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Venturan's Barbara and Angela (bottom row on the left) were NAWBO award winners.

Outstanding business women of Ventura County honored

BRAVO is the annual signature awards event of the Ventura Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). Their awards ceremony was held on Friday, March 31 at the Serra Center in Camarillo.

It spotlighted outstanding business women of Ventura County, honoring them for their vision and perseverance, which is creating a brighter future for women business owners and women-led business ventures

The Rising Star of the Year Angela Rosales opened Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery in 2013 in a tiny (less than 300 sq. ft.) space off-the-beaten-path in downtown Ventura. Today the gift shop is located right in the heart of the thriving historic downtown district in a 2200 sq. ft. space. Angela now runs the store full time and employs two sales clerks. Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery is a major asset for the local community, embodying the spirit of Ventura and growing the local economy. Very Ventura celebrates the city by offering a blend of fine art, upscale souvenirs and carefully curated products designed by local artisans.

Last year Angela was the recipient of the Downtown Ventura "Juni" Award, honoring her as Volunteer Merchant of the Year. Her commitment to the art community also led her to reach out to fellow merchants to implement a fun, new event called "Arts & Eats." Happening six times per year, this is a night where the community can come together for one night and enjoy fine-art,

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The future of the world is in the hands of these kids.

Robots descend on Ventura

Article and photos by Richard Lieberman

Teams faced off at FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics regional competition at Ventura College. Teams from Ventura County, Chile and Hawaii

compete in the FIRST Robotics competition.

The local team is Team 3925 from Ventura County. The team is comprised

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Women of the Year Alicia Flores, Kim Evans, State Sen Hannah-Beth Jackson, Suz Montgomery and Dr. Cynthia Herrera celebrating their awards. Photo by Heather Lacayo.

Women of the Year

While the mood in Washington was bitter, contrary and partisan on March 23, down home in Ventura County a warm and friendly event celebrated four women who make a difference in the fields of education, military, immigra-

tion and seniors.

They were the four Women of the Year 2017, chosen by 19th District State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson to "acknowledge the outstanding women..."

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Earth Day Eco Fest has moved from the promenade to Plaza Park.

Celebrating Earth Day

The 10th Annual Ventura Earth Day Eco Fest, is happening Saturday, April 22 at Plaza Park in Ventura. This free event is the perfect way to spend a day with the whole family - Now in its 10th year, the festival has grown into one of the most favorite annual family festivals in Ventura and the largest Earth Day celebration in Ventura County attracting over 6,000 visitors and featuring 100+ exhibitors.

This year the event is moving to a new location, Plaza Park off Thompson St. in downtown Ventura. "We are excited to take advantage of the larger location and proximity to the downtown businesses," says Toni Guy, festival chairperson. "More space means more vendors and more surprises like a flash mob and pet adoptions. Each year over 200 volunteers work hard to make the event more fun, interactive and educational."

This year expect to enjoy all day entertainment on two stages, a surprise flash mob, face painting, check out an electric car or an RV from Kirby Auto Group, join a drum circle, go on a green scavenger hunt to earn a McConnell's Ice Cream, enter the Raffle to earn awesome prizes, try a new hybrid car on for size, fall in love with a new pet, tuck into a Grilled Cheese Truck sandwich, slide down an inflatable slide and learn how local vendors and organizations are working to make a difference in our homes and communities.

Sponsors and Vendors can register at www.venturaearthday.org until April 5.

The event is organized by the Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education in cooperation with the City of Ventura. Profits from the day-long event go toward funding enrichment

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Do you know about our Did You Knows?

by Kevin O'Connor

O'Connor Pest Control's main reason for creating Did You Knows, has been educational. We hope to be "community educators," helping educate families about the hazards of disease-bearing pests and the important measures for controlling these dangers. Community education is one way of bolstering safety and security for all. It's important to us to keep families, and especially children, healthy and safe.

Here are some examples of the kind of information that is distributed to families through the Did You Know program. These messages comment on rats, bed bugs, roaches, and spiders. We have also educated the public about gophers, field mice, mosquitoes, live-animal trapping, the Zika virus, and so forth.

Did you know that proper professional rodent control is essential. So virulent is the "rat pack," that out of control rodent populations put the Public Health of all Californians at risk. Professional pest control operators are trained to select and safely apply rodenticides. CA

regulations have already removed the strongest anti-coagulants (SGARs) from the hands of non-professional users.

Did you know that the common bed bug, formally called *Cimex lectularius*, has infected humankind for so many centuries that today it survives solely on human blood. Almost eradicated by DDT after WWII, bed bugs today withstand levels of pesticides many times greater than the lethal dose of a few decades ago.

Did you know that cockroaches will invade even the cleanest of homes. They find any way and every way possible to fit through cracks, crevices, piping, electrical outlets etc. to get inside homes. There are 4,500 different species and 30 live in human habitats. Cockroach fecal matter and decaying corpses become a fine powder and once inhaled are known to trigger allergies and asthma attacks.

Did you know that common house spiders can live for several years and tend to hide away in dormant places. Male house spiders are more prone to wander throughout a home in search for a mate. Spiders can lay 2 to 1000 eggs per sac depending on the species. It is reported that black widow venom is 15 times stronger than that of a rattlesnake.

Education is power for prevention, treatment, and wellbeing. Speaking of wellbeing, winter is gone and spring is here. So, Happy Spring to everyone and remember to call us for all your pest control needs. We are here to serve you and your family. 1-800-284-7985 and <http://kevinmoconnor.blogspot.com>.



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Business

Realty Watch: 2018 Budget Effects HUD

by Patricia Fasen
Berkshire Hathaway Realtor

Last month I wrote about the generous down payment assistance program offered by local and state governments. Under the new administration these grants are now in jeopardy of being dismantled.

The Trump administration has released the proposed 2018 budget, and it seeks to provide one of the largest increases in defense spending, without increasing the national debt.

Of the budget cuts proposed, 13.2 percent will come from the Housing and Urban Development.

Budget cuts across various government departments will be the source of funding for the planned increase in defense spending, so this budget doesn't reduce overall government spending but instead shifts money to defense from other areas of the government.

The Upside:

The proposed budget would add \$20 million for the mitigation of lead-based paint and other hazards in low-income homes, bringing the total budget for the program to \$130 million. It would also provide more than \$35 billion for HUD's rental assistance program and support "homeownership through provision of Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance programs," according to the document.

The Downside:

The budget would eliminate HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the largest federal block grant to state and local governments that is "designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households," according to HUD.

J. René Ward, a broker-owner based in Texas, said she's concerned that the cuts could disproportionately impact underserved minority communities in this country.

"These programs assist homeowners become part of the American Dream through education, down payment assistance and grants," Ward said. "Are we perpetuating a larger population of renters? Are the 'haves' taking away money and financially benefiting from the 'have nots' by forcing them to rent?"

Agency collects Easter Baskets for the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation

by Dale Myers

The NALA, a boutique marketing agency headquartered in Ventura recently collected numerous Easter baskets for the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation (TBCF) to assist families with children fighting cancer. TBCF is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization

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Patricia Fasen - Finding Your Perfect Home!

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TSUNAMI meeting leaves questions unanswered

by Randal Beeman

In 1812 an epic tsunami inundated the Ventura area. The surge of water deposited a large sailing vessel floating in the harbor all the way inland to Santa Paula and residents of the Mission San Buenaventura spent the next two years living on the hillside in fear of another calamity.

Representatives of several state and local agencies hosted a meeting on Tsunami Preparedness at the Ventura County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, Mar 28th attended by approximately 200 concerned citizens.

An elderly man who would only give his first name - Ray - stated that he was as uncertain as before the meeting regarding what he would do if a tsunami threatened his home in the Ventura Keys neighborhood. "They told us that we would have 15 minutes warning to get to high ground," Ray noted, "and that we should walk or take our cars if we are elderly and infirm, but if everyone in the neighborhood tries to drive I am afraid there will be gridlock." Speakers acknowledged past confusion as to the evacuation plans, and cautioned that the meeting was only one component of the first stage of revised plan.

Ventura neighborhoods in the "inundation zone" - the most vulnerable to a tsunami surge - are generally the areas on the seaward side of Highway 101, specifically the Ventura Keys, the Harbor, and the Pierpont neighborhoods. Unlike Japan and other tsunami vulnerable zones on the Pacific Rim, geologic conditions in the Ventura area would likely limit the wave (officially it is a "surge" but the scientist at the event consistently reverted to the term "wave") to a height of 15 to 20 feet. Nonetheless the potential for loss of life and immense property damage are present in Ventura, but with an anticipated 15-20 minute warning most Venturans can get to safety if they are alert and prepared.

Speakers urged the audience to make a family plan for a tsunami event much like they would in case of a fire or an earthquake. If an earthquake occurs and you are in a low lying area by the coast immediately seek higher ground. If you are at the beach and hear a louder than normal ocean roar, or if the sea floor is exposed, get to high ground or, if no high ground is near, go to the nearest sturdy structure to get above the surge, which is not just water but also a morass of debris and mud. The threat lasts longer than one wave and can be present for 24 hours after the precipitating event.

Visit www.vcemergency.com for more information and to go to www.vcalert.org or text VCALERT to 313131 to sign up for the free countywide emergency alert system, In the event of emergency locals can also tune into KTVA 1690, and the Emergency Alert System in place since the 1950s will also provide warning should a tsunami threaten Ventura.



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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ I have been asked why we didn't include April fool gags in our last issue like we've done in past years' issues (that has gotten me in so much trouble).

Because **Scamp** announced that he is very sick and won't be with us for much longer, I didn't want readers to think that this might be a joke, so nothing funny out of respect for him.

Regarding Scamp (read his article), he is still with us. This has been a transition time for Diane and I. He is kind of here and kind of not here. He's not sitting next to us any longer when we eat so kind of getting used to him not being here. I said "kind of," but it isn't going to make it any easier.

If he would just start eating, he might get some of his strength back.

■ On my new radio show on **KPPQ-LP 104.1FM**, I have interviewed Mayor Erik Nasarenko and Ventura Police Chief Ken Corney. The show airs on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday (hopefully) at 10am. You can still hear my interview with Erik on Saturday at 10am. Try to listen and give me your feedback (good and bad) and suggestions for future guests.

■ In referring to an article in the LA Times about the **homeless** in Pomona, our Ventura City Community Development Manager Peter Brown stated, "Which once again shows that our homeless population is not unique or even worse than other cities."

"A couple of really interesting articles in the Times the last couple days. Pomona could be replaced with Ventura" because this article is 100% in line with what's happening here (like it or not), because it's all about balancing the needs of all community members."

Pomona has taken a different approach though. Officials agreed after months of soul-searching on a comprehensive strategy that gives as much weight to enforcement as assistance. And the city is moving swiftly

to remove an obstacle to that enforcement - its failure to offer people living on its streets a place to sleep or store their belongings.

Pomona has built nearly 400 steel lockers, one for every "unsheltered" homeless person in the city. Officials then approved a comprehensive plan, as well as \$1.7 million to buy land for a temporary shelter with 175 beds.

To compare us to Pomona, there is one homeless per 219 residents in their city and in Ventura it is one per 275 residents, so they have us beat. And where would you rather live, here or Pomona?

There is always the concern that if our services for the homeless are more comprehensive than other local cities that we will become a magnet for the homeless. This indeed might be a reality, so it is very important that other local communities provide their



Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko was my first guest on radio station KPPQFM.

share of homeless services.

Some living in Pomona argue that the city's generosity has prompted neighboring towns to send their homeless people to services in Pomona.

Hopefully, the recently approved overlay districts that will allow homeless facilities to be created will greatly help the situation - that is, if developers can be located to provide the facilities.

■ I recently attended "Live at The Fillmore" - the top Allman Brothers tribute band - at **Discovery Ventura**. To be honest, my music tastes are rather specific (always have been) to jazz and classics so really don't know

what the original Allman Brothers band sounded like. So, I don't know if the band sounded like them, but they were good (I think) and had two full drummers which I had never seen before.

A great evening, and, because the food there is excellent, I ate while listening to the music. You can eat in the restaurant, the bar, while bowling or on the patio and hear the music anywhere. If you haven't checked it out, go have a drink and take a look. And you're not drunk if you see the bowling pins floating in the air.

■ The **cigarette tax** rate has increased from \$0.87 to \$2.87 per pack of 20 cigarettes. I have never smoked, but I really oppose this. If this is a way to get folks to stop smoking then raise the cost of a pint of gin to \$50 to get people to stop drinking. If it is intended that the additional money will be used for research and anti-smoking campaigns it might not happen. Additional revenue monies never seem to be used for what they were intended for. Look at the zillions of dollars being collected by lottery and building fees for our schools and yet our schools are always short of money.

■ The amount of applicants who want to serve on the **Measure O** sales tax oversight committee have overwhelmed the city. It seems that how the new taxpayer money is spent has great interest to Venturans. About 70 applications have been received from those wanting to serve on the seven member board for either a four or three year term.

The tax is expected to generate nearly 11 million in 2017-18 and will last for 25 years.

Three members of the City Council serve on the Appointments Recommendation Committee. Neal Andrews, Christy Weir and Matt La Vere. It will be a monumental task for them to select seven from this large amount of applicants. Hopefully they will be selected in time to provide guidance for our next budget.

Mailbox

live long enough. I am very sad for you, Diane, and Scamp. I think even Savana will miss him.

I agree with you about the golf courses. If we want the city to take a hit on a golf course for the benefit and draw of tourists, okay. But we don't need two of them. I would like to see some of the land for one of them used as a park, and some used as a tiny house enclave for the homeless (with social services all in one place), or for veterans, or both. I would like to see Ventura become more friendly to RVers by having a place they could park overnight (self-contained aka boon docking) for a minimal fee, like \$10 or so. In the summer there are few options for RVers. The beach ones are quickly filled, and the Ventura RV resort charges an outrageous \$65-105 per night. The city does not allow RVers to park anywhere in the city overnight. We are losing this tourist biz. If we had a reasonable place to just park overnight, we could send the trolley round there and take those tourists to where they can spend some money.

That's my suggestion list.

Anyway, back to Scamp. I hope this sorrowful time is not too terrible.

Alison Carlson
Alison;

Thanks for your kind words about Scamp, are tough times for us. See his article for an update.

To the Editor:

The article written by "City Staff" regarding Local Home-Based Businesses is absolutely correct. "The economy gets a boost because more money spent at a local business stays in the local area. Local dollars are re-spent as payroll, goods and services.....and even as donations to community charities". Further, the article notes the multiplier effect of local dollars spent. This is the very same factual economic concept that I have written about several times, including in the Breeze, with regard to Vacation Rentals. Vacation Rentals are a negative to our economy because the owners, for the greater extent, and their

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A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

– Thomas Jefferson

to publisher

So sorry he (Scamp) is not well. Dad may have a title, but everyone knows who the real mascot of The Breeze is.

My dogs have loved meeting Scamp at various Breeze sponsored events through the years.

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HI Sheldon,

I read the Breeze today about poor Scamp. I am so sorry. Pets just don't



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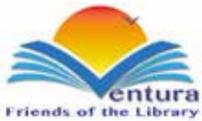
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Community Events “Wine on the Water”

On Sunday, April 23, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Channel Islands Yacht Club, 4100 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard Wine on the Water features five women winemakers with food/cheese pairing/ raffle/ live blues music by Catfish Fry / wine pull/ Team Sistership presentation. Cost: \$50 per person.

Order tickets online at Sistership.Org (under Fundraising Events) or mail check to Sistership, 2674 E. Main Street, Ventura 93003.

A fundraising benefit for Team Sistership, a team of 4 women, over 50, competing in a grueling 750-mile Race to Alaska (R2AK) on June 8. Their motto is “Active Women, Aging Proud, Growing Bold” and they race to empower others to choose active, bold adventurous lifestyles, regardless of age or gender.

A portion of the proceeds goes to scholarships for women and girls of Ventura County to participate in active, healthy programs offered through the non-profit Ventura Community Partners Association.

San Buenaventura. Written in 1960, this piece is a musical setting of Jesus' last words as he hung dying on the cross. The classical meditative concert will be held on Good Friday, April 14 at 1:30 PM at Mission San Buenaventura. The free concert is open to the public. The Good Friday liturgy at the Mission precedes the concert and begins at the noon hour with the proclamation of the Lord's Passion, veneration of the Wood of the Cross and Holy Eucharist.

April 14 & 16 : The community is invited to experience a powerful and moving musical production recalling Jesus' journey to the cross on Good Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church.

April 16 if you are an early riser, head up to the Ventura Botanical Gardens for a 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service. Music and the welcoming story of the First Easter, followed by light refreshments. For information contact First United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara St., 643-8621; www.fumcventura.org. Begin your day Easter morning at 9 a.m. in the Church. Hear the brass ensemble open the good morning news of Easter, the singing of the great hymns. The children will all love the fun afterwards at 10:15 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt in the beautiful courtyard.

April 14: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution luncheon meeting will include a special program presentation “World Events at the Time of the American Revolution”, presented by Chapter member Mr. Barrie Walters. The luncheon event will take place at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave. The cost for lunch is \$20. For additional information or for assistance in determining your possible Revolutionary War genealogical roots, call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter activities <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

April 17: CA Zeta Chi parliamentarians will meet at 7 p.m. and will feature a lesson by Registered Parliamentarian Gerry Olsen entitled “Nominations and Elections.” Located at the Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main St. Those wishing to eat should arrive at 6 p.m. Non-members are welcome. Membership is \$25 per year. For information, contact Sharon Hillbrant, 479-6738, or zetachi.webstarts.com.

April 20: The East Ventura Community Council. On Thursday presents an environmental specialist who will speak about the upcoming community clean up event, “Clean Up Ventura,” planned for the eastside. A representative of the Ventura Police Department will present a crime update. Other issues of concern may also be discussed. The Council represents those who live east of Victoria Avenue. Books in good condition are always accepted by San Buenaventura Friends of the Library. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. For more information contact John McNally, Chairman EVCC 804-7558.

April 23: The Democratic Club of Ventura featured guest speaker will be State Assemblywoman and Assistant Majority Whip Monique Lemon from the 37th Assembly District in Santa Barbara and

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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. Call Rick at 415-8842 for more information.

DBSA Ventura, the local chapter of the Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) hosts two regular, confidential, peer-led, self-help support groups in the County. Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bible Fellowship Church at 6950 Ralston Street in Room 301 of Building 300. Email DBSA_Ventura@yahoo.com, visit facebook.com/DBSA.Ventura or call 253-3289 for more information. 1p.m. to 3p.m. at the New Visions Center on the first and third Saturdays of the month. At 1065 E. Main. Email DBSA_Ventura@yahoo.com, visit facebook.com/DBSA.Ventura or 746-3106 for more information.

There will be a regular Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St., Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Several people usually stay for a drink and a bite to eat afterward. Bring an interesting topic to discuss if you can.

Ventura's ACBL Duplicate Bridge Club offers games for all levels of play. Learn the game, play with your peers, and earn master points while you are having fun. There is a game every day of the week. Check out their website at www.vcbridge.org Life is Better with Bridge.

The Ventura Retired Men's Group welcomes interested men to their semi-monthly Tuesday lunch (\$15) meetings at the Ventura Elks lodge. This regular congenial social event, besides a healthy, satisfying meal, supplies a welcome atmosphere to talk and joke, hear a speaker on a variety of relevant topics and brighten your week. Hear more from Steve at 642-1359

April 14: Credo Choir presents “The Seven Words from the Cross” by composer Knut Nystedt at Mission

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April 25: Don't miss this chance to see "Hearing Is Believing" on the big screen. Admission is free. The acclaimed new non-fiction feature about Oxnard's own Rachel Flowers is co-presented by Foresight Releasing, Hearing is Believing Productions, and the Oxnard College Department of Visual & Performing Arts. Q+A w/ producer/director Lorenzo DeStefano, Rachel Flowers, Jeanie Flowers, Dan Flowers, and executive producer Patti Channer. Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Oxnard College Performing Arts Center, 4000 S. Rose Ave.

April 26: The College Area Community Council will meet on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. Council meetings include speakers and discussion on topics of neighborhood and community interest. The Council, which represents citizens between Mills and Victoria bordered by Foothill and Hwy. 126, meets in the Wright Event Center at 57 Day Rd. on the Ventura College campus. Free parking is available adjacent to the Event Center. 644-8695 for more information.

April 29: On Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. international gospel recording artist Michael Harris will be in concert at the Ventura Seventh-day Adventist Church featuring Songs and Testimony from the Heart. No charge for admission; a freewill offering will be taken. 6300 Telephone Road. Call Polly at 642-5387 for more information.

April 29: TLC Preschool Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfast 196 N. Ashwood Avenue from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. TLC preschool will be hosting a yard sale to raise funds for the upkeep of our school and learning opportunities for our children. \$5 pancake breakfast. All proceeds will be benefitting Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool.

April 30: Dr. Ronni Sanlo, LGBTQ activist, educator and author, who will speak about her new young adult book, "The Soldier, The Avatar and the Holocaust." Presented by Congregation Am HaYam, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at www.amhayam.com/events or at eventbrite.com for \$15 for Dr. Sanlo's presentation. 4839 Market St.

May 16: Employment Development Department invites you to attend What Employers Need to Know About Unemployment Insurance Seminar. EDD Tax Office 4820 McGrath Street, Suite 200 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To make reservations, visit the EDD website at www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Tax_Seminars/ or call 866-873-6083. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made prior to the event by calling 866-873-6083 (voice) or TTY 888-547-9565.

Ojai news and events

The Ojai Photography Club will go interactive in its April meeting, featuring guest presenter Dean Zatkowsky in "Ojai's Top Model -

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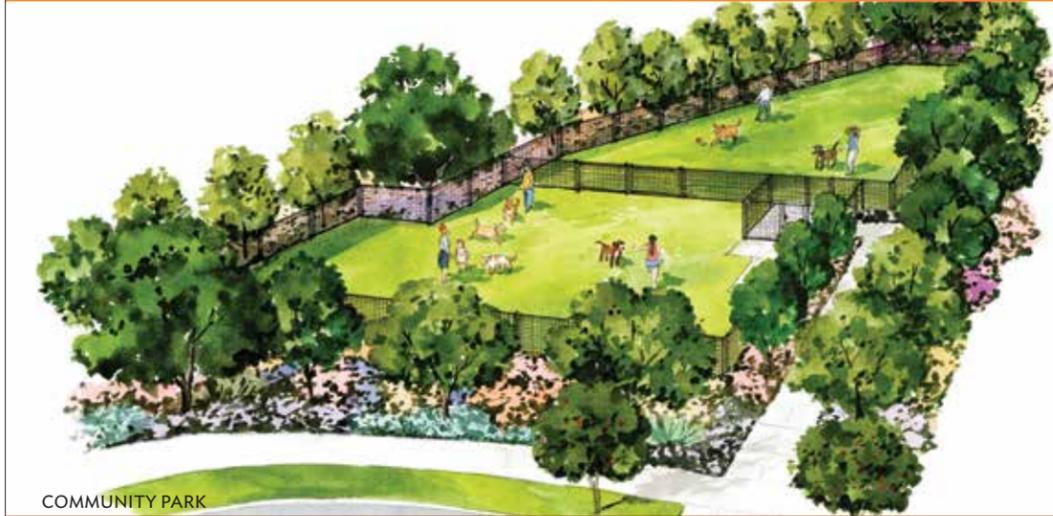
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Ojai news and events

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Goofy Edition: A Learn While We Play Adventure. The event will take place Tuesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m., at Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 W. Santa Ana St. Visitors can expect what Zatkowsky calls "an evening of interactive ridiculousness. he will walk attendees through the photographic decision-making process. This will include background selection, managing multiple lights, lens considerations, camera settings, composition, and most important of all, evoking action and expression. Monthly free presentations are part of the Ojai Photography Club's community service and education outreach. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

Only members may submit images for review. For additional information please visit: www.ojaiphotoclub.com/.

Local author Ian James will visit the Ojai Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, to deliver a reading from his book Last Writes. James will also give a short talk and will be available to sign copies of his book.

Last Writes: Love, Death & Falling is a celebration of the mystery we called Life and what each and every human being must face when death comes calling.

Between April 1 and April 30, the Ventura County Library System will be commemorating National Poetry Month by holding its annual county-wide Haiku Poetry Contest. Participants will be able to submit their own original haiku at any of our library locations or online at tiny.cc/vclhaiku.

All submissions should follow the traditional format for haiku: three lines of five, seven, and five syllables each. The

contest is open to all ages and topics; contact the library for further information regarding contest rules.

Participation in this contest is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Bernadette McDowell, Regional Librarian 486-5460; Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at 218-9146; or Laurie Dunning, Librarian Specialist 648-2716.

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.

Katie Fagan's solo art exhibition opens this month at The Oaks At Ojai. Her Art About Ojai show runs from April 28-June 29. It features 16 local landscapes in acrylics. She'll be present to greet visitors and talk about her art at the opening reception on Thursday, May 11 from 5-6:15 pm.

"All my life, I've done some kind of art," Fagan said. "I've been a graphic designer for more than 25 years and have been painting in earnest for around 4 years."

In that short time she has created a considerable body of colorful landscapes and floral studies, most of which are on display on her website at fagangraphics.com/paint-noflash.html and at facebook.com/KatieFaganFineArt.

Her favorite part of the creative process, Fagan said, is "dancing to a great song while painting," and she said her biggest challenge is "keeping at it when the painting is going through its growing pains. Persistence is key."

To see Katie Fagan's exhibition, visit the The Oaks At Ojai, 122 E. Ojai Ave. The gallery is open from 10 am- 4 pm.



News & Notes



Chief of Police Ken Corney visited with Sheldon on KPPQ radio.

CAPS Radio (KPPQ-LP) is on the dial at FM104.1 all day

by Elizabeth Rodeno

Legendary Ventura Breeze publisher-editor Sheldon Brown is on the airwaves, hosting a series of informative interviews on CAPS Radio 104.1 (KPPQ-LP). The weekly program features engaging conversations with City officials, other community leaders and local personalities. Among Sheldon's guests were City Mayor Erik Nasarenko and City Police Chief Ken Corney. Other CAPS Radio hosts include Ventura County Poet Laureate Phil Taggart with an eclectic mix of music and talk, Pam Baumgardner, covering the local music scene, Judy Gilliard, hosting Around America's Table featuring all that is food in Ventura, and more.

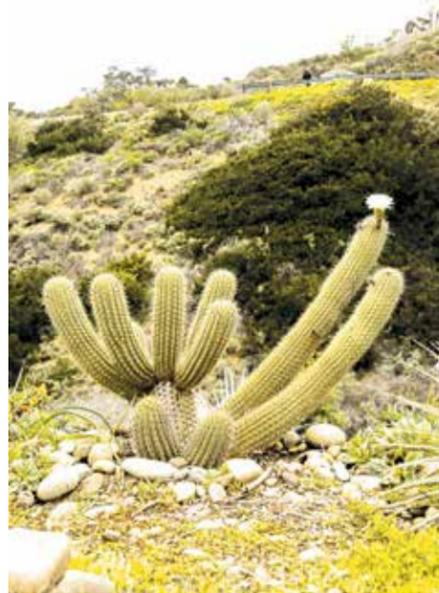
CAPS Radio (KPPQ-LP) is on the dial at FM104.1 all day, every day, combining a wide ranging mix of local news, programming and personalities, with national news and information programs. "It doesn't matter if someone has hosted a radio program in the past or not. We can teach you," says CAPS Radio program director Elizabeth Rodeno. "That's what we do at the CAPS Media Center. We train our member/producers how to use all of the media tools, including cameras and editing equipment for video production, and the radio control room for a radio program. This is a great chance to be on the air sharing personal interest, passions and stories. Plus, it's a lot of fun." To attend a CAPS Radio workshop, contact Elizabeth Rodeno 658.0500, radio@capsmedia.org, or go to capsmedia.org.

Speaking of fun, it's time to start thinking about signing up for CAPS Media's popular Summer Digital Storytelling program. The three, week-long workshops teach students, ages 9-15, how to use computer based tools and technology to create, develop and communicate the stories they want to tell. The program includes hands-on training with state-of-the-art video cameras, audio recording equipment and computer editing software. Led by the CAPS Media's professional staff and a team of young interns, students develop, write, produce, host, direct, stage, record and edit their own programs. To learn more about the Digital Storytelling program, go to www.capsmedia.org/events.

The CAPS Media mission is to create an engaged and informed community through participation in electronic media. Everyone who lives, works or attends school in the city of Ventura is eligible to be a member of CAPS Media. For a nominal annual fee (\$25 for an individual and \$75 for a non-profit organization) the knowledgeable CAPS Media staff will train member/producers to become skilled producers in video or radio communication. Once certified member/producers

can reserve and check out video cameras, tripods, and other gear for video production and editing suites for postproduction in order to produce programming to air on CAPS Media channel 6. For an additional nominal fee, members can attend training workshops to master the radio control room and produce programming to air on CAPS Radio 104.1 (KPPQ-LP).

Upcoming member classes include new member orientation on May 4th; HD Camera class on May 11, and video editing on May 18. Radio workshops are also being scheduled. Classes start at 6PM at the CAPS Media Center at 65 Day Rd. For more information and to sign up for classes go to capsmedia.org/events/. For general information go to info@capsmedia.org, call 805.658.0500 or drop by the CAPS Media Center Monday 9a-6p, Tuesday or Wednesday 9a - 9p or Friday 9A - 6p.



Cacti can also bloom. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

"Spring Bloom" Photo Contest

Ventura Botanical Gardens (VBG) is now accepting entries for its first-ever "Spring Bloom" photo competition. Photographers of all ages and levels are invited to submit their best images of the Gardens (taken this year) for a chance to win. The deadline for submitting photos is Friday, April 28.

"This contest is an opportunity to engage the entire community in the beauty of the Gardens," said Barbara Brown, Board President. "With this year's rains, we're hoping that there are lots of flowers to

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shoot, but even if there isn't, there are always the spectacular vistas of the coastline and agriculture."

"Planners Nancy Kettner and Terri Strober have done a wonderful job pulling this together," says Joe Cahill, Executive Director, "we hope this will become a community tradition."

Participants must send a Facebook message to the VBG Facebook page (2 entries max) with their photos using the hashtag #VBGinBloom. There are two ways to win—the first category is People's Choice. Winners in that category will win by getting the most "likes" on Facebook. The Ventura Botanical Gardens will showcase the images on their Facebook page during the "Like" voting period between May 1- May 5.

Additionally, a panel of visual art professionals will judge the photos and award the Judges' Choice. Winning photos will be announced on the Facebook page and published on the VBG website and in the summer newsletter. For more information, please visit venturabotanicalgardens.com

This public benefit nonprofit organization is dedicated to creating a world-class botanical garden for the preservation, education, cultural contribution and enhancement of the community. The gardens, when complete, will celebrate the five Mediterranean climate regions. The locale boasts spectacular 180-degree views of the California coast and the Channel Islands. The Ventura Botanical Gardens is located at 398 Ferro Drive in Ventura, California.

The first trail is a popular hiking destination. While still in its rustic state, the seedlings of the Chilean Gardens are beginning to thrive. VBG planning includes outdoor opportunities like community gathering spaces, training and research opportunities, and educational programs ranging from horticulture and botany to sustainability. To find out more, visit www.VenturaBotanicalGardens.com and join us on Facebook.

Celebrating Earth Day

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programs for Kindergarten through eighth-grade students at the tuition-free public school.

Planning on riding your bike to our Earth-friendly event. Eco Fest also offers a free bike valet with attendant.

Ventura's Earth Day Eco Fest would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors: Kirby Auto Group, NRG, Sprouts, Solar City, CBC Federal Credit Union, Cumulus Broadcasting, City of Ventura Environmental Services, McConnell's Ice Cream, Allied Graphics and the Ventura Breeze.

To learn more go to www.venturaeearthday.org

Channel Islands National Park invites the public to celebrate Earth Day with a special beach cleanup on April 22, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at Ventura Harbor.

Each year, the national park sponsors this event to clean the Ventura Harbor Cove and Surfer's Knoll beaches, in an effort to give back to the community and to encourage volunteerism.

Between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm, volunteers will be able to sign up and start cleaning at either the park visitor center or at a station at the Surfer's Knoll parking lot. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own buckets and gloves to use.

At the park's 2016 cleanup, almost 450 volunteers donated over 1,000 hours of their time to help clean and protect the harbor's beaches.

For families, there will also be a children's activity station at the park visitor center, where kids will be able to participate in crafts and the park's Junior Ranger program.

At 11:00 am, a park ranger will discuss marine adaptations and ocean stewardship at the visitor center's marine life exhibit, which features species found in the waters that surround the Channel Islands.





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50 years as a secular preschool

by Marion Levin-Welch

M.A. Director Early Childhood Education

Children's World Preschool at Temple Beth Torah will be celebrating their 50 years as a secular preschool. The school was started back in 1967 as a non-denominational preschool ensuring that a quality program was offered to the community regardless of personal beliefs.

Thousands of children have graduated from Children's World over those years. Some of the teachers are now teaching the children of the

children. Our campus has grown and we offer great programming for children ages two to six. We are a Nationally Accredited school, something that was started by Weitz Chatenever many years ago in partnership with the National Association for the Education of Young Children based in Washington DC. Millie Seidler was the first director at the preschool and Weitz Chatenever the second.

Please come and join us for an afternoon of celebration and see your previous teachers, fellow students, see old photos of yourself and enjoy drinks and snacks for the occasion. We will have music, fun activities, pictures and so much more. It is an opportunity to see friends you may not have seen in years.

Sunday, April 30 from 1pm to 3 pm in the social hall. 7620 Foothill Rd. For further information call 647-3798.

News & Notes



Emily Benson, MD (VCMC), Hoc Nguyen Van, MD (Vietnam Duc Hospital), Serge Kaska, MD (San Diego), Aubree Goodman (premed student), Ngo Van Toan, MD (Vietnam Duc Hospital), Petros Frousiakis, MD (CMH ortho resident), Damayea Hargett, MD (VCMC) and Mary Ragsdale, MD (VCMC).

Inset: Dr. Damayea Hargett is examining a young patient.

Heroes amongst us

by Jennifer Tipton

For one week, this past March five orthopedic surgeons voluntarily traveled to Hanoi, the capitol of Vietnam to assist the Vietnamese surgeons there.

Damayea Hargett MD and Emily Benson MD specializing in trauma along with Mary Ragsdale MD specializing in joint replacement surgeries such as hips and knees are all orthopedic surgeons at VCMC. Emily went last year to accompany Dr. Serge Kaska another orthopedic surgeon based in San Diego who has contacts in Hanoi. These big-hearted doctors not only paid their own way but also sponsored Petros Frousiakis an orthopedic surgical resident at CMH knowing it would be a great experience for him as well.

The docs landed at the largest surgical center in Vietnam performing an average of 5 surgeries a day along with seeing clinic patients lined up to evaluate and determine if they were even a candidate for surgery, some returning from the previous year after having already been turned away.

Vietnam with a population of about 92,700,00 has mopeds and motorbikes as the primary form of transportation with very few speed limits and stop signs; this would certainly explain why there are so many traumatic injuries. Our docs walked 1 ½ miles each way to the surgical center and "D" (Damayea) tells me this was the scariest part of the trip because the drivers don't yield to anyone or anything!

Perhaps due to all the trauma, it is a cultural expectation that if you get hurt you may have some disability, they saw more pathology in one week than what they see at VCMC in an entire year. Vietnam has socialized medicine so funding for treatment is limited however, they also do elective cases if you have the cash to pay for it.

The ortho ward was equipped for 50 but had an average of 80 patients, summertime being the worst with literally two patients in each bed. Along with the trauma were the nonunion surgeries (fractures that did not heal), the congenital deformities that had never been corrected and those that had but never healed correctly. Many of the patients they saw were children, lots of children...

Instrumentation was minimal as well as orthopedic hardware such as a simple clamp or plate, and the closed procedures our docs perform at home with the assistance of radiology were a luxury not afforded. And

yet another challenge was that often the surgical technicians assisting them did not speak any English. With these challenges our docs found themselves out of their comfort zone and stayed up many nights doing research to strengthen their skills. Damayea stated, "Unfortunately, we had to turn a lot away, it was heartbreaking."

The surgeons there so appreciated our docs coming, working together with them and the many discussions that prompted learning on both sides so in addition to plans to return next year and annually, our docs are currently in the process of sponsoring 2 of the surgeons that hosted them to come here and spend a week at VCMC to continue the sharing of knowledge.

If you are interested in sponsoring future trips or a physician that might like to join them, email: orthovietnamtrip@gmail.com.

Concours Motors has found a new way to give back to Ventura

Concours Motors will be giving away a 2000 Volkswagen Golf to one Ventura County Resident on May 2. The Volkswagen is completely refinished for optimum safety, and it will be given away with one completely free year of service.

The team at Concours Motors created "Wheels to Shine" to substantially change someone's life in the Ventura County. Each spring every year, their fleet of master technicians will rebuild a great, reliable car and give it away to someone who needs it.

All Ventura County community members are invited to nominate a recipient for this year's "Wheels to Shine." Nominations will be accepted through April 30.

A small group of community leaders have been invited to review the nominations and choose a recipient. To nominate a recipient visit: wheels-to-shine.org/nominate-someone.

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When the owners of Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura decided to create a scholarship fund for local high school students wanting to pursue a college degree, the Cypress Place Senior Living “Senior to Senior Legacy Scholarship” was created.

Cypress Place Senior Living is an independent, assisted, and memory care community for seniors. By awarding two \$2500 scholarships to local high school seniors, residents at Cypress Place are attempting to pass on opportunities for young people in the community, according to Steve Spira, executive director at Cypress Place.

Applicants need to have a verified 3.2 or higher GPA and to have applied for fall 2017 admission to a college or university with the intention of obtaining a degree. Applicants are also asked to submit an essay about their reason for pursuing higher education along with a personal account of how a senior or seniors has affected their life, including specific examples of intergenerational experiences of the applicant.

Residents on the Resident Scholarship Committee at Cypress Place will

read the essays, then hold oral interviews with the semi-finalists to determine the two award winners.

The scholarships are open to senior students at Ventura High School, Buena High School, Foothill Technology High School, El Camino High School, and St. Bonaventure High School. The deadline for submitting a completed application packet is Friday, April 21, at 5:00pm. Qualified applicants will be invited to a mandatory oral interview on May 12. The presentation of the two scholarships will be held Thursday, June 1, at 5:30p.m. at Cypress Place Senior Living. The recipients must be available to attend the presentation event to receive an award.

For more information or to receive an application packet please contact Pam Staniland, Director of Sales and Marketing at Cypress Place Senior Living, 805-656-9500 x 201, or via email at cypressildsm@islllc.com.

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by **Connie De La Rosa**

Finding resources during a loved one's hospitalization or caring for a loved one at home, can become overwhelming when you are unsure where to begin to inquire about a service or just finding the time to make a call can be a task in itself.

The Family Caregiver Resource Center serves all of Ventura County, free of charge, for those caring for a loved one aged 60 and older who require assistance with at least two ADL's such as dressing, transportation, medication management, etc. In addition, we can assist those caring for a loved one aged 19 - 59 who suffer from Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, mild cognitive impairment or Traumatic Brain Injury. The center can provide you with many resources, referrals, support groups and trainings to ensure that family caregivers are finding the right resources. Please call us if you have any questions about our trainings or support groups listed and for other locations at 420-9608

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De-Stress with Guided Meditation

Looking for a way to de-stress at the end of the day? A new class to help calm the mind and soothe the nervous system starts this spring at the SCAN Health & Wellness Center in Ventura. "Guided Meditation for Stress Relief" is scheduled for Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. started April 6. This free, six-week class features a variety of meditation techniques to improve your mood, sleep, focus and overall general health. To

register, please call 805-658-0365.

Improve Balance with free Better Bones Class

Join a new free, Better Bones class at the SCAN Health & Wellness Center in Ventura. Use the latest techniques to build your bones in new and improved ways. Started Friday, April 7, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., this 10-week class focuses on balance, strength and flexibility. Better Bones, tau

SAVVY Caregiver workshop series

Alzheimer's Association Ventura County Office announces SAVVY Caregiver workshop series planned for May at Meditech Health Services located at 1650 Palma Drive, Ste. 101, Ventura.

The Savvy Caregiver is a 4-week program for family caregivers offering 12 hours of face-to-face training with dementia experts. This is the opportunity to go beyond introductory education offerings and truly hone caregiving skills and techniques.

The Savvy Caregiver program addresses your biggest concerns:

- Understanding Alzheimer's and other related dementias.
- The toll of caregiving.
- Managing daily life and behaviors.
- Caring for yourself while caring for others.
- Decision making.
- Communicating with a person with dementia.
- Taking control.
- Goals for caregiving.

Workshop dates are Wednesdays May 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Advanced registration required. Contact Monica Schrader at 494-5200, Ext. 101 for details.



"I'll just need to use this until my check arrives."

Why you get your Social Security payment when you do

Ever wished you could get your Social Security check earlier or wondered why it comes when it does. It may not cross the minds of senior citizens who filed for benefits before May 1, 1997: they get their payment on the third day of the month, unlike more recent filers who get it on the second, third or fourth Wednesday of the month.

When are payment days if you filed



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for benefits May 1, 1997 or later?

If you file for Social Security benefits May 1, 1997, or later, you are assigned one of three new payment days based on the date of birth of the person on whose record your entitlement is established (the insured individual):

The payment day for insured individuals born on the 1st through the 10th of the month is the second Wednesday of each month;

The payment day for insured individuals born on the 11th through the 20th of the month is the third Wednesday of each month; and

The payment day for insured individuals born after the 20th of the month is the fourth Wednesday of each month. If the scheduled Wednesday payment day is a Federal holiday, payment is made on the preceding day that is not a Federal holiday.

More about those who filed before May 1, 1997

Social Security payments are usually dated and delivered on the third day of the month following the month for which the payment is due. For example, payments for January are delivered on February 3.

If the third of the month is a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, payments are dated and delivered on the first day preceding the third of the month which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. For example, if the third is a Saturday or Sunday, payments are delivered on the preceding Friday.

When are you paid on 3rd of month, even if you filed on or after May 1, 1997?

You will receive your Social Security payment on the third of the month if you are any of the following:

A beneficiary who also receives SSI payment;

A beneficiary whose income is deemed to an SSI recipient;

A beneficiary whose Medicare premiums are paid for by the state in which you live;

A beneficiary living in a foreign country;

A beneficiary entitled to payments

on the third of the month, who later became entitled on another record, as long as there is no break in your entitlement

A recipient of garnished payments, tax levy case payments, or payments made via the critical payment system; or A beneficiary entitled on the same record as one of the above.

If you are paid on the third of the month, you can volunteer to change your payment day as long as all beneficiaries receiving benefits on your record agree. The date-of-birth formula determines the payment cycle for beneficiaries. The decision to change to a cycled payment day is permanent.

SSI payments are usually dated and delivered on the first day of the month that they are due. However, if the first falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, they are dated and delivered on the first day preceding the first of the month that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday.

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association anniversary

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association will celebrate 70 years of providing comprehensive home health-care, compassionate hospice and vital in-home support for Ventura County residents on May 20. The agency will also honor Tom Pecht for his enduring devotion to Livingston.

The Hawaiian themed evening will take place at Old Rancho Matilija in Ojai. Nestled by an expansive lake, guests will enjoy tropical cocktails, dinner and a program.

Livingston hopes to raise \$270,000 from sponsorships and tickets to this

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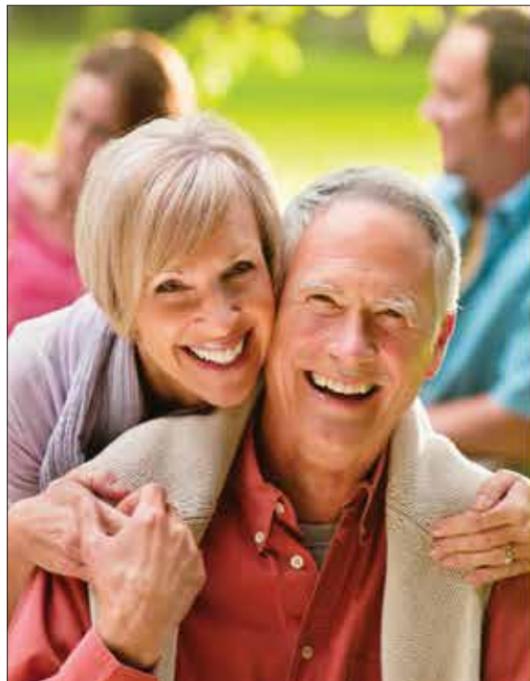
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Livingston Memorial

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celebration. Options to support the 70th Anniversary campaign range from the purchase of event reservations for \$250 each to a number of sponsorship levels. All proceeds support Livingston Memorial's services for patients regardless of their circumstances, as well as bereavement programs in schools and the community. For more information or to donate, simply visit lmvna.org or call 642-0239.

Established in 1947, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association recognizes the growing need to provide services in the home environment for the sick, handicapped, elderly, terminally ill, and homebound. As a community supported, non-profit organization we strive to provide professional, licensed and supportive home care services of the highest quality in the most cost-effective manner to the people of Ventura County to ensure a positive patient outcome.



Learn about owls at the Olivas Adobe. Photo by Michael Gordon.

The Audubon Society will share bird watching tips

The sixth annual Owl Festival will occur at Olivas Adobe Historical Park on Sunday, April 23, 11 – 3 p.m. This free afternoon of family-friendly fun will include kids' arts and crafts, an owl info table, and photos of Olivia, the Adobe's frequent visitor owl who has nested in the eucalyptus tree bordering the courtyard. The Ojai Raptor Center will be giving a 1-hour presentation at 1 p.m. and will be bringing various birds to learn about and view.

Local artists will display handcrafted ceramics, jewelry, paintings and plants for sale. Wildlife photographer Hal Epstein will display his owl series of photos. The Audubon Society will share bird watching tips and Leif Engeswick will be playing music on his unique "Book Organ." Pizza Man Dan's food truck will have

snacks available for purchase. The Olivas Adobe is located at 4200 Olivas Park Drive. For more information 310-746-8021 or www.olivasadobe.org.

Tech Today with Ken May

How the ISP law change affects your privacy

On Tuesday, March 28th, Congress sent proposed legislation to President Donald Trump that wipes away landmark online privacy protections, the first salvo in what is likely to become a significant reworking of the rules governing Internet access. The legislation would kill a set of Obama-era privacy regulations for internet service providers created by the Federal Communications Commission last October.

The most notable part of the rules, which has not yet taken effect, would require broadband providers such as Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T to obtain explicit consent before selling their customers' web-browsing histories, app-usage data, and other personal information to advertisers and other third-parties. The vote is concerned with some recent changes to what the internet is in the eyes of the American government.

In February of 2015, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reclassified ISPs as "common carriers," which means they traffic in utilities. This effectively put the internet in the same category as telephones, water, gas, and other necessary components for living in

terms of how it's regulated. This allowed the FCC to enforce net neutrality laws, which force all ISPs to provide access to all kinds of content on the internet equally. (In the past, ISPs would slow down users' traffic when visiting certain websites or sharing files to discourage them from engaging in these acts.) Classifying the internet as a utility also meant ISPs had to follow the privacy guidelines previously written for telephones. This legislation would effectively roll back many of these changes, allowing ISPs to do whatever they want with their users' browsing data.

So, this is a complicated issue. What's the easiest way to get my privacy back? Well, states could try to implement some form of the FCC rules for their own residents. ISPs might conceivably change their practices nationwide if enough states do so, or customers in some states could have fewer privacy protections than customers in other states.

"As on climate change, immigration and a host of other issues, some state legislatures may prove to be a counterweight to Washington by enacting new regulations to increase consumers' privacy rights, a New York Times article said this week. The Times article mentioned laws in California, Connecticut, Nebraska, and West Virginia and proposals for new laws in Illinois, Hawaii, and Missouri, but none of these laws and proposals was specifically targeted at ISPs.

But let's assume that doesn't happen. Now what?

Last year, Opera, the little browser that everyone seems to forget about, rolled out a free VPN. It's easily the simplest, cheapest, and most reasonably private way to access a VPN that will circumvent your ISP right now. It does come with a slew of caveats though. An Opera spokesperson said that the VPN is a no-log service, which is good, however, while Opera is a Norwegian company and therefore acts under Norwegian law, SurfEasy, the company that provides

the VPN service, is a Canadian company, and Canada is known to hand over intelligence data. Regardless, using the VPN means you're agreeing to SurfEasy's Privacy Policy. Opera was also purchased by a Chinese consortium last year, so any data Opera does collect could be accessible by that company at some point. Also, keep in mind, only the web browsing you do in Opera will go through their VPN. It's not perfect, but it's a good step forward. Hopefully, we see something similar implemented in other browsers. h/t Business Insider, Game Informer, Lifehacker, Ars Technica

A Country Fair with Springtime Flair

The Spring Fair is coming to town April 14-16 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The fun starts Friday night at the Carnival and keeps hopping til the big Sunday Rodeo and Concert.

Presale carnival ride tickets will be available until Friday, April 14 at noon.

Visit the Spring Fair Bunny House, presented by Union Bank. Don't forget to bring your camera to take a selfie with the Easter Bunny, he is waiting for you and your family to hop in and say hello!

The Spring Fair Carnival, presented by Pepsi, has rides and games for all ages. From the traditional rides like the Merry-Go-Round and the Gondola Wheel to the exciting Drop Tower, Sea Dragon and Mega Loop, or the hilarious Fun House and Bumper Cars, you are guaranteed to have a great time!

On your mark, get set, hunt for Easter eggs in the great Easter Egg Hunt, presented by Eco Spa. A time honored tradition, egg hunting will bring you joy as you make new memories to remember joyful family times like this.

The Spring Fair Entertainment



News & Notes

Stage, presented by Bud Light will showcase local talent throughout the Spring Fair. Rock music, Dance, Singing and more are on tap for your enjoyment and relaxation as your family has a fun time at the Spring Fair.

Sunday Spring Fair Special Feature: Rodeo and Concert with Ramon Ayala and Ezequiel Peña. Rodeo/Concert ticket is required in addition to Spring Fair admission.

Children 5 and under free.

What Fair is complete without Adventures in Shopping? We offer an assortment of vendors and exhibitors for your perusal. Clothing, jewelry, dolls, toys, stained glass, candles and more will be on sale for your Easter shopping pleasure.

Visit with Santa Clara School of Performing Arts, the Ventura County Star, System Pavers, Renewal by Anderson, California Deluxe Windows, Frontier Communications and Farm Fresh To You. They will be available to answer your questions and share their experiences with you.

The Petting Zoo will amuse and educate your children as they rub elbows with baby animals like kangaroo, goat, deer and lamb. Feed the animals and fill your memory book with adorable photos of the youngsters.

Cooking Show: Everything that Matters in the Kitchen! Specializing in homemade farm-fresh recipes and using her funny and entertaining personality to demonstrate the preparation of extremely healthy and simple 10-minute recipes, Dianne inspires her audience to use local products and produce. With love of home and family as her foundation, she reaches out to America to come back to the kitchen table and start cooking again!

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Spring Fair Hours: Friday, April 14: 5-9 PM; Saturday, April 15: 12 noon - 9 PM; Sunday, April 16: 12 noon - 6 PM.

\$6 Admission includes a \$5 "Springback" discount on a full price admission to the 2017 Ventura County Fair, August 2-13.

Call 648-3376 or visit www.ventura-countyfair.org for information.

CMHS to hold advance directive awareness event

Community Memorial Health System is holding its "Great Advance Directive Awareness Event" on Wednesday, April 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of Ventura County.

An advance directive, also known as living will, personal directive, medical directive or advance decision, is a legal document in which a person specifies what actions should be taken for their health if they are no longer able to make decisions for themselves because of illness or incapacity.

Jim Hornstein, M.D., CMHS' Chair of the Bioethics Committee, will moderate the latest seminar in its 2017 "Ethics in Healthcare" series. The event is for people 18 and over. Experts, including palliative care, social services, quality care and CMHS residents, will be available to answer questions and help participants fill out their advance directives for free. A notary public also will be on site.

There will be refreshments, raffle prizes, music and giveaways, and the first 200 people who complete their advance directive will receive a free gift.

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

Community Memorial Health System is a not-for-profit health system, which is comprised of Community Memorial Hospital, Ojai Valley Community Hospital, along with the Centers for Family Health serving various communities within and located in Ventura County.

Free workshop for ESL tutors

Laubach Literacy of Ventura County is offering a free workshop to help volunteers learn to become English as Second Language (ESL) tutors of adults.

The workshop will be on Sat., April 29 (from 9am to 4pm); lunch will be provided. At Barrister Executive Suites directions will be given upon registration.

Various methods and materials for teaching English to adults will be demonstrated and taught during the workshop, enabling the new tutor to begin ESL tutoring right away. Neither teaching experience nor the ability to speak a foreign language is necessary. Open a world to an adult non-fluent English speaker with the gift of learning how to skillfully read, write, and speak English.

To register and information 385-9584, www.laubachventura.org.

Agency collects Easter Baskets

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providing financial and emotional support to families of children with cancer living in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties.

"The Easter baskets were given to children with cancer, as well as their siblings," said Tiffani Tendell, the NALA's Press Manager and Charity Director. "Sometimes it is the smallest gesture that can bring the biggest joy."

The vision of TBCF is to be the lead agency to instill resilience in families experiencing pediatric cancer. It provides programs that allow parents to be supported and to know they are not alone, and helps defray costs that are often overlooked. These include monthly bills (rent/mortgage, utilities, etc.), automobile and related transportation costs, and other similar expenses, as a parent usually has to take time off work or quit their job to spend quality time caring for their child in the hospital during their treatment.

Through its Charity Branding program, the NALA enables businesses to align with great causes, such as TBCF, to increase awareness and position them as a leader who cares about making the world a better place. Some of its other charity partners include USA Cares, which exists to help bear the burden of service by providing post-9/11 military families with financial and advocacy support in their time of need; The Greatest Generations Foundation, which is dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of veterans and ensuring that their legacies are recorded and retold in perpetuity to future generations; and Soles4Souls, a nonprofit global social enterprise committed to fighting poverty through the collection and distribution of shoes and clothing.

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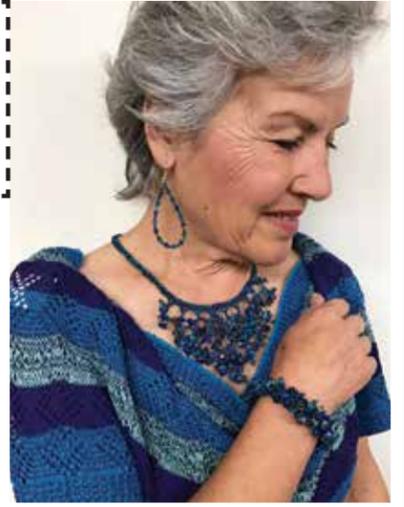
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Professor Scamp Ph.D

I know that you want a health update. I'm still kicking, but very tired and lethargic. No wonder because I stopped eating about a week ago (still drinking some water). I have been offered hot dogs, hamburger meat, chicken and even filet mignon (I deserve it) but nothing appeals to me. I would probably be better if I could eat but just not happening.

Thanks to those of you who have made suggestions about what to feed me and your concerns. Even though I am not a religious dog thanks for you who have offered your



"I still want to look good so I am being groomed after a nice bath."

prayers. My vet always said that I should go on a diet but not this way.

I have also stopped barking so can't tell the family when I need to go outside.

I'm still walking around the house with my head up and spending time in several different rooms so still very petable and lovable.

Hopefully I will make it to another issue but just don't know. I will be 15 in May so would be nice if that would happen.

I've had a real good life living with wonderful people and Savana for the last six years. They even let me sleep in bed with them but I haven't been able to jump in bed for a while so I need to be picked up which doesn't go over too big if I decide it's time to get in bed at 3am.

I am told that my article will continue in the Breeze in my memory so I will still be with you in your hearts and minds.

I want to thank my editor for hiring me

to write my article (he did get a good deal though just paying me in dog treats). And all of my readers and friends that I have made and especially Scampclub members. To Victoria Usher for helping with some of my columns and to my sponsors who help make the Ventura Breeze possible.

Dear Scamp:

I hope SPAN has time to tell you how much we enjoyed your part of the Breeze. You have been an entertainment and teaching lesson to all who love animals. Not too long ago SPAN said good bye to our mascot and best fur-ever friend. It was a heart ache I am afraid we will repeat one day, as our furry friends never live long enough.

SPAN had to say good bye to Gizmo, but with the help of the doctors at Ventura Vet is was less painful.

SPAN has adopted a new little girl kitty (see the photo of Cielo), not a kitten, not an adult, but a teen.

She is starting to help fill the hole left when we lost Gizmo. It will take time.

We wish you many more months of love.

A "howlingly funny canine comedy" SYLVIA opens at the Rubicon Theatre on April 19. Always fun to have a play about a dog but don't be disappointed the dog is an actor.

In honor of National Police Week, the National Police Dog Foundation (NPDF) honors all K-9s that have fallen in the line of duty during 2016. In an effort to showcase their appreciation for these K-9s, the NPDF will send each of their department heads a letter of remembrance for their fallen K-9. They will also receive a copy of the iconic photograph of a K-9 in front of the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall. The photo is from the art photography book Solemn Vow, taken by well-known author/photographer Jim Corbett. Jim donates all proceeds of the book to the aid of active and retired K-9s. The department heads will make a presentation, on behalf of the NPDF, to the handler of each fallen K-9 as tokens of our gratitude for their service.

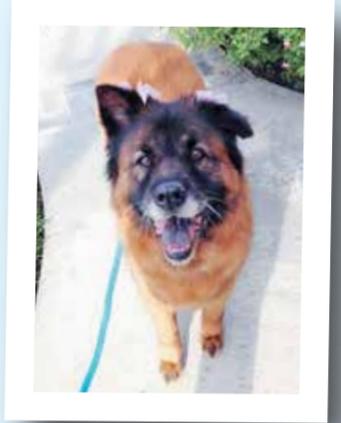
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Hi: I'm Busby, and I'm one of the staff and volunteer favorites because I am so sweet. I have been in the little dog play groups and has charmed my way into many laps. I can be found in kennel 904. Ventura County Animal Services - Simi Valley location - 670 W. Los Angeles Ave. Busby A659146



but can they actually be guilty? Well, according to this study, the answer is... kind of. Here, researchers show that dogs are capable of "deceptive-like behavior." In a set of experiments, dogs tended to lead a human "competitor" away from food when that human would keep it for himself. However, the same dogs happily lead their "cooperative" owner to the noms, who would give the food to the dog. Bad dog!

"Deception, the use of false signals to modify the behavior of the receiver, occurs in low frequencies even in stable signaling systems. For example, it can be advantageous for subordinate individuals to deceive in competitive situations. We investigated

in a three-way choice task whether dogs are able to mislead a human competitor, i.e. if they are capable of tactical deception. During training, dogs experienced the role of their owner, as always being cooperative, and two unfamiliar humans, one acting 'cooperatively' by giving food and the other being 'competitive' and keeping the food for themselves. During the test, the dog had the options to lead one of these partners to one of the three potential food locations: one contained a favored food item, the other a non-preferred food item and the third remained empty. After having led one of the partners, the dog always had the possibility of leading its cooperative owner to one of

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Chad passed on at 17. He received eight flower arrangements, over 70 condolence cards and contributions to all the places he worked as a therapy dog including Foster Library Paws for Reading where dogs and humans volunteer to have children read to them. Chad's buddy Livi is a little out of sorts, so her humans are keeping her busy working at the VA and the hospital and library as a service dog. This wonderful family have three dog tags on the memorial at EP Foster from the Paws For Reading program, Magic, Nina, and now Chad.



Professor Scamp, Ph.D

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi: I'm Stewart, an 8-year-old Congo African Gray Parrot. If I'm lucky I might live to be 80 years old! I really like children because I have the intelligence of the average five-year-old, and I like people that speak different languages.



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the food locations. Therefore, a dog would have a direct benefit from misleading the competitive partner since it would then get another chance to receive the preferred food from the owner. On the first test day, the dogs led the cooperative partner to the preferred food box more often than expected by chance and more often than the competitive partner. On the second day, they even led the competitive partner less often to the preferred food than expected by chance and more often to the empty box than the cooperative partner. These results show that dogs distinguished between the cooperative and the competitive partner, and indicate the flexibility of dogs to adjust their behavior and that they are able to use tactical deception."

The Humane Society of Ventura County has hired Greg A. Cooper as its Community Liaison.

As community liaison, Cooper will coordinate speaking engagements, media briefings and requests. He also will oversee charitable giving programs and donor cultivation for the HSVC and its operations.

Cooper began his relationship with the HSVC in 1990 while working as a photographer for the Ojai Valley News. Since then, Cooper has worked as a volunteer photographer for the shelter documenting their animals, staff, facilities and fundraising events such as the annual Santa Paws.

Cooper, a native of Ojai, graduated in May 1996 from Western Kentucky University with a double major in photojournalism and anthropology. Prior to his experience with Western Kentucky, Cooper was hooked by photojournalism in 1988 while attending classes at Ventura College. He would spend the next eight years finishing up an associate's degree, traveling abroad, working part-time in photo labs, shooting freelance and working as a staff photographer.



SPAN has a new little mascot at their store. They named her Cielo (Heaven in Spanish) or blue since her fur is blue gray.

Mailbox

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booking agents reside not in Ventura but elsewhere. Some are out of the State. There is not a possibility that a vacationer, here for a week can out spend a full time resident living in that same residential home. This article points to the hypocrisy of our City Council and staff. They have ignored the beneficial economic benefit to businesses in Ventura by not allowing vacation rentals. Instead they prefer to collect a 10% "bed tax" going directly to the City coffers, and not supporting businesses for a better economy. The taxes they do collect are at the cost to neighbors living next to these quasi-hotels. What arrogance! I believe that we have had enough. It is time to change the form of government in Ventura, starting with an elected mayor. We also need to query each person running for council on their position on vacation rentals, or any other economic fallacy, and vote accordingly.

John Whitman
Ventura, Ca

Sheldon,

There was a time that I agreed with you concerning historical buildings, but after open debates with others, I have changed my mind. Here is my reasoning.

The reason to preserve Ventura's history is to make sure that future visitors and citizens are given a glimpse into our past way of life.

Here's an example. Ventura at one time had so many horse hitching posts and wagon street rings that most thought nothing of removing them. There were plenty. As the years went on, we are now down to a few. Now the city puts some value on them as historical. Why? The reason is not that they are beautiful, but because they are a historical utility item from our past way of life. They are rare now.

Just as rare are barns and carriage houses within the city limits. They were once plentiful, but now very rare in our unique city. They are historic because they are rare.

Buildings considered for historical status should not need to be beautiful or build by noted architects. Being a rare glimpse of Ventura's true past should be part of the considera-

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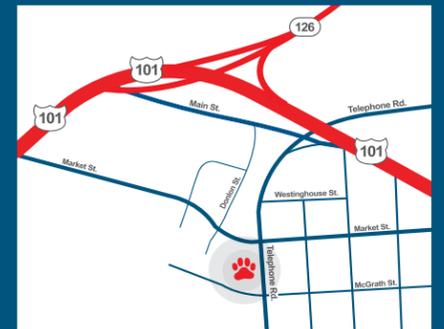


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tion process. Rare is the key word.

The Top Hat may not be beautiful, but it is a rare downtown example of what our city looked like. Once gone, future visitors and citizens will not have a true historic view of our historical downtown area. So many great examples of our past are lost to short sighted business people and council members.

Change is inevitable and should be done carefully. We only have one historical downtown area. Historical areas draw tourist who bring in tourist dollars. Leave the Top Hat downtown.

Condominiums are usually never charming nor historical yet.
Mike Art

Great paper:

Just a thought City Council is wondering what to do with the 1/2c

sales tax. Drive the city streets and what to do with the money will come to y'all.

Some potholes are tire eaters. Of course the money will probably go to increased salaries and perks for the bureaucrats. But it would be a nice idea to put a little down on the streets.

Charlie Hillman
Charlie

Street repair is one of the things being considered for the use of the additional money. An oversight committee is being formed to watch over the City Council's use of the money perhaps you should apply for a position on the committee.

As far as increased salaries for City Council members that won't happen so they will just need to be happy with the \$600 they get now per month (or around \$5.00 per hour for the time that they spend on city and other committee matters).



This 'n' That

Suz Montgomery is simply “a force of nature,” Jackson said, “who is a passionate advocate for seniors.” She noted that “seniors have a lot to give with a wisdom that comes with age.”

That defines Montgomery, who has created the Extended Learning Academy and ENCORE, a free computer education program for people over 50 years.

Her work as a teacher in skilled nursing facilities is the stuff of legend, as many say her passion keeps them alive because her laugh is infectious, her wit and honesty refreshing and, when she greets you, it's with a heartfelt, “give me a smooch.” Montgomery is a recipient of many awards, such as Local Hero, Outstanding Citizen, and an award for literally saving a man's life via CPR.

A three-time cancer survivor, she continues to be an activist and inspiration for those who have cancer.

Attendee Councilmember Christy Weir stated “Suz's activism has had a big impact in Ventura in many ways, including care for Seniors and improvements to our Westside. She is valued as an intelligent, tireless advocate.”

The half-hour inspirational event is available for viewing at <http://tinyurl.com/VtaWomenOfYear2017>

arts. She enjoys socializing with friends, traveling, practicing yoga and wine tasting.

Robots descend on Ventura

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of seven different local high schools competing against 42 high school teams, including teams from Newbury Park High, Construction and Engineering charter high school in Camarillo and the Ventura County Career Education Center, where students from six county high schools make up the team.

This event called FIRST Steamworks incorporating a Steampunk theme. The student designed robots are required to pick up an item then throw it, climb and then hang on a tower and to carry an item and place it on a platform. The teams were given a starter kit to help design and build their robot. Students were allowed six weeks to build, program and test their robots.

More than 5,000 teams, totaling 78,000 students world-wide are taking part in the FIRST Robotics competition this year. Aiding the students were teachers, and mentors from the programming, engineering, manufacturing field to help students design their robots and form their business plans. All team participants have the option to apply for twenty-two million dollars in scholarships from more than 200 colleges and universities.

Event chair Velma Lomax said “This is what I love so much, it's not just about robotics and competing, it's about everything these kids learn” There are regional competitions that will move on next month to western competitions in Houston, then on to eastern competitions in St. Louis and a final world championship in New Hampshire in July.

Lomax added “These kids are in business fields, they design their own brochures, they do all of their own promoting, their own fundraising. They don't get money from anyone. These kids are amazing and every child can fit in. Additionally, Lomax said “They call it a varsity squad for the mind, another important thing they learn is time management.”

Three teams who won the regional with their robots are Team 114 from Los Altos high school, Team 3925 from Career Education at Ventura High School, includes members from Ventura High School, Buena High School, and Foothill Technology. Ventura's team 3925 won a spot to advance to the upcoming competitions.

“It's a lot of components this year, event chair Velma Lomax said.” She added “It's an interesting competition.”

Outstanding business women

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music and tasty-bites at galleries, shops and restaurants.

Angela holds a bachelor's degree in English and gained her operational skills through her career in Human Resources. She credits her work ethic to her father, love of learning to her mother and zest of life to her sisters.

She was also recently selected as one of the top three finalists for the 2017 Spirit of Entrepreneurship Awards in the Retail category for Ventura and Santa Barbara County. Rosales is a graduate of Women's Economic Ventures (WEV), a non-profit dedicated to empowering entrepreneurs through training and financial assistance.

She stated “I feel a great sense of responsibility having a story named ‘Very Ventura’ in that I want locals to feel that they can find quality gifts here as well as give tourists a sense of the talent in our community.”

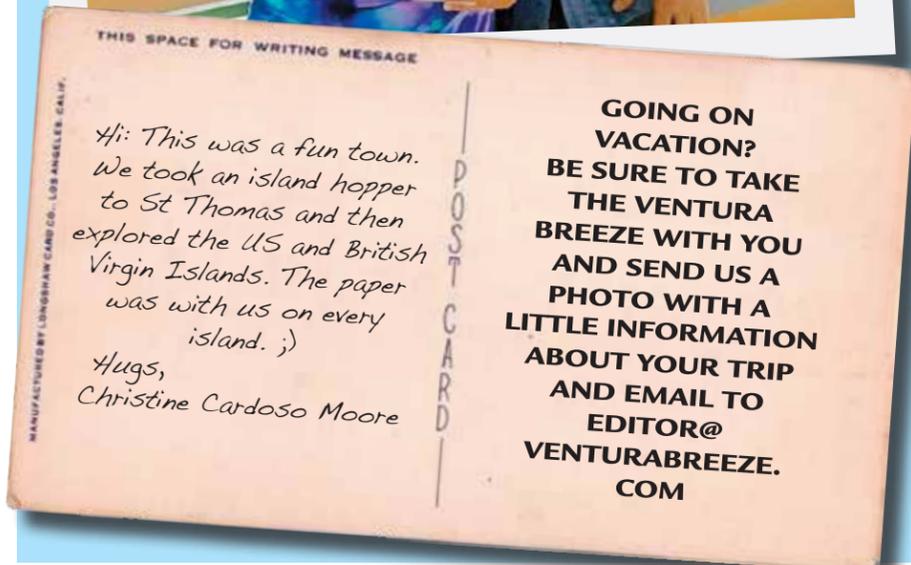
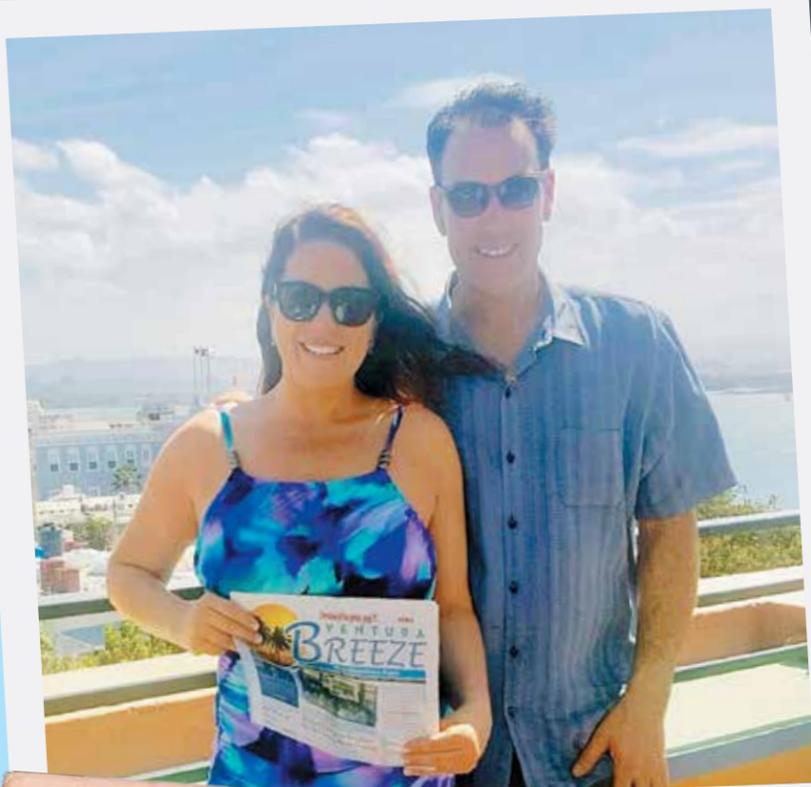
Barbara Hinton, founder and director of the Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival, was recognized by NAWBO of Ventura County as “Arts Advocate of the Year”. She graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 1983 and received her California Teaching credential in 1987. She taught high school English for ten years. After she ended her teaching career, she worked in sales. In 2008, she began working for for RH Wealth Advisors, where she is an office assistant and handles special events for the firm.

It was also in 2008 that Hinton decided that she wanted to start an art festival in Ventura. The Ventura Art Festival was launched in 2009 as a fundraiser for the Ventura Chamber. Today, this popular annual festival, now known as the Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival, hosts artists and street painters at the Ventura Harbor and raises funds for local non-profit organizations. This year's event will be held September 9th & 10th.

She said “I was delighted to receive the award from this accomplished group of women.

Barbara was named the Ventura Chamber's Volunteer of the Year in 2009. For the last five years has volunteered for local animal rescue groups.

Hinton lives in Ventura with her husband and their five cats. She is a part time artist, with an emphasis on fiber



Women of the Year

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who have shaped our state's history. With a sense of respect, pride and celebration we honor women who represent among the very best Ventura County has to offer,” she said.

The event was sponsored by the Ventura County Credit Union at its Ventura headquarters on Vista Del Mar.

Kim Evans, who founded the Ventura County Military Collaborative in 2011 and runs it out of her home. She uses her expertise to train clinicians and police on military culture and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She has an extensive background that includes being embedded in an Army National Guard unit and an Airlift Wing where she was the director of Psychological Health. holds a Master's in Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine.

Alicia Flores' working as the director of the La Hermandad Hank Lacayo Youth and Family Center.

“We should respect our immigrant community,” Jackson said, adding that Flores works for reform with practical knowledge of the issues.

As a teenager, she worked in Oxnard's agricultural fields, became a market owner and later worked for the state and El Concilio. She was part of planning nationwide movements, notably “Gran Marcha” in 2006 which attracted millions to peacefully protest against a bill raising penalties for undocumented individuals.

Dr. Cynthia Herrera is known as a visionary who is currently the Dean of Institutional Effectiveness at Oxnard College and who also directed a project to enhance STEM educational programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).

Despite numerous awards for excellence and writing over \$25 million in grants to enhance STEM, Herrera instead insisted she was “simply a reflection of every woman in this room.”

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Just before 11am on Friday morning April 7, a single story residence caught fire in the 2000 Block Anthony Dr. Neighbors reported heavy smoke coming from the attic and no one home. Crews battled the blaze and searched the building. Sadly fire rescue crews located a large dog and performed K9 CPR, however, they were unsuccessful in resuscitation efforts.



Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

Police reports are provided to us by the Ventura Police Department and are not the opinions of the Ventura Breeze. All suspects mentioned are assumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

For further police reports go to www.venturabreeze.com

Human Trafficking, Loaded Firearm Arrests

On March 25, at 5:30am the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the National Human Trafficking Center hotline re a female juvenile who indicated she just fled from a potential human trafficking situation and was hiding in the area of Victoria Ave and Valentine Rd.

Patrol officers were immediately dispatched to the area and located the 17-year-old victim who was then transported to the station.

The victim told officers she has been in the company of three adult males Brian Kattrel Lewis, 21 years, Fresno resident, Dashawn Marquese Jackson, 18 years, Fresno resident and Dameon Rasheed Howard, 20 years, Fresno for the last three days and that she was forced to commit acts of prostitution in San Diego County until they arrived in Ventura early this morning and ended up in a room at the La Quinta Inn on Valentine Rd.

The victim was told she was not free to leave and was threatened with physical harm if she did not comply. The victim provided descriptions of the suspects, their vehicle, and a possible room where they were staying.

Street Crimes Unit and Major Crimes Detectives were called in as well as members of the Ventura County Human Trafficking Enforcement Team.

The Major Crimes Detectives and Human Trafficking Enforcement Team interviewed the victim, coordinated medical care, and safe housing while Street Crimes Unit Detectives responded to the La Quinta and located the suspects' vehicle. They also observed three males matching the suspects' description enter a room. The detectives kept the vehicle and room under surveillance while patrol units stood by in the area.

At approximately 10:30 am the suspects exited the room and left in their vehicle at which time the patrol officers enacted a high-risk enforcement stop due to the information received that one of the suspects may be armed with a handgun.

All three suspects were detained and later identified by the victim as the ones who had kept her captive. A loaded handgun was located during the search of the suspects' vehicle. The suspects were arrested and transported to VPD for interrogation and their vehicle was impounded.

Street Crimes Unit Detectives then made contact with two adult females in the suspects' room. Ricki Carrillo, 21 years, and Rashelle Tatum, 19 years both Fresno residents denied any involvement in criminal activity.

Not able to establish their involvement in the human trafficking crimes at this time they were interviewed and released at the scene.

The three male suspects, Brian Lewis, Dashawn Jackson, and Dameon Howard, were interrogated and later transported the Ventura County Main Jail where they were booked on felony Human Trafficking and Conspiracy charges. Brian Lewis was additionally charged with carrying a

loaded firearm in a vehicle, a felony.

Prowling, Attempted Theft, Resisting Arrest

On March 25, at 9:49pm the Ventura Police Department's Command Center received a call from an alarm company reporting an alarm at Taft Electric, 1694 Eastman Ave., with a subject seen on surveillance camera prowling on the property. Officers arrived on scene and set up a perimeter around the business.

While officers were searching the property the suspect, later identified as Michael Rivera, 52 years, Vagrant was seen in a rear storage yard. When he saw the officers, Rivera fled further into the storage yard to where several company vehicles and other heavy equipment were stored. This gave Rivera access to heavy piping and metal objects. Officers lost sight of him, but it was believed he had found a place to hide.

Due to the close proximity of possible weapons and Rivera's refusal to surrender when announcements were made by officers to reveal himself, a Ventura Police K-9 was called to the scene to help in the search. The Ventura County Sheriff's Helicopter also responded to assist in the search.

After several minutes of searching, the K-9 located Rivera hiding up in the frame of a dump truck, which was not visible to the helicopter.

Rivera was taken into custody after receiving a minor dog bite to his foot. After he was medically cleared at VCMC, Rivera was booked in the Ventura County Jail for prowling, attempted theft and resisting arrest.

Negligent Discharge of a Firearm

On March 29, at approximately 12pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of possible shots being fired inside a residence in the first block of North Santa Cruz Street. Officers arrived on scene and located the residence in question, and made verbal contact with 43 year old Ventura resident Brandon Frazier, who came outside and cooperated with the investigation.

During the investigation officers determined that Frazier was alone inside the residence and fired two rounds from a gun. Both of the rounds were located inside, and were contained inside the residence.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Frazier was arrested for Negligent discharging of a firearm. He was booked at the Ventura County Jail.

PROS Warrant, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammo, Resisting Arrest, Battery to a Police Officer

On March 31, at 7:30pm, a Ventura Police Patrol Officer located the vehicle 34 year old Ventura resident Nathan Stevens drove during a pursuit from police on March 26. The vehicle was parked in an underground parking garage of a local motel. Stevens had an active warrant for violation of his PROS probation terms and was currently out on bail out of Santa Barbara for additional charges.

During the investigation, officers located the room Stevens was in. When officers attempted to make contact, Stevens crawled outside on the ledge of the 3rd floor balcony and made his way to the room next door and entered that room. No one was inside of the motel room at the time. Officers forced entry into both rooms. Stevens stayed on the balcony, threatening to jump, for about an hour until he was taken into custody.

While taking Stevens into custody, he battered one of the arresting officers, causing minor injuries. That officer was treated at the scene and returned to work. During a search of the motel room, two loaded short barreled shotguns along

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with a large amount of shotgun ammunition were located.

Stevens was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center for minor injuries he sustained, then transported to the Ventura County Jail and booked for the above mentioned charges.

Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

On March 31, at approximately 11:24pm, a patrol officer was patrolling the parking lot of the Telephone Road Plaza in the 4700 block of Telephone Rd. when he observed a parked motorcycle. Standing next to the motorcycle was the owner, later identified as the suspect 46 year old Oak View resident Robert Miller. While speaking to Miller, the officer learned that Miller's license was suspended. He told the officer he was not driving the motorcycle.

At approximately 11:59pm, the same officer observed Miller driving the motorcycle near the intersection of Main St. and Telephone Rd., and attempted to make a traffic stop on him for the license violation. Miller failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated.

Miller continued on Telephone Rd., and then went southbound on Victoria Ave. before entering the southbound 101 freeway. Before entering the freeway, Miller was traveling at speeds between 45 to 60 mph and ran a red light. As he entered the freeway, he accelerated to approximately 100 mph. Miller exited the freeway at Johnson Dr., and continued northbound on Johnson Dr. at speeds of 60 mph to Ralston St. At the intersection of Ralston St. and Ramelli Ave., Miller lost control of his motorcycle and crashed. He attempted to flee on foot, but was taken into custody.

Miller was arrested and transported to VCMC for treatment of injuries he sustained from the accident. Once he was medically cleared, Miller was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony evading arrest, resisting arrest, possession of a dangerous weapon, and possession of a controlled substance.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

3-10 2:51pm, while on patrol received a dispatch to a water rescue at the Ventura Pier. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire and State parks with a victim who was found clinging onto a pier pilling. The victim was

pulled from the pier and the water and safely returned to the beach via a paddleboard.

8:12pm, received a dispatch to a boat fire at Ventura Harbor Marina. Officers responded and found a extinguished electrical fire on a sailboat. The owner received help from neighbors in his marina with fire extinguishers. The incident was investigated by the Ventura Fire Department.

3-11 3:50pm, received a report of a sailboat disabled outside the harbor on marine radio. Officers responded, took a 20ft sailboat en tow back to their slip.

3-12 6:12pm, received a report of a disabled 24ft searay with 5 persons on board near the Harbor entrance. Officers advised the vessel to drop anchor and responded. When officers arrived, the vessel was in shallow water and taken en tow to safer water. The vessel was safely released at the launch ramp.

3-13 8:50am, officers contacted a power boat at the launch ramp that was secured without permission. Officers contacted the owner and discovered they were lost in the fog last night but were able to find the launch ramp so they secured to wait out the fog. Permission was granted to stay until the fog cleared.

3-16 12:43pm, received a report of a disabled 22ft Boston Whaler in the keys. Officers responded and assisted the vessel, towing it to the launch ramp.

1:17am, received a dispatch to a brush fire at Harbor and Olivas drive. Officers responded but were cancelled en route by Ventura Fire, out of response area.

3-17 8:00pm, received a request to escort a few of the fishing trawlers returning to the Harbor, due to the dense fog. Officers responded and escorted the vessels back into the harbor and around the Manson dredge in the main channel.

3-18 6:40pm, received a dispatch to a medical emergency: diabetic aboard a fishing vessel docked in the harbor. Officers responded and assisted a 54 year old deckhand complaining of low blood sugar. Ventura fire and AMR took over assessment and determined the patient actually had signs of a stroke. He was transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

3-19 7:15pm, received a dispatch to a traumatic injury at Spinnaker and Harbor. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire, AMR, Ventura PD with a local transient female laying in the street. She was treated and transported to local hospital for further evaluation and detoxication.

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VenturaRocks!
Music events, local bands and more!

Ventura Music Scene

Local music and more!

by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

This year's California Jazz & Wine Fest was another sold-out success; it was held Sunday, April 9, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village. The event helped to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley. The music was exceptional, headlining was The Danny Janklow Quintet; other bands of note included the Lao Tizer Quartet, Bruce Forman's Cow Bop, and Ventura's own, The Barrelhouse Wailers.

Keeping with jazz, don't miss Mike Garson (Bowie, NIN, Smashing Pumpkins) when he returns to Squashed Grapes bringing with him this time, Emmy and Grammy nominated Gaby Moreno on Thursday, April 13; Paul McCallum and Friends return on Saturday, April 15; and Gary Herbig (Harry James, Elvis, Tower of Power) and Bill Spoke Quintet be in the house on April 19.

Our local artists have been busy producing new music. Hot off the presses is the latest CD from Hot Roux called Hometown Blues. You can pick up a copy when Hi Hat Entertainment hosts their CD release party on Friday, April 21, at the Hong Kong Inn. You won't want to miss this one as the band will feature not only lead man Jerry McWorter, but Ed Berghoff, Brent Harding, Jimmy Calire and Bill Flores.

Congratulations to local musician Travis Greer for landing a gig on the highly popular Criminal Minds television show on CBS. He's well-known for his improv work here in town as well as playing with the Los Dudes.

Eric Burdon joined Robby Krieger of the Doors for "Roadhouse Blues," Saturday, April 8, at Libby Bowl. They then played "House of the Rising Sun" from The Animals. Tommy Marsh's Crooked Eye Tommy warmed up the crowd.

The next One's to Watch Productions will be held Wednesday, April 19, at the Plaza Playhouse in Carpinteria with Matt Duke, Jay Nash, Tony Lucca and Tim Curran. You can get tickets at OnesToWatchProductions.com.

I caught up with Ross Emery of Roadshow Revival as he ramps up for this year's show. It's going to look a lot different this time around with the whole event being held on one day and at Discovery Ventura, but he told me who the headliner is, and I promised not to tell until May 1st, but between you and me, I'm pretty jazzed about it. Watch for social media news, and get your tickets now!

Here's a couple of one-liner notes of interest: Jade Hendrix will be opening for Berlin when they play the Libbey Bowl April 22; Face to Face will be at Discovery on May 7 with Bad Cop/Bad Cop opening; Paddy's is celebrating their 23rd anniversary on April 21st with DJ Pat Harper who will be playing classic house music; the Ventura County Spring Fair will be held at the Fairgrounds April 14 - 16 with carnival rides, petting zoo

and music from The Velveteen Band; and finally, I'm looking forward to hearing new music from 8Stops7, they just signed with Wendigo Records and will be back in the studio in July.

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Or would you like to submit your music for possible inclusion on my radio show? Please send all information short or long to Pam@VenturaRocks.com, and for updated music listings daily, go to www.VenturaRocks.com.

Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

546 E. Main St.
805-874-2232

Sundays: 9 pm Karaoke
Mondays: 6 pm Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson; 9 pm Musician's Night Out

Tuesdays: Open Mic
Sat 4/15: Dive Bar Messiahs

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street

Wednesdays: Jam Night

Fridays: DJs

Saturdays: DJs

Sat 4/15: Yachtley Crew

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street
(805) 653-1266

Wed 4/12: Big Adventure

Thurs 4/13: Otis Hayes

Fri 4/14: Soul Infusion

Sat 4/15: Pure Joy

Tues 4/18: Bernie Meisinger

Wed 4/19: Donna Butler

Thurs 4/20: Fabulous Hangovers

Fri 4/21: Instone

Sat 4/22: Young Dempsey

Tues 4/25: Bryan McCann

Cask Alehouse

5952 Telegraph Road

Music at 8 pm Sundays at 4 pm

Thurs 4/13: Julian & Miranda

Thurs 4/20: Adam Tunney

Sun 4/23: James Broz Band

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

Week nights 7 pm; Sundays 3 pm

Mondays: Ruben Estrada Band

Tuesdays: The Down Home Trio

Wed 4/12: Kenny Devoe

Thurs 4/13: The Jazz Express

Fri 4/14: Brandon Ragan Project

Sat 4/15: The Copa Kings

Sun 4/16: The Copa Kings

Wed 4/19: Toni Jannotta

Thurs 4/20: The Jazz Express

Fri 4/21: Laura Cozzi & Soul

Machine

Sat 4/22: Hot Roux

Sun 4/23: Karen Eden

Dargan's Irish Pub

593 E. Main Street

Sun 4/16: 4 pm The Sunday Drivers

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback

Fridays

Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl

Thurs 4/13: Katchafire

Fri 4/14: Rebel Soulijahz

Sat 4/15: The Holdup

Thurs 4/20: Tomorrows Bad Seeds,

Tunnel Vision, Brewfish

Fri 4/21: Alastair Greene

Sat 4/22: Madchild

Earthday Ecofest 2017

Plaza Park Downtown Ventura

10:30 am - 7 pm

Sat 4/22: Anne Hall, Afishnseathe

Moon, Honey Owl, Brothers Fortune,

Jade Hendrix < Spencer the Gardener,

Bad Leaf, Charles "Wsir" Johnson,

Marshweed

El Rey Cantina

294 E. Main Street

Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and

Friends

Saturdays: 9:30 DJ Erock

Garage

1091 Scandia Ave

Wed 4/12: Boy Romeo, Deepaka-

lypse, Chill Child

Thurs 4/13: Tropicidelic, Despicable

Good Guys, Stebz Juarez

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Wed 4/12: Phil Salazar

Fri 4/14: Paul Mars Black

Sat 4/15: Barrelhouse Wailers

Wed 4/19: The Swillys

Fri 4/21: Jade Hendrix

Sat 4/22: Jazz Junkies

Sun 4/23: Jerry Breiner

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mondays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band

Fri 4/14: Hi Hat Entertainment

presents Deanna Bogart

Sat 4/15: The Bomb

Sun 4/16: Hot Roux

Fri 4/7 Hi Hat Entertainment

presents Hot Roux CD Release Party

Sat 4/22: Big Adventure

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke

Thursday: Open Mic

Sunday: Karaoke

Fri 4/14: CRV

Sat 4/15: Heathers on Fire

Fri 4/21: Sean Wiggins

Sat 4/22: Crosscut

Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street

Thurs 4/13: 6:30 pm Erisy Watt

Sat 4/15: 4 pm Hubcap Stealers

Sun 4/16: 2 pm Fox Trax

Thurs 4/20: 6:30 pm Dan Grimm

Sat 4/22: 4 pm The Riverside

Sun 4/23: 3 pm The Inside Break

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Thurs 4/20: The Chris Robinson

Brotherhood

Fri 4/21: King Lil G

Sat 4/22: Tribal Seeds

Sun 4/23: Tiger Army, Tijuana

Panthers

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Fri & Sat Music 7 pm

Fri 4/14: Los Dudes

Sat 4/15: Carlos Morales

Sun 4/16: 5 pm Tommy Quale

Sat 4/22: Dive Bar Messiahs

Sun 4/23: 4 pm The Swillys

O'Leary's

6555 Telephone Road

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 4/21: 6:30 Karen Eden

Sat 4/22: Pull the Trigger

Paddy's

2 W. Main Street

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri & Sat: DJs

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road

(805) 648-1143

Music 7:30 pm

Mon 4/17: Wyatt Haupt Band

Mon 4/24: Dick Parent Band

Prime

2209 E. Thompson Blvd

Tuesdays: Danny D

Fridays: Mike Moody

Saturdays: Jessica Ash

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

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: Transform Tuesdays w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 4/14: DJ Pistolero

Sat 4/15: Manorlady, Wet Robot

Fri 4/21: Big Rig Dollhouse

Sat 4/22: Beach Buzz

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St.

805-643-7300

Live jazz music 7-10 pm

Wed 4/12: Hans Ottsen & Friends

Thurs 4/13: Mark Garson & Gaby

Moreno

Fri 4/14: D.on Darox & the Melody

Joy Bakers

Sat 4/15: Paul McCallum & Friends

Tues 4/18: Jazz Jam

Wed 4/19: Gary Herbig & Bill Spoke

Quintet

Thurs 4/20: Skip Spiro's Little Big

Band

Fri 4/21: Retrofunk

Sat 4/22: Bobby West Trio

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Tues & Thurs: Karaoke

Thurs 4/13: Iriefuse

Fri 4/14: Whiskey Stone

Sat 4/15: CRV

Fri 4/21: Shawn Jones

Sun 4/23: 3 pm Charles Law Band

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

Music 6-8 pm

Sat 4/15: Braids & Dreads (Dan

Grimm)

Sat 4/22: Cooper & Queen Band

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

(805) 643-3264

Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve

Metal Wednesdays

Get it Right Thursday DJs

Fri 4/14: Sin Chonies

Sat 4/15: Fandangos

Fri 4/21: Blues Bullet

Sat 4/22: The Black Hips

Topa Topa Brewing Co.

104 E. Thompson Blvd

(805) 628-9255

Music 6 pm

Tuesdays: Jeff Uzzel

Wednesdays: Open mic

Ventura Fairgrounds

Ventura Country Spring Fair

Sat 4/15: The Velveteen Band,

Rhythm 805

Sun 4/16: Ezequiel Pena y Ramon

Ayala

The Wine Rack (Ventura)

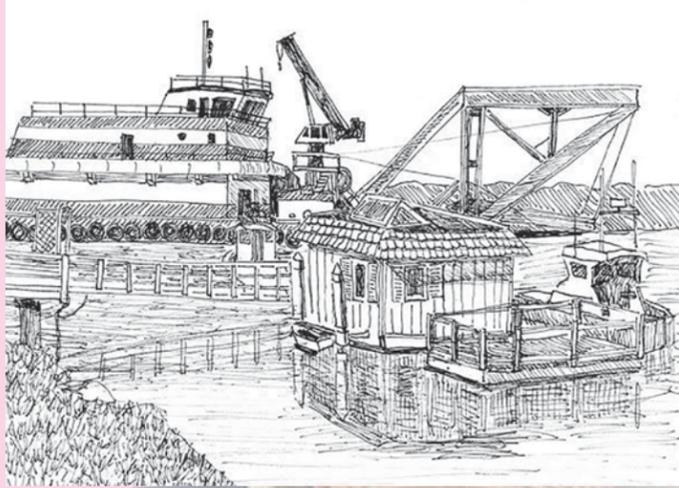
14 S. California Street

(805) 653-9463

Thursday: Keith Cain



Bob Moskowitz - "Visitation" - 2015 - oil-on-canvas - 60-x-48
 Vita Art Center, 432 N. Ventura Ave. Studio 30, www.vitaartcenter.com
 Ventura College Faculty Exhibit thru April 29.
 Gallery hours: M-F 10-4 pm Sat. & Sun. by appointment.



Ventura Harbor as seen by **Murray Robertson** as he bikes around town.



Kids' Arts Ventura is celebrating 25 years of service with a Spring Art Show and Auction on Saturday, April 29th from 4-7pm at the WAV Theater Gallery located at 175 S. Ventura Avenue at Thompson Blvd.

Since 1992 Kids' Arts has been growing young artists and our mission remains: to provide a creative hands-on experience in art, music, movement and theater for kids ages 5-14. Every Saturday kids and the professional artists who lead them are engaged in exploring art expression and having a great time. In addition to the Saturday program, the organization participates in community events such as the Ventura Art and Street Painting Festival, Ventura Art Walk, Surf Rodeo and StoryFest. In over two decades of service, Kids' Arts has worked cooperatively with other nonprofits and arts organizations such as the WAV, Kids & Families Together, The Arc of Ventura County, and Ventura Education Partnership.

The event will feature artwork created by participating kids and the grown up artists who guide them, offered on exhibit and for sale. All proceeds go toward funding the nonprofit's commitment to enriching the lives of local families.
<http://www.kidsartsventura.org/>

Ventura-based arts non-profits invited to apply for Cultural Funding Program

Applications and guidelines are now available online for the City of Ventura 2017-2018 Cultural Funding Program at www.cityofventura.net/cfp. Apply by Thursday, June 22, for the City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs 2017-18 Cultural Funding Program Grants. The program is open to any Ventura-based arts non-profit. All organizations will be required to provide proof of their 501(c) 3 status or that of their Ventura County based fiscal agent. \$90,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to non-profit arts organizations, with grants ranging in size from \$1,000-\$20,000.

Organizations whose annual budgets are less than \$10,000 are only eligible to request \$1,000 and do not have to submit DataArts budget information. Applicants are asked to make a

specific grant request. The request may not exceed 10% of annual budget.

The City of Ventura Cultural Funding Program supports the following cultural goals of the community .

- To support Ventura's cultural infrastructure of arts organizations and artists
 - To ensure comprehensive access to and involvement in cultural opportunities by all segments of the community
 - To support economic development and increase tourism
 - To enhance lifelong learning opportunities in the arts for all ages
- Artistic samples will be required and the artistic samples form submitted. Past applicants must have submitted a Final Report from the previous year to be eligible for future funding.

For more information contact Georgeanne Lees at 658-4720 or grees@cityofventura.net.



An afternoon with renowned FOTM documented artists **Tom and Connie Jenkins** in their Malibu Canyon home and studios.

(Limited to 25 guests.) All proceeds benefit FOTM Arts Education programs. Sunday, April 23, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Wine and appetizers will be served. Participants will rendezvous at 2 p.m. on Ellice St. and caravan to the studios. FOTM Members - \$100 Non-members - \$125

RSVP: www.FocusOnTheMasters.com

The dynamic duo of Tom & Connie Jenkins will open their studios for a special afternoon of demonstrations and insights into the creative process. The studios are in the Santa Monica Mountains and wildflowers should be at their peak during our visit. A private sound performance by Tom Jenkins will be one of the highlights of the afternoon. Tom Jenkins is a painter, sculptor, inventor, sound installation artist and performance artist. Tom also uses sophisticated handmade drawing instruments and tops in his creation of art pieces.

Connie Jenkins is an accomplished realist painter whose canvases feature rocks, water and the natural world combined with elements that are not easily defined.



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Between Friends



Crock



Shoe



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

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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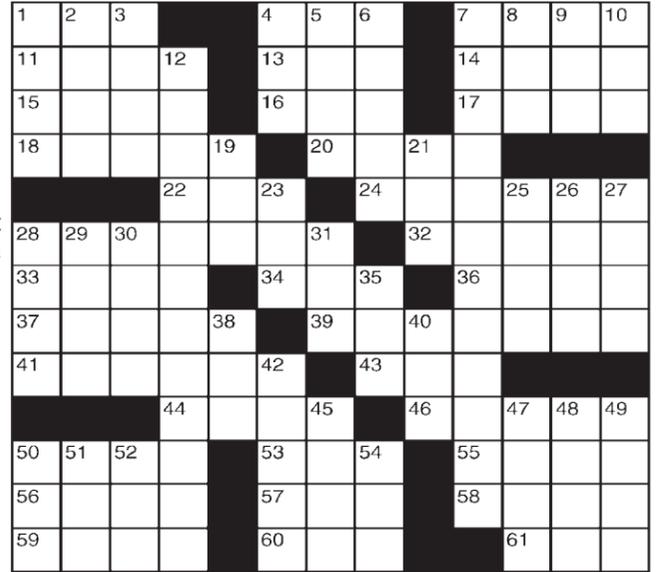
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Scrooge's cry
- 4 Astronaut Grissom
- 7 Indiana politico Bayh
- 11 Egg
- 13 Fire residue
- 14 Predicate part
- 15 Thin tie with a clasp
- 16 Shelter, at sea
- 17 Corp. bigwig
- 18 Honey bunch?
- 20 Rhett's shocking word
- 22 Fresh
- 24 Shortcoming
- 28 Custodian
- 32 Broadcasting
- 33 PC picture
- 34 Set of tools and parts
- 36 Singer Campbell
- 37 Naval prisons
- 39 Own
- 41 Rachmaninov or Prokofiev
- 43 -jongg
- 44 Volcanic outflow
- 46 Luxury boat
- 50 Bullets and such
- 53 Autumn mo.
- 55 Entrance
- 56 Serve tea
- 57 Pi follower



- 58 Napoleon's exile site
- 59 Nervous
- 60 Evergreen type
- 61 Plaything
- 8 Annoy
- 9 Exist
- 10 Peacock network
- 12 Trumpet-shaped flower
- 19 Encountered
- 21 Cow's call
- 23 Stir-fry pan
- 25 Hay bundle
- 26 Falsehoods
- 27 Sea eagles
- 28 Triangular sails
- 29 Land measure
- 30 Black (Fr.)
- 31 Tear
- 35 Male cat
- 38 Caribbean, for one
- 40 Express
- 42 Tusk material
- 45 Liniment target
- 47 Stallion, as a child
- 48 Vagrant
- 49 Salver
- 50 Gorilla
- 51 Chic, in the '60s
- 52 Coffee holder
- 54 AAA job

DOWN

- 1 Goes up and down
- 2 Acknowledge
- 3 Hawaiian dance
- 4 Guy's partner
- 5 Secondhand
- 6 Bundle of wheat
- 7 1990s Burt Reynolds sit-com

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Go to www.venturabreeze.com for your daily horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The Lamb loves to be surrounded by flocks of admirers. But be careful that someone doesn't take his or her admiration too far. Use your persuasive skills to let him or her down easily.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to begin setting far-reaching goals and connecting with new contacts. Aspects also favor strengthening old relationships -- personal and/or professional.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A personal disappointment should be viewed as a valuable learning experience. Go over what went wrong and see where a change in tactics might have led to a more positive outcome.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't leave projects unfinished or personal obligations unresolved, or you might find yourself tripping over all those loose ends later on. A relative has important news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Much work has yet to be done to polish a still-rough idea into something

with significant potential. Expect to encounter some initial rejection, but stay with it nonetheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There still might be some communication problems in the workplace, but they should be resolved soon. Meanwhile, that "tip" from a friend should be checked out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new relationship appears to need more from you than you might be willing to give right now. Best advice: Resist making promises you might not be able to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That restless feeling encourages you to gallop off into a new venture. But remember to keep hold of the reins so you can switch paths when necessary.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A demanding work schedule keeps the high-spirited Goat from kicking up his or her heels. But playtime beckons by the week's end. Have fun. You earned it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're beginning to come out from under those heavy responsibilities you took on. Use this freed-up time to enjoy some much-deserved fun with people close to you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before you get swept away by a tidal wave of conflicting priorities, take time to come up for air, and reassess the situation. You might be surprised by what you'll find.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your leadership qualities are enhanced by a practical sense of purpose that keeps you focused on your goals.

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Show Time

Ghost in the Shell



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Directed by Rupert Sanders and written by Jamie Moss, William Wheeler and Ehren Kruger, based on the Japanese manga by Masamune Shirow. Starring Scarlett Johansson, Takeshi Kitano, Michael Pitt, Pilou Asbæk, Chin Han and Juliette Binoche.

It's very difficult for me to judge this film in a vacuum when it's tied to one of the most prolific animated films of all time. While it is important to judge a film on its own merits, I do believe direct comparisons to the original film are still worth making. But I can confidently say, whether we compare the two films or not, *Ghost in the Shell* (2017) was not a good movie. Poor writing do an ample job of tearing this film apart before any comparisons to the original even need to be made.

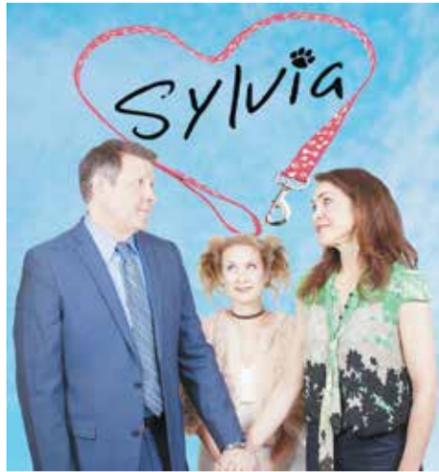
When it comes to creating a film based on a pre-existing property, the first decision made has to be how faithful do we stay to the original. Normally I see two paths the creators take: follow the source material as faithfully as you can, or create an almost entirely new piece. Both paths have their strengths and weakness, but *Ghost in the Shell* (2017) decides to go straight down the middle and is absolutely worst off for it. We're left with something that feels like a frankenstein's monster of a film as some scenes are faithful down to the shots, and others are entirely original. The transitions from scenes based on original material to the scenes created for this film was jarring, to the point where they felt like entirely different movies spliced together. These scenes did not mesh well and took it originals views on philosophy down a different, and much weaker path.

The philosophical themes discussed in the original film was what really gave the original piece its significance. Dialogue discussing the idea of what it means to be human and how easily we can blur the lines between life and simulation was what made it stand out. While the writers of this film clearly grasped that concept, its execution was sloppy and ham-fisted. The constant spoon-feeding of anything vaguely philosophical gave me the impression the writers had no confidence in the audience's ability to understand these concepts. Seeing Scarlett Johansson having an existential crisis every other scene not only got old quick, but never went as deep as I would have wanted either.

And the poor writing unfortunately does not end there. Multiple times do the writers commit one of the cardinal sins of writing. Too many times characters are being thrust into impossible situations, with no way for them to get out, yet by forces unseen make it out unscathed. This doesn't just come off as bad writing, but lazy. Which honestly comes across as even more offensive than it just being written poorly. And the tragedy in all this was production wise, the movie was beautiful. The city skylines are bleak and dystopian but contrasted with giant neon adver-

tisements, towering higher than the buildings themselves. There is some substance here, but not enough to even justify cheap seats on a tuesday night.

I can't help consider that perhaps in some alternate world, this wasn't a *Ghost in the Shell* movie but an entirely original film. The scenes not based in the *Ghost in the Shell* universe were stronger than the scenes that were, and there was enough original content to create something entirely new on top of that. But instead we are left with a poorly written script calling itself *Ghost in the Shell* and pretending to delve into philosophy. There cannot possibly be a universe out there where I can recommend this film, when the original 1995 version still holds up as one of the most defining works of anime. Do yourself a favor and skip the 2017 remake and dive straight into the original. PG13 1h46m



The dog days of summer arrive early this year.

SYLVIA, a howlingly funny canine comedy

Rubicon Theatre Company presents a contemporary updating of the 1995 comedy *SYLVIA, a howlingly funny canine comedy* by Drama Desk, Obie and Lortel Award-winner A.R. Gurney (*Love Letters, The Dining Room*). Considered a comic masterpiece, this hilarious and heart-warming comedy follows a love triangle that forms between empty-nesters Greg and Kate (Kevin Symons and Stasha Surdyke) and an adorable mutt named Sylvia (Ashley Fox Linton).

Greg discovers Sylvia on a visit to Central Park and brings her home without asking for Kate's consent, causing friction in their marriage. Greg and Kate confer with friends, strangers and therapists (all played by Rubicon company member Joseph Fuqua), and ultimately Greg must make a difficult choice. Ovation Award-winning director Stephanie Coltrin has set the play in 2017 in multiple locations in New York City which will be effected by an automated turntable and projections designed by Mike Billings. *SYLVIA* speaks to our desire for unconditional love and our need to connect on a deeper level in an increasingly fast-paced and complicated world.

The play offers insights into the nature of love, marriage, jealousy, and, of course, dogs. *SYLVIA* opens on Saturday, April 22 at 7 p.m., followed by a post-show party with cast, crew and local VIPs. Low-priced previews are April 19-21. The show runs Wednesdays through Sundays through May 7.

Previews

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. (\$30)

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Fridays at 8 p.m. (\$50)
Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. (\$55)
Sundays at 2 p.m. (\$55)
Rubicon Theatre Company
1006 E. Main St. Ventura, CA 93001



3-D demonstration held at College Applied Science Center.

The Lester Tong Visualization Center

On March 23 a dedication of the Lester Tong Visualization Center at Ventura College Applied Science Center was held. This 75-seat classroom utilizes a state-of-the-art 3-D dual rear projector system onto an 8' tall glass "touch screen" where the viewing audience wear powered 3-D glasses. A 3-D demonstration was held.

Lester Tong worked at the Ventura County Community College District Office and in the Information Technology department at Ventura College for over 30 years. He was dedicated to serving the campus and the community. Retiring in 2016, Mr. Tong continues his devotion to service in Ventura County by volunteering at various non-profit organizations.

The son of Cantonese immigrants, Lester became a first-generation college student, receiving his B.S. in Business Administration from Pacific Union College in 1971. Lester attributes his success in life to the education he received. He is grateful for an education which created many opportunities for him, including his career at Ventura College.

His passion for education inspired him to leave a lasting impact at Ventura College by creating an endowment for the Ventura College Promise, a program that covers the enrollment costs for the first year at Ventura College.

The District Board of Trustees unanimously authorized the naming of the Ventura College Visualization Center: The Lester Tong Visualization Center.



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Person to Person

by Jennifer Tipton

What is your favorite free thing to do in Ventura?



Nicole Olgy, age 22, Employee at Alejandro's Salon

"Honestly, my favorite thing has always been the Ventura Pier and the whole promenade - it's my happy place."



Penny Allen, age 73, Retired from the travel business

"I like to drive downtown and look at all the lovely antique stores, boutiques and restaurants - I just love to go downtown!"



Cija Cadiente, age 36, Caregiver

"Hiking at Arroyo Verde Park, we just had all that rain and the flowers are beautiful there!"



Ron Dallas age 73 Retired Engineer

"I like to go along the beach at Surfer's Point and enjoy the view, the air and the atmosphere."



Ray Bender, age 61, Business Owner

"I guess I'd have to say going to the beach."



But is picnicking allowed, it's free?