consultations.

Four years after opening Reyna won the WEV award and spoke at a ceremony

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Friday, September 2nd - RED NOT CHILI PEPPERS
Sunday, September 4th - BACKYARD BASH
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Sunday, September 4th - BACKYARD BASH AFTERPARTY
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Saturday, September 10th - NIRVANISH
Friday, September 16th - ALASTAIR GREENE
Saturday, September 17th - FOOZ FIGHTERS
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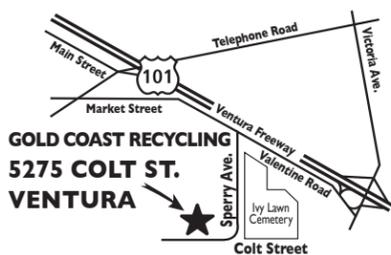


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City News



City of Ventura Fall recreation and arts classes registration

Registration is open for fall recreation and arts classes and tours offered by the City of Ventura Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships Department (PRCP) - with 135 new classes joining 200 popular returning activities that begin in late September. To register or have a "My Ventura" catalog mailed to you call 658.4726.

Ventura residents will receive the new full-color fall "My Ventura" catalog in their mailboxes. Customers may view flip book or downloadable PDF versions online at www.cityofventura.net/recreation. To request or pick up a printed

copy, call 658.4726 or visit PRCP offices at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Room 226, M-F 8-5 (closed alternate Fridays).

Classes of interest to all abilities and ages include; lessons to swim, sail, kayak and paddleboard, youth and adult sports, lacrosse, surfing, tennis, golf, yoga, martial arts and bocce, as well as canine, leadership development, robotics, 3D printing, LEGO®, game design, science, visual arts, photography, dance, music, language and theater programs. Bus and walking tours cover SoCal local culture, culinary and history destinations including the new "Art Ventures Bus Tours" led by artist guides.

The City of Ventura's calendar for August to December includes free and special events and important city services such as the opening of the new "Eastside Café" senior lunch program, remaining "Music under the Stars" concerts and "Fairy Tales in the Park" theater performances, new "Land & Sea" Food Truck Festival at Marina Park, "Pumpkin Plunge" at the Ventura Aquatic Center, "Artisan & Crafters" Fair at Barranca Vista Center, "Pier under the Stars" benefit and holiday "Olivas Adobe Candlelight Tours."

View and mark your calendar for free tennis clinics, Ventura Water gardening classes, police and environmental programs as well as new fall and winter break camps, Volunteer Ventura opportunities and information on Cornucopia community garden, City Hall and Olivas Adobe rentals, photo contest, libraries services and VYBA tryouts schedule.

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East Coast Swing for Youth
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Dance & Date Night
18 years-adult

8/21-10/2 Sundays \$69/person #6461

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Ladybug & Her Buggy Buddies
3-6 years

8/22 Saturday 10-11 am
\$12 Parent+Child #6516

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Pottery and Ceramic Hand Building
14 years-adult

8/24-9/28 Wed. 6:15-8:15 pm
\$105+\$10 materials fee #6424

Create your own ceramic art as you pinch, coil and use slab construction methods, glaze and decorate. Instructor Kim Clarke.

Learn Digital Photography
(Beginning/Intermediate)

16 years-adult
8/27 Saturday 3-6 pm \$65 #6426

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Reyna Chavez "Scrubs on the Run"

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with 300 people. She has been interviewed on the radio as a local success story.

And speaking of success, she is expanding. A second location, in Thousand Oaks, is opening with an anticipated date in October.

The store is bright and colorful, with so many choices it's helpful to have experienced salespeople to. On a recent afternoon, a very tall gentleman comes in, "Do you have anything for me?" A woman says, "I want something in every color." Another woman is looking for something in OR green that is comfortable and "not unisex," since she is in surgery all day and tired of ill-fitting scrubs. Everybody found what they wanted.

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Jill Forman

I was blown away by the terrific article on my "Acting for Amateurs" class and me, which you wrote for The Breeze.

Thanks to your vivacious style, the piece was great fun to read. You put in all relevant information, but made it light-hearted and interesting.

I appreciate it so much, Jill—you're a gem!
Best,
Rosemary Molloy

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

Very sad, but not at all surprising, **Brooks Institute** is closing down. The City and building landlords might have gotten overly excited that Brooks was moving downtown. A closer examination, though, would have shown that Brooks has been in serious condition for several years with a declining student enrollment that could hardly support what they were attempting to do.

The handwriting was on the wall a few weeks ago when the president of Brooks, Edward Clift, was fired and the majority of the board of trustees resigned.

Not sure who to feel the most sorry for here. Perhaps the students (some from China and Europe) that have likely lost considerable money and possibly college credits. Not to mention city officials, property owners (who will have liens placed on their buildings) and downtown merchants who have been eagerly anticipating Brooks' arrival and certainly the wonderful faculty who will be out of a jobs very shortly. There were also many construction workers involved as well – I would guess not all payments have been made. I'm sure lawsuits will follow next.

Turning to politics, in this issue we have articles about City Council Member's **Neal Andrews** and **Carl Morehouse**. Carl has decided that he will not be running again after first winning a seat in 1999. This will mean at least one new member of the council will be joining the council in November, which I believe will be good for the Council and Ventura. There are several very qualified candidates running.

Regarding Neil, he has announced that he has resigned from the Ventura County Republican Central Committee. I applaud him for having the courage of his convictions and for making what was, I'm sure, a difficult personal decision.

Mailbox

Hi Sheldon

Thought this might interest you. This is an 1881 obituary from the NY Times. Scott was a family forebear and once purchased much of downtown Ventura and all of the Ojai Valley, purchased from the original Spanish land grant person Federico Tico. His geologist friends at Yale told him there was oil. He sent nephew Tom Bard to oversee things.

Tom Scott was referenced by our late Aunt Marge Tingué, a wonderful, caring person in our family, as someone with whom we should become familiar. He was a remarkable person, born the 7th of eleven children to a tavern owner who did not attend school beyond age ten. He rose to become president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, other railroads and developed the nationwide railroad network. He is said to have given Andrew Carnegie his first position as a railroad employee when Carnegie was 14.

The attached is from a lengthy 1881 New York Times piece.

A plaque on Hwy. 150 located on a very large stone several miles from Santa Paula indicates the first oil well in California with the names of Tom Scott and

Some of the questions that commentators ask at the Olympics are really stupid, would love the athletes to give the answers that they would like to. For instance, after winning a swimming event, the question was, "How do you think that you did that?" Answer should have been, "I swam fast!"

I have finally figured out **Trump**. He is senile and delusional and doesn't realize that he is actually running for president. Seems like he believes that the race is a reality show and the more outrageous he is (like Howard Stern) the better the ratings will be for the show. And Russian President Vladimir Putin has dismissed several of his staff members, hmmm, apparently making room for Trump.

Someday, I will finally learn to use the words "than" and "then" correctly in sentences, but in the meantime, keep correcting me - I can take it.

As goes **massage parlors** and strip clubs, goes Ventura. Ventura is updating its ordinance regulating adult businesses and is using an outside firm to update the zoning code. The City will spend around \$211,000 to develop the ordinance.

Officials will be meeting with business owners of "legitimate businesses" to make sure that new regulations don't unnecessarily hinder their operations. Several massage operators are concerned that it could hurt their practices, while doing little to curb human trafficking and prostitution.

The need to update the current ordinance is a result of the myriad of massage parlors that have opened up in the last few years, and Agassi Halajyan's proposal to open up a strip club at 4721 Market Street. Ventura's entertainment ordinance has not been updated in more than 20 years.

Officials initially tried to block the business by saying that the club might be near a school, which turned out to be unfounded. When this tactic didn't work, the Council passed an "urgency ordinance" that included regulations that the club be

a "no touch" business, offered no lap dances, closed at 2 a.m. and had strict interior and exterior lighting requirements.

Halajyan hasn't initiated any processes with the city since the passing of the emergency ordinance, so perhaps the restrictions are too prohibitive. The fact that alcohol could not be served there would certainly reduce its potential income.

It's just the beginning of the official fire season in California and yet almost 225,000 acres have burned so far - 16 times the size of Ventura.

In order to promote **low-income housing**, the City Council voted 7-0 to rezone 691 Riverside St. from industrial to dense residential. The vote clears the way for a 23-unit residential development.

The planning staff's report stated "This is a 100 percent affordable-housing project for persons of low/very low/extremely low income levels, which are the greatest affordability level needs in the city's designated Regional Housing Element Need."

This area is mostly residential now and is an appropriate use of that property. The development will include 15 two-bedroom and eight three-bedroom units on just under an acre.

As part of the action, the council also waived \$25,000 in fees for the developer, which will come from the general fund contingency.

I like to see the city help support/promote this type of housing. I wish they would proactively support other types of developments, as it can take up to 10-years from initial submissions to a project being built here. As a result, some developers run screaming out of Ventura. Look at all the empty dirt lots we have here.

In South Sudan, a price for a bride (some as young as 12) is 20-40 cows. A girl who is seen as beautiful, fertile and of high social rank can be worth as much as 200 cows. It is rumored that a beautiful American movie star can be worth 10,000 cows with a few **goats** thrown in to seal the deal.

Thomas Bard.

Regards -

John H. Stewart

A few facts from "A Railroad Prince Dead," New York Times, May 22, 1881

Col. Thomas A. Scott's Life and Last Illness

His death at 9:00 last evening (Dec. 28, 1823 - May 21, 1881) - His life as a canal driver, merchant, station agent, superintendent and president - his great services during the war. Col. Thomas A. Scott suffered a relapse of his illness on Thursday night, and after sinking slowly during Friday and yesterday he died at 9:00 last evening.

Thomas Alexander Scott and the railroad system of the United States were identified in the youth of both, and grew up together. He was born at Loudon, an old settlement of the great Appalachian Valley, in Franklin County, Penn.

The boy started in practical life early. Almost all of his education was received at the

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Worry pretends to be necessary, but serves no useful purpose.

- Eckhart Tolle



Reflections on the Ventura County Fair by John Ferritto, Michael Gordon, Richard Lieberman, Bernie Goldstein and Breeze staff. For more photos of the Fair visit www.venturabreeze.com and Ventura Breeze Facebook.

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA CORDIALLY INVITES ALL INTERESTED PARTIES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Purchase of Former Redevelopment Property for Development

The City of San Buenaventura ("City") is seeking proposals for the purchase and development of two Successor Agency Parcels, which are non-contiguous parcels totaling approximately 15,450 square feet (APN 073-0-041-160 and 073-0-041-040), and two City of San Buenaventura owned non-contiguous parcels totaling approximately 26,650 square feet (APN 073-0-041-190 and 073-0-041-030) in Ventura, CA (the "Site"). The Site in total consists of 4 parcels totaling 42,100 square feet. Proposals must include acquisition and development of both parcels and seek to leverage with adjacent private property on the same block in order to achieve the best development quality, design, use and efficiency for Downtown including, but not limited to, improved private parking. The RFP document is available online <http://www.cityofventura.net/successoragency>. Hard copies are available for review at City Hall in Planning - Room 117 and City Clerk - Room 204.

Contact Ryan Kintz, Management Analyst (805) 654-7723 or rkintz@cityofventura.net.

Proposals are due Thursday, 9/15/16, 5:00pm.

Debate to be held on two competing open space measures

Voters can learn about two competing countywide land-use measures on the ballot in November—Save Open-Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) and SUSTAIN VC. One representative from each measure will explain how each will affect Ventura County's General Plan land use designations, goals and policies for open space, and agricultural and rural lands in unincorporated areas.

The event, hosted by the Ventura

County Bar's Natural Resources Section, will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m., Aug 24 at the Ventura County Bar Association, 4475 Market St., Suite B. Tickets are \$30 for section members and \$40 for non-members and the public. Lunch will be provided.

Both initiatives relate to land-use decisions that are critically important to the County. Agricultural lands comprise more than 200,000 acres—or 18%—of total County lands. Both initiatives claim to protect agriculture and open space, as well as the environment and the economic viability of agricultural land.

Richard Francis, former mayor of Ventura and longtime litigator in Ventura County, will discuss the SOAR initiative, which if passed would

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extend the existing law to 2050. Mr. Francis was a key figure in passing the original SOAR measure, which regulates agricultural development. At the event he will explain how the updated SOAR measure will impact the county.

Lynn Jensen is executive director of the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business Ventura County (CoLab VC). CoLab has been a consultant to the farmers who wrote the SUSTAIN VC ballot measure, as an alternative to the SOAR measure. The SUSTAIN VC measure will also require a public vote for changes in urban limit lines while updating agricultural policies in the County's General Plan to sustain agriculture through 2036.

To register, visit www.vcba.org/calendar, email bar@vcba.com or call 650-7599.

Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network annual write for your rights

The Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network is hosting its signature Write For Your Rights event to bring together our community's collective voice during a time when threats on reproductive rights are at an all time

high. Recent attacks from an anti-abortion group put Planned Parenthood at serious risk of being defunded. Even though the attempt to block Planned Parenthood's funding on the federal level failed in the Senate, women's health still remains at risk at the state level. Write For Your Rights gives Ventura County the opportunity to tell our local and national legislators that we stand in support of women's rights and believe reproductive rights are human rights.

The event will be from 12:30 – 2:30pm on Sunday, August 28th at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura (5654 Ralston Street). VCRRN will have letters on a range of reproductive health care topics prepared for the public to sign. In past years, we have collected as many as 1,500 letters during a WFYR's event. By bundling the letters, they are sending a strong message to our elected representatives.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network is a countywide umbrella of organizations and individuals committed to educating the community about reproductive health issues and mobilizing its members in support of reproductive freedom, rights and access. In addition to the annual Write for Your Rights event, every January the VCRRN gathers signatures for its annual Roe v. Wade signature advertisement to raise social awareness about the ongoing assault on reproductive freedom.



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Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Free admission stage show, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. First Sunday of every month. Old Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Assoc. Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. For more Information call 517-1131.

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club meets every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill. Ballroom, swing, Latin, mixers and line dancing. Members \$10, non-members \$12, first time dancers are free. Call Rick at 415-8842 for more information.

Aug. 18: Meeting of the East Ventura Community Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the First Assembly of God Church Coffeehouse, 346 N. Kimball Road. Iain Holt, Principal Planner of the City of Ventura's Community Development Department, will talk about land development issues, growth, economic development, adaptive reuse and planning for Ventura. Dr. Michael Babb, Superintendent of Ventura Unified School District, will address the issue of the effect on schools of the new housing developments in East Ventura. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios, candidate for Ventura City Council, will also speak to the group. For more information call 804-7558 or visit the group's Facebook page. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

Aug. 20: Choral Evensong on Sat. at 5 p.m. celebrating the joy of late summer sunshine amidst the impending rays of Autumn's glow. Schubert's cheerful yet profound Mass in C major is paired with Mendelssohn's brooding yet ecstatic Kyrie in D minor while Buxtehude's ebullient Erfreue dich, Erde (Rejoice, O Earth) rounds out this program of choral treasures. Our singers and chamber orchestra feature well-known. Conducted by Helen Farson. Admission is free. Ventura Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6300 Telephone Rd. Call 641.9646 for more information. Program lasts approx. 1 hour.

Aug. 20: Dr. Vondie's Ventura Singles, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join Dr. Vondie Lozano, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, to talk about "First Date Do's and Don'ts" with live demonstrations. Free. Ventura E.P. Foster Library, Topping Room, 651 E. Main Street. For more information go to <http://drvondie.com/first-date-dos-and-donts/>

Aug. 21: Live Your Best Life Hypnosis Meetup, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join Dr. Vondie Lozano, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Certified Hypnotherapist for, "What Would You Like to Attract into Your Life?" Group Guided Imagery/Hypnosis included. Free. Ventura E.P. Foster Library, Topping Room. For more information go to www.meetup.com/live-your-best-life-hypnosis/events/

Aug. 21: The Ventura and Santa Barbara County chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will meet Sunday, in the Campus Student Center of Ventura College, 4667 Telegraph Road. The regular meeting starts at noon and at 11 a.m. there will be an informal workshop where a topic on clocks or watches will be demonstrated and discussed. There will be a mart where items will be for sale followed by

lunch and an informational meeting and a program. This month's program will be a presentation by Dave Coatsworth on the very interesting history of the Deuber-Hampden Watch Company. Anyone interested in watches and clocks, modern and antique, is invited to visit and join our chapter. There is a \$3 admission charge. Lunch is available for \$5 more.

Sept. 5: The public is invited to celebrate Labor Day at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1679. Admission is free. The Canteen opens at 10 a.m. Live entertainment by the band Action Down runs noon to 4 p.m. Food will be available for purchase beginning at 1 p.m. Charitable drawings will be conducted throughout the afternoon. Proceeds benefit veterans and their families. Prospective members of the VFW and its Auxiliary are encouraged to attend and learn more about these organizations. Post 1679 is at 3801 Market St. For more information call 642-2674.

Sept. 5, 19: The Ventura County Philatelic Society's Stamp trading and camaraderie. Located at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road. Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Come for a great evening. They are a fun group. Contact:vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 320-1601

Sept. 6: Mended Hearts of Ventura. Come share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant. Located at the Community Memorial Hospital - 8th floor from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. Excellent speakers, leading Cardiologists, Nutritionists, and Dietitians from our area who give excellent information. Contact: Richard Hatcher 644-2733.

Ojai news and events

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, and Saturday, August 27, the Ojai Library will host a special set of short performances courtesy of the Ojai Art Center. These Ojai Art Center One Acts will take place in the main library space and will serve as a preview of the Ojai Art Center's next production: One Act Laugh Track.

One Act Laugh Track will consist of short original one acts featuring local talent. At these special library preview events you will have a chance to meet the playwrights, directors, and actors.

These previews are free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at 218-9146.

From Sept. 9 through Oct. 2, One Act Laugh Track will run at the Ojai Art Center Theater, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The Ojai Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery Avenue, Ojai.

The Ojai Library is located at 111 East Ojai Ave. Hours of service are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

As the 40-year anniversary season of Herb Walks winds down, Ojai nature guide Lanny Kaufer will lead his 4th annual Fall Equinox Nature Hike in the peaceful Mixed Conifer Forest on Pine Mountain (elevation: 7000 feet) at the time of year when the pine nuts usually are dropping. According to Craig Carey, author of Hiking and Backpacking Santa Barbara and Ventura, the Reyes Peak Trail

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along the northern slope of the peak is "quite simply one of the most beautiful stretches in the southern Los Padres."

The outing will start at 9:00 a.m. with an optional carpool caravan of about 35 miles up Highway 33 from the Maricopa Plaza, to the Reyes Peak trailhead. The final 5.5 miles are on a narrow, winding paved road and the very last half-mile is dirt. Trucks or SUV's are preferred for the last stretch but most passenger cars with high clearance can also make the drive.

The group will start walking into the Sespe Wilderness from the trailhead at about 10:30 a.m., stopping for lunch in the pines, and returning to the trailhead at 3:00 p.m., arriving back at the Maricopa Plaza by 4:00 p.m. They will hike on a well-used trail, stopping often to identify and discuss native plants, birds and wildlife. There will be some elevation gain and loss skirting

the north side of Reyes Peak, sometimes traversing hillsides on a narrow trail. The total hiking distance will be about 3 miles.

This intermediate level hike is suitable for moderately experienced hikers or physically fit beginners. Weather and marine layer permitting, the group will have panoramic views of the Cuyama Valley to the north and the Channel Islands to the south. There is no prepayment required, just a promise to notify Kaufer in a timely fashion if plans change. Registrants will receive a confirmation email several days before with all necessary info.

The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors 62 and older, and \$20 for full-time students. Lunch is not provided. Kids 5-12 can go free, one per adult, by prior arrangement. No dogs or smoking, please. Lanny@herbwalks.com.

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A pipeline I did not know existed

by Mary Haffner

On June 23, at 5:30 a.m., my family was awakened by a sickening smell. A pipeline I did not know existed next to our back yard spilled 45,000 gallons of crude oil into the Prince Barranca. Since that morning, our neighborhood has learned that much of the oil cannot be removed. To do so would create too much instability in the canyon and homes would be compromised. This oil has left behind permanent and long-term injury to this wildlife corridor. To justify this damage,

the "Unified Command" has asked our neighborhood to accept a new definition of "clean."

After two community meetings, a neighborhood meeting with Crimson's president, and countless hours of research, I have no confidence in the integrity of Crimson or in the 75 year old pipeline that still pumps hazardous and flammable liquids through our city, criss-crossing under streets, near homes and schools. Crimson Pipeline was established in 2005 to transport crude in "legacy" pipelines. Their record of spills reflects the problems commonly found with these aging lines. Many of their pipes are too old to be tested with the latest technology. A 2014 audit by the Office of the Inspector General found that the federal agency charged with regulating pipelines, "lacks effective management and oversight of hazardous liquid pipelines." The CA agency charged with regulating these lines

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CAPS was at the Ventura County Fair Parade with live coverage.

CAPS Chat

by Elizabeth Rodeno

The CAPS Media staff and volunteers completed live coverage of the 2016 Ventura County Fair Parade with style. Thanks to the Elks for running a great parade and to Tim O'Neil and Jerry Breiner for their excellent play by play. See you next year.

Our Business of the Month program, hosted by the City of Ventura and the Ventura Chamber, is garnering great feedback on the CAPS Media website and the Chambers' site too. Check out our web page for the entire catalogue of Ventura's Business of the Month. You will meet interesting people and learn about the causes they support. Watch for them Monday through Friday at 11:30am on Channel 15.

It is not long before the start up of this school years' Mayor for a Moment where a fifth grader from each elementary school gets to be Mayor for a Moment and bang the gavel to start the meeting and share their essay. We spend some time with the student on campus and learn about them. You are sure to enjoy their stories at 7:30pm on channel 15.

Ventura Legacies is going strong with 5 episodes running and more to come. This program will educate you about the history of the people and places of Ventura. We will be adding more fascinating stories every month.

doesn't conduct their own independent inspections, they are stretched too thin. Instead, they sign off on inspection plans provided by pipeline companies which allow these companies to do their own testing, or hire their own private company to inspect their lines. Ventura is left sitting atop an ancient line operated by a company with a dismal record of spills. Oil spills are a just a cost of doing business and their business model is to keep these old lines running instead of replacing them. Maintenance over replacement means more spills, leaks, and ruptures.

Another cause for concern is the secretive nature of the industry and its lack of transparency. An April 2016 report by the Ventura County Grand Jury that found that "no single government entity [in Ventura County] has a complete grasp of critical information such as [pipeline] test history, test validity, and risks associated with the total pipeline array in the County. . . and the county does not have a thorough understanding of the state of the total crude oil pipeline array within the County."

We are fortunate to have two State representatives, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and Assembly member Das Williams, who

Stay tuned.

There is going to be lots of action here at the media center where Evan will be a busy bee working on the build out of both the new radio station and the upgraded studio. Come the New Year, we will be an even more exceptional media center, the only one in Ventura. You will be able to share your story and your voice right here at 65 Day Road.

2016 is an important year for politics in this town, county and country. As your hyper local information hub, we will present our Video Voter program where you can learn about the candidates for City Council and Ventura Unified School District's board. We will cover a variety of candidate forums to meet the candidates together and listen to the audience's questions. Several important initiatives will be on the ballot and we will keep you in the know.

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acted swiftly in calling a hearing on this matter. This spill should be a wake-up call to Ventura. With all that we know, much more action should be taken to ensure that our residents and environment are safe.



Former mayor replaces former mayor.

Brian Brennan appointed to Ventura Port District Board

Former Ventura Mayor Brian Brennan has been appointed to the Ventura Port District Board of Commissioners. He

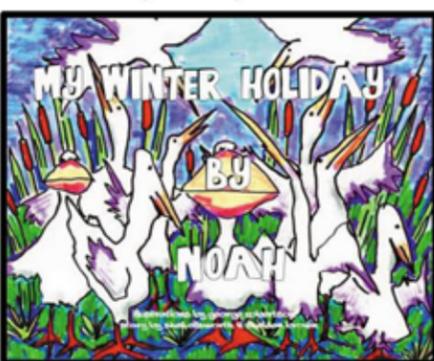
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succeeds another former Ventura Mayor, Greg Carson, whose term has expired. The Port District operates Ventura Harbor.

Still another former Ventura Mayor, Jim Friedman, who serves as chair of the Port District Commission, welcomed Brennan's appointment.

"Having worked with Brian for six years as a member of the Ventura City Council, I'm excited to work with him again on the Port Commission," Friedman said. "I could always count on Brian to be well informed and make fair, unbiased decisions."

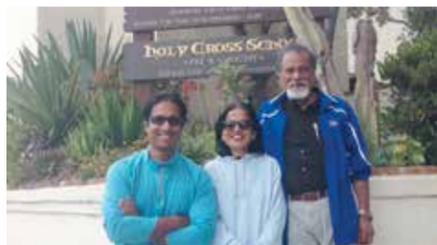
Brennan, 64, served on the Ventura City Council for 16 years, two as mayor. He also served four years on the California Coastal Commission and he is a former chair of the Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau.

"I am still active on coastal issues and climate change concerns," Brennan said.

Brennan is senior executive aide to Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett and is pro bono executive director of BEACON, an organization concerned with beach access and erosion issues.

Brennan moved to Ventura in 1992 after running restaurants and a hotel in the Caribbean for 10 years. Brennan did a lot of sailing in the Caribbean and often crews on racing sailboats at Ventura Harbor on Wet Wednesdays.

His term on the Port District board is for four years.



Writer Arijit with his parents enjoying Ventura.

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Impressions of Ventura

by **Arijit Basu**
Lecturer-CSU-Bakersfield

When you think of Ventura, California, picture a poetic coast, and a wide 70 mm cinemscope vision of flora and fauna that sweeps up on you when you drive into town. One of the most sought after vacation spots in Southern California, Ventura has the charm, striking looks and genial personality to ensure any visit to its township becomes a treasured moment in your life.

Ventura lies nestled side by side to Oxnard in cozy Ventura county. Ventura lies along U.S. Route 101 between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara which was one of the original U.S. Routes. The highway is now the Ventura Freeway but the original route through town along Main Street has been designated El Camino Real, the historic pathway connecting the California missions.

There's tons of things to see and do in Ventura for the entire family. The nook of Surfer's Point, the haven of many avid surfers and surf enthusiasts alike will give you a bird's eye view of the

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Health

Free seminars and healthcare education

Community Memorial Health System's Healthy Women's Program is hosting a Community Outreach Day which offers free mammograms and healthcare education to the first 35 women who qualify. This event will take place at the Center for Family Health in Ventura on Saturday, Aug. 27.

The women will arrive early at the CFH office located at 120 N. Ashwood Avenue where they will be transported to The Breast Center at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura, and then back to the Centers office.

This year, an estimated 232,340 new cases of breast cancer occurred in the United States, and early detection and awareness is the key to fighting this life-threatening disease. The Healthy Women's Program provided through Community Memorial Health System benefits women in the community who are uninsured, underinsured or lack funds to pay for mammograms and follow-up treatment, if necessary.

"These women have nowhere else in the county to go to get these services; that's why they come to us," said Petra Luna, education manager for Centers for Family Health.

The Healthy Women's Program is made possible through the support of Community Memorial Health System and fortunate support of funds raised by the Saticoy Regional Women's Club and Heels and Wheels, Community Memorial Health System is able to offer breast cancer screening and treatment and cervical cancer

screening to women in our community who lack access to pay for these life-saving exams.

To find out if you qualify for this program, call 651-2661. For more information on the Healthy Women's Program visit www.cmhshealth.org/healthywomen.

Neck pain will be the focus of a free seminar Community Memorial Health System is holding on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Michael Dorsi, who specializes in neurosurgery with expertise in brain, spine and peripheral surgery, will lead the seminar that will run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard, 600 E. Esplanade Drive.

Neck pain can be debilitating and painful. Common symptoms include pain, numbness or weakness, tingling and difficulty with balance or even walking. Dr. Dorsi will discuss how neck pain is diagnosed, nonsurgical management and treatment and healthy lifestyle choices to help alleviate symptoms.

Dr. Dorsi received his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He trained in neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins and completed an advanced spinal care fellowship at UCLA. He is an active member of the Community Memorial Hospital medical staff and the clinical instructor for Western University School of Medicine.

Registration is free but reservations are required. Visit cmhshealth.org/rsvp or call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800/838-3006.

Future Speaker Series events include: Ethics in Healthcare: Are You a Good Patient? on Sept. 14 at the Museum of Ventura County, Hyperbaric Medicine seminar on Sept. 27 at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura and Colon Cancer Symposium on Oct. 1 at the Ventura Beach Marriott.



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Sandra Laby, Cheryl Heitmann, Jordan Laby and Elena smiling for the camera at a Ventura 150th anniversary celebration held in April.

Museum names Elena M. Brokaw to important positions

The Board of Directors of the Museum of Ventura County is pleased to announce that Elena Brokaw will serve as Consultant to the Museum and Interim Executive Director over the next six months. This will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Museum's CEO Pattie Mullins, who has accepted a position as CEO with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Tri-Counties.

Ms. Brokaw will lead the organization, overseeing the operation of its two locations—in historic downtown Ventura and the Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula—and conducting a strategic planning process with the board and staff. Ms. Brokaw has enjoyed a successful and accomplished career in the public sector, most recently serving as Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships for the City of Ventura from 2004 through 2016. Remarkably, her first job in the arts was a summer internship between her junior and senior years at Harvard University in the Museum's research library.

Board Chair John Orr stated, “We are so fortunate that Elena is available to step in at this time. Her extensive background in the arts and with public cultural organizations is just what we need to strengthen our commitment to our 103-year-old mission, while serving present and future audiences.”

According to Ms. Brokaw, “I am very thankful and excited to get to work with the Museum of Ventura County. The Museum is the touchstone for our community; the repository of our history, our memories, and our culture. I look forward to working with the stellar board and staff to set the museum up for another century of success.”

Ms. Brokaw is an independent consultant, specializing in strategic planning and fundraising for government agencies, non-profits, and for-profit businesses.

Ms. Brokaw earned her bachelor's degree in art history at Harvard University. She has worked extensively as a cultural consultant for communities as well as organizations. As a lead consultant for the firm Jerry Allen and Associates, she completed cultural plans for the cities of Reno, Nevada;

Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Capitola, California.

In these broad-based community cultural planning efforts, Ms. Brokaw facilitated campaigns that brought representatives of disparate and diverse community groups together, and led arts advocacy campaigns on a local level. Working with large groups, she succeeded in bringing seemingly competing interests to consensus, resulting in successful and actionable cultural planning efforts.



Ginny Claborn first served as a volunteer with VBG.

Ventura Botanical Gardens hires Fundraising Administrator

The Ventura Botanical Gardens (VBG) announced the hiring of Ginny Claborn, who joins the staff as Fundraising Administrator. Her role will be to coordinate and manage a full range of fundraising elements for the Gardens including events and donor cultivation.

Prior to this, Ginny worked for nearly fifteen years for Habitat for Humanity in both the field as an Operations Manager and in Development as a consultant. She also has a great deal of experience working with volunteers for community projects.

Ms. Claborn has been in a leadership capacity for local, state and national programs. She first served as a volunteer with Ventura Botanical Gardens coordinating the annual CAST event, an inter-

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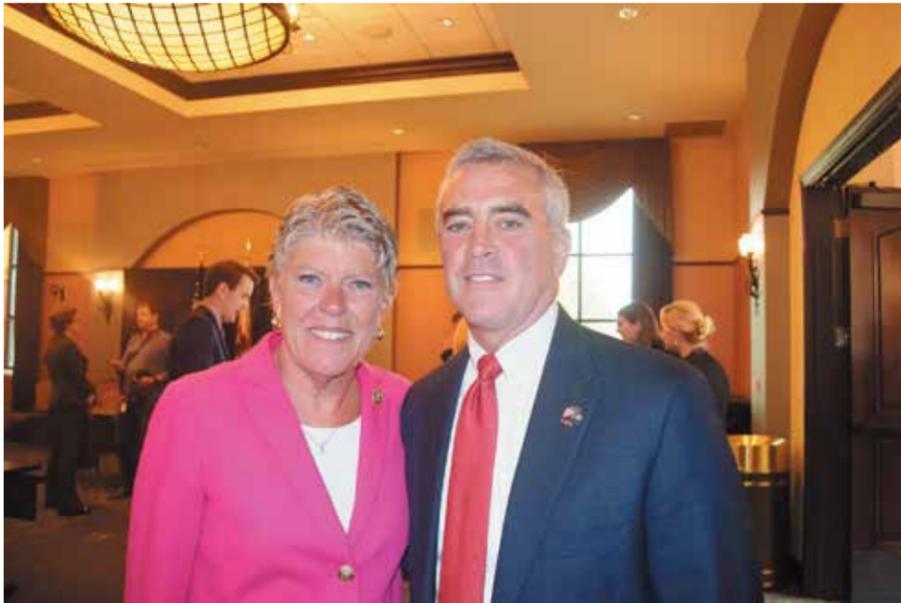
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Congresswoman Julia Brownley was joined by Congressman Brad Wenstrup at hearing.

Telemedicine in the VA Healthcare System

by Phil Chandler

Owner of Right at Home of Ventura County, a Home Care Agency

The Veteran's Administration has been working to improve access to care for Ventura County's veterans. The VA has been leveraging technology to bring a wide range of services to our vets faster than currently offered. Congresswoman Julia Brownley held a Field Hearing of the a House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health on August 9 at the Camarillo Public Library. The subject was "Technology and Treatment: Telemedicine in the VA Healthcare System".

She was joined by Congressman Brad Wenstrup, Member. Four witnesses testified: Zachary Walker, a veteran, Dr. Herb Rogove, President of Ojai based C3O Telemedicine, Dr. Kevin Galpin, Acting Executive Director of Telehealth

at the VA, and Dr. Scotte Hartronft, Chief of Staff the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System of the VA. The community showed their interest and support with a standing room only crowd of about 150 people.

What is Telemedicine? In short, Telemedicine is being able to see a doctor while you are in one place (e.g, a clinic or your home) and he/she is somewhere else (e.g., a hospital). The doctor may be a few miles or 1,000 miles away, but the patient will see him/her on a secure video link. There may be specialized cameras that a nurse can use at the doctor's direction to look at the patient more closely, or digitally connected equipment (like a heart monitor) to measure vital signs.

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Blanche loves having a good time at 100. Photo by Michael Gordon.

100th year celebrated by Venturan

Blanche Callaway celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, July 30th at The Palms Bonaventure in Ventura. She was born in Phoenix, Arizona on August 3, 1916. She grew up in Calexico, California and spent her adulthood living in

Los Angeles and Lancaster.

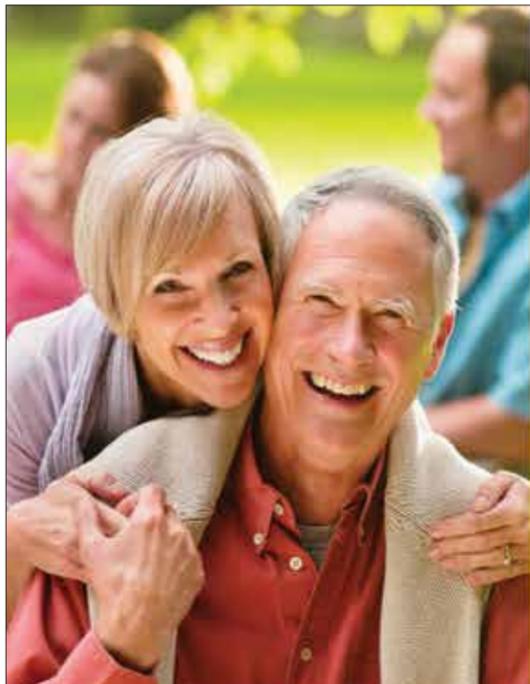
Blanche has 2 daughters, Pauline Roque and Sara Sanchez. She has 6 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren. She has been a resident of the Palms for nearly 3 years. She enjoys doing many activities with friends and having a great time.

The Palms Bonaventure, 111 N. Wells, 918-4873.

VCAAA receives prestigious Aging Innovations Award

The Ventura County Area Agency on recently received recognition from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) with an Aging Innovations Award, the highest honor presented by n4a to member agencies. The award was given for the Agency's Senior Nutrition

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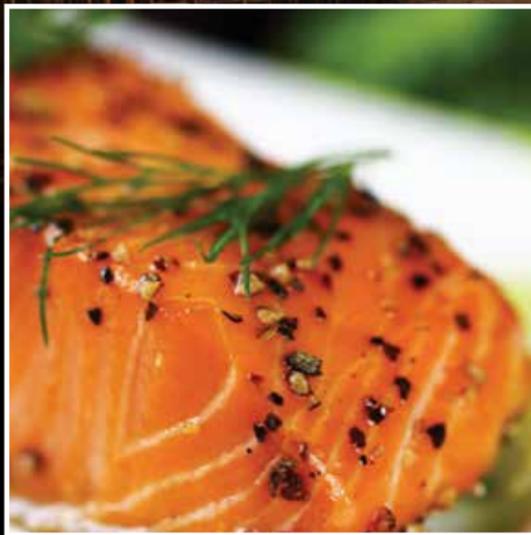
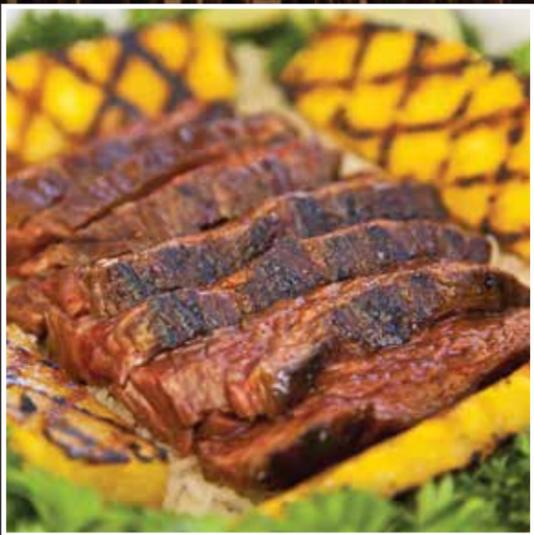
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- dance to music on the radio or a CD
- lift hand weights, soup cans, water bottles, or resistance bands while watching TV

- do floor exercises like thigh stretches and hip stretches

- do leg lifts while holding on to a sturdy chair, counter or wall for support
- march in place or walk around the room while talking on the telephone

- take a few extra trips up and down the steps at home to strengthen your legs and build endurance

- work out with an exercise DVD.

- Get "Everyday Exercises," the free exercise DVD from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) while putting your groceries away, strengthen your arms by lifting the milk carton or a 1-pound can a few times walk on the treadmill, ride the stationary bike, or

use the rowing machine that's gathering dust in your bedroom or basement vacuum, mop, sweep, or dust those hard-to-reach areas play ping pong with the grandkids (they might beat you) take advantage of small bits of "down time" to do an exercise or two. For example, while you're waiting for the coffee to brew or for your spouse to get ready to go out, do a few wall push-ups or calf stretches



"I heard what you said about me, I'm not deaf ya know."

Causes and prevention of hearing loss

Hearing loss happens for many reasons. Some people lose their hearing slowly as they age. This condition is called presbycusis. Doctors do not know why presbycusis happens, but it seems to run in families.

Another cause is the ear infection otitis media, which can lead to long-term hearing loss if it is not treated.

Hearing loss can also result from taking certain medications. "Ototoxic" medications damage the inner ear, sometimes permanently. Some antibiotics are ototoxic. Even aspirin at some dosages can cause problems, but they are temporary. Check with your doctor if you notice a problem while taking a

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medication.

Heredity can cause hearing loss, but not all inherited forms of hearing loss take place at birth. Some forms can show up later in life. In otosclerosis, which is thought to be a hereditary disease, an abnormal growth of bone prevents structures within the ear from working properly.

One of the most common causes of hearing loss is loud noise. Loud noise can permanently damage the inner ear. Loud noise also contributes to tinnitus, which is a ringing, roaring, clicking, hissing, or buzzing sound in the ears.

Noise-induced hearing loss is 100 percent preventable. You can protect your hearing by avoiding noises at or above 85 decibels in loudness, which can damage your inner ear.

Lower the volume on personal stereo systems and televisions. When you are involved in a loud activity, wear earplugs or other hearing protective devices.

There are other ways to prevent hearing loss.

If earwax blockage is a problem for you, ask your doctor about treatments you can use at home such as mineral oil, baby oil, glycerin, or commercial ear drops to soften earwax.

If you suspect that you may have a hole in your eardrum, you should consult a doctor before using such products. A hole in the eardrum can result in hearing loss and fluid discharge.

The ear infection otitis media is most common in children, but adults can get it, too. You can help prevent upper respiratory infections -- and a resulting ear infection -- by washing your hands frequently.

Ask your doctor about how to help prevent flu-related ear infections. If you still get an ear infection, see a doctor immediately before it becomes more serious.

If you take medications, ask your doctor if your medication is ototoxic, or potentially damaging to the ear. Ask if other medications can be used instead. If not, ask if the dosage can be safely reduced. Sometimes it cannot. However, your doctor should help you get the medication you need while trying to reduce unwanted side effects.

VCAAA receives award

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Placemats. The VCAAA was one of 16 programs nationally to receive honors during the n4a Annual Conference & Tradeshow, July 24-28, in San Diego.

The 2016 n4a Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards recognizes Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Title VI Native American aging programs that develop and implement cutting-edge approaches to support older adults, people with disabilities and their family caregivers. A part of the criteria for the selection of the honorees was the ease with which other agencies could replicate the program in their communities.

"With the health care landscape continuing to change rapidly, our members are discovering new ways to position themselves in the long-term and health care marketplaces, as well as to strengthen long-standing services, to meet the needs of America's rapidly growing older adult population," said n4a's Chief Executive

Officer Sandy Markwood.

The 2016 n4a Aging Innovations Awards honored traditional and new strategies in a range of categories including Caregiving, Community Planning & Livable Communities, Elder Abuse Prevention, Healthy Aging, Home & Community-Based Services, Nutrition, Transportation & Mobility and "You Name It!"

The VCAAA created the Senior Nutrition Placemats as an educational tool to boost awareness of healthy and affordable food options for low-income older adults.

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, an agency of the County of Ventura, is the principal agency in Ventura County charged with the responsibility to promote the development and implementation of a comprehensive coordinated system of care that enables older individuals and their caregivers to live in a community-based setting and to advocate for the needs of those 60 years of age and older in the county, providing leadership and promoting citizen involvement in the planning process as well as in the delivery of services.

Telemedicine in the VA system

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All of this information is available to the doctor at the remote site to aid in diagnosis and treatment. The doctor also has the veterans' complete medical record available through electronic medical records.

Mr. Walker testified that he had frustrations scheduling appointments with his doctor, suffering numerous cancellations and rescheduling. When offered Telemedicine as an option, he was seen quickly and a treatment plan was started. The doctor had reviewed his medical file before the visit, and even called him a week later with his test results. Although it was a new way for him to see a doctor, he felt it was quick and effective.

Last year, 12 % of all vets, 677,000 people, had 2.4 million encounters using telehealth. Almost half of these encounters were in rural areas. The types of care included ICU, primary care, outpatient kiosks, sleep apnea and behavioral health.

Additional specialties will be offered through telemedicine at the Oxnard VA clinic - teleaudiology (for hearing loss), cardiology, gastroenterology, and physical therapy will be available by the end of the year.

Telemedicine is in its early stages, and there are several challenges to its implementation. A national medical license is needed for physicians. Although the VA has a national license, outside of the VA companies have to apply to many states costing time, money, and significant delays. Medicare needs to expand reimbursement for telemedicine into Metropolitan Statistical Areas (cities). It is now focused on providing care into rural areas. Communication needs to be improved between telemedicine providers, primary care providers, and the veteran.

Telemedicine has the promise of improving the response times, reducing cost, and improving care for our nation's veterans. For more information on veterans benefits, call the Veterans Services Office in Ventura at 477-5155.

This 'n' That

Carl Morehouse

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the underground up, including curbs, gutter and sidewalks and street trees.

That we now have better public noticing of projects with signage at the location of the proposals so that all of the community is aware of them.

We now have public art on utility boxes; a program that I instigated.

We made progress on dealing with plastic bags, although state law has trumped those efforts.

We undertook efforts to restore Surfer's Point; a project I was proud to help support.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to have used my position as Mayor to aid the development of farmworker housing by bringing Kris Kristofferson to perform two benefit concerts.

And, most recently, I am proud of that the fact that the current Council has finally taken a positive step forward to deal with the homeless issue."

"Perhaps even more than these local achievements was the opportunity to represent Ventura for over 15 years on the regional and statewide level. I have been honored to be President of the Channel Counties Division of the League of California Cities (Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties), which lead to the opportunity to serve on the state Board of Directors of the League for three years - a body looking out for city interests versus State and Federal laws. It also afforded me the opportunity to serve for 11 years on the League's Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee (which reviews pending legislation affecting cities' Planning concerns), including chairing that important committee in 2012."

"I have also had the honor of serving as Ventura's representative on the Ventura County Transportation Commission for 9 years, and the Gold Coast Transit agency for 5 years, including chairing that body as it legally transformed into a District in 2014. These bodies are crucial to good transportation planning and transit opportunities in Ventura County."

"Additionally, I have had the pleasure of serving for the past 9 years on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) (which oversees annexations by cities and district formations), including chairing that body this year. And I have served as the city's representative to the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) for 15 years, including as chair

in 2007."

"Finally, and most honorific, my Council seat afforded me the opportunity to serve as President of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) during 2014 - a seat never held previously by a Venturan in SCAG's 50 years of existence -- after having been on that body for 15 years, including chairing one of their important policy committees. This body is the largest transportation planning agency in the U.S., representing 39,000 square miles of Southern California, six counties, 190 cities and 18 million people. This truly was an honor."

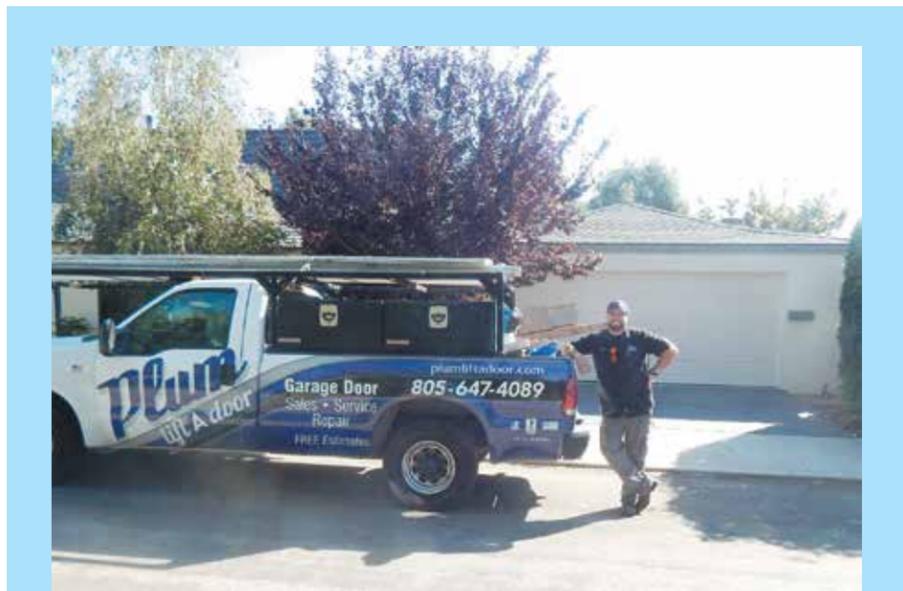
"And in all of those capacities, I have been proud to represent Ventura and to protect our interests as both a charter city and in a regional context. For all of that, I feel a bit guilty pulling the plug because it takes a great deal of time to build those relationships and earn the respect of my peers, many of who I know in those organizations who are still begging me to stay."

"There are many things still to be done. Most regrettably, I'm sad that we did not make better progress on capping the freeway. But, as that is a long term project, I am committed to remain active however I can to take the next steps in that direction. And the continuing refinement of our growth/no growth issues, including development standards and process refinement will proceed, although this will deprive me of a vote on that issue. I'm also saddened that we couldn't have found a more sensitive way to deal with medical marijuana issues than simply criminalizing everyone. But state law may soon define that for us as well."

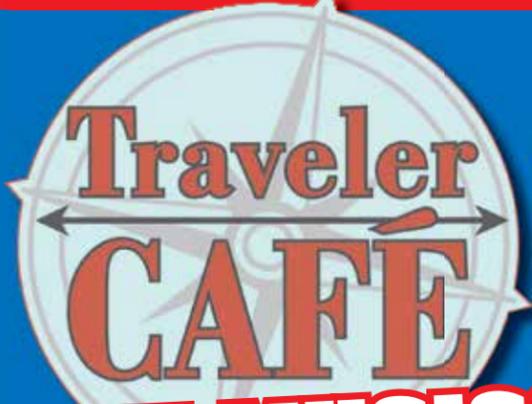
"But that being said, I will be taking a slight break from politics for a while to refresh myself and enjoy quality time with my wife. This doesn't mean I'm going away, or becoming any less interested in politics or Ventura's future, but it does mean that I will have far fewer staff reports to read every week, and more freedom in my schedule to actually travel and not worry about missing meetings."

Again, thank you all who have endorsed me and voted for me in the past. I will still be with you on those causes that are important to this city, just not right out in front. It has truly been both an honor and a privilege to serve both as your Mayor and as a Councilmember. Peace.

Carl E. Morehouse, AICP



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Spay & Neuter Clinic of Simi Valley will be performing the surgeries. The cost is only \$10 for low and no income cat and dog owners.

Please call 584-3823 to make your appointment. Cats must be in carriers and dogs must be in carriers or on leashes.

Thank you for supporting Spay Neuter Animal Network thrift store that makes this clinic possible.

All for Love Animal Rescue (AFLAR) is a 501c3 nonprofit all-volunteer animal rescue organization. AFLAR concentrates on the most at risk for euthanasia dogs and those in the most need, which includes pit bulls, seniors, Chihuahuas, pregnant mommas, and dogs needing medical care or surgery.

A special fundraiser is planned for September 11 at Paddy's, 2 West Main St. The event starts at 6 p.m. Get there early to get a good seat! Ages 21 and over. Cost is only \$10 to play 10 rounds of bingo. There will be 10 prizes to win, and several special auction items to bid on. Cash only for everything—to play bingo, bid on auction items, drinks in the bar, etc. 100% of the proceeds go to AFLAR, to help with medical care, surgeries, and to continue their life-saving work.

For more information, please call 445-3535.

Forever Friends Golden Retriever Rescue has announced that its annual Adopter's Reunion/Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11th at Camarillo Grove Park - 6968 Camarillo Springs Rd, Camarillo from 11a.m. - 4p.m. Tickets are available for purchase online at <http://www.ffgrrescue.org/>. Purchases may be made online by credit card, PayPal or send a check to the post office box listed at the website, but must be purchased by Sept. 1st so you can receive them by mail in time for the event.

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As you know we are having very warm winters and summers and some of the hottest weather ever recorded (I think this what is called global warming but some of my dog friends don't believe that we are having that)). This means an earlier flea and tick season. And I should know because they love me (can you blame them?).

Ticks survive the winter in micro-climates and a breeding female tick can lay hundreds to thousands of eggs at

one time. Fleas can even survive freezing temperatures on wild or feral animals, cocooned as immature pupae, or inside houses and buildings. An early spring also means an early season for these bloodsucking parasites (ugh) that also bite some humans.

When you and your family enjoy the warm weather of spring and summer, don't forget to take steps to help protect your dog (and cat) against fleas and ticks. So be sure to keep us well bathed and treated with flea stuff to kill those nasty little creatures.

LostCatVentura.com and LostDogVentura.com are free resources for finding lost pets in Ventura County, and where you can post a notice to find your lost pet.

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Hi: I'm ChaCha! I was rescued by C.A.R.L. when my old owners couldn't keep me anymore. I had a very, very bad bite on my neck. It might have been a coyote, or maybe another dog. I get along great with all the dogs at C.A.R.L. though, and I love exploring the play yard with them!

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Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi: I'm Ginger, a 7 1/2-year-old, and I love playing ball. I play ball with kids at the park. I bring the ball to all the kids that I see. They usually are more than happy to throw the ball back and play with me. Maybe I can play catch with Scamp one day.

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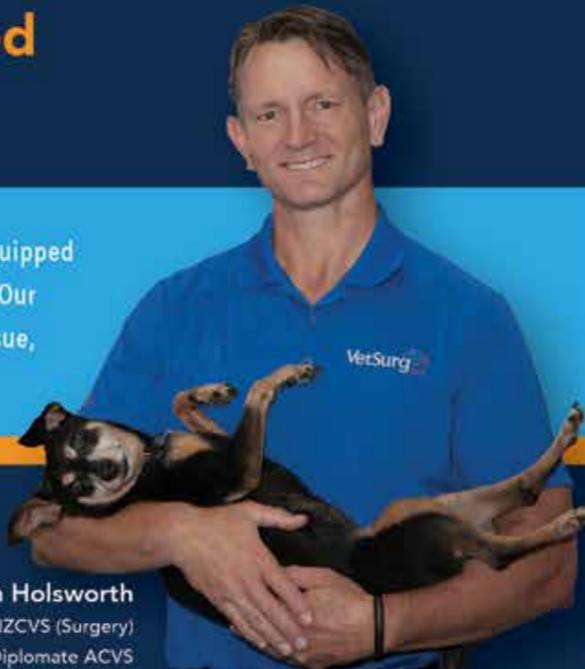


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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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Attempt Homicide - Shooting Investigation

On July 30, at approximately 10pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received multiple calls re: a shooting in the 200 block of Wall St. VPD patrol officers arrived on scene and located a victim suffering from gunshot wounds to his lower torso area.

During this investigation it was learned that there was an altercation in the street just prior to shots being fired. Two possible suspects then fled the area in an unknown type vehicle.

Attempt Homicide - Shooting Investigation

On July 31, at approximately 2:30am, as VPD patrol officers and VPD Detectives were investigating a shooting several blocks away, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received multiple calls re: a shooting in the 300 block of West Barnett St.

Available officers and detectives responded to this area and located a victim suffering from gunshot wounds to the face and torso. Several witnesses reported seeing 2 to 3 vehicles fleeing the area at a high rate of speed.

Officers canvased the area and determined that the shooting actually occurred in the 300 block of West Warner St where a party bus had just dropped off several passengers.

The victim, only identified as an adult male, ran towards West Barnett St where some residents who heard the commotion began providing first aid until medical personnel arrived.

As officers were dealing with the two shooting victims at VCMC a third shooting victim with a gunshot wound to his leg was dropped off at the emergency room. It was determined that this shooting had occurred in another part of Ventura County and was not related to the two Ventura shootings.

Commercial Burglary

On August 1, at 5am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of burglary in progress at the Verizon store at 4860 Telephone Rd. One officer arrived on scene within moments and located 3 subjects fleeing from the area. The officer was able to stop and detain 26 year old Ventura resident Christopher Willis who was found to be involved as a lookout during the burglary.

The other two subjects fled the area hiding the stolen property in a planter. Officers searched the area, but were unable to locate the outstanding suspects.

Willis is currently on parole for burglary. He was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Burglary, Conspiracy to commit Burglary, and a Parole violation.

Possession for Sales and Firearms Arrest

On August 3, at 7am, Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit detectives concluded a month long investigation re: sales of narcotics by the suspect identified as 35 year old Ventura resident Colin Pedersen.

On 8/3/16 detectives detained

Pedersen after he drove away from his residence in the 3000 block of Channel Dr. He was found to be in possession of approximately 1/2 ounce of methamphetamine and numerous prescription pills.

Detectives then served a search warrant at his residence where a second suspect, 50 year old Ventura resident Jorae Marquez, was located and detained.

During the search of this residence an additional pound of methamphetamine was located along with two loaded handguns, an AR style rifle, and numerous boxes of ammunition. Evidence was also discovered that indicated to detectives that methamphetamine was being packaged for sales inside this residence.

Armed Robbery **Update with Arrest**

On June 21, at approximately 10pm, Ventura Police patrol officers responded to a call of a robbery at the Log Cabin Liquor store. Officers responded and learned that the suspect had entered the store, produced a handgun, and demanded money.

The suspect spoke only in the Spanish language during the commission of the crime and he possibly sustained an injury to the back of his head during the incident.

On August 3, at 10am, OPD Detectives executed a search warrant for 22 year old Oxnard resident Eleno Ramirez at his residence. VPD Detectives responded to assist, and as a result of the investigation Ramirez was later booked at the Ventura County Jail for 211PC- Robbery and 209PC- Kidnapping in reference to the Log Cabin robbery.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On August 4, at 10am, VPD Communications Center received a call from a victim of a vehicle theft that just occurred. The victim reported that one of his work vans had been stolen while an employee was doing work inside the YMCA.

A VPD undercover detective was in the area at the time of the call and located the stolen van in the parking lot of the Government Center. The suspect, 40 year old Ventura resident Shaun Haslock, drove the van through the parking lot and patrol officers conducted an enforcement stop of the van. Haslock was taken into custody without incident.

Haslock was on active parole for carjacking.

Assault with a deadly weapon arrest

On August 7, at approximately 1:30am, the Ventura Police Department Communication Center received a call regarding a male subject that had struck a female with a replica firearm and nearby security guards were detaining the suspect. Officers arrived on scene and found the suspect, 23 year old vagrant Jordan Myers, being detained and a female victim with injuries to the back of her head and hand.

The unknown female that was first attacked by Myers was gone upon the arrival of police and was not located. The other female bystander victim was transported to the hospital to be treated for her injuries.

Possession of a Loaded Firearm

On August 9, at approximately 5pm, a patrol officer made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation.

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Upon contacting the occupants, he learned that the driver, 28 year old Oxnard resident Ricardo Ortega, had two outstanding arrest warrants. Upon further investigation, Ortega was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance and he possessed a loaded handgun in the vehicle. The passenger in the vehicle, 27 year old Oxnard resident Rosa Flores, was found to have a stun gun in one of her pockets. She is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing such a device.

Ortega was arrested for possessing a loaded firearm while being under the influence of a controlled substance. Flores was arrested for being a felon in possession of a stun gun.

8-4 8:59am, received a dispatch to a medical at the marina mobile home park. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire and AMR, patient was transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

3:39pm, received a dispatch to a water rescue at Greenock lane jetty. Officers responded and discovered a 31ft sailboat on the rocks at Marina Park. The skipper was safely taken off the boat by State Parks lifeguards and vessel assist eventually pulled the boat off the beach.

8-5 10:13pm, received a dispatch to a traumatic injury at Surfers Knoll from FCC. Officers responded and discovered a local homeless female has fallen and injured her head and hip. Patrol assisted Ventura fire and AMR with the patient who was transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

8-6 6:15pm, received a request for a tow from a disabled electric boat in the keys. Officers responded and towed the vessel with 9 persons on board to their dock.

8:45pm, received a dispatch to a person down on Spinnaker drive. Officers responded and found local female transient but she refused help and denied that she had fallen. After searching the area, unable to locate any patients.

Mailbox

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village school before he was 10 years old.

Scott went into business for himself. westward shipper in the great transportation house of Leech & Co., and here, as elsewhere, he soon made himself conspicuous by his energy and activity. He slept little and worked a great deal, but his hours at home were hours of relaxation.

Scott purchased all of the Ojai Valley and most of downtown Ventura in Southern California from its original Spanish land grantee Fernando Tico. He sent nephew Thomas Bard to oversee his California operations. Scott and Bard found the first California oil well as well as Union Oil Co. Bard was the U.S. Senator from California from 1900 - 1905.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

8-2 10:02am, received a report of a sailboat anchored in the surfline from State Parks lifeguards. Officers responded and located a small sailboat anchored in the surf. The skipper was advised to move to safer water, further out to sea.

4:23pm, received a dispatch to a traumatic injury at Harbor Cove restrooms. Officers responded and assisted State Parks, Gold Coast and Ventura fire with a 3 year old girl who ran into a brick wall. The girl was released on scene and transported by her mother to local hospital for further evaluation.

8-3 3:30pm, received a report of a sailboat inside the surf line from State Parks lifeguards. Officers responded and escorted the sailboat out of the surf zone and into the Harbor.

7:45pm, received a dispatch to an ill person at marina mobile home park. Assisted AMR and Ventura fire with the patient, she was released at the scene.

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Karen Eden with Olivia Newton-John at W20 at the Watermark, Thursday, August 4.

Ventura Music

Idols, Icons, and more...

by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

With the Ventura County Fair behind us leaving us with many cool memories of so many amazing concerts, I would be remiss if I didn't share one slightly monumental event that took place on Tuesday afternoon. One of our musical treasures we claim as our own is Jimmy Calire who you can find playing here in town with several different bands. I once wrote about stories Calire shared with me when his band Raven played in New York City and Jimi Hendrix would join in on the jam and I even once read that Janis Joplin tried to hire him at one point. Calire also toured with America in the seventies, so it was really cool when America played at the fair and invited Jimmy to join them for their final song, their most iconic tune, "Horse with No Name". I had to ask Jimmy about it and he modestly told me, "Joining them on the song was great, but just catching up backstage was even better."

Another anecdotal story I must share with you involves another local artist whom you can find singing her Aussie heart out most weeks here in town, of course I'm speaking of Karen Eden. Mark Hartley of the Watermark specifically had Eden booked for Thursday, August 4, in order to surprise her with one of Eden's idols. Karen told me, "I was half way through a song when Hartley gave me a mischievous look and out from behind him stepped none other than Olivia Newton-John!" Karen of course immediately recognized her and smiled a huge grin. She told me, "I can't believe I kept singing!" After the song Karen went up to Olivia and gave her a big hug. Karen got to tell her how she grew up listening to, learning from and loving her. Karen confessed, "She was so lovely; it was a treat of a lifetime for me." It also turned out that Karen's guitarist that evening, Cary Park, had played on one of Olivia's albums back in the 90s. What a night!

And just so you know Mark Hartley, Dave Grohl is my favorite idol. Just sayin'.

Music Under the Stars continues Saturday nights throughout the summer at the historic Olivas Adobe with music from the Shari Puerto Band (Rock 'n' Blues) on August 20 and Savor (Santana tribute band) on August 27 which is already sold out.

And finally Spencer Makenzie's Cornhole Tournament has been growing exponentially gaining recognition as the West Coast's biggest cornhole/bean bag tournament and though their main focus is the contest, they're also continuing their End of Summer party with a free concert Saturday, August 27, featuring Mandex. Show starts at 6 with Andre, then Brothers Fortune and the headliners at 8.

Do you have any music related news or upcoming shows you want help pub-

licizing? 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 events go to VenturaRocks.com

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

546 E. Main St.
805-874-2232

Mondays: Open mic
Wed 8/17: Live Band Karaoke
Fri 8/19: Vinyl Gypsies
Sat 8/20: 5 pm Taylor Rae; 9 pm Dive Bar Messiahs
Sun 8/21: 5 pm Corsican Brothers; 9 pm Karaoke
Tues 8/23: Brandon Ragan
Wed 8/24: Musicians Brew
Sat 8/27: Goodnight Kiss; 9 pm Sin Chonies
Sun 8/28: 5 pm Karen Eden; 9 pm Karaoke

Bombay Bar and Grill

143 S. California St.
(805) 643-4404

Sat 8/20: 5th & Birmingham, Spivey Spi
Sat 8/27: Cat OK, Shady Ladies, September Begins...more.

Café Fiore & Treehouse

66 S. California Street

Wed 8/17: Donna Butler
Thurs 8/18: Sound Effect
Fri 8/19: Little Alice
Sat 8/20: Soul Infusion
Sun 8/21: Jahmark & the Soul Makers
Tues 8/23: Colette
Wed 8/24: Big Adventure
Thurs 8/25: Jade Hendrix
Fri 8/26: Drunken Monkeys
Sat 8/27: Instone
Sun 8/28: Reggae Revolution
Tues 8/30: Donna Butler

The Cave

4435 McGrath Street

Wed & Saturdays: 5:30 - 8:30 pm Varon Thomas
Thurs & Fridays: 5:30 - 8:30 pm Warren Takahashi

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village

Tuesdays: RJ Mischo & the Down Home Trio
Thurs 8/18: John's Saxophone Band
Fri 8/19: Avery Jazzman
Sun 8/21: Kenny Devoe
Thurs 8/25: Toni Jannotta
Fri 8/26: Brandon Ragan
Sat 8/27: Al Martinez
Sun 8/28: Laura Cozzi & Soul Machine

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Wed 8/17: Starlight Swing Night w/ DJ Lance
Thurs 8/18: Project Out of Bounds, Layovr
Fri 8/19: Crooked Eye Tommy; Flashback Friday w/ DJ Xist
Sat 8/20: Blink 180 True, Weezerton
Wed 8/24: Starlight Swing Night w/ Ventura Jazz Orchestra
Thurs 8/25: Pato Banton featuring Thrive!
Fri 8/26: Along Violet; Flashback Friday w/ DJ Spinobi
Sat 8/27: Disc-o-Town w/ Moonridge

El Rey Cantina

294 E. Main Street

Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and Friends; 9:30 DJ/Karaoke by DJ Gold Dust
Saturdays: DJ Erock

The Garage

1091 Scandia Avenue

(805) 647-9681
Fri 8/26: Glam Skanks, Loose Nerves

Gigi's Cocktails

2493 Grand Avenue

(805) 642-2411
Thurs, Fri & Sat: Karaoke

Golden China

760 S. Seaward

(805) 652-0688
Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm
Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Sat 8/20: TD Lind
Sun 8/21: 3 pm The American West
Fri 8/26: Shawn Jones Trio
Sat 8/27: Jaime Wyatt Duo
Sun 8/28: 3 pm Shane Alexander

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mondays: Karaoke
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band swing night
Fri 8/19: Hi Hat Entertainment - James Intveld
Sat 8/20: Valencia & Friends
Sun 8/21: 6 pm Jon & Tom
Fri 8/26: Hi Hat Entertainment - Kyle Jester & the Jokers
Sun 8/28: 3 pm Hot Roux; 6 pm Jon & Tom

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke
Thursday: Open Mic
Sunday: Karaoke
Fri 8/19: Action Down
Sat 8/20: Vital Itch
Fri 8/26: Unusual Suspects
Sat 8/27: Sean Wiggins

Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street

Thurs music at 6:30; Sun at 2:30
Thurs 8/18: The Brambles

Sun 8/21: Shaky Feelin'

Thurs 8/25: Fox Trax

Sun 8/28: Lee Koch

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Fri 8/19: King Lil G

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Fri & Sat at 6; Sundays at 3

Tuesdays: Dave Rae

Fri 8/19: Catfish Fry

Sat 8/20: Mike Martinez

Sun 8/21: Alas Latinas

Fri 8/26: Herbal Rootz

Sat 8/27: Corsican Brothers

Sun 8/28: Tommy Quale

Montalvo Square Shopping Center

1746 S. Victoria Avenue

Music 6-8 pm

Sat 8/20: The Coveralls

NOW Ventura

185 E. Santa Clara Ave.

(805) 667-2200

Sat 8/20: 9:30 pm Pride After party with Caliente

O'Leary's

6555 Telephone Road

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 8/19: Brittany Burchett

Sat 8/20: O'Leary's East End Blues Band

Fri 8/26: Live Band Karaoke

Olivas Adobe

4200 Olivas Park Drive

Music Under the Stars

Sat 8/20: Shari Puerto Band

Sat 8/27: Savor the Band (sold out)

Paddy's

2 W. Main Street

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri & Sat: DJs

Fri 8/19: Pre Pride Party hosted by Dame Edna

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road

(805) 648-1143

Mon 8/22: Monday Night Dance Club with Wyatt Haupt

Mon 8/29: Monday Night Dance Club with Dick Parent Band

Pride Festival

Promenade Park at Beach

Music 11 - 6 pm

Sat 8/20: Echo, The Caverns, Pasadangerous,

GayC.DC, The Lonesome Gay Cowboy &

the Country Bear Jamboree, KNS Rockstar,

Danielle Livingston, HIRBOIS

Prime

2209 E. Thompson Blvd

Tuesdays: Danny D

Fridays: Encore

Saturdays: Beach City Sound Club

Red Cove

1809 E. Main Street

Thursdays: Music Club Open Jam Night

Rookees Sports Bar & Grill

419 E. Main Street

(805) 648-6862

Fri and Sat: Rotating DJs

Saloon BBQ Co.

456 E. Main Street

Thurs 8/18: 8 pm Dead Country Gentlemen,

50 Sticks of Dynamite

Sat 8/20: 10 pm Rich Sheldon

Sun 8/21: 4 pm Jeff Uzzel

Fri 8/26: 10 pm Battlefield

Sat 8/27: 10 pm Skin & Bones

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd

805-641-1025

Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon

Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 8/20: Daniel Stamatelaky

Sun 8/21: Luminesse Lee

Sat 8/27: Walt Dunlap

Sun 8/28: Salvador Magallon Calderon

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: Twisted Tuesday w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 8/19: Brothers Collective

Sat 8/20: Bloody Reunion

Fri 8/26: DJ Pistolero

Sat 8/27: Grapevine, Aunt Janes Pancakes

Spencer Makenzie's End of Summer Party

806 E. Thompson Blvd

Music starts at 6

Sat 8/27: Mandex, Brothers Fortune, Andre

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St.

805-643-7300

Live jazz music 7-10 pm

Wed 8/17: Meridian Trio

Thurs 8/18: Eric Harrington & Friends

Fri 8/19: L.J. & the Boyz

Sat 8/20: Hans Ottsen Trio featuring Tyler

Blanton

Wed 8/24: Brad Rabuchin & Friends

Thurs 8/25: Colin Bailey Trio

Fri 8/26: D.on Darox & the Melody Joy Bakers

Sat 8/27: DOUG West Group featuring Danny

Carey of TOOL

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Fri 8/19: Brandon Ragan Project

Sat 8/20: 7th Decade

Fri 8/26: Masters of the Past

Sat 8/27: Big Adventure

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

(805) 644-2739

Sat 8/20: Mike Fishell & Friends

Sat 8/27: Soul Purpose

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

Sunday open mics

Karaoke Tuesdays

Metal Music Wednesdays

DJs every Thursday college night

Fri 8/19: Rubberneck Lions

Sat 8/20: Blues Bullet

Sun 8/21: 11 am Pride Brunch w/ DJ Joseph

Fri 8/26: The Caverns

Sat 8/27: The Black Hips

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura

5654 Ralston St.

Sat 8/27: 7:30 pm Steve Werner, Donna Lynn

Caskey, Merlin Snider

Ventura Harbor Carousel Stage

Wednesdays Noon - 1 pm: Steel Drum

Saturdays 1 -4 pm: Steel Drum

Sun 8/21: Unkle Monkey

Sun 8/28: Ray Jay & the Uptown Brothers

W20 at the Watermark

598 E. Main Street

Thurs 6 pm, Fri & Sat 9 pm, Sun 3 pm

Thurs 8/18: Karen Eden

Fri 8/19: Mini Driver

Sat 8/20: The Bomb

Sun 8/21: Rick Whitfield

Thurs 8/25: Déjà vu Too

Fri 8/26: Right Amount of Wrong

Sat 8/27: The Bomb

The Wine Rack

14 S. California Street

Music runs 7-11 pm, Sundays at 2:30 pm

Sundays: B&V Acoustics

Mondays: Open Mic

Tuesdays: Keith Cain

Wednesday: Danielle Stacy

Thurs 7/21: Jon Gindick

Fri 8/19: Justin Spring

Sat 8/20: Barrelhouse Wailers

Fri 8/26: Keith Cain

Sat 8/27: Matt Clark

The 805 Bar

Ventura Harbor

Sat & Sun: Noon Kenny DeVoe

Fri 8/19: Frank Barajas

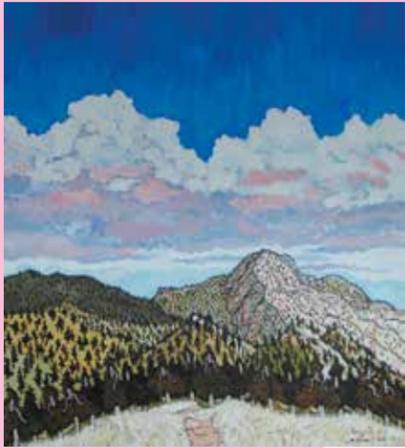
Fri 8/26: Kenny Devoe

Sat 8/27: Live Band Karaoke



Once again Ventura Breeze contributing photographers **John Ferritto** and **Michael Gordon** have won best of show at the Ventura County Fair in their categories.

Art, a la Carte

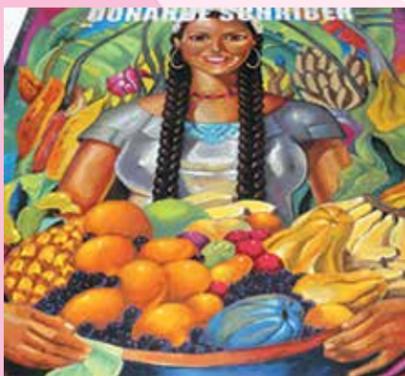


Solo show of artworks by artist **Robert Wassell** titled "The Penumbra of the Forest" at the Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St. from Aug. 23 - Sept. 17. With an opening reception on Saturday, August 27, 5 - 7pm at the Gallery.

For more than three decades, artist Robert Wassell has hiked the Los Padres National Forest in pursuit of rare vantage points and to capture the penumbra -- the essence of the forest, a presence you feel when alone in nature -- in his paintings.

"I'm an expressive representational painter trying to capture the elusive penumbra of our local forest," said Wassell, whose show will include several Channel Islands scenes. Many of the new pieces also feature expansive skies.

The Gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more about the nonprofit Buenaventura Art Association and its programs, visit www.buenaventuragallery.org or call 648-1235 during gallery hours.



Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival to be at Ventura Harbor Village

The iconic Ventura Harbor Village will once again serve as the seaside backdrop for the 8th annual Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival to benefit FOOD Share, Ventura County's regional food bank. On Saturday Sept. 10 and Sunday Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the waterfront promenade will be transformed into a working street art gallery and fine artisan marketplace. The non-profit event which has donated over \$32,000 to FOOD Share since 2011, is the only street painting festival in Ventura County and draws artists from across Southern California.

Considered by many to be a performance art, street painting draws attendees into the creation of the work by allowing them to experience the process with the artist as they paint. The Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival will feature 40 such chalk artists creating vivid "living" murals. 50 fine artisan vendors such as painters, photographers, jewelry makers, potters and craft designers will also be displaying and selling their works throughout the weekend.

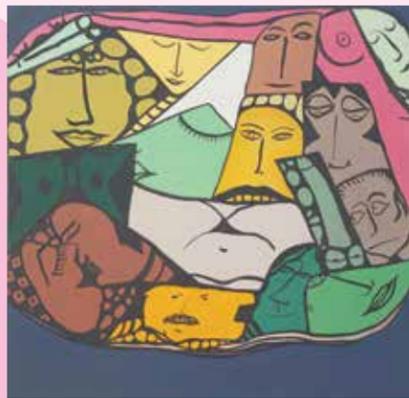
"People will be amazed at what they see on the sidewalk," said Barbara Hinton, Founder and Executive Director of the festival. "It is rare that the public sees the creative process take place, but at this event they get to be part of it. Families can really make a whole day out at this event; watching the chalk artists, browsing the various booths, buying art and even taking a walk on the beach."

Award winning chalk artist, **Willie Zin**, will make his return to the Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival to share his love of chalk drawings with event attendees. Zin has been a Featured Artist at several festivals while earning numerous awards, including Best In Show.

Kids will also get a chance to show off their talent by creating beautiful works of art. With the purchase of a box of chalk, each child will receive a square to create their own masterpiece.

A limited number of chalk art squares are available for sponsorship by companies or individuals and will feature the sponsor's name. Sponsorships can be purchased through Ventura County Art Events.

The Ventura Harbor Village has free admission, complimentary parking, and over 30 seaside restaurants and boutiques and several local artist galleries to enjoy during the two day festival. For artist application or sponsorship information, please contact Executive Director Barbara Hinton at 650-9858 or visit venturaartfestival.com.



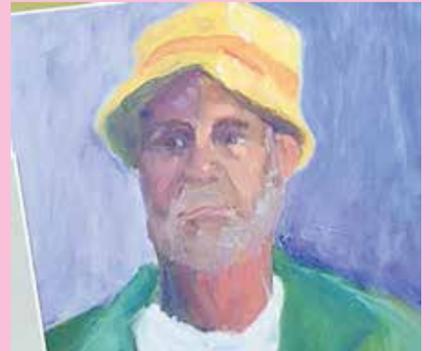
Art Ventures Bus Tours

Join other art lovers on rides to cultural adventures at surprising, landmark and emerging SoCal destinations. Artists **Maryanne Irving** or **Mary Neville** lead most tours and host discussions on the way there and on the way home about your fascinating art encounters. Explore venues with

them, docents or on your own as sites permit.

All-day trips include a meal stop, not included in the price unless explicitly stated. Tours are open to adults and teens under 18 accompanied by an adult, unless stated otherwise. Park your car for free in the parking lot behind City Hall where you'll meet your tour guide and the air-conditioned bus, equipped with wheelchair lift but no restroom. Please mention any mobility or ADA issues when registering online, at Ventura City Hall (501 Poli Street, Room 226) or at 658-4726 (M-F-8-5, closed alternate Fridays). To sign up online visit www.cityofventura.net/register and enter "6679" on the search bar.

On August 17 the tour featured the Hammer Museum exhibit "Made in LA" and UCLA Sculpture Garden. They explored the work of 26 recognized and emerging LA artists in dance, fashion, literature, music, film, and performance at the Hammer Museum's third biennial exhibition, "Made in LA," with artist Maryanne Irving as the tour guide.



Marilee Stockman presents "Personalities On Exhibit," a solo exhibit on display September 1 to September 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 196 N. Ashwood Ave.

The exhibit features oil portraits, bronze portraits, clay figures and portraits in cast paper sculpture.

Stockman's passions for life and art are evident in her sculptures and paintings.

The church is open Tuesday through Friday 9am - 5pm or by appointment. The exhibit is located in the church's Library



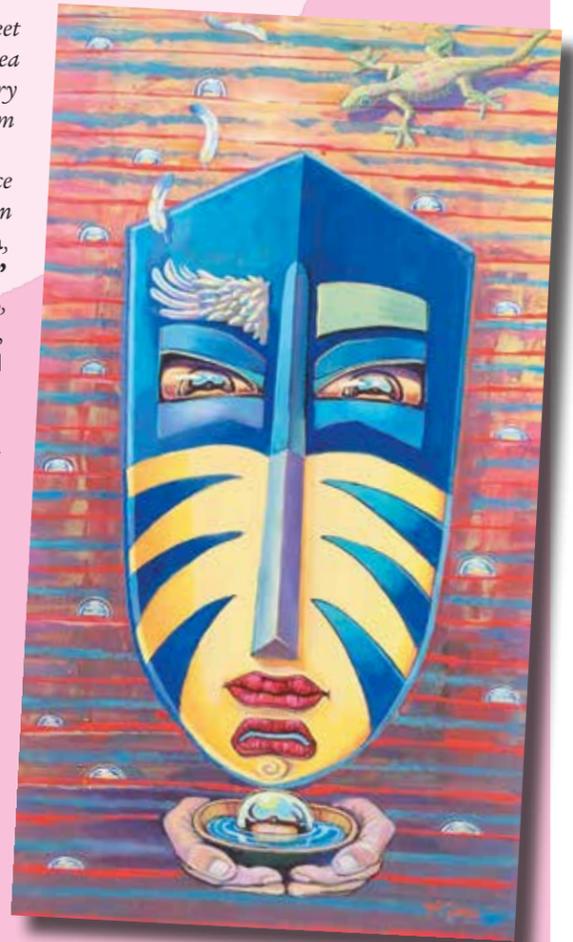
Living Sculpture by Ventura Breeze contributing writer **Karen Helen Szatkowski** at a gallery showing.

Very Ventura - 540 E. Main Street - to host an Art Exhibit and Sea Bling Jewelry trunk show at Gallery V on Saturday, August 20th from 6pm-8pm.

The Exhibit: "H2O: The Force and Flow of Life," a group exhibition features the artwork of **Joe Cardella, Lisa Caren, Frank "Kimo" Mitchell, Ashley Harris, Brooke Halpin, Jennifer Jones, Christopher Borel and Gerald Zwiers**.

Much like art nourishes the soul, water is responsible for delivering nutrients to our bodies. Without it there would be no life. And what would life be without art? The artists in this show are display their relationship with water, whether it is spiritual, playful or environmental. Each piece plays upon the vitality of both subjects. The exhibit runs through September 4th.

Sea Bling Jewelry Artist, Alison Carlson will also be on hand with her wide selection of sea glass rings and earrings. Every piece comes from the beach and is wrapped in Argentium silver wire.



Show Time

Suicide Squad



by Eduardo Victoria
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In theory, *Suicide Squad* represents a combustible amount of rich possibilities perfect for smart, counter programming and an irreverent middle finger to superhero status quo. And who better to helm a film about broken and desperate criminals than director David Ayer, whose street savvy direction has always used grit to serve as a reflection of humanity's darkest frailties. Neither concept or Ayer can salvage this mess of a film however, one so obviously mishandled by studio intervention and warring with itself between each schizophrenic frame.

In the wake of Superman's death, the world is bracing for new superhuman threats. Enter intelligence operative Amanda Waller, whose plan is to assemble a team including the worst of the worst, forcing criminals with nothing to lose the opportunity to do something good. The other obvious advantage being, that if they die during a dangerous mission, no one will miss them. This team of unwitting baddies includes Joker's imprisoned lover Harley Quinn, skilled mercenary Deadshot, pyrokinetic gangster El Diablo, a thief named Captain Boomerang and a cannibal creature named Killer Croc. When a metahuman named Enchantress takes Midway City captive, the team is sent in to save a high priority target. Along the way, Joker is trying to reunite with Harley, while the team's own aversion to each other and their mission may be their downfall.

There's barely any plot with the first act

being an extended montage of character introductions which are messy and choppy, before the team engages in a tedious and repetitious cycle of punch/shoot/kick action against faceless hordes protecting a generic portal in the sky. In fact, the film in general feels like an endless montage of ideas with fleeting character beats which don't have time to breathe, cramming in relentless pop tunes that don't mix to force a tone that's strictly at odds with the hinted struggle of each character.

There are two performances that anchor this mess. As the film's center, Will Smith's Deadshot gets most of the focus and thrives within a tragic character. Smith's charm and charisma is on full blast, even as a bad guy who's taken the wrong route to protect the ones he loves. The other bright spot is Jay Hernandez's El Diablo. He's the only character who wants to escape his dark past and is one of the few sincere characters in the film.

Margot Robbie stumbles as Harley Quinn. At this day and age, her representation feels dated and lazy, is it really too much to ask for a reexamination of the character and an earnest look at the implications of her tortured romance with the Joker? As for Joker, Jared Leto is terrible, his style and makeup are so distracting and goofy, he comes across as tame and too theatrical for his own good. There's no sense of danger or anarchy within him, he just seems like a try-hard gangster who likes to wear makeup, and we never believe his love for Harley - they have no chemistry together, and his scenes have no bearing on the plot at all.

In the attempt to overcompensate and deliver a crowd pleaser in response to BvS' bleak slog, *Suicide Squad* is another stinker, again taking the wrong approach to the wrong movie. Without a genuine threat and characters who fail to live up to their

infamous personas, the film plays out like a cartoon that doesn't understand its power. In truth, it doesn't seem fair to review the film or hold its faults against it, because it doesn't even feel finished. For a film about villains who've commanded fear without compromise, a goofy film that takes half-measures with its approach doesn't seem right. Rated PG-13. 126 minutes. Now playing at Cinemark Downtown 10.

Two on the Aisle

Elite Theatre Co. debuts new drama

by Jim Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

From police to private eyes to preachers. These are just some of the principal characters populating the various works of the Elite Theatre Company's prolific resident playwright and artistic director, Tom Eubanks.

The Elite just debuted Eubanks most recent work, *In The Midst of All That is Good*. It was also directed by the author. Bob Haggard (played by Jeff Ham) is an evangelical pastor of a small community church. Pastor Bob has brought his teenaged daughter and son, along with his father, to a California desert campground for a family retreat. Planning to stay for five days, and to avoid having their car again vandalized at the trail head parking lot, Bob has had his wife drop the group off with instructions to return at the end of the week. The outing ends up being anything but idealic.

The action opens as the group returns to camp after Bob has impaled his foot on a nail protruding from an abandoned piece of wood. The only cell phone in camp is mysteriously missing and it is the off season. So, the adventurers are now isolated with no other campers around.

Other on-going interpersonal issues soon come into play. Pastor Bob's father, Lloyd (portrayed by David Fruechting) turns out to be a disgraced televangelist who has lost his faith and is dealing with tax issues and the IRS.

Son Carson (played by Alex Czajka) is either profoundly hearing impaired or deaf, yet Bob has never bothered to learn sign language. He must rely on his daughter, Maddie (Hanna Eubanks), to communicate with his son for him. Hannah holds an attitude because her father unwisely invested and lost the entire fund set aside to send her brother to Gallaudet University, a 150-year-old institution of higher education for the deaf.

Into this setting come two outlaw marijuana growers - Dennis (Johnny Avila) and Vic (Josh Carmichael). The first turns out to have mental health issues and is off his medications. The other brandishes a gun, and Bob ends up accidentally getting shot in the hand. Oh, and along the way, we learn Pastor Bob's wife is in the process of leaving him for another woman.

The script is filled with myriad intriguing conflicts and possibilities. It offers valuable insights on a number of topics. However, many details are offered that are left unresolved in the end. In our view the layers of complications tend to muddy the central theme, adding little to the overall value.

Nevertheless, Pastor Bob's struggles to deal with the multiple personal crises that arise, along with the diverse characters in the piece, hold promise. They hold the promise that, after the inevitable polishing, trimming and adjustments that follow a premier production, the play will foster in audiences the

same type of commitment that motivated the playwright in the first place.

The Elite is an appropriate platform and actively promotes new works by local authors, giving both actors and writers opportunities to stretch and grow in many ways.

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Miche Braden will star in *The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith*.

Rubicon Theatre announces "Stories That Matter"

Rubicon Theatre Company's 2016-2017 Season was publicly announced at a special event hosted by Joe Spano (Emmy Award and L.A. Drama Critics' Circle Award-winning veteran of stage and screen) and Peter Van Norden (whose numerous credits include five Broadway shows, regional theatre, film and television). The two actors star as Marley and Scrooge, respectively, in the company's adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, which was a Critic's Choice in the L.A. Times and will be reprised this December under the direction of Brian McDonald.

The season also features the third play in Arlene Hutton's celebrated Nibroc Trilogy, *Gulf View Drive*, helmed by London-based director Katharine Farmer; Michele Braden reprising her Off-Broadway performance in *The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith* written by Angelo Parra and directed by Joe Brancato of Penguin Rep; the return of the most popular comedy in Rubicon history, *A.R. Gurney's Sylvia*, directed by Stephanie A. Coltrin; direct from Off-Broadway, *The Other Mozart* written by and starring Silvia Milo and directed by Isaac Byrne, about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's equally remarkable sister Nannerl; *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*, Frank McGuinness' riveting tale based on a true story about three hostages held in Beirut in 1986, directed by Katharine Farmer; and *King Lear* by William Shakespeare, directed by James O'Neil.

The theme for the 2016-2017 Season, "Stories that Matter," was explained by Rubicon Producing Artistic Director Karyl Lynn Burns at the event. "At this tenuous time in the world, we wanted to focus on stories that embrace diversity and focus on our shared humanity. Theatre is a forum where open, civil, meaningful dialogue can happen, and I think there is a hunger for that right now."

At the announcement, Rubicon co-founders Karyl Lynn Burns and James O'Neil also announced two selections in this year's Plays-in-Progress: a new musical version of *Sea Marks* by Gardner McKay, adapted by James O'Neil with music and lyrics by Amanda McBroom and Michele Brouman; and a concert with a working title of *The Folk-Rock Project* by O'Neil. As

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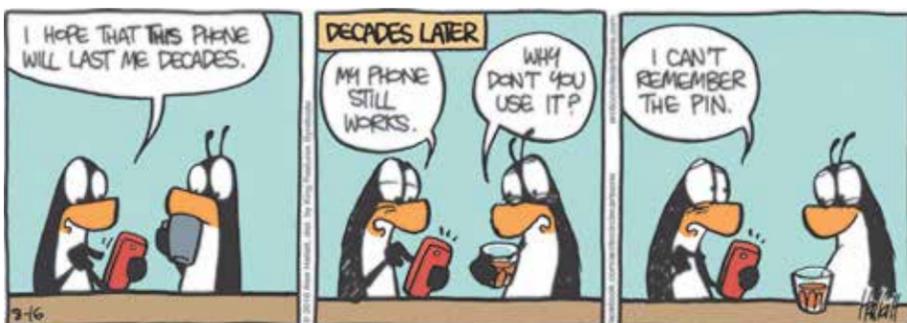
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A troubling situation takes a positive turn and moves toward a resolution that should please you and your supporters. Meanwhile, make time to deal with new domestic issues.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to reassess your goals and consider shifting directions. Remember to keep an open mind, and be prepared to make changes as new opportunities arise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rely on your strong Mercury aspect to help you close that communication gap before it becomes too wide to cross. A sibling or other family member has news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're about to get off that emotional roller coaster and start experiencing more stability than you've been used to. This is a good time to let someone new into your life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Good news: A trusted friend comes through for you. But you still need to shed that last scrap of self-doubt and once more become the cool, confident Cat we all know and love.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Things should be getting back to a less hectic pace. Enjoy the more peaceful atmosphere. You earned it. But don't

forget about those still-unresolved issues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A more positive family relationship develops as misunderstandings are explained away. A job situation appears promising, but check it out before you act on it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. That on-the-job situation is working out as you'd hoped. Now's a good time to relax and to enjoy the company of family and close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might feel as if you're caught in an emotional tug-of-war. But don't be rushed into a decision on either side. Wait for more facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Goat's usually high level of self-confidence is brimming over these days. This should help you deal with a situation that you've avoided for far too long. Go for it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Relationships become more intense. But be careful not to be pushed into decisions you're not comfortable with. Remember: You're the one in charge of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You need to show more confidence in your ability to reach your goals. Make that long-delayed decision, and avoid floundering around in a sea of self-doubt.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you appear to be strongly opinionated, you can also be open to other ideas -- so long as they are presented with logic and clarity.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Brooks Institute closing

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will continue to offer administrative student services, and support which will include transition services through October 31st.

According to Kristen Howard, "We are working to identify other schools that may be able to take current on transfer, or to assist with a teach-out, so those who have not graduated as of Brooks' closure will have the opportunity to complete their program or one similar to it. We will provide additional details regarding any transfer or teach-out opportunities as soon as such details become available."

The school was originally founded as the Brooks Institute of Photography in 1945 by Earnest Brooks Sr. The original core curriculum was developed around economics, public speaking, and business management. Brooks Sr., turned over the operation of the school to his son Ernest Brooks II, who added portraiture, underwater and scientific photography, and motion picture production.

In 1999 the Brooks Institute of Photography was sold to Career Education Corporation (CEC). CEC expanded the school which included acquisition of an 8-acre site former movie production studio in Ventura in 2002, later becoming the Ventura Campus for consolidating the entire school. In 2011 Brooks Institute moved its programs and offices to the new Ventura Campus. In 2014 it moved to the Cota Street campus in Downtown Santa Barbara, before its final move to the Ventura Campus.

Brooks had been experiencing problems with declining student enrollment, accredi-

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tation and serious financial losses since CEC had taken over. Last year Brooks was acquired by Gphomestay which specializes in finding housing for students studying abroad.

The final decision to close was made last Wednesday, just one day after Brooks president Edward Clift was ousted. Additionally, a majority of Brooks Board of Directors members resigned last week.

City of Ventura officials, property owners, and downtown business owners had been anticipating the completion of Brooks move to 6 locations within the city. The school was in process of renovating the new locations and occupation of the sites was nearing, however late in July construction was halted.

Mark Watkins, Ventura City Manager commented "obviously on behalf of the city we were very disappointed on their decision to close we got word last week like everybody else so, everybody at the city was disappointed. Brooks has been a long time partner with the city, and we were looking forward to the opportunity for them moving downtown and bring to the community opportunities and we were disappointed. We haven't heard back specifically from Brooks since their decision to close. They weren't keeping us posted on their decision making process. That being said we do have a lease agreement with them for the space and it has many obligations that they must meet including rental amounts and also amounts for tenant improvements. We put them on notice as soon as we heard that we fully expect them to meet all of their lease obligations. We fully expect them to meet all their obligations they have with the city." Added Watkins.

Brooks currently owes the city more than \$70,000 in back rent. They also have not paid a security deposit on the building behind city hall. That lease was executed last February.

Brooks had already begun renovations on the site and it will take substantial city resources in order to make the space rentable and once again available for lease.

Donna Granata, Founder/Executive Director of Focus on the Masters, who had to relocate to a different floor behind city hall told the Breeze, "The closing of Brooks Institute is heartbreaking on so many levels. The biggest catastrophe in all of this is the effect it will have on the faculty and the students. This event will reverberate for many years to come, not only in the hundreds of lives directly associated with the campus, but at a great cost to our community. Brooks decision to move the campus to downtown Ventura was a great idea in theory, but was so poorly executed without proper planning, financial viability and a lack of transparency. What was supposed to be an economic boon for the city of Ventura, became a financial disaster for all involved."

Christy Weir, Councilmember, Ventura "We are extremely disappointed in the closing of Brooks. Their proposed move to downtown Ventura was highly anticipated to be an economic and cultural generator. Downtown property owners who were partnering with Brooks to create an urban campus will be impacted by their sudden closing. It is fortunate that we have a thriving, desirable downtown and we look forward to continuing to attract a variety of new and exciting long-term tenants in the future"

Marlyss Auster, Executive Director Ventura Visitor & Convention Bureau "I am so sad about the Brooks news, on so many levels. The excitement of having all the Brookies downtown in an urban campus our team embraced and celebrated. We remained hopeful when the construction was stalled, now the devastating news is all just sinking in."

Cheryl Heitmann, Councilmember commented "I met a young Brooks student today who told me he had only one semester left before graduation. And I think that

is part of the disappointment I feel about Brooks closing. To make this decision so close to the start of classes seems so unfair to their students. Of course, it is a loss for our downtown. I think the vision of a downtown campus had real merit, especially for an arts school."

The school has indicated that this week students will receive more information on the school's closure, including Brooks' obligations to their students. The school is opening a transition office to meet individually with each of the 350 current students to help them with the next steps in their education goals.

Help for students is also available from the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education which can offer information on similar programs, information on federal loan forgiveness, and the tuition recovery program. The recovery program will reimburse students if their school closes before they have graduated.

Howard Boroughs

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stone sponsor for The Rubicon Theatre.

After serving in the Navy from 1942 to 1945, Boroughs earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry from the University of Southern California in 1949 and a doctorate from California Institute of Technology a few years later.

He eventually became director of research at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and retired in 1975.

Having sat on both the Board and Advisory Board of CAREGIVERS (Volunteers Assisting the Elderly), each year Howard has donated scholarships that are given to outstanding student volunteers.

And, when Phase Two of the Museum of Ventura County is finished, the large gallery will be renamed the Evelyn and Howard Boroughs Great Hall thanks to his help and participation in making this a reality for Ventura.

When asked about his life while having his portrait painted by Johanna Spinks he stated, "I'm a very fortunate man, I've traveled and learned, I've lived in exotic places from Hawaii, to Costa Rica, to Paris, and now and for many years Ventura has been my home where I am very happy and content. I believe in giving back to my community. Most important, I had the good fortune to spend 66 years married to the woman of my dreams and share our love of people and cultures, art, life-long learning, and literature."

The Breeze asked him what do you like most about Ventura?

"We had family living in the Valley and wanted to be close to them, but as travelers of the world we still wanted to be near the ocean in a setting more befitting our 'eclectic nature.' Ventura seemed (and turned out to be) the ideal place to settle. We quickly grew to love our new home and became active in the community. Also, I find that in Ventura there is more interest in the arts."

In remembering Howard CAREGIVERS Executive Director Tammy I. Glenn, MBA said, "Howard was a dear part of the family, having worn many hats with us. At 93, he first came to us as a frail senior who wanted someone to call every morning and make sure he was out of bed and on the go. Those calls were so effective, he joined our advisory board and our golf tournament committee for half a dozen years. In 2006, CAREGIVERS introduced him to Volunteer Gary Best who kept a regular eye on Howard week-after-week these last 10 years. Gary was The Volunteer and Howard would say his 'best friend!' Definitely a success story for Howard. Howard will be deeply missed."

A celebration of his life will be held tonight at 6 p.m. at the Rubicon Theatre.



Between aebleskivers Staci Brown and Breezy Gledhill were checking out the latest issue of the Breeze while celebrating Breezy's birthday in Solvang. A paper that they are both very familiar with.

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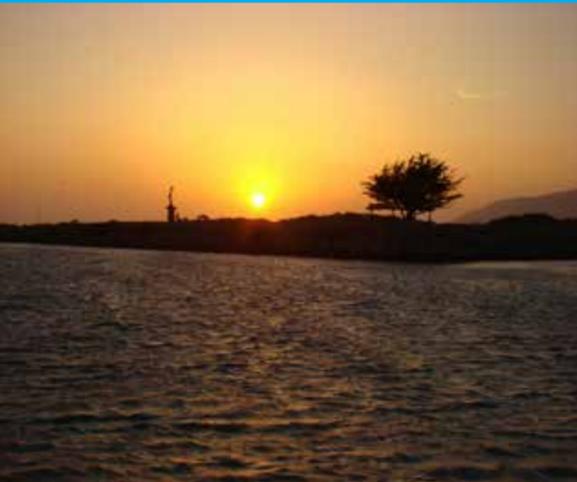
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balletic elegance of these aquatic artists, leaving your spirit elated.

Drive further south, and you'll hit beautiful San Buenaventura State Beach, with its crisp white sands and lots of squirrels and birds. Further south, with ample space for children to play in and grills available for yummy cookouts, Marina Park makes for a great picnic spot. You might have

to ward off uninvited guests, like the seagulls and squirrels, or you could just give in and invite them to share some juicy tidbits from your lunch. They'll thank you for your hospitality with some cute photo ops, which are guaranteed to lead to fun social media chatter with your friends.

The historical impact of one of the oldest Missions in California are on full display in downtown Ventura. The beautiful Spanish Mission is a lovely

piece of architecture and has tours and handicrafts for sale. Shop at some of the quaint thrift stores. You mingle with shoppers and tourists on Main street, sniffing out quality bargains. The lively music of mariachis put you in a mood to kick up your heels and dance, and even join a wedding underway at the Mission plaza. Weekends offer plenty of activity at the Ventura farmer's market.

As you head back, aim to drive

through Santa Paula. This town proudly calls itself the "citrus capital of the world". Many a Hollywood movie production has taken full advantage of its ravishing picture perfect landscape.

The proximity to central Cali and southern Cali alike make Ventura a prized destination to make regular and repeat visits to. So what are you waiting for? Go venture forth in Ventura and ace that serene vacation you're craving!

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Congregation Am HaYam announces services for September

Congregation Am HaYam, led by Rabbi J.B. Sacks, takes pride in its haimish (warm) "people person" reputation where everyone's voice is heard. Services are relevant, accessible and participatory in English and Hebrew, with transliterations provided for people who don't read Hebrew. Services begin on Friday nights at 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. and are held on September 3, 4,

16, and 17. Congregation Am HaYam is located at 4839 Market Street, Unit C. For more information contact 644-2899 or visit www.amhayam.com.

Rubicon Theatre announces

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part of the announcement, an original song entitled "The Sea Provides" was performed from Sea Marks featuring Nicholas Mongiardo-Cooper; and "I Dig Rock and Roll Music" was performed by members of the Off-Broadway cast of Lonesome Traveler – Mongiardo-Cooper, along with Trevor Wheetman, Sylvie Davidson and Jamie Drake. Other performers who participated in the announcement included Lily Nicksay, Erik Odom, Jennifer Shelton, George Ball, and Joseph Fuqua.

Titles for the Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Broadway Concert Series; and

other PIP selections (curated this year by Rubicon Artistic Associate Jenny Sullivan), will be announced in early January.

To purchase season tickets for the company's 2016-2017 Season, call the Rubicon Box Office at 667-2900. Those who purchase three or more shows as a series before August 15 save 15% and receive a bonus \$5 gift card for concessions. They will also be entered in a drawing to win a Jewel Club year-long Ruby Membership, which includes opportunities to go behind-the-scenes at Rubicon and attend Director's Previews in private homes, Designer Presentations, and a table-reading, as well as other benefits.

Ventura Botanical Gardens

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national event drawing horticulturists and growers from all over the world. She holds a Bachelor of

Science in Applied Business and Management from Azusa Pacific University.

Joe Cahill, Executive Director for the Ventura Botanical Gardens, commented "We are very excited to welcome Ginny to our team at VBG. She will bring an added dimension with the goals of more fully engaging our vast volunteer community as well as securing a tighter focus on fundraising events, donor relationships and donor outreach."

"I was attracted by the both the organization's grassroots appeal and their vision for the future," Claborn said. "I believe that engaging the community in creating sustainable non-profits, especially those that are so beneficial to the community are in the best interest of the community."