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Ventura Water employees installing new smart meter.

Ventura Water to install new, smart meters to help customers use water efficiently

by City staff

Ventura Water has started replacing the old, manually-read water meters throughout the city with new, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), also known as smart meters. Smart meters provide wireless communication between the meter at your home or business and Ventura Water (your local water utility). Water customers will immediately realize the benefit of smart meters through the ability to detect and notify consumers of costly leaks within 24 hours rather than finding out at the end of a 60 day-billing cycle. Other benefits include improved accuracy and the ability for customers to actively manage their water usage and therefore have a better knowledge of how much water they are consuming on a consistent basis.

In the fall of 2017 approximately 32,000 water meters for Ventura's residential and commercial customers will be replaced. The meter upgrades will be installed in multiple phases of about 1,000 meters per month for a three year period.

A smart water meter, often referred to as sustainable water management technology, looks very similar to the existing meter but has an added device that relays readings remotely. Smart meters are considered among the most innovative

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Board President Ed Wehan addressing the crowd at the launch of VCPF. That's David De Candia in the inset photo. Photos by Bernie Goldstein.

Family-friendly event held at the Aquatic Center

On May 17 a celebration was held for the launching of the Ventura Community Partners Foundation (VCPF) at Ventura Community Park and Aquatic Center, 901 S. Kimball Road. The family-friendly event will be held at the entrance to the Aquatic Center

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Harmonix kids Nico Wicklin, Gus Graham, Daniel Brackett, Riley Conrad, Cassidy Craig, Jesse Graham, (concert-master:) Miriam Arichea, Maddie Gambon. The kid on the lower row left is Ivor Davis.

A Beatles tribute in song and story

Rubicon Theatre's much acclaimed Harmonix singers are teaming up with local author Ivor Davis for the first ever concert of its kind in America. The Harmonix will appear with Davis in a concert collaboration to benefit Rubicon Theatre. The concert will be held at 5:30 pm on Saturday, May 27.

Entitled "Ticket to Ride: A Beatles Tribute in Song and Story," the performance will showcase the Rubicon Harmonix singing familiar Beatles melodies, interspersed with inside stories about the Beatles from Davis, who was assigned to cover the Beatles as a reporter for London's Daily Express and traveled with the group on their first history-making tour to America.

Also featured will be the newly formed Rubicon Broadway Juniors (youth age 9-13), who will join the Harmonix on a few iconic songs such as In My Life and Imagine.

The event will include a Beatles trivia game, with three winners bringing home a signed copy of Davis' award-winning book, The Beatles and Me On Tour.

The concert is a fundraiser to benefit Rubicon Theatre's scholarship program, which provides financial assistance to nearly 70% of the students who participate in Rubicon's summer performance camps. Tickets range from \$50 for show only to \$250, which includes a three-course dinner with wine. Purchase of a VIP table for \$2000 includes dinner for 8 plus a signed copy of Davis' book.

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Stephanie York, Capt. Michelle Boroski, Johanna Gabbard and Stephanie (Scout) Maheu taking up this year's challenge.

Sistership Crew goes for a new record

by Gail Field

Setting a world record isn't for the faint of heart. Michelle Boroski can attest to that, as she is the Captain of Team Sistership, an all-woman crew that finished the Race2Alaska boating contest last year as the first all-woman

team to do so.

Taking up this year's challenge, the team sets sail again on June 8 for the 750 mile boat race, also known as the R2AK, from Port Townsend, Washington to

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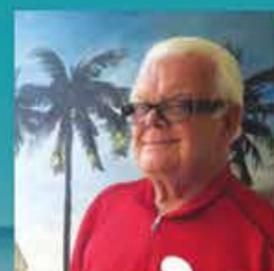
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Business



Ray Sanchez has been running the diner since 1998.

Diner serves 1950s fun

by Sheli Ellsworth

Did you spend Tuesday nights watching Happy Days? Ever wish that Richie Cunningham would invite you to prom? Are you still waiting for white t-shirts to be cool again? If you have a longing for red vinyl and chrome, consider visiting the Busy Bee Cafe in Ventura. The 50s-style diner not only has two-for-a-quarter Seeburg Wall-O-Matic juke box songs, but a wide variety of menu items to satisfy that historic hunger.

The location at 478 E. Main has a long history. "In the 1950s it was the Madison Café. Then in 1963, the Warren's bought it and renamed it Warren's Coffee Shop (the family still owns the building). In 1989 they remodeled the café to the 1950s décor and it became the Busy Bee," says owner-manager Ray Sanchez who has been running the diner since 1998.

The Busy Bee is Sanchez's first experience in restaurant management (and now owner) after immigrating from Mexico in 1988. "I came here to follow the American dream. My brothers lived in Ventura. I got a job as a dishwasher, took English classes and started to cook at Smokey's, a tavern just around the corner." Now, it takes several Sanchezes to keep the restaurant running. Ray's sons, Gastavo and Christian; his daughter, Nancy; and wife, Nora all pitch in when The Bee is busy.

Everything served at the diner is prepared in-house by chef Juan Juarez who has cooked at the Busy Bee since 1983. Even the pies are baked fresh every morning. The restaurant opens at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served anytime. The diner also has a full bar and beer on tap. Cocktails are served from 9:00 PM until closing at midnight—seven days a week. "We have 20 flavors of milkshakes. The Brown Monkey shake is popular and Mudslides made with Kalua are a favorite."

What gets the joint jumpin'? "Summers are busy. Our business

increases by 40% in the summer." And what meals are most popular? Friday's Fish and Chips for 8.95 and the pastrami sandwiches are favorites. "We have eighteen blue plate specials. The daily special for a chicken basket is \$8.95 and the 1-lb. steak and potatoes for 13.95 are a great value." The diner has a varied menu. "We have something for everyone," Sanchez points out. Ten different salads as well as salmon, burgers, sandwiches, pastas, soups and chili are available.

And of course, if you can't make up your mind...there is always pie.

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 Sat. June 3rd - **UFC212: Aldo vs. Holloway**
 Sat. June 3rd - **Herbal Rootz**
 Thu. June 8th - **GONZO**
 Sat. June 10th - **The Band That Fell The Earth (Bowie Tribute)**
 Thu. June 15th - **The Brothers Comatose**
 Fri. June 16th - **Metalachi**

Wed. June 21st - **The Black Seeds**
 Thu. June 22nd - **The Expanders**
 Sat. June 24th - **The Velvetten Band**
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 Sat. July 1st - **Roadshow Revival ft. LOS LOBOS**
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Sheldon

So sorry to see Scamp has passed on. He was Ventura's mascot. I feel like he belonged to all of us. We will all miss him.

Cheryl Heitmann

Dear Sheldon & Diane:

Our hearts go out to you on your loss of Professor Scamp. He was a great dog and we enjoyed his wise words in every edition. He had a wonderful life and made the world a better place.

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

I sincerely thank all of you who have reached out to my wife Diane and I regarding the loss of **Scamp**. We have received emails, phone calls and even sympathy cards in the mail. Many of them came from people who have never met us or Scamp. This has meant a lot to us and we love you all for being so kind and understanding.

There are, obviously, a few minor changes to our revised Pet Page. We have all of the same wonderful pet information just without the comments from the Professor. I'm sure that you will still enjoy reading it.

In our last issue, a reader complained that there were **too many ads**, so I thought I would give a lesson in Newspaper Publishing 101. The industry standard is there should be an equal amount of ads and editorial (50%-50%), especially so when the paper is free. Because we manage to keep our overhead down, we don't need to quite meet this criteria. In the last issue we had about 37% ads. In order to keep to about 40% ads this issue has expanded to 28 pages. This is our first 28-page issue.

So, we all need to thank our advertisers for their great support, which allows us to distribute our beloved newspaper every two weeks. Please show your support by frequenting our advertisers.

It's not very often I would complement a utility company, but Edison is great at telling its customers when they will have a temporary black-out. Informed me by email, regular mail and phone message.

I want to remind you that The Ventura Chamber of Commerce will hold its **Spring Carnival Business Expo** on May 25 from 4:30-7:30pm. The event will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort.

The hotel's ballroom will be filled with over 75 exhibitors, including restaurants (with food), businesses, and services, showcasing the best of what Ventura has to offer. The Ventura Chamber's popular, twice-yearly expo is free and open to the public.

As always, our booth will be right next to the food, so be sure to come say hello and grab a snack.

Mailbox

It is hard to deal with the passing of a doggy child but comfort is in knowing you were the very best parents. All of our hearts felt sympathy.

Marilyn, Gary and Belle Rudolph
(Scampclub Aug.,2015)

Belle:

His words will continue. Read my article.
Sheldon

Dear Sheldon and family,

I am saddened to read about Scamp's passing; it is always a difficult task to let someone go on to their next journey alone. I feel sure you all provided the best support you could in arriving at the final decision.

Michael Gordon

Sheldon & Diane:

Honoring all that you both gave to Scamp and all that he gave to you. My heart hugs your hearts.

Patty Jenkins

Hello Sheldon

I read your column about losing Scamp. Again my heartfelt condolences

I don't enjoy many comedians and maybe this recent experience is why. Flipping through channels, "comedian" Kevin Hart was just coming on, so I decided to watch for a few minutes. It was an amazing stage with flames shooting up from the floor. He opened by saying, "I'm Kevin Hart, do you like my flames?" And the crowd roared with laughter. Maybe I need to learn to laugh more easily, so that I can find this type of banter funny.

Six developers have been invited by the City Council to submit proposals to build housing and provide services for **veterans**



Karyl Lynn Burns and Brian McDonald were recent guests on my KPPQFM104.1 radio show talking about the Rubicon Theatre Company. The show airs at 10am Mon., Wed, Fri. and other random times each week.



Ashley Bautista and officer Jeff Wojnarowski were also guests telling us about the Ventura Police Department.

in Ventura. This project would be on City owned property next to the current Veterans Home of California on Telephone Rd.

The six were chosen from 13 companies that had responded to developing the 9.5 acres.

Councilmembers Cheryl Heitmann and Jim Monahan were selected to work on this project. They will work with City staff and consultants in developing the formal request

for proposal (RFP). As part of the request, the submission must include audited financials to ensure the developer is solid (I hope this is to prevent what happened with the closing of Brook's Institute). Councilmember Monahan was instrumental in having the Veterans Home of California constructed.

A measure passed by state voters in 2014 set aside \$600 million for multi-family housing for veterans, with at least half of that going to those with very low incomes. The City hopes to secure some of these funds.

Local event organizers were shocked when hearing that Ventura was raising fees and increasing insurance requirements when **hosting a concert** or other gatherings in the city. Thankfully, in response, the City Council put the changes on temporary hold and asked for input from those wanting to promote events.

The proposed charges were based on the expected size of the event, whether alcohol is served and other considerations. It also raises the insurance requirement, which has been in place for more than 30 years (so this might be warranted).

I hope the Council realizes how important our (typically held outside) concerts and events are to Ventura and doesn't price promoters out of the City.

In fact, I think the City should do everything possible to bring in even more events. The Promenade should be filled with musicians, entertainers, and vendors every weekend.

Amazingly, it has been almost 16-months since the City red-tagged a portion of the historic **Pierpont Inn**. The owner, Irvine-based DKN Hotels, started a remodel of the lobby-restaurant area without the required permits, which included removing some bearing posts and walls. They should have known better.

The Inn is still functioning nicely with a small registration area and the restaurant is still open (contrary to what the VC Star reported) with an entrance in the rear of the hotel. And the rooms have been remodeled.

The delay in moving forward with required permits and construction is costing the owner about \$1,300 per day in City fines.

I understand that final plans have been submitted to obtain permits and get the construction going.

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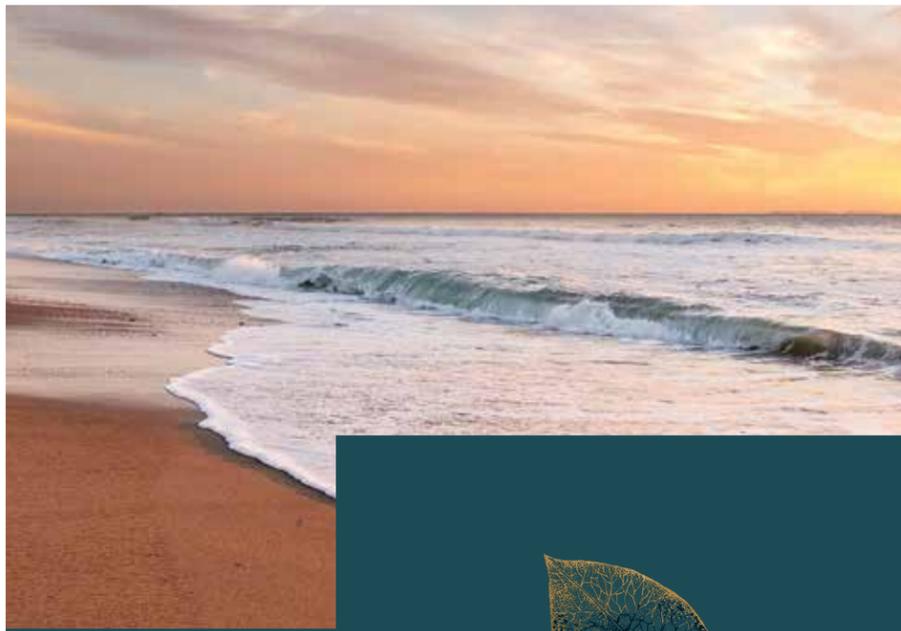
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16 years-adult 5/25-6/29 Th
5:10-6:10 pm \$65 #8944

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Murder Most Foul
teen-adults
5/27 Sa 8-10 pm \$20#8883

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Bartók, Janáček & Stravinsky at Disney Hall teen-adult
5/28 Su 11 am-5 pm \$75 #8071

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6/3 Saturday 9-9:50 am
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leave it, watch me, find it and come commands. An adult must accompany handlers under 18. Proof of vaccinations required (Rabies/DHPP). No retractable leashes, please.

Intro to Leash Walking
14 years-adult
6/3 Saturday 11-11:50 am
\$70+\$10 materials fee#9001

Learn effective techniques and leadership skills to help your dog walk with manners. Requires bending and stooping.

Lunchtime Fitness with Jackie
18 years-adult
6/5-7/7 M/W/F 11:30 am-12:30 pm
\$60 #8963

We mix low-impact aerobics, muscle toning and stretching with a few dance moves, some Pilates and yoga. Instructor Jackie Ringhof.

Sewing by Hand
9-12 years
6/6-7/18 Tu 4:30-6 pm \$60
#8984

Learn hand-sewing skills to make dolls, folk pictures, purses and more. Instructor Judee Hauer. No class 7/4.

Line Dance with a Twist
18 years-adult
6/7-7/10 M/W 1-2 pm
\$60 #9023

Experienced line dancers enjoy exercise fun with a twist of salsa, ballroom and jazz. Instructor Jackie Ringhof.

Fairytales in the Park
free performances for Families
6/10 Saturday 4pm

Fairytales in the Park is celebrating its 23rd season! Join us at Barranca Vista Park for a production of Snow White and the Brave Princess. Performances are the 2nd Saturday of every month through September. Bring a blanket, picnic and low lawn chairs. 7050 Ralston St. in Ventura. For more information call 654-7553

Community Events

Some events at our libraries

E.P. FOSTER LIBRARY

A California Native Plant Society Lecture 6/20 Tuesday @ 7-9pm
Tarja Sader "Studies of a National Park Botanist" presented by the California Native Plant Society, Channel Islands Chapter.

E.P. Needlecraft and Fiber Arts Club 6/8 & 22 Thursdays @ 10:30am
Get together with makers from all across the fiber-arts world.

Children's Events Summer Reading (SR) Show: Luce Puppets! 6/21 Wednesday @ 11am & 3pm

Summer Reading (SR) Show: Silly Science! 6/28 Wednesday @ 3pm Silly Science Ric Morton Science Extraordinaire! Celebrate Summer Reading on the 2nd Floor!

Gaming Daze 6/16, 23, & 30 Fridays @ 2-4pm
Gaming Daze with both plugged and unplugged options! Play the WiiU and board games!

STEAM Boxes 6/20 & 27 Tuesdays @ 3:30-5pm
Join us for creative STEAM projects! Rocket Launch and Necklace Coding!

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Father's Day Crafternoon 6/15 Thursday @ 3:30-5pm
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AVENUE LIBRARY

Gaming @ the Library 6/6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Socialize and strategize with Wii games and board games

STEAM Boxes 6/7, 14, 21, 28 Wednesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm

6/7 LED Circuit Art, 6/14 Bot Draw 3:30-4:30, 6/21 Gumdrop Bridges 3:30-4:30, 6/28 Lava Lamp 3:30-4:30. Create and build! Use your imagination and engineering skills with these fun STEAM activities! Aimed at children ages 9 and up.

Superbrain Yoga 6/10 Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm
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Summer Reading 2017 "Reading by Design"

6/12 10:30am Kick Off Show Luce



Community Events

Puppets. @ **ATLAS Elementary School**
6/22 3:00pm Silly Science with Professor Ric Morton @ E.J Harrison Boys & Girls Club 11321 Violeta St, Ventura, CA 93004
6/29 3:00pm Magic with Shawn McMaster @ Saticoy Library.

Ventura events

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

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 www.vcbridge.org Life is Better with Bridge.

Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Instruction every night. Mooselodge, 10269 Telephone Road. More information count rylovers.com.

The Ventura County Philatelic Society meets the first and third Mondays each month – 7:30-9:30pm at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road. Admission and parking are free. Stamp trading and camaraderie. Contact vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 320-1601.

May 25: David Deutsch Executive Director of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness will speak about what NAMI offers including: Family Support Groups & NAMI Connection support groups, the "Family to Family Education Program," and the "Mental Health Provider Program. Thursday, at 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. CAREGIVERS office, 1765 Goodyear Avenue, Suite 205.

May 27: The Ventura Tennis Club, in partnership with the Ventura Recreation and Community Services, is hosting a bi-annual Ventura Tennis Day on Saturday from 9:00 am to 3pm. The event will be held at the Camino Real Tennis Park. The event will include clinics for adults and kids from 9 am to 12 noon with pro Scott Burton and staff. After a break for refreshments, raffle and announcements there will be organized doubles play in the afternoon. The Ventura Tennis Club is a non-profit community based club bringing tennis enthusiasts of all ages and abilities together for social and competitive play. Information: <http://www.venturatennisclub.com>

June 1: Ladies Luncheon 8th Anniversary "Celebrate your Inner Goddess." Instead of having a sponsor for June event spend more time networking, playing games and many more surprises! There's limited seating so sign up today! Wear a flowing skirt or blouse and get an extra raffle ticket! Bring a raffle prize to share! 11:30am - 1:00pm Doors open at 11:15 am | \$27 pre-registration \$30 at the door. Sit-down Luncheon Buffet Poinsettia Pavillion. www.theladiesluncheon.com.

June 2&3: Gold Coast Concert Chorus presents Good Eats, A Feast of Musical Fun. Be a guest as they sing their way through a gourmet evening of song. Do you have a favorite song about food? There is a good chance that GCCC will be singing it! Enjoy the "Food, Glorious Food" on "The Night They Invented Champagne", because "Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries" in "Strawberry Fields". Friday June 2, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Saturday June 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm. St. John's Lutheran Church – 1500 North C St., Oxnard. Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Sr./Student \$12.00, Child under 12 \$5.00. 616-7269 or tickets@goldcoastchorus.org.

June 3: On Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Ventura Friends of the Library will hold a Book Sale at the Vons at Victoria and Telegraph (6040 Telegraph Road). Quality used books at bargain prices. All genres, including special interest, vintage; fiction, including classics and current hardcover and paperbacks; non-fiction, including biography, science, engineering, religion, travel, cooking, history, California history, art, music, self-help, education, parenting, sports, craft books, children's books; dvds, books on cd and tape, puzzles, and more.

June 4: The 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum will be open for docent-led tours by the "Mrs. Dudleys" from 1 to 4 p.m. accompanied by period music in the parlor and upstairs library landing. Admission is free. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood. For information please call 642-3345 or visit www.dudleyhouse.org.

June 4: On Sunday, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions are holding their Monthly Meeting: Students' Dreams for Our Nation, Dreams for Our World at E.P. Foster Library, Topping Room. 8th grade students from Oxnard will present their research and the educational products they created as part of their year-long Common Core Project-Based learning. See what 13 and 14 year olds are concerned about locally and globally. Admission free. Kristin Jensen Storey 889-3650. For more information on Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions and how you can get involved www.c-p-r.net.

June 4: Old-Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Association presents free music concerts on the first Sunday of every month at the Poinsettia Pavilion from 2-4pm. Featuring the authentic "Old Country Grass Band". 517-1131 for more information.

June 6&20: 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. Learn more from Steve at 642-1359.

June 7: The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club, (BCNN) is a group of active women of all ages who live in Ventura, Oxnard, or Port Hueneme and enjoy activities such as hiking, bridge, dining, wine outings, reading, cooking etc. Meeting from 11:00 AM to 12:30PM at the Knights. Enter the parking lot from Santa Clara St. No charge for meeting and no reservation is required.

Speaker he Mayor of Ventura, Erik Nasarenko. For additional information bcnnwomensclub.org or 988-0795 Lunch after coffee to be announced at meeting.

June 8: The Ventura County Professional Women's Network (VCPWN), one of the county's long standing organizations supporting the interests of women business owners and professionals, is hosting their monthly dinner meeting. Dinner meeting is the second Thursday of every month at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5:30 PM. Register for dinner online at www.vcpwn.org. Guest speaker, Heather Moreno, MA, specializes in working with professionals who struggle to squeeze health and weight loss into their

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Ojai news and events

Celebrations for graduation at Villanova Preparatory School begin with a Baccalaureate Mass at 7 pm on Friday, May 26, at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 185 St. Thomas Dr. Commencement exercises are set for 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 27, in the Villanova Grotto. The ceremony will be presided over by the Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Augustine.

The commencement address will be delivered by John Huddy, a Class of 1993 Villanova Preparatory School graduate currently working as a foreign correspondent for the Fox News Channel, assigned to the Middle East bureau in Jerusalem.

Join Ojai native plant guide Lanny Kaufer on a Memorial Day Nature Hike to El Nido, May 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Attendees will learn to identify edible and medicinal plants and the ecology of Ojai Valley Land Conservancy's Ventura River Preserve. The hike will cost \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors 62-up, \$15 for students 13-18, and kids 5-12 will be free, one per adult. Register at www.HerbWalks.com or by phone at 646-6281.

Everyone is invited to the 40th Annual Art in the Park held Memorial weekend (Saturday & Sunday May 27th and 28th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) in Libbey Park. Come browse, meet the 80+ artists, listen to music, grab a bite and enjoy the weekend. Professional and high school art and music featured. Admission is free. Call 646-0117 for further information or visit www.ojaiartcenter.org/art-in-the-park.html. A variety of art mediums are featured. Musical styles include folk, rock and jazz. Fine art in a fine place!

Join Rev. Karen at Meditation Mount, on Saturday, May 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., as she guides attendees in "the greatest work you will ever do—which is to awaken in consciousness." The morning will be devoted to inner reflection, wisdom talks, sacred music, and quiet walks on the beautiful grounds of Meditation Mount. Rande Vasilakos, registered Science of Mind Practitioner, will be available to assist with prayers for personal healing and reconciliation.

The retreat is by donation; \$10 is suggested. Meditation Mount is located at 10340 Reeves Rd. For more information, contact Rev. Karen at 310-968-8928, or register online at www.karensywylie.com.

Nordhoff High School, home of International Thespian Troupe 4816 will be performing their production of Steel Magnolias.

The International Thespian Festival, produced by the Educational Theatre Association, celebrates student achievement in the performing arts. The 54-year-old event, which this year takes place June 17-24 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, brings together more than 4,000 high school drama students and their teachers for a weeklong immersion in classes, lessons in critical observation, and opportunities to perform for an audience of their peers from across the nation and around the world.

Family friendly events held

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and included remarks by Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko, as well as refreshments, games and prizes.

The VCPF is a new non-profit established to build community and enhance the livability of Ventura by developing and maintaining parks, recreation and cultural opportunities through partnerships and sustainable, diverse funding. For more information, including ways to get involved, visit VenturaFoundation.org or Facebook. com/VenturaFoundation.com.

At the event VCPF members thanked Board Member David De Candia for his \$5,000 gift to provide local youth with Ventura youth basketball programs and swimming scholarship opportunities. As the first donor supporting the new Ventura Plays Scholarship program, the De Candia family name will be engraved on the Donor Wall at the front entrance of the Aquatic Center.

VCPF Board Members Ed Wehan (President), Kevin Clerici (Secretary), Patrick Davidson (CFO), David De Candia, Paul Drenstedt, Michele Newell, Berta Steele and Norbert Tan were all there to celebrate the day.

In the US, the majority of children enter sports and other recreation classes around six years old. Families with low income, single mothers and minorities start their children in recreation classes almost two years later on average, with available funds being the limiting factor in early action.

"The new recreation scholarship program, Ventura Plays, increases opportunities for all children to engage in community sports, art and cultural activities. Through scholarships the Foundation provides, we level the playing field so more of Ventura's children can play and develop the social and health skills and habits they will rely on for the remainder of their life," stated Mayor Erik Nasarenko.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

“Small-dollar” expenditure

by Bob Alviani

Chairman, Venturans for Responsible & Efficient Government

Complaining about how Ventura spends tax money is like complaining about the weather. Everyone talks about it, but nobody does anything about it.

You trust city officials would spend it as though it comes out of their own pockets. However, many believe that City officials view tax revenue as an endless faucet spewing money.

So, we rely on our elected officials to question spending when necessary. The following example illustrates how dysfunctional the oversight has become.

At a recent meeting, the City of Ventura Finance Committee considered a “small-dollar” expenditure. The Finance Department wants to spend \$29,600 per year on outsourcing the opening of payment envelopes and processing of water bills.

Currently, Ventura Water sends water bills every two months and when payment is made, city personnel open envelopes and process the payments through the bank. The City will soon change to send out water bills monthly. Since Ventura will change to monthly billing, the outsourcing costs would double to \$59,200.

The city’s finance staff justified outsourcing this service to improve cash flow and increase efficiency. The staff did not discuss or offer any evidence on just how they would be more efficient if adopted.

Only two City Councilmembers attended the committee meeting.

A citizen asked how much money we would save and how many staff people would be reduced or redeployed. The initial reply was the cost savings would be “minuscule.” When pressed to define minuscule, the staff member was unprepared to provide numbers. When pressed about changes

in staffing, the answer was “none.”

That should cause every tax payer in this city to express concerns about the issues surrounding this spending proposal and by extension any plans to spend tax money regardless of the amount:

Why would any staff member ask for \$29,600 per year and not support the request with time and cost savings?

Why didn’t the City Council members ask the hard questions about time and cost savings?

If the city wasn’t planning to reduce staff, what would these staff employees do instead of opening envelopes and processing payments? How would they be more productive in their new duties? You may be asking, “Why so focused on one instance such as this?” After all, it’s only \$29,600 today. But soon, it’s going to double to \$59,200. We must remind ourselves of Benjamin Franklin’s admonition — “Watch the pennies, and the dollars will take care of themselves.”

In this case \$29,600 doubles within the year. No City Councilmember noted or questioned the expense.

Why? Have our elected City Council members become complacent? Do they trust staff recommendations unquestionably? Or, are they no longer concerned about how they spend our tax dollars?

No matter the reason, the City Council has to stop looking at taxpayers as an endless faucet from which money flows. It’s time they started spending our tax money as if it was coming out of their own pockets, not some faceless person.

When pennies turn to dollars and dollars turn to thousands then turn to millions, who do YOU think they will look to for more money?

a part of his life; growing up, he traveled there often and spent time building and repairing fences, herding sheep, sacking wool, and performing other ranch tasks.

The talk will be held on Thursday, June 8. The From Shore to Sea lecture series is sponsored by Channel Islands National Park to further the understanding of current research on the Channel Islands and surrounding marine waters. The 2017 lecture series will take place at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month, January through December, at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center, 1901 Spinnaker in Ventura Harbor. The programs are free and open to the public.

This lecture can also be viewed live online, at: Shore to Sea lecture series.

Islands Bicycle Club, assisted with the application and has supported the many improvements for cyclists in Ventura that resulted in this recognition.

“We applaud these communities for making improvements for people who bike in ways that build upon their existing strengths and are based upon their particular needs, whether that is infrastructure, education, or encouragement,” said Bill Nesper, Executive Director at the League of American Bicyclists. “We are encouraged by the way that communities are using bicycling as a part of their solution to issues of health, job access, traffic safety, and the environment and using our program to make progress in those issues.”

The Bronze BFC award recognizes Ventura’s commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies. The BFC program provides a benchmark for communities to evaluate these conditions and policies, while highlighting areas for improvement. The national scope of the program also promotes competition and comparison between communities.

Each community that applies for a BFC award receives a report card. The report cards for communities that receive an award are available in the League of American Bicyclists’ award database.

“We are very proud of the many recent infrastructure projects in Ventura, such as the clearly marked bike lanes and green ‘bike boxes’ at intersections, that help cyclists and motorists share the road in Ventura,” said Leslie Ogden, Government Liaison at Channel Islands Bicycle Club. “We encourage new riders to sign up for a Street Skills class through the City of Ventura and learn the techniques for safe road cycling.”

The League of American Bicyclists is leading the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. The Bicycle Friendly Community program was created in 1995 and has processed more than 1,200 applications since 2002.

To learn more about building a Bicycle Friendly America, visit: www.bikeleague.org/BFA

About the Channel Islands Bicycle Club

The Channel Islands Bicycle Club (CIBike) represents over 300 cyclists from Ventura County and beyond. The Club sponsors weekly road bike rides and co-sponsors the annual “Cool Breeze Century Ride” every August. CIBike advocates for safe cycling facilities and provides grants to organizations that promote cycling for recreation, health, sport, and transportation. CIBike is partnering with the City of Ventura to offer the Street Skills classes.

Golfing to support afterschool programs for local youth

The Ventura Police Community Foundation and Aera Energy LLC proudly present the 20th Annual Police Activities League Golf Tournament June 2, at 8am at Olivas Links Golf. Proceeds raised at the tournament help to support afterschool programs for local youth. The \$135 donation per player includes: green fees and cart, gift bag, awards ceremony and lunch by Scooter’s BBQ.

PAL was founded back in 1997 with a primary goal to provide at-risk youth with meaningful recreation, educational, and cultural programs designed to keep youth away from the influence of gangs, drugs, violence and delinquent behaviors. Today, PAL now operating as the Ventura Police Community Foundation, plays an important role in Ventura’s Program Enrichment for After-school Kids (PEAK) Program.

“It is the support of the sponsors, contributors, golfers, and volunteers who help to make this tournament and the Ventura Police Community Foundation a success,” said Police Chief Ken Corney.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and to register online participants are encouraged to visit: <http://venturapolicfoundation.org/annual-pal-golf-tournament/> or call 339-4317. The entry deadline is May 26.

Ventura wins a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFCSM) award

With the May 11, 2017 announcement, Ventura joins a group of communities, in all 50 states, that are transforming their neighborhoods. There are now 416 communities nationwide currently recognized with a BFC award for their efforts to make biking better.

This is the first time that the City of Ventura has qualified as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Local bicycle club and advocacy organization, Channel

A Beatles tribute in song and story

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The event will be held at the gardens of a private residence in Ventura. Tickets must be reserved in advance via the Rubicon Theatre box office: rubicontheatre.org or 667-2912, x234.

The Rubicon Harmonix, founded in 2011 and directed by local concert pianist and attorney Miriam Arichea, is an 8-person youth performing ensemble of 16-18 year olds who have performed extensively in diverse community events.

Island descendent shares illustrated history of Santa Cruz Island

John Gherini, great-great-grandson of Santa Cruz Island ranch owner Justinian Caire, will share images and stories of Santa Cruz Island during the June From Shore to Sea lecture.

Gherini recently published the two-volume Santa Cruz Island: An Illustrated History, the most comprehensive illustrated history of the island ever to be released. Together, both volumes contain almost 600 images of life on the

island, some of which have never been previously published.

During his lecture Gherini will recount the fascinating history of the island, from the time of the Island Chumash to the Spanish-Mexican period, to the Caire family ranch era, and ending with the transfer of the island for conservation by the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy.

Gherini’s unique blend of natural and cultural history is supplemented by his personal experiences on the island, as well as the experiences of generations of his family members; Gherini’s family owned the eastern ten percent of Santa Cruz from 1926 until 1996. His lecture will provide an exclusive insight into the struggles and triumphs of life on Santa Cruz Island.

John Gherini was born and raised in Santa Barbara and currently works there as an attorney. The island has long been

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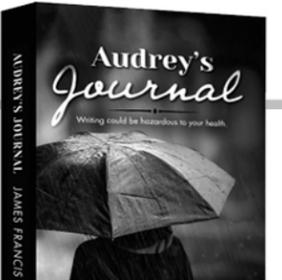
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The Digital Storytelling crew on location at the Santa Clara River Estuary.

Caps Media Summer Digital Storytelling Program

In July the popular CAPS Media Digital Storytelling program kicks off at the CAPS Media Center for students, ages 10-15. Young videographers, film makers and video storytellers get hands-on training with video cameras, audio recording equipment and computer editing software to create the stories the crew wants to tell. Registration is open for the three week-long programs scheduled July 10 - 14 (in association with Ventura Parks & Rec), July 17 - 21 and July 24 - 28. Each fun, creative and engaging program runs Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The fee includes a t-shirt, use of pro gear and instruction, and a free CAPS Media membership for a year. To learn more about the Digital Storytelling program, go to www.capsmedia.org/events.

CAPS Radio is on the air at 104.1FM. The recently launched Ventura community radio station is here for you. Drop by the CAPS Media Center for a tour and learn how to become a radio host and DJ. Two-part training classes begin at 6pm on Thursday June 1 and Monday June 5. Even if you don't have an idea for a show just yet, come to class and you'll get inspired. If you prefer to produce a program, report news, fundraise for KPPQ, spread the word about an idea or issue you care about, CAPS Radio is the place for you. To reserve a spot in the class, call now at 805.658.0500 or go to the CAPS Media website. And, listen in and let us know what you think and what you want to hear on CAPS Radio KPPQ-LP at 104.1FM.

Become a Member/Producer of CAPS Media. With our new radio station, the CAPS Media Center has new membership options. Both our television and radio member programming is rich and diverse from travel to music to drama to politics and more. As a membership organization CAPS Media supports our Member/Producers' creativity and helps them share their voices with the community.

Aspiring (or experienced) journalists, photographers, videographers and storytellers are invited and encouraged to get involved at the CAPS Media Center. Anyone who lives, works or attends school in the city of Ventura is eligible to become a member. For annual fees of only \$25 (individual) and \$75 (non-profit organization), member/producers are trained by the knowledgeable CAPS Media staff in the art and fun of video and radio communication. Once certified, member/producers may check out video cameras, tripods, and other gear for video production and book editing suites for postproduction to create

the stories they want to tell. Ongoing CAPS Media classes include new member orientation the first Thursday of the month, the next one is June 1st. The HD Videography/Camera class is held the second Thursday and the Edit class follows up on the third Thursday. We introduce our newest class, the production/storytelling class to be held May 25th and every fourth Thursday of the month.

The CAPS Media website has all the info. Go to www.capsmedia.org to see a schedule of upcoming programs on Channel 6 & 15, search the archives for past programs, get info on upcoming video and radio classes and much more.

Ventura Water smart meters

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technologies available to manage and predict usage and, ultimately, they will help improve conservation efforts for the entire community.

Once all the meters are installed, Ventura Water plans to implement monthly billing (instead of bi-monthly) in 2020. The existing water meters are old and due for replacement. The new smart meters give customers more information and control of their water usage, and offer environmental benefits by reducing the need for meter readers.

Are the new meters safe? Yes, the AMI technology is safe, much safer than cell phones, laptops, Bluetooth devices, microwave ovens and similar commonly used equipment. The AMI Meter radio frequency transmissions only contain the reading, error codes and meter ID - protecting the customer's personal information.

Ventura residents have done a great job conserving water and have made efficient water practices a way of life. In March 2017 our water demand was down by 31% compared to March 2013. The City of Ventura remains focused on responding to the water challenges we are facing and will continue to implement projects that diversify our water portfolio and improve future water reliability.

"Ventura Water works in partnership with our community to be efficient and plan for the unpredictable future. Hundreds of residents have participated in our turf replacement Water Wi\$e Incentive Program, free Water Conservation Survey visits and other programs," said Ventura Water Acting General Manager Joe McDermott.

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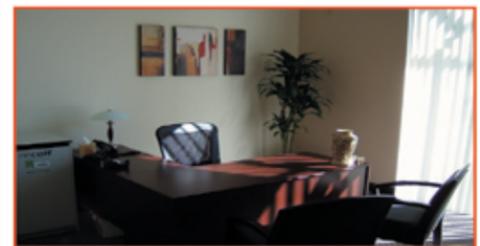
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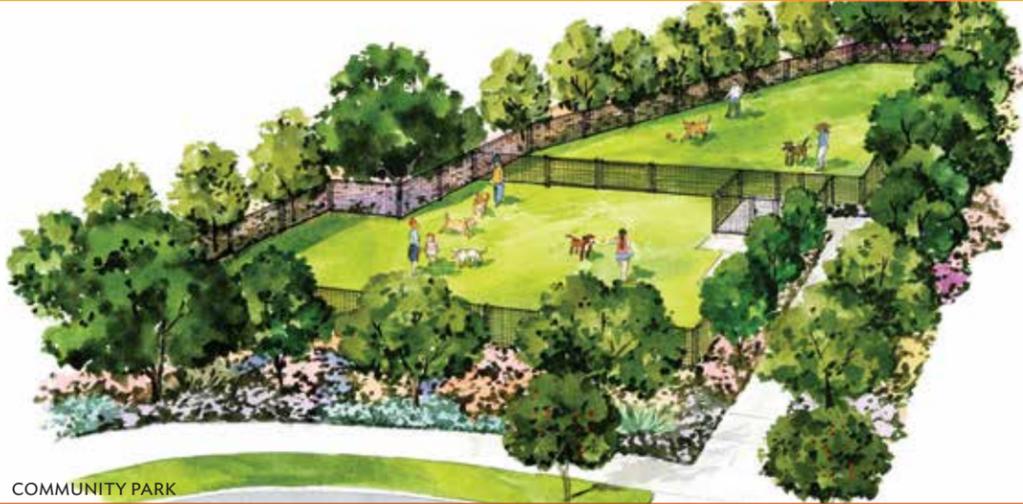




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Ventura Dining



Spencer Makenzie Fish Co. is named for their two oldest children.

Spencer Makenzie's - A family affair

by Jennifer Tipton

John and Jennifer Karayan started out as a fairground concession stand in May 2007 with their giant fish tacos and have now seen their dream come true to own a successful family business.

Located at 806 E. Thompson Blvd., Spencer Makenzie Fish Co. is named for their two oldest children, their son Spencer and daughter Makenzie. The next two children also have a place in the business as you can choose to have your tacos "Brooklyn style" and they now offer

a "Parker burger." John stated, "My kids own me!"

Spencer's is just a walk from the beach, the parking area is small but there are plenty of spots on the street. They offer a covered patio and bench-bar type seating outdoors with heaters on when it's chilly. Dogs are always welcome to the outside dining area and even offered water. One employee, Amy says, "My favorite part of working here is going out to see the dogs!"

Inside there are small tables, cozy booths, or you can sit up at the bar where you get a bird's eye view of the chefs cranking out the food (did I mention this place is always busy?). These guys move at the speed of light and there is something quite nice about an open kitchen if not also entertaining. They have 36" flat screen TVs that feature skateboarding, surfing and other sporting events, for added entertainment.

And about that food - all the fish is sushi grade and there are many selections on the menu. I strongly suggest you order the tacos "Brooklyn style" which consists of adding a sweet chili sauce and the Spencer sauce (a mayo - sour cream base with signature seasoning), but grab plenty of napkins! The Parker burger is another big hit with an ahi steak, marinated red onions and can also be ordered Brooklyn style. I like the ahi salad as a lighter choice but if you were to accompany this with the homemade clam chowder (which has bacon in it and is probably not a lighter choice) ... well, maybe you could call it a balanced diet?

Taco Tuesdays are the deal with parmesan crunchy shell tacos for \$2.50 either chicken, carne asada or ground beef all loaded with cheddar cheese, lettuce and fresh bell peppers. Here's a tip though, if

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A national survey found that in one year 18.5% of American adults suffered from some type of mental disorder.

1 in 5 people have a mental illness or an addiction

by Jennifer Tipton

Mental Health First Aid is funded through the Mental Health Services Act and Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH), it is part of the "Early Intervention and Prevention" promoted by VCBH. Classes are at no cost to participants (a \$170 value) and are taught by certified trainers that teach how to help someone with a mental health problem or at risk of suicide. Students are provided with the book, "Mental Health First Aid USA" that is packed full of information and tools that will help you to help others.

The course, hosted by the Ventura Police Department 3 times in the past 2 years, is 8 hours broken into two parts and covers depression, anxiety disorders, psychoses, substance use disorders and eating disorders.

A national survey found that in one year 18.5% of American adults suffered from some type of mental disorder, this is equivalent to 43.8 million people and of these 18.1% were anxiety disorders. That's nearly 20% of all Americans that struggle with some type of mental health issue...

Mental Health First Aid teaches warning signs and symptoms, potential risk factors, local resources, support groups and includes a 5-step action plan on how to interact with those affected.

Unfortunately, there is a certain stigma and discrimination associated with mental health, you never hear of someone referred to as "the asthmatic" or "the cancer", but we often hear someone referenced as "the manic depressive" or "the schizophrenic". This type of labeling is disrespectful and creates a barrier to recovery.

Like so many things we are unfamiliar with, it is difficult (if not frightening) to know how to deal with these situations and individuals unless we educate ourselves, and that's what Mental Health First Aid is designed to do.

Mary Ellen Collins, one of the instructors, reports that "Most walk into this class not knowing mental disorders are almost 90% treatable." And goes on to say, "By the time they leave, they have learned the impact ONE caring person can make reaching out to someone in distress."

For more information visit: www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org.

Sistership Crew goes for a new record

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Ketchikan Alaska.

Members of the Team Sistership crew, including three from Ventura, are Michelle Boroski, Johanna Gabbard, Stephanie York, and Stephanie Maheu, all over the age of 50.

"We want to set an example for women and girls by showing that they can accomplish great things with determination and skill," says Michelle Boroski. "This is what has empowered me to accept the challenge of this very special race."

The R2AK is a unique race with few rules. Any boat qualifies but must remove the motor and must have some type of human power mechanism. The Sistership is a Corsair F-27 trimaran, owned and refurbished by Boroski, and has 2 custom sliding seat rowing stations on each side of the boat.

The team will face many challenges in the R2AK. Some of what they face has to do with weather, such as changing tides, currents and wind direction, all of which factor into the speed of the boat. When the winds die down, the crew has to row the 3,000 pound boat, and that takes time and muscle power. In last year's race they spent about 70 hours rowing and lost time having to recover by sleeping off exhaustion. It took the team eleven days to arrive at the Ketchikan destination. In spite of the many obstacles last year, the team came in 15th in a field that began with 45 boats, with only 26 completing the race.

Team members are not daunted by the obstacles, but rather see them as part of their message. "We want to do the race again this year to keep alive the inspiration for women to engage in adventurous sports and being more active," says Johanna Gabbard.

"As women in our 50s, we want to dismantle the age and gender stereotypes we face," adds Boroski. "Because we are primarily healthcare providers, we recognize that sometimes people's concept of aging and what that means can be a barrier to staying active."

Last year the crew was able to raise \$8,000 for scholarships for women and girls in education and to provide on-the-water opportunities at the Northwest Maritime Center in Washington. This year they have also joined with the Ventura Community Partners Foundation to offer scholarships for local women and girls so they may participate in active, healthy programs in sports, sailing, aquatics and fitness.

This is a hugely popular race to watch, and this year the public can follow real time tracking by logging on to their website. In addition, donations to the cause are gratefully accepted at www.sistership.org. Their motto describes their mission in just a few words: "Active Women: Aging Proud, Growing Bold."

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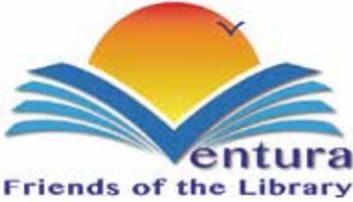
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It was the first visit to the site for many Rotarians

Three Ventura Rotary Clubs invest in the Ventura Botanical Gardens for today and tomorrow

by Mary Kay Doubek

Saturday, April 29 was Rotarians at Work Day for 1.2 million members globally. In Ventura, the Downtown, East, and South clubs joined forces on a single project so they could make a bigger impact in the community they love.

"Ventura Botanical Gardens is an ideal place to show the power of Rotary," stated Downtown Ventura Rotary President Betsy Chess. "60 local Rotary, Rotaract (18-30 ages), and Interact (high school ages) members set aside their Saturday morning and were able to clear invasive plants and brush from a quarter mile stretch of trail above Summit Drive. There certainly was an impressive stack of weeds when we were done."

Joe Cahill, VBG Executive Director, added, "The trails are in use more than ever this spring. Along with the 60 Rotarians on site that day, there were thousands of trail walkers and 500 or more participants and spectators in the Ventura Police Department-sponsored Mud Run. Later that afternoon, the Ventura Climate March came through the gardens too."

After working up their appetites, Rotarians were treated to Domino's Pizza from East Ventura Rotarian Husam Hishmeh at the future site of Rotary Plaza at VBG. It was the first visit to the site for many Rotarians, who were enthusiastic about putting the Rotary name up at Ventura Botanical Gardens. Project organizers Bruce and Kathy McGee of Rotary East described

the features to be developed for Rotary Plaza. It will include a gathering place for 50 or more people, as well as the Rotary Wheel and Four Way Test, symbols of the "service above self" motto that Rotarians live by. They will be placed in a setting which offers unobstructed panoramic views of the gardens below, as well as city hall, and the ocean and islands beyond.

"We are confident we can build the financial support within Rotary to make this investment in Ventura Botanical Gardens," said Bruce McGee. "Any way you look at it, Rotary Plaza is a fantastic project. Foremost, we want to endorse Ventura Botanical Gardens, the best and biggest new public asset in Ventura in our lifetime. VBG is already a gift to every member of the community we love, and it will be enhanced dramatically over the next 30 years to be enjoyed for many generations to come. Secondly, the superior location of the plaza at a crossroads by the top of the first trail, will naturally attract people. Many will stop to look and learn about the values of Rotary via an online app they can access on their mobile phones. Founded 110 years ago and now counting over 35,000 clubs globally, Rotary is committed to serve others near and far. Now, more than ever, the world needs more people who live by our club's guiding principles of truth, fairness, goodwill, and friendship. Who knows, some visitors to Rotary Plaza at VBG may even decide to become Rotarians themselves in their own communities."

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The CIT Program

by Jennifer Tipton

CIT, founded in the year 2000 is the Crisis Intervention Team for Ventura County Law Enforcement. CIT provides training to officers and communication operators who are often the first point of contact for the mentally ill on how to deal with people in crisis, how to recognize different types of mental illnesses and how to get the person the most appropriate help.

The training includes active listening, de-escalating a crisis and providing the appropriate community resources as needed. It is frequently used in domestic situations, dealing with troubled youth, elderly citizens and others.

The 4 goals of the CIT program regarding mental health concerns are:

- De-escalate crisis situations
- Reduce the use of force
- Reduce the use of jail
- Decrease the chances of the situation recurring

The Crisis Intervention Team is a collaborative effort between law enforcement, mental health, social services, the medical community and the local chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Per Ashley Bautista, VPD Civic Engagement Specialist "The goal of the CIT program is to provide Crisis Intervention training to 100% of Ventura Police Officers and Public Safety Dispatchers, currently 85% are trained."

When calling 911 the caller should always inform law enforcement if the crisis is a mental health concern.

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"Even your prescription drugs can be abused."

Preventing substance abuse

Drug abuse, whether prescription or illicit drugs, can have serious consequences, particularly for older adults. That is why prevention is key. However, there are many different reasons why people abuse drugs and become addicted to them. These reasons need to be taken into account when considering how to best prevent drug abuse. Family members, friends, pharmacists, and health care providers can all be involved in preventing drug abuse among older adults.

There are steps that you as a patient can take to prevent abuse of prescription medications and its consequences.

When visiting the doctor or pharmacist, bring along all prescription and over-the-counter medicines that you take -- or a list of the medicines and their dosages (how much you take and how often). Your doctor can make sure your medicines are right for you and make changes if necessary.

Always follow medication directions carefully.

Only use the medication for its prescribed purpose.

Do not crush or break pills.

Ask how the medication will affect driving and other daily activities.

Do not use other people's prescription medications, and do not share yours.

Do not stop taking a medicine on your own. Talk to your doctor if you are having side effects or other problems.

Learn about the medicine's possible interactions with alcohol and other prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and follow your doctor's instructions to avoid these interactions.

Answer honestly if a doctor or other health care professional asks you about other drug or alcohol use. Without that information, your doctor may not be able to provide you with the best care. Also, if you have a substance problem, he or she can help you find the right treatment to prevent more serious problems from developing, including addiction.

Preventing illicit drug use in older adults requires first knowing what contributes to it. For people of all ages, an individual's biology (including their genetics) and the environment, as well as how the two act together, determine a person's vulnerability to drug abuse and addiction -- or can protect against it. For example, being exposed to drugs of abuse in youth, living in a community where drug use is prevalent, having untreated mental disorders, such as depression, or dealing with difficult transition periods such as retirement or loss of a spouse can all make an older adult more vulnerable to drug abuse.

Prevention efforts must focus on gaining a better understanding of the factors that promote illicit drug use in older adults. Prevention also includes finding ways to stop drug use before it worsens and leads to health problems, including addiction. Family members can play an important role by being aware of an older relative's well-being and possible drug abuse, and stepping in to help at an early stage, if necessary. Doctors should ask their older patients about potential drug abuse and make referrals as needed.

Dementia: current trends and future directions at the Ventura Marriott

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic affecting more than 5 million Americans today and as many as 16 million by 2050. To better inform the public about Alzheimer's disease, the

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If You're Free, Thank A Vet event coming to Ventura

Honoring those who have served our country is something the managers of Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura care deeply about. But this year their annual event to honor Veterans has taken on even more significance.

"Our country is divided right now," said Mike Macke, director of sales and marketing at Cypress Place Senior Living. "We need to find common ground as citizens, no matter how small. The one thing we can all agree on is the importance of honoring those who have served our country."

To do this the senior community has launched their "If You're Free, Thank A Vet" campaign. During the month of June, pins with that saying on it will be available at Cypress Place for anyone who would like to stop by and pick one up.

"Maybe you have a neighbor who is a Vet," said Steve Spira, executive director of Cypress Place. "We ask that you stop by and get a pin to take to them. Or wear it so they know you support them. We are free to express our differences and beliefs because our Veterans stood watch, protected, and served unfailing for all."

The pins will be available from June 1, 2017 until June 28, 2017 when the senior community hosts their annual "Salute To Our Veteran's" celebration with a ceremony recognizing residents of Cypress Place, as well as members of the public, who served their country. The event is free and open to the public. All Veterans are encouraged to attend, as well as families, friends and neighbors.

A military Color Guard presentation will lead the tribute, followed by a special Veteran recognition, along with recognition of widows and widowers of Veterans. Special guest speakers include Mike McManus, Veteran's Service Officer from the County of Ventura, a keynote speaker from Naval Base Ventura County, and other dignitaries. TAPS will also be played at this touching tribute.

A free BBQ lunch will follow the powerful program. "Touching History", a private war memorabilia collection by Tom Weaver will also be displayed, along

with memorabilia from residents of the senior community.

"This is an event for the community to come out and show their support for Veterans, whether you know them or not," said Macke. "If you have children, bring them to meet someone who has served their country. Let's begin the process of uniting our country, one citizen at a time."

The event begins promptly at 11am on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 at Cypress Place Senior Living. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 805-650-8000.

Free shuttle parking will be available at Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura (corner of Ralston Street and Cypress Point Lane).

To learn more about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura, visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.

Don't meddle with Medicare's prescription drug benefit

by Joel White

President of the Council for Affordable Health Coverage

Seema Verma, the new administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, recently praised Medicare's prescription drug benefit for giving seniors access to affordable medicines, saying she was "thankful" for the program.

There's a lot to be thankful for. Medicare Part D, as the drug benefit is known, provides seniors with huge discounts on medicines, enabling them to live healthier, longer lives. That's good news for the more than 41 million Americans who currently rely on the program for prescription drug coverage.

Nevertheless, Rep. Elijah Cummings, Sen. Bernie Sanders, and some other members of Congress believe the program isn't cost-effective enough. Current law says the government can't meddle in price negotiations. Many wrongly assume that means there are no price negotiations, which is not true. Discounts are negotiated every day in Part D, but not by the government, by the private sector. To achieve greater savings, they've proposed letting the government "negotiate" drug prices.

The policy change would be a disaster. Government wouldn't negotiate -- it would simply set prices and refuse to cover medicines it deemed too expensive. That would deprive seniors of life-sustaining medications.

Part D's success is driven by market competition, not government control. Private insurers negotiate with drug firms to secure discounts -- an average of 35 -- off the list price of medicines.

Plans extract big discounts from drug makers by threatening to steer patients to a rival company's drug. Consider what happened with a new class of hepatitis C treatments, which cure the disease in more than 90 percent of patients with few side effects. When only one treatment was

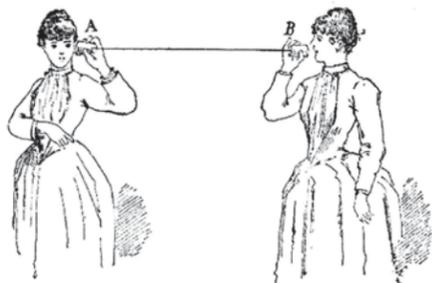


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"Are you sure that we are not being backed?"

Every day is internet security day

by Essie Landry

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Sierra West Area

Being safe online is important every day. There may be days devoted to internet security awareness, but you need to be careful every time you go online.

Do you know what it takes to be safe online? You probably connect daily to get information, shop, socialize, or work. Every time you go online, you need to avoid the risk of theft or fraud. Here are some tips to use while visiting the Social Security website and the other websites you use.

Use Strong Passwords--Strong passwords have at least eight characters and include capital letters, numbers, and non-letter characters. These passwords make it harder for someone to hack your account.

Don't Recycle Passwords--Although it requires effort to think of new passwords constantly, it provides safety when you do. What if you use the same password for every site and you lose

your password? If someone finds it, they could get access to all your accounts. Many people choose to reuse -- don't be one of them.

Take Advantage of Multifactor Authentication--Many websites offer the option to use a second factor--or method--in addition to just a username and password to ensure that only you access your information. Using more than one factor to establish identity makes it harder for someone to get into your account and steal your personal information. Beginning June 10, 2017, Social Security requires multifactor authentication to access a my Social Security account. Customers choose whether to receive a one-time security code to either their phone or email in order create a new account or sign into their account. Visit this link to find out more about how to secure your personal my Social Security account: www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/verifyand-protectid.html.

Consider using multifactor authentication whenever it's offered to protect your information.

Read Scam Alerts--For information about fraudulent activities related to Social Security, you can find information at our blog Social Security Matters under the Newsroom section at blog.socialsecurity.gov.

One way to avoid identity theft is to create your own my Social Security account, if you haven't already. When you have an account, no one else can set up an account using your information. Social Security's Office of the Inspector General investigates fraud involving Social Security and they publish Fraud Advisories at oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/news-release. The Federal Trade Commission website publishes information



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available, plans providers negotiated rebates that shaved 22 percent off the drug's list price.

But once a competing drug was introduced, plans negotiated a 46 percent average rebate.

Insurers transfer savings like these to consumers in the form of lower plan premiums, co-pays, and deductibles -- the Part D law requires it. Seniors can choose whichever Part D plans -- ranging from basic, no-frills options to extremely generous coverage -- suit them best.

There's a strong incentive for insurers to keep costs low. If they don't, seniors can jump ship and enroll in a rival insurer's Part D plan. Because of this competition, total costs for Part D came in \$349 billion lower than the Congressional Budget Office's cost projections for 2004-2013.

Which other government program comes in hundreds of billions under budget?

If the government meddles with what's in patients' medicine cabinets, it will jeopardize all these gains.

As the CBO has made clear, the government wouldn't be able to negotiate prices that are lower than what private insurers already get. To keep costs down, the government might ration access to medicines by establishing a formulary -- a list that dictates which drugs are covered, and at which co-payment levels.

If the government were to establish a formulary, it would be one-size-fits-all. We've seen this happen at the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA's formulary doesn't cover one-fifth of the top 200 most commonly prescribed Medicare Part D drugs, according to a 2015 study by the research firm Avalere Health.

Part D largely owes its success to the free-market principles of choice and competition. Let's hope Ms. Verma defends those principles as the drug cost debate heats up. Getting the government more involved in Part D plans would be a step backwards for patients and taxpayers.

Free community education classes and events

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Adult Bereavement Support Group Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge.

Newly Bereaved Support Group Thursday, June 8th from 6-7:30. This monthly group is designed for adults who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and is free. These groups meet every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Diabetes Classes: Tuesday, June 6th from 1-2:30pm. These meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of each month. General information is provided about Type 2 Diabetes including prediabetes, with emphasis on meal planning, medication, exercise, blood sugar monitoring, and new developments in diabetes.

Joint Replacement Classes: Thursday, June 1st from 1:00-2:00pm. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care. These meetings are 1st Thursday of each month.

Monday, June 12th for both English and Spanish speaking. English 4:00-5:00 pm and Spanish 5:30-6:30. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care.



Teens from high schools mix with elders in the annual Knowledge Bowl. Photo by John Hankins.

Knowledge Bowl 2017

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memory and just plain common sense in a Jeopardy-like contest?

Come to the Knowledge Bowl and experience a true "Battle of the Ages," now in its eighth year. This time, four teens from Ventura's Blue-Ribbon Award winning school, Foothill Technology High, face off against four experienced elders from two Ventura-area senior nursing facilities, the Ventura Townhouse and Coastal View.

The free public contest starts at 2 p.m. Monday, June 5 at the Townhouse's Vista Room, 4900 Telegraph Rd., high atop the seventh floor across from Ventura College.

"The Knowledge Bowl is an extension of my idea to unite our community by building bridges between the ages," said Suz Montgomery. She is the founder of the Knowledge Bowl, arising from her work with the school district's Ventura Adult and Continuing Education (VACE).

The event draws many dignitaries along with the public, most of whom can't help themselves by answering the questions to each other; in a whisper, of course. It also attracts the local print media and will be filmed by CAPS-TV (Channel 15).

The team of elders includes three retired teachers: Ethel Johnduff, Clint Jacobs, Mary Ayres and one entrepreneur, Charlie McMillan. Montgomery is their coach.

The Foothill team is coached by Linda Kapala, the school's Career/Media Specialist who also crafted most of the questions. She has gathered a team consisting of one senior, Chris Clark; two juniors, Simon Reyes and Angela Zablocki, and Sophomore Mason King.

Cabrillo Middle School Principal Lorelle Dawes is back as the Bowl's long-time moderator who asks alternating questions to each team. If the team can't answer or answers incorrectly, it is asked of the other team.

Last year's Bowl was a squeaker, with each team correctly answering 21 questions each. A last question allows each team to bet some or all

its points. Both teams identified the names of all four Beatles, and both bet 21 points to tie, which earned a standing ovation from the audience.

Dementia: current trends

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Alzheimer's Association, California Central Chapter will be hosting its sixth annual conference, "Dementia: Current Trends & Future Directions." The all-day event will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Ventura Marriott. Thursday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Speakers include distinguished professionals in their fields, including:

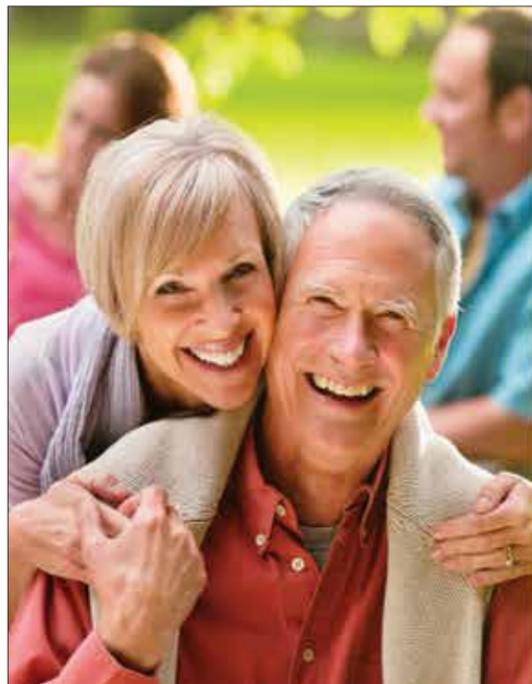
- Cordula Dick-Muehlke, PhD, Consultant in Aging and Dementia for Cordula Cares
- James A. Hendrix, PhD, Director of Global Science Initiatives for the Alzheimer's Association
- Heather McKay, MS, OT/L, Dementia Care Specialist for Partnership for Health
- Alexandra Morris, Professional Training Specialist for the Alzheimer's Association
- Brock Travis, PhD, Meditation Instructor and Spiritual Counselor

The day will include workshops and presentations, covering the three stages of dementia, with topics on treating and supporting those with dementia, understanding dementia behaviors, communicating for caregivers, and updates on Alzheimer's research.

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The Other Mozart

The name Nannerl Mozart has long been a footnote in classical music history, but Sylvia Milo's award-winning *The Other Mozart* reveals the extraordinary talent and rich inner thoughts of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's sister in the acclaimed Off-Broadway drama the N.Y. Times describes as "strikingly beautiful."

A prodigy, keyboard virtuoso and composer, Nannerl performed alongside her brother throughout Europe as children to great acclaim, but was forced to give up her artistic passion as a young woman due to the societal expectations of her gender.

Her brother would rise to become one of the preeminent composers in history, while Nannerl's own works were lost. This monodrama is set in a stunning 18-foot dress. Directed by Isaac Byrne, *The Other Mozart* is based on facts, stories and thoughts culled from the Mozart family's humorous and heartbreaking letters. This poetic and poignant production features music composed by Mozart and Marianna Martines, (a female composer who inspired Nannerl), along with original music written for the play by Nathan Davis and Phyllis Chen. The modern-styled music created for the play utilizes clavichords, music

boxes, bells, teacups, fans and other objects d'art. *The Other Mozart* is a multi-sensual experience that transports the audience into a surreal world of oversized beauty and delight - but also one of overwhelming restrictions and prejudice where, finally, this other Mozart tells her story.

Dates: May 31-June 18.
 Previews Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 7 p.m. (\$30)
 Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 8 p.m. and Friday, June 2, 2017 at 8 p.m. (\$35)
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 1006 E. Main St.
 Ticket Range: \$30 - \$55 . For regular performance times and prices go to <http://www.rubicontheatre.org>.



Trustee Blum is a leader among his colleagues.

Stephen P. Blum will serve a second three-year term

Ventura County Community College District Trustee Stephen P. Blum, Esq., was re-elected to the California



News & Notes

Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board for a second three-year term during the CCLC 2017 Annual Trustees Conference in Lake Tahoe held on May 4-7. The CCCT Board serves a major role within the Community College League of California (CCLC) in representing California's 113 community colleges. The twenty-one member board is elected statewide by the 72 district governing boards; it provides leadership and direction to ensure a strong voice for locally elected trustees.

"I am proud to know Trustee Blum and to serve alongside of him on the Board of Trustees for the VCCCD," stated VCCCD Board Chair Bernardo Perez. "His commitment to service through excellence in education is a model for us all and his re-election to the CCCT Board is well deserved. Recently he provided special leadership as the trustee representative on the CCLC accreditation task force," added Perez.

"I am pleased to continue my service on the board of the California Community College Trustees," stated Blum. "Thank you to my fellow board members for your confidence and the hard work that you also put into serving community colleges throughout the state," he added.



Volunteer John Baker receiving the Norm Weitzel Award from Executive Director Tammy I Glenn.

John Baker garners 2017 Norm Weitzel Award

Reaching back into the archives, CAREGIVERS(Volunteers Assisting the Elderly)team stumbled upon an interesting fact. Volunteer John Baker, thought to have begun volunteering in 2007 after his retirement, actually came to CAREGIVERS as early as 1986. Baker's volunteer service to seniors spans more than 30 years, and that's one of the first criteria CAREGIVERS reviews in making the Norm Weitzel Award.

"With all the talk about fake news, we wanted to set the record straight when it comes to John Baker," said Executive Director Tammy Glenn. "Previous articles about John had his start date in 2007, but that was after a relatively short hiatus he enjoyed in between serving seniors. John Baker's original file was started more than 30 years ago, and we've got the paper to prove it."

Senior after senior, assignment after assignment, John's volunteer file filled up with notes over the years. "He is one of CAREGIVERS' most trusted volunteers and a model of community service," Tammy said.

Longevity is important, but it's not the only criteria for the award. The nomination of John Baker was forwarded by the CAREGIVERS Board of Directors to Norm Weitzel's brothers at the Masonic Lodge of Ventura. The Mason's work closely to develop the award in Norm's memory and were delighted to join CAREGIVERS in bestowing the honor which is now a centerpiece of CAREGIVERS' Annual Evening of Gratitude, presented this year by SCAN Health Plan.

Norm Weitzel set a high bar, not only as a volunteer, but also as a donor. Doing good without self-advertising, influencing everyone towards right conduct. Norm also was concerned about the sustainability of the organization which is why he worked with Jack Collings to establish the annual Wearin' o' the Green golf tournament, which is now lovingly known as the Norm Weitzel Open in his memory.

John Baker has clearly developed as a champion in the community. While his volunteer time might not be visible to most, he is a humble representative exhibiting the fine qualities found in individuals who choose to spend their time as volunteers.

Interested in working with like-minded folks to make an investment in the community? Give CAREGIVERS a call 658-8530 or visit their website at www.vccaregivers.org.



Where are a war veteran, a designer and baker buried?

by Lyn Fairly

What do the man who designed the pyramid on the back of the one dollar bill, the baker who made the first cake for the White House, a Spanish American War veteran, stuffed animals, a burrito and 100 years have in common?

Answer - Ivy Lawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home! Yes, the war veteran, designer and baker are buried there. A groundskeeper randomly, outside of his job description, places stuffed animals on the children's grave sites and someone buried there for years receives a fresh burrito on his headstone every week.

100 years ago the cemetery was designed and placed "far away" from the City of San Buenaventura. No one thought that today

it would be surrounded by so much development.

It began as a cemetery and like many in America became a Memorial Park.

The park-like environment is peaceful and inviting. For every tree that dies two are planted. Some of the staff have been there for years.

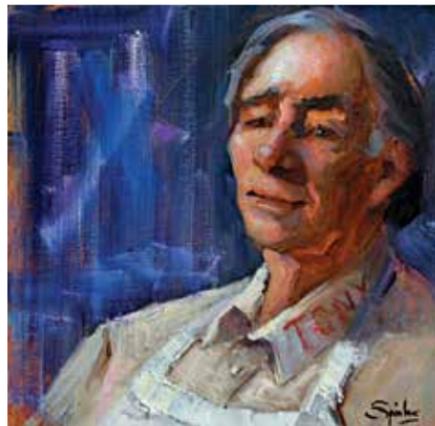
Many of our veterans are interred at the Ivy lawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home and that is where we hold ceremonies on Memorial and Veteran's Days. This year in addition to the ceremony honoring our veterans there will be balloons you can tag with a personal message for someone, Scottish bagpipes, a fly-over by the 805th Navion Quadtone, boy scout troops and more. Everyone who attends may take home at no cost a hardbound book of the history and spectacular photographs of not only our Memorial Park but many in the world.

Please join me, Lyn Fairly of TroopCall, the Civil Air Patrol Cadets, the Honor Guard, all of our veterans plus great speakers for the ceremony Monday May 29 at 10:00 am. Located at 5400 Valentine Rd. Parking is plenty and free. Call 642-1055 if you have questions.

For two years artist Johanna Spinks painted the Face of Ventura with her wonderful portraits that appeared in the Ventura Breeze. As a Memorial Day tribute these are 6 of the sitters that we know of who have passed away. When presented in the Breeze we asked each one what they loved about Ventura.



Howard Boroughs settled in Ventura from the Valley with his family looking for a more eclectic nature. They wanted to be close to the ocean and Ventura seemed like the ideal place. The Boroughs quickly loved their new home and became active in the community. Howard liked that there was an interest in the arts in Ventura.



Tony Barrios enjoyed Ventura 100%. He enjoyed everything Ventura had to offer. Surfing, fishing, cycling, strolling along the promenade and pier just to name a few. Over the years Tony said the people of Ventura were so good to him. He felt truly blessed.



Jalopy Joe Moody came to Ventura in 1999 from Santa Barbara. He had a love for motorcycles and jalopies and opened up Jalopy Joes with his lifelong friend Brenda McDaniel. Joe loved the people of Ventura and was a friend to all. One of his favorite things to do was ride and see the wonderful sunsets Ventura had to offer.



Sandra Laby loved Ventura's people, location and weather. She felt Ventura was such a relaxed place to raise a family. Sandra enjoyed watching the ocean, birds and boats. She loved that the people were kind and caring which gave her the feeling of a very small town. She loved it all.



Martha B. loved everything about Ventura. She felt very accepted here. Martha loved listening to jazz music and was amazed at all the talent in this town. She had the privilege of singing at various venues as well.



Glenn Dale Gooss settled in Ventura in 1939. He believed it was the residents of Ventura that made Ventura great. He felt the city had a lot of vitality and that it was very charming to visitors. Glenn loved the near perfect weather Ventura offered and the small town feel, in spite of its growth over the 80 years he had lived here.



The Pet Page, Dedicated to Scamp



Welcome to our first "Pet Page." We know that it will never be the same (or personal) without the Professor but we shall carry on in his name. He will be missed forever.

The Humane Society of Ventura County is celebrating its 85th anniversary by holding an open house on June 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at its Ojai shelter at 402 Bryant St.

Attendees will have the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the shelter, interact with animals, tour the kennels and clinic, meet the staff and learn about different volunteer opportunities.

A variety of local artists and crafts people will have one-of-a-kind items available for sale. Attendees also can enjoy refreshments, participate in a scavenger hunt and learn more about how they can make a difference in the lives of animals in need.

Humane Educator Dawn Reily will have her assortment of critters, and humane officers will be on hand to give attendees a look at the responsibilities and duties of protecting animals throughout the county.

Firefly Ceramics will have a booth, and for or a \$25 donation to benefit the shelter's new kennels, and attendees can design their tile to later become a permanent part of the structure.

Also, the shelter's main attraction – the animals – will be available for adoption. "You never know when you are going to meet your new best friend," said Franki Williams, the HSVC's media and marketing director.

The Humane Society of Ventura County is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1932. It does not receive federal, state or local tax dollars to operate and relies solely on private donations.

Upgrade at the Simi Valley Animal Shelter requires kennels to be emptied! They are holding a "CLEAR THE SHELTER" adoption promotion until June 5th for all dogs. This promotion does not include the cost of a \$20 license.

As always, adoption promotions do not guarantee the adoption of a pet. Application and Adoption Counseling from a trained VCAS Adoption Counselor are required as

a prerequisite to adoption.

by Victoria Usher: A discovery was made recently at two elementary schools. Lead has been found in the water system at Emerson Bandini Elementary School and San Diego Co-Operative Charter School 2 who share a campus together. Testing of all the pipes in the San Diego Unified School District will happen soon because of this frightening discovery. This was all uncovered because one of the teachers at the charter school had been noticing that her therapy dog had not been drinking from a bowl filled with water from one of the classrooms. The teacher soon realized that something was wrong after looking and seeing that there was a sheen on the water. The district sampled a bunch of water outlets around campus after that and discovered that it was contaminated. I think we should all give a giant thank you to that teacher's therapy dog!

Are these skydiving dogs poachers' worst enemies? Meet Arrow and his handler, Henry Holtshyzen. Harnessed together, they take off across the vast wildlife preserve in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Arrow seems unperturbed, even as they hurl themselves out of the helicopter, falling more than 6,000 feet to earth -- and landing in the middle of the poaching wars.

"Getting the dog to the frontlines as fast as possible is always a challenge and parachuting and rappelling is one of the ways of getting dog boots on the ground where they are needed," Holtshyzen says.

These elite dogs are trained to immediately sniff out the poacher, rushing to attack, pinning the poacher to the ground until more help arrives.

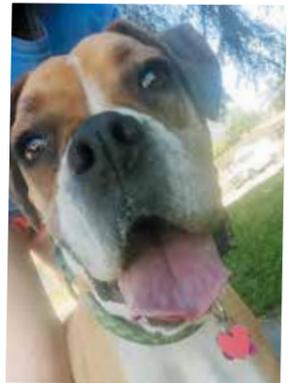
The dogs are up against up against highly-trained, heavily-armed poachers who run a multi-million-dollar industry trading in elephant and rhino horn. In the past seven years, a third of Africa's elephants have been wiped out.

Nearly 100 of these sky diving dogs have been placed in game reserves across Africa. In one region, they caught more than 100 poachers in 18 months. One dog, Killer nabbed more poachers than rangers equipped with the latest high tech weapons.

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

Forever homes wanted

Hi: I'm Olive, a very friendly and happy 6+ year-old Boxer who loves being around people. If you're an outdoorsy type, I'd make a great companion as I love going for walks, hiking and running and I ride great in a car too. I need a person or family who will spend lots of time with me and give me daily exercise. Please come visit me. I'll greet you with a great big smile and maybe a kiss too. Fencing needs to be at least 6 feet and no small children in the home. Canine Adoption and Rescue League C.A.R.L.



Chico (A521758) and Chica (A664026) are best friends. Their human best is in hospice care and had to say goodbye to these sweet dogs. Do you have room in your home and heart for them? They can be found in kennel #119, together as they should stay. Ventura County Animal Services – Camarillo location – 600 Aviation Drive



On May 9 Ventura Fire responded to a residential structure fire, the first arriving engine company reported heavy smoke showing from the first floor of a two-story single-family residence in the 600 block of Tarlow Ave. The occupants were out but the family dog was unaccounted for. The missing dog was located within the residence, having been overcome by smoke. It was successfully revived by fire personnel at the scene using pet-specific oxygen equipment.

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National Police Dog Foundation's The NPDF's 2016 K-9 Hero of the Year, Edo, retired last month after 6 years of faithful service to the Los Angeles PD Metropolitan Division. The 8-year-old Belgian Malinois assisted with all armed suspect searches along with his handler, Officer Huynh. In March 2016, he was named the NPDF's K-9 Hero of the Year for his courageous role in raiding a home involved in a hostage situation.



Landon the Sheltie, a canine resident of Thousand Oaks, has had an amazing life of adventure and positive influence. After having a rough start as a young dog, Landon not only became a model and actor, but also had his own community education platform, led charity events, and became a certified therapy dog. Landon's latest project though is particularly impressive, as he was recently appointed as the "Wellness Ambassador" for ISD Innovations—a Newbury Park-based nonprofit organization dedicated to projects that improve mental health and well-being.

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



We were going through some photos the other day and found this one of our cat Cleo with the Ventura Breeze. I couldn't resist sending it to you as a member of the Scampclub. Mike & Cindy Daly

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This 'n' That



Surrounded by local dignitaries, Stephanie Caldwell, president and CEO of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, helps Harrison Industries Vice President Myron Harrison cut the ribbon. Photo by Michael Gordon.

Harrison Industries celebrates 85th, unveils CNG Station

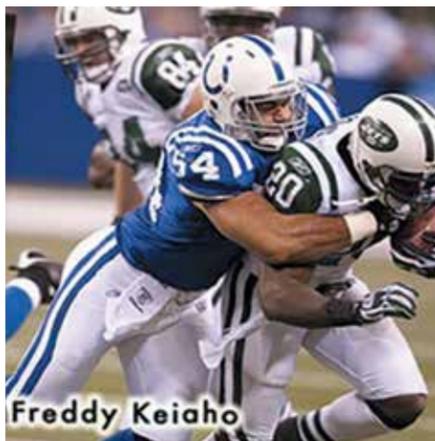
Federal, state, city and county officials were on hand as Harrison Industries celebrated its 85th anniversary. Harrison unveiled its state-of-the-art compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station with 26 pumps at the company's Saticoy yard.

Keynote speaker Bill Camarillo, CEO of Agromin, one of Harrison's strategic partners, lauded the Harrisons for their efforts toward cleaner air. "We've come a long way but we still have a lot to do," Camarillo said.

According to Mike Harrison, engineering manager for Harrison Industries, the CNG system includes two 250-horsepower compressor units that compress natural gas to over 3,500 pounds per square inch into CNG, as well as a computerized monitoring unit for its fueling stations.

Harrison Industries has long been working to reduce its impact on climate change by understanding its carbon footprint. In 2003 the company opened the first liquefied natural gas (LNG)

fueling station in western Ventura County. Harrison has furthered its commitment to the environment by also adding 33 LNG-dedicated and 15 CNG-dedicated trucks to the fleet and three more on order.



Stop by and meet local professional athletes.

Summerfest quickly approaching

Summerfest, the free, family-friendly, healthy living event, is returning for its twelfth season on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9am to 2pm at Ventura Unified School District's Education Service Center.

Presented by Ventura Education Partnership and Ventura Unified School District in alliance with the City of Ventura, Summerfest begins with a 3K Middle School Race and One Mile Elementary School Run. Student athletes can even get a free sports physical.

Get an autograph and take a picture with NFL linebacker Freddy Keiaho, champion long boarder Mary Osborne, pro-boxer and the real "Million Dollar Baby" Maureen Shea, marathoner Chris Frias, and All-Americans Jake Colman (football) and Paige Treloar-Ballard (water polo).

The mission of the Ventura Education Partnership (VEP), a community-based, non-profit, non-political association, is to support and enrich education in the Ventura Unified School District through community partnerships. This all-volunteer group fosters community recognition of the work of district teachers and staff and enlists the participation of parents, businesses and community members in the education of our district's children.

Climate Hub considers renewable energy plan

Craig Whan and Robert Perry of the World Business Academy were guest presenters at the Ventura County Climate Hub on Thursday May 11 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Ventura. They spoke about Community Choice Energy and the status of the technical study being done to prepare Ventura County and its ten cities to join. They reported on the launch of Community Choice Energy by Los Angeles County and the success of the City of Lancaster and other new local utilities in California

purchasing more renewable energy while achieving lower electricity rates.

The World Business Academy is offering help to cities to meet demand without construction of any new gas-fired power plants through rapid roll-out of Community Choice Energy and investments in distributed generation able to incorporate battery storage as they become affordable. Maps of the stations and distribution lines in South Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties showed how the demand from Santa Barbara is drawn from Ventura County and their current focus on helping those cities become more energy independent.

Participants discussed the Calpine application for a gas-fired peaker plant on Mission Rock Road near Santa Paula and the injustice of siting such a plant for export of electricity to other states. The presenters made it clear that energy generation everywhere must be localized and distributed near commercial centers. Ratepayers will otherwise be paying for a stranded asset that will be shut down before completing half of its full life. They said that Ventura County deserves planning with foresight to prioritize renewable energy and energy efficiency. Whan and Perry stressed the economic stimulus from localization of energy generation for local investments and jobs creation.

The Ventura County Climate Hub meets every second Thursday at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Ventura to learn and take action to support the transition from a fossil fuel to a renewable energy economy and contribute to a global draw down of atmospheric greenhouse gases contributing to climate change.

World Business Academy Craig Whan, 892-4600, email craig at world-business.org.

Ventura County Climate Hub Jan Dietrick, 746-5365, email ventura at citizensclimatelobby.org.

Annual Henry Schwab Violin/Viola final competition

The Ventura College Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Robert Lawson, will present the 9th annual Henry Schwab Violin/Viola Final Competition Concert. Three talented young musicians selected at the preliminary audition held on March 25 will perform a classical violin or viola concerto of his or her choice, by memory:

Cameron Andras, 18, violist, Hindemith's Schwanendreher Viola Concerto

Jamie Lee, 16, violinist, Mozart Violin Concerto #4

Arjun Pillai, 15, violinist, Bruch Violin Concerto #1

After the concert the judges will announce the completion's winners.

A total of \$3,000 will be donated in the memory of Henry Schwab, a renowned violinist, concert master and teacher, who tried to instill in his students the love and study of classical music

The concert will be held on June 10, 2017, 8:p.m. at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center, 4700 Loma Vista Road.

Tickets at box office \$15 general, \$5 students faculty and seniors.

Person to Person

by Jennifer Tipton

How long have you lived in Ventura and why did you move here?



Dorrie Aguino, age 58, retired from an accounting firm

"We moved here after the Northridge earthquake and it's the best thing that ever happened to us! Ventura is the best town and has good schools too!"



Mike McBain, age 74, CEO of McBain Managerial Accounting

"I moved here in 1977 from Los Angeles because I like it better than L.A... Ventura has the beautiful ocean, the pier, the marina, the hillsides and not too much traffic."



Kerry Anderson, age 52, court reporter turned homemaker

"It's been about 31 years since I moved here from New York, because at the time my family was here ... apparently, I love it!"



Carol Reeves, age 66, Homemaker

"I've lived in Ventura for 35 years, we moved here because of my husband's work-he's a civil engineer. It's beautiful here, we love it! The weather's perfect and ... the house is paid off!"



Jonathan Kennedy, age 37, trains horses

"I've lived here 4 years because my wife had a home here (we just got married 2 years ago). I moved from Sacramento and I consider this a nice beach town, it's not pretentious but very laid back."



Chris Michaud, age 26, Business owner at Ubreakifix

"I've lived in Ventura since 2001, my family moved here because of my dad, he works for Raytheon. I've stayed because this is the best place ever-sunniest city."

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.

Possession of Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On May 5, at approximately 1am, a Ventura Police patrol officer observed a suspicious vehicle in the area of Silver Sands Motel that matched the description of a vehicle recently reported stolen. The vehicle in question was occupied by the male driver later identified as 38 year old Ventura resident Christopher Thomaier, and a female passenger. The officer followed the vehicle and confirmed that the vehicle was in fact the stolen vehicle and requested additional officers to assist.

A traffic enforcement stop was conducted in the 3000 Block of Porter Lane. The driver of the vehicle complied with orders and was taken into custody without incident.

Thomaier was arrested and transported to Ventura County Jail where he was booked for possession of a stolen vehicle. The female passenger was questioned and released at the scene.

Felony Evading, Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Burglary Tools Arrest.

On May 11, at approximately 2am, a patrol officer observed a suspicious vehicle leaving the parking lot of McDonald's on Telegraph Rd. A records check of the license plate showed the plates to be stolen. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle driven by 22 year old Ventura resident Shawn Mahoney, it fled at a high rate of speed. The officer went into pursuit. Mahoney drove west on Telegraph Rd, running red lights, at speeds between 60 - 70 mph. Mahoney then turned into the residential area at Bryn Mawr St and drove at a high rate of speed, failing to stop at stop signs.

On Broderick Ave Mahoney leapt from the moving car and fled on foot. Due to the nature of the pursuit, a Ventura Police K9 was deployed and assisted in taking Mahoney into custody in the 300 block of Harte Ave. The vehicle came to rest on the sidewalk on Broderick Ave.

After Mahoney was taken into custody, officers discovered that the license plates were stolen from Oxnard and the vehicle was a separate stolen vehicle also out of Oxnard. Mahoney was arrested and transported to VCMC for treatment of injuries he sustained from the K9. Once he was medically cleared, Mahoney was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony evading arrest, resisting arrest, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of burglary tools.

No one else was injured as a result of the pursuit.

Felony Evading, Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Parole Violation Arrest

On May 11, at approximately 11pm, a patrol officer observed a reported stolen vehicle driving on Kellogg St towards Cedar St. The officer attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle, which fled at a high rate of speed south on Cedar St and then turned west on Center St. The vehicle, driven by 22 year old Ventura resident Christopher Czechorowski, side-swiped a parked vehicle on the

south side of Center St then continued to flee west on Center St.

About mid-block of Center St, Czechorowski leapt from the still moving vehicle and fled on foot towards the Ventura Ave. The vehicle struck a set of garbage cans on the north side of Center St and collided into 2 other parked cars where it came to rest. The officer pursued Czechorowski on foot and took him into custody in an alleyway off of Prospect St.

Czechorowski is currently on parole for armed robbery and was arrested for felony evading, resisting arrest and possession of a stolen vehicle. State Parole was contacted and Czechorowski was also arrested for parole violations.

Czechorowski was booked into the Ventura County Jail for the above listed charges. No one was injured as a result of the pursuit. The owners of the damaged vehicles were contacted and the stolen vehicle was returned to the registered owner.

Gang Vandalism, child endangerment

On May 13, at approximately 12:45pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of a subject spray painting graffiti along the streets listed above. The witness followed the suspect down several streets and witnessed him tagging several buildings and fences along his path. The witness pointed the subject out to officers who arrived on scene soon after.

The suspect was contacted and identified as documented Ventura Avenue Gang member, 22 year old Ventura resident Javier Rangel. Rangel was accompanied by a 6 year old juvenile who was carrying several cans of spray paint, and marijuana given to him by Rangel. During the investigation it was learned that Rangel handed these items to the juvenile when Rangel saw officers approaching.

Officers located and documented the graffiti along Rangel's path. The graffiti was gang tagging commonly associated to the Ventura Avenue Gang.

During the officers investigation they were told Rangel stole the spray paint and other items from a vehicle somewhere along his path. Officers were unable to locate a victim vehicle. If anyone has information for any of these crimes, please contact the Ventura Police department.

Rangel, who is currently on probation for Robbery, was booked at the Ventura County Jail for Felony Vandalism, Child endangerment, along with a felony gang enhancement. The Juvenile was released to his mother at the scene.

Armed Robbery

On May 18, at approximately 6:30pm, the suspect entered the business and walked towards a display case. Once he arrived at the display case, he pulled a knife out of his waist area. An employee who was nearby was in fear, and they fled from the suspect. Once the employee fled, the suspect began selecting various items, cut the security devices off of them and fled from the business.

Responding officers checked the surrounding area but did not locate the suspect. No one was injured during this incident.

The suspect was an adult male of unknown race wearing a hooded sweat-shirt. An anonymous tip can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS.

Trash & Recyclables or Green Waste Pick Up Delay Due to the Memorial Day Holiday

Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29, trash and recyclables or green waste will be collected one day later than usual the entire week of May 29 - June 2 in the Cities of Ventura and Ojai.

Thank you and Happy Holiday
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Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

5-05 8:13am, received a dispatch to a traffic collision at the intersection of Spinnaker and Harbor Blvd. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire/PD, AMR and several other agencies with two vehicles that crashed head on. One vehicle hit and dislodged a fire hydrant; the other was forced into the left turn signal. Both vehicles were severely damaged. Both drivers suffered minor injuries from the crash. No one was transported to local hospitals.

4:10pm, received a report of a dog harassing a sea lion on the South Beach. Officers responded and contacted an individual with his dog off a leash. The individual was issued a warning for the violations. The sea lion retreated back into the ocean according to the dog owner.

5-06 11:31am, received a report of a boating accident at Ventura Isle Marina. Officers responded and found a motor vessel colliding with moored vessels. The

operator was assisted into his slip and the owners of the vessels that were hit were notified along with the marina office.

12:00pm, observed National Weather Service has issued a Gale warning, winds sustained at 39 mph or greater.

6:15pm, while on patrol in the vehicle, officers observed a wedding commencing at Surfers Knoll in the 44 knot winds.

5-07 6:40am, received a report of a sea lion on the small beach has made its way to the street in the keys. Officers responded and observed the report of the sea lion in the street. Wildlife rescuers were summoned and the mammal was captured and returned to the wild near the Santa Clara River mouth.

6:05pm, while on patrol in the boat, received a warning from the NWS that a strong cell was headed our way, lighting was possible and that we should not go out on the water. We returned and observed several lightning strikes inland.

5-08 8:00am, officers preparing for United States Lifeguard Association aquatic rescue response team.

5-09 6:00pm, local boy scout troop in the office to learn water safety, boating safety and ridealongs.

Honoring and remembering fallen law enforcement officers

Communities across the United States came together during National Police Week, May 15-21, to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

This year, the names of 394 officers killed in the line of duty are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. These 394 officers include 143 officers who were killed during 2016, plus 251 officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

The names of all 394 fallen officers nationwide was formally dedicated during the 29 Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13 held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is dedicated to honoring and remembering the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in the United States.

Ventura Assistant Police Chief Darin Schindler commented, "Police Officers in the City of Ventura, the State of California and throughout the nation put their lives on the line every day for their communities. We are fortunate that these brave men and women have chosen to dedicate their lives to the safety of others."

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. The week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

A proclamation in honor of Police Week was presented at the May 15 Ventura City Council Meeting.

For more information about National Police Week, please visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund online at www.LawMemorial.org/police-week.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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This 'n' That

GUEST COLUMNIST

Cell tower?

by Rob Petrin

Pierpont residents in Ventura took a stand as a community, in an effort to reject a proposal by Verizon wireless to erect an RF (Radio Frequency) cell transmission tower at the Marina Village shopping center directly behind Vons market. This is only 70ft from the nearest residence. The hearing was at city hall in February. The public took turns speaking, voicing concerns. Residents were very concerned about the health risks living directly in front of an RF transmitter or in close range to it.

Turns out the only argument the city was allowed to consider from the public is appearance. The Verizon proposal was eventually rejected by the city based on aesthetics. Being taken back by this and even shocked, I decided to research what was behind this seemingly absurd ruling.

The CTIA (Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association) has managed to convince law makers to exclude health concerns of residents as an argument against cell tower placement. They have also introduced a law which cancels arguments against loss of property value in close proximity to cell towers.

Most of the current research on RF is being done with regards to cell phones themselves, the little siblings to the transmission towers. This comes as no surprise as there are somewhere in the area of 4 billion cellphone users around the world that could be affected if RF were not as safe as our government

lets us believe.

The FCC states in their guidelines. "there is no scientific evidence to date that proves wireless phone usage can lead to cancer or any variety of other health effects". The FCC last updated its standards 20 years ago. They rely on agencies like the WHO (World Health Organization) for its standards, even though the WHO declared RF from cell phones as 2B (possibly carcinogenic)?

I am not condoning the WHO either. Picking apart their 2B classification they set for cellphone RF is full of holes. They chose to ignore the critical data and rejected studies by one of the most knowledgeable scientists in the industry. Respected scientists from around the world are screaming out to the WHO and all other standard setting agencies to urgently review their position on RF safety.

Let's face it, we all need and use our wireless devices, most all using RF communication. What I want and what I think most people want is to know what is really safe and what is not. It only makes sense to keep cell towers away from our homes and families until we can establish safe distances from their transmissions. With your cell phone you have a choice. Cell towers are not a choice.

Verizon has appealed the decision. Now we get to see how our community survives fighting with sticks and stones and against the cell industry armed with laws, lawyers and RF.

Project Understanding undergoes changes, continues serving community

Although Project Understanding has recently undergone several organizational changes, including reducing staffing and program reevaluation, the 40-year-old nonprofit remains committed to serving the underserved and at-risk in the Ventura County community.

"We want to assure our donors as well as the community as a whole that all of our programs are still viable and actively serving local needs," said Jann Huling, President of the Board of Directors.

Project Understanding continues to help move the homeless off the streets and

into safe, permanent housing. Its Food Pantry serves over 1,200 people a month, and hundreds of children are being tutored every week at its tutoring centers.

Lately, the Tender Life program, which serves homeless pregnant women with safe housing and support services, has seen a significant drop in the number of clients. It is the Board's responsibility to study the program as currently structured and determine if it still serves the needs of our community.

Major fundraising events like the Hope Worth Giving breakfast, held in March, and Starlight Supper Club, slated for this November, are still going strong.

Financial and donation support from the business community through events like these enables Project Understanding to help thousands of people each year.

Founded in 1977, Project Understanding provides hope by developing and directing resources for the purpose of transforming lives and community through justice, mercy and compassion.

For 40 years, Project Understanding has been assisting people reach their highest attainable level of independence.

For more information on Project Understanding, please visit www.projectunderstanding.org.

Students to receive awards for Sustainability Project Proposals

On Friday June 2, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, the MERITO Foundation will award prizes to the top fifty 5th-12th grade students from Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties who authored energy efficiency, water conservation, or waste reduction project proposals for their school campuses, or educate a community about ocean acidification. The event will take place at the Museum of Ventura County in downtown Ventura.

The awards ceremony will recognize the creativity, innovation and environmental stewardship of students and teachers participating in the 9 month-long EEECCOA Program during the 2016-2017 school year. The top twelve project proposals will be presented with cash and/or in-kind prizes for each student group.

The following Ventura schools will have students present or display their project proposals:

Buena High School
De Anza Middle School
EP Foster Elementary

The Multicultural Education for Resource Issues Threatening Oceans (MERITO) Foundation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization based in Ventura.

The EEECCOA Challenge empowers students to address climate change and ocean acidification by providing students with the tools to research, design and innovate environmentally sustainable models their schools can adopt, or develop Ocean Acidification (OA) awareness campaigns that inform their communities.

See the garden grow

by Gail Field

It doesn't have silver bells an cockle shells, but it has plenty of vegetables tended with care by Ventura children. The Kids Garden Brigade, with the under the guidance of Gerardo Gallegos is giving kids a chance to learn and practice caring for plants and harvesting fruits and vegetables for their families and residents.

The garden on 572 Ventura Ave., an affiliate of Restore Ventura, is holding a Volunteer Day for teens and adults as part of Serve Day, which is a movement to provide volunteer opportunities to help people and projects in need. Serve Day is held this year the morning of Saturday, June 3, from 8:30 – noon.

The call is for volunteers to participate in three projects in the garden: painting the fence, extending water lines, and building a treehouse. All of these projects enhance the functionality and beauty of the garden. Volunteers are encouraged to bring tools including brushes, screwdrivers, wrenches, cutting tools any other supplies appropriate to the planned projects.

In charge of the project is Gerardo Gallegos, the Director of Operations for the non-profit Restore Ventura. Teens and adults are welcome. No children, please,

because of the space needed to do sawing, cutting, and irrigating. Please come at 8:30 to get assignments and a head start on the morning. For more information about this event, call Gerardo Gallegos at 550 – 7890.

You can find out about other Serve Day opportunities online: <http://meettheneed.org/event.php?id=564266&orgtemp=6688>

Don your pearls, lace, hats and gloves

A delightful way to spend time with friends! Grandes Dames High Tea Fundraiser & Auction on Tuesday, May 30, 11:30 am - 2 pm. Check-In 11 am.

At the beautiful Las Posas Country Club, 955 Fairway Drive, Camarillo.

\$75/person includes luncheon, live entertainment, silent auction and prizes

RSVP to Lee Ann Luongo at 667.2912, ext. 249 or lluongo@rubicontheatre.org

Join the family of Grandes Dames at the Rubicon! Attend festive quarterly luncheons, be treated to special sneak peeks of upcoming shows, be entertained by talented artists, and receive invitations to special events. Support Rubicon while having fun and making new friends!

Program provides lunch at no charge to children 1-18

Each summer, the Ventura Unified School District provides a nutrition program. This program provides lunch at no charge to children 1-18 years of age. Summer Nutrition is not based on income qualification. It is available for all community children regardless of their school year qualification for free and reduced price meals. Lunch will be available June 19th through August 4th.

Ventura Unified School District is committed to providing nutritious foods during the summer months so that students may return to school healthy, energized and ready to learn!

Participating sites this summer include the following:

Pacific High School
Ventura High School
Elmhurst Elementary School
E.P. Foster Elementary School
Portola Elementary School
Sheridan Way Elementary School
Will Rogers Elementary School
Lunch served: 10:45am – 12:00pm
DATA Middle School
Anacapa Middle School
Lunch served: 10:30am – 12:00pm
YMCA
Lunch served: 11:00am – 1:00pm
E.J. Harrison Boys and Girls Club
Robert Addison Boys and Girls Club
Lunch served: 11:30am – 12:30pm
Bill Le Farve Boys and Girls Club
Buena Vida Apartments
Encanto Del Mar Apartments
Lunch served: 11:30am – 1:00pm
Westpark Community Center
Lunch served: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Ojai Community Site
Roth Apartments
Lunch served: 11:30am – 1:00pm

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This 'n' That



Join spellbinding Artistic Director Nuvi Mehta for music and stories.

Mehta at the Museum: the story of American classical music

The community is invited to join the Ventura Music Festival's spellbinding Artistic Director Nuvi Mehta on Sunday, June 4th, at 3pm, where he will spin music and stories about the people and developments leading up to what is recognized today as authentically American Classical Music. The event is free and open to the public.

Included in the story: the starts and the misfires, the impact of European composers, the importance of Jazz, the landmark contribution of Gershwin, the distinctly American imagery and music of Aaron Copland followed shortly after by the glorious work of Samuel Barber. Ojai's John Biggs the well-loved composer of numerous rich classical pieces will also be there

Besides serving as Ventura Music Festival's Artistic Director, Mehta is Special Project Director of the San Diego Symphony.

Located at 100 E. Main St; ample parking is provided. On June 4th, the Museum is open all day for its "Free First Sunday" event featuring a celebration of the Summer Solstice and the new exhibit, Secret Paintings, by Michael Pearce.

While Mehta at the Museum is an admission-free event, reservations are requested. Simply go to VMF's website - VenturaMusicFestival.org - and the Mehta at the Museum link on its homepage. Click and reserve.



Author to have book signing.

I'm a new author from Ventura!

by Terri Stober

My book entitled *A Road to Barcelona, A Mother's Account* has been recently published. My e-book or paperback is listed on Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.

com, and other online retailers. Bank of Books in Ventura, also, has my book in paperback.

My book is a mother's story of her two daughters leaving home at young ages to pursue gymnastics dreams to be Olympians. The loneliness and longing to be with her daughters during their journey and the long separations were not easy to describe. Maybe they didn't make it to the Olympics, but there were decisions, successes, and experiences that I wanted to share.

A retired high school educator and Human Relations Specialist retirement has allowed me the time to hike, bike, volunteer at the Ventura Botanical Gardens and the San Buenaventura Mission, play bridge, travel, and now write my first book.

Terri and her husband raised their two daughters in Grass Valley in Northern California, where they found their passion for gymnastics. After the girls' college graduations, Terri worked and lived internationally for five years in Egypt and Paris, France, then moved to Seattle where she lived for 11 years. She finally returned to her home state of California in 2013.

I will have my second book signing at Bank of Books, 748 E Main St. from 1-3 pm on June 24. I hope to see you there. www.gymnasticsamothersacctbystober.com.



Ventura College student Kimberly Ramos voted student trustee.

Ramos to perform her role as student Trustee with pride and integrity

The Associated Students of the Ventura County Community College District have announced that Kimberly Ramos was elected student trustee of the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees. Ramos received 1,521 votes from a total of 3,417 votes cast. "Ramos demonstrates a passion for serving, having held positions as president for the Latina/o Leadership Network, student office assistant for Supplemental Instruction Coordinator, student aid for BEACH community within the department of Learning Resources and as a tutor," said VCCCD Chancellor Bernard Luskin.

"My role as a student worker has provided much insight into the needs of students that go beyond

tutoring," stated Ramos. "I have witnessed first-hand the challenges many students face and understand the services needed to support student retention and successful class completion," she added.

Equitable access to housing, day care, technology and a safe place for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are among the many issues she plans to address during her tenure as student trustee.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we look forward to working with Ms. Ramos and supporting her efforts to improve student retention - a primary goal of the Board," stated VCCCD Board Chair Bernardo Perez. "We thank outgoing student trustee Josue Ruiz for his service and welcome Kimberly Ramos as the newest member of our governing board," added Perez.

Ramos has completed 35 units within the VCCCD and holds a cumulative GPA of 3.0. She will take office beginning June 1 and will be sworn in during the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, June 13.

Dietrick Institute and KM AntPro on biological ant control

Dietrick Institute for Applied Insect Ecology and University of California Cooperative Extension

of Ventura County will bring Ken Kupfer, founding CEO of KM AntPro from Florida for a training session on ant baiting systems using liquid borate baits.

The event will be from 8 to 11 a.m. June 6, at the UC Cooperative Extension Conference Room 669, County Square Dr., Suite 100, at no cost to farmers, landscape managers, and Master Gardeners.

The morning will open with Entomologist Anna Howell of the UC Cooperative Extension giving an overview on ant biology.

Kupfer will demonstrate why organic and biologically based pest control becomes challenging in the presence of ants and the need to manage ants for cost-effective biological pest management.

Jan Dietrick, founder of the non-profit Dietrick Institute and President of Rincon-Vitova Insectaries, Inc., is organizing the institute to offer local training programs about biological farming methods that help maintain healthy soil. "What many growers don't know is that there are ways to manage ants without toxic pesticides that are effective and accepted on certified organic farms."

Joining Howell and Kupfer is Pest Control Advisor Tom Roberts of Integrated Consulting Entomology to talk about ant management systems in different crop settings.

Future training workshops will cover other technologies for increasing soil biology on managed lands.

Contact Ron Whitehurst, PCA, 805-643-5407, email ron@rinconvitova.com for more information.



by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

Are you ready for the Cajun & Blues Festival? It falls over Memorial Day weekend May 27-28th at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park in Simi Valley. This year's lineup looks pretty tasty with such notable acts as Doug Kershaw, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, The Yardbirds, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, and the Robby Krieger Band as Krieger continues to celebrate 50 years of The Doors music. I'm also looking forward to catching Kelly's Lot, the 44's and getting to know all the other acts on the bill. You can find ticket information at www.SimiCajun.org.

The Ventura County fair has released most of their grandstand concert schedule for this summer's run. There will be Smash Mouth and Sugar Ray on Thursday, 8/3; Huey Lewis and the News on Friday, 8/4; KC and the Sunshine Band on Saturday, 8/5; Dia de la Familia concert Sunday afternoon, 8/6; Billy Currington on Monday, 8/7; The Spinners on Tuesday afternoon, 8/8; Shinedown on Wednesday, 8/9; Gabriel Iglesias on Thursday, 8/10; and Wynonna and the Big Noise on Friday, 8/11.

Speaking of music over the summer, several of the Music Under the Stars concerts at the historic Olivas Adobe have and will sell out. Several bands of note include WhosNext, The Swing Kings, Steely Jam, Celebration of Joni Mitchell, Dead Man's party, Fantastic Diamond and more. Call the City to order your tickets during regular business hours at (805) 658-4726.

Reggae returns to Café Fiore's Treehouse on Sunday afternoons with the Babylon Rockers taking the floor on Sunday, May 28. The band tells me they'll be offering up new takes on some well-known tunes, original reggae music as well as some lesser known gems. Music runs 6-10:30 pm.

Hi Hat Entertainment is bringing back Billy Vera, but this time featuring his full band, Billy Vera and the Beaters on Friday, May 26. Enjoy their popular songs such as "Millie make some chili" and his #1 radio hit song, "At this Moment."

Quick notes: The Pullmen are heading back to Europe (France and Italy) for another tour this time with only three members; Brothers Fortune is back in the studio working on a couple of songs; The Mighty Cash Cats just released their new CD called "Alaska Boogie"; Donna Lynn Caskey's CD release party for "The Love Still Shows" will be at NAMBA on Saturday, May 27 and the San Francisco jazz trio, Charged Particles, return to Squashed Grapes Saturday, May 27.

And finally, be sure to tune in for my "mostly local" music show on CAPS Media's KPPQ-LP at 104.1 FM on Tuesdays from 5 -6 pm. I'm

having a blast finding local music nuggets to share like vintage music from Ariel to the Missing 23rd, plus I'm getting new music in from the likes of Ozomatli and Big Voodoo Daddy. CAPS hasn't launched their simulcast on the internet yet, so if you're local, be sure to tune and support!

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Please send all information short or long to Pam@VenturaRocks.com, and for updated music listings daily, go to www.VenturaRocks.com.

Music Calendar

For more 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

Wednesdays: Locals Showcase

Sat 5/27: Heathers on Fire

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street

Wednesdays: Jam Night

Fridays: DJs

Saturdays: DJs

Sat 5/27: Yachtley Crew

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street

(805) 653-1266

Wed 5/24: Amber & Smoke

Thurs 5/25: Rick Whitfield

Fri 5/26: Young Dempsey

Sat 5/27: Johnny Hawthorne

Sun 5/28: Babylon Rockers

Tues 5/30: Amber & Smoke

Wed 5/31: Big Adventure

Thurs 6/1: Rick Whitfield

Fri 6/2: Johnny Hawthorne

Sat 6/3: Soul Infusion

Sun 6/4: Mark Spero

Cask Alehouse

5952 Telegraph Road

Mondays: 6 pm Adam Tunney

Thurs 5/25: Dirk Shumaker & Trey O'Toole

Sun 5/28: Roger Keiaho

Thurs 6/1: Soul 4 II

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village

Week nights 7 pm; Sundays 3 pm

Tuesdays: The Down Home Trio

Wednesdays: Kenny Devoe drum circle

Fri 5/26: Ian Peters

Sat 5/27: Laura Cozzi Soul Machine

Sun 5/28: Laura Cozzi Soul Machine

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback Fridays

Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl

Thurs 5/25: The Late Ones

Fri 5/26: Sgt. Pepper

Sat 5/27: The Molly Ringwald Project

Thurs 6/1: 40 oz to Freedom

Fri 6/2: Moonridge

Sat 6/3: Herbal Rootz

Garage

1091 Scandia Ave

Sat 5/27: Holy Grail

Gigi's Cocktails

2493 Grand Avenue

(805) 642-2411

Thurs, Fri & Sat: Karaoke

Golden China

760 S. Seaward

(805) 652-0688

Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm

Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic

Fri 6/2: Hex Heart, Voice coil, Black Glass

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Wed 5/24: Phil Salazar Bluegrass Jam

Fri 5/26: Pete Muller

Sat 5/27: Hunter & the Dirty Jacks

Sun 5/28: 3 pm Jerry Briener

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mondays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band

Fri 5/26: Hi Hat Entertainment

presents Billy Vera & the Beaters

Sun 5/28: 4 pm Del Franklin

Fri 6/2: Hi Hat Entertainment presents

Tata Vega

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke

Thursday: Open Mic

Sunday: Karaoke

Fri 5/26: Pull the Trigger

Sat 5/27: Tex Pistols

Fri 6/2: Strange Weather

Sat 6/3: Black Canyon Band

Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street

Wed 5/24: Brian Nicolet

Thurs 5/25: Dan Grimm

Sat 5/27: Detroit Sportmen's Congress

Thurs 6/1: Kyle Swan

Sun 6/4: Shaky Feelin'

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Thurs 5/25: Jurassic 5, Tyrone's Jacket

Sun 6/4: Yngwie Malmsteen

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Fri 5/26: Corsican Brothers

Sat 5/27: Cross Cut

Sun 5/28: James Bros.

Mon 5/29: Sin Chonies

Tues 5/30: Dave Rae

Sat 6/3: Unkle Monkey

Sun 6/4: Unkle Monkey

Tues 6/6: Dave Rae

Namba

47 S. Oak Street

Sat 5/27: Donna Lynn Caskey CD

release party

O'Leary's

6555 Telephone Road

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 5/26: Live Band Karaoke

Paddy's

2 W. Main Street

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri & Sat: DJs

Patio at The Players Casino

Auto Center Drive

Fri 5/26: In Stone

Sat 5/27: Natalie Gelman

Fri 6/2: Natalie Gelman

Sat 6/3: Natalie Gelman

Sun 6/4: Natalie Gelman

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road

(805) 648-1143

Music 7:30 pm

Sun 6/4: 2-4 pm Old Country Grass

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

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd

805-641-1025

Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon

Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 5/27: Hip Hop concert

Sun 5/28: A-Mac D2

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: Transform Tuesdays w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 5/26: The Jelly

Sat 5/27: Kings Revenge, We Govern We

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St.

805-643-7300

Live jazz music 7-10 pm

Wed 5/24: Oui'3

Thurs 5/25: Maya Burns

Fri 5/26: Hans Ottsen Trio

Sat 5/27: Charged Particles

Wed 5/31: Dogfish

Thurs 6/1: Jazz Express

Fri 6/2: Tony Ybarra & Friends

Sat 6/3: Paul Weitz Trio & Donna

Deussen

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Tues: Karaoke

Fri 5/26: CRV

Sat 5/27: Wishbone

Sun 5/28: The Bomb (3 pm)

Fri 6/2: Brian Faith Band

Sat 6/3: Dive Bar Messiahs

Sun 6/4: Herbal Rootz (3 pm)

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

Music 6-8 pm

Sat 5/27: Frank Barajas

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

(805) 643-3264

Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve

Metal Wednesdays

Get it Right Thursday DJs

Fri 5/26: Beach Buzz, Chi-Chris Christ,

Grapevine

Sat 5/27: The Black Hips

Topa Topa Brewing Co.

104 E. Thompson Blvd

(805) 628-9255

Music 6 pm

Tuesdays: Jeff Uzzel

The Wine Rack (Ventura)

14 S. California Street

(805) 653-9463

Thurs 5/25: Lazy Millennial

Fri 5/26: Sheldon & Cunnane

Sat 5/27: Paul Mars Black

Sun 5/28: KLT Guitarz

Mon 5/29: Keith Cane Acoustic

Thurs 6/1: Keith Cane Acoustic

Fri 6/2: Spectrum

Sat 6/3: Paul Mars Black

Sun 6/4: Jason Ho

The 805 Bar

Ventura Harbor

Music at noon

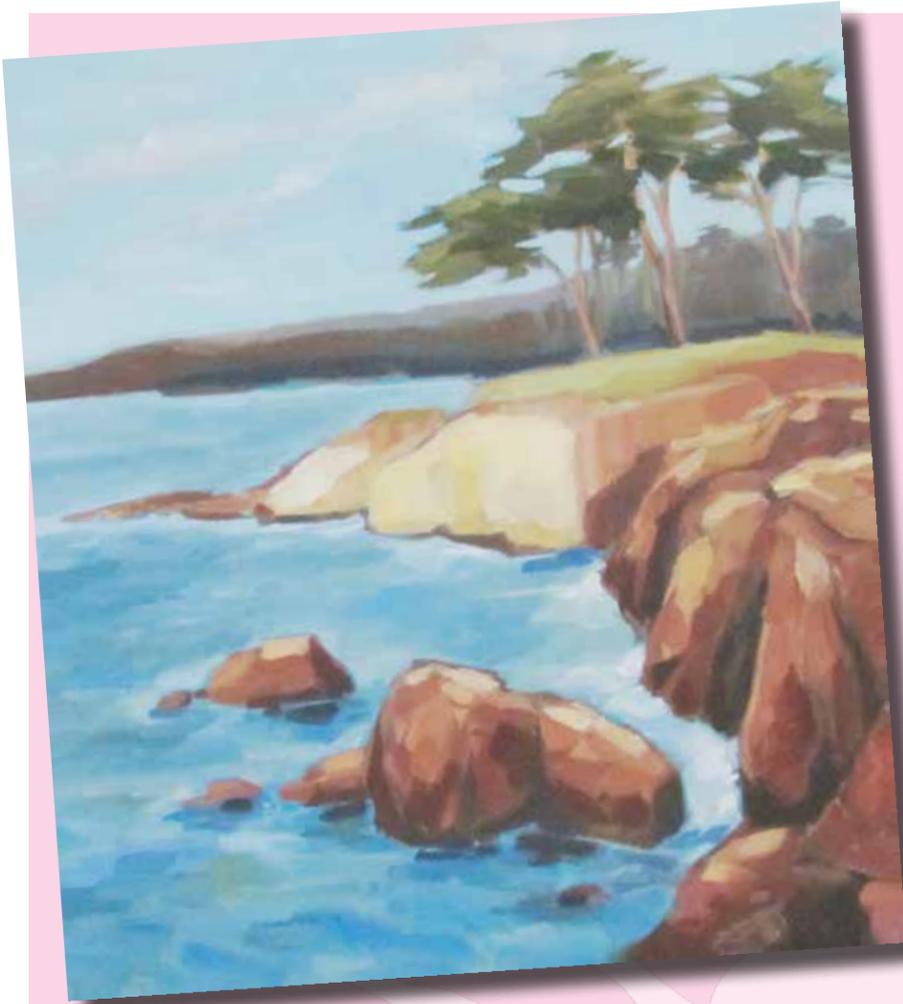
Sat 5/27: Kenny Devoe

Sun 5/28: Karen Eden

Fri 6/2: Kenny Devoe (4 pm)

Sat 6/3: Kenny Devoe

Sun 6/4: Kenny Devoe



Works by Ojai painter **Kathy Bodycombe** and Ventura printmaker and photographer **Christina Altfeld** will be featured until June 24 at the Buena Ventura Gallery.

Their shows will share wall space in the Clophine Dooley Gallery as the rest of the downtown Ventura gallery is devoted to Buena Ventura Art Association's fifth annual Collage Open Competition. A reception for all three exhibitions will be 5-7 p.m. May 27, at which awards for the collage show will be announced.

Bodycombe's "Duets" show will have oil-on-canvas landscapes from places she has lived or visited on both U.S. coasts and in Europe, ranging in size from 6 inches square to 24 by 36 inches. She has been painting for 15 years.

Altfeld, a lifelong photographer who's also been exploring multiple forms of print-making for 10 years, chose "Ocean Atmosphere" as her title.

The Collage Open Competition will have two- and three-dimensional original glued collage, mixed-media collage or assemblage artworks, of which at least half must be glued collage.

Judging the entries will be Kathy Leader, who grew up and received her art and art education degrees in South Africa and now teaches privately and in workshops in her West Los Angeles studio.

The Buena Ventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St. is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. For more about the nonprofit Buena Ventura Art Association and its programs, visit www.buenaventuragallery.org or call 648-1235 during gallery hours.



The Photography Branch of the Ojai Art Center welcomes artists to submit photographic images for its upcoming 14th annual juried photography exhibit, "Animal Kingdom," opening June 3 with a reception on June 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Entries may be submitted to the Art Center Thursday, June 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Friday, June 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

This year they are welcoming submissions showing animals and creatures of all kinds. Humans can be included if they show a relationship between the animal and the human. Submissions can be pure photographic images or those that have been digitally altered.

Amateurs, professionals, and students in grades 7 through 12, are all welcome to enter. Cash awards will be given for First, Second and Third Place winners, including the student division. For full information and questions contact David Baker 558-6460 (call or text) or david@ojaiimages.com

For full information and the Call for Artists please visit: <http://ojaiacphoto.org/2017-exhibit.html>



Tina Linville at Vita Art

Vita Art Center presents Fiber Art Exhibit

Opening Reception: Friday, June 2 from 6-9 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: June 2 thru 30 from 6-9 p.m.

Vita Art Center is excited to exhibit the work of 4 exceptional contemporary fiber artists each showing a unique use of material, form and technique. Fiber art is defined as fine art which consists of materials that are natural or synthetic fiber and other components. It focuses on the materials and on the manual labor on the part of the artist as part of the works' significance, and prioritizes aesthetic value over utility.

Exhibiting Artists: **Carol Shaw-Sutton, Julia Ford, Tina Linville** and **Wendy Osher.**



The Museum of Ventura County launches the summer season with an opening reception for The Secret Paintings, unveiling the works of local artist **Michael Pearce**, 6-8 p.m., June 2, at the Museum, 100 Main St. Following the opening ceremony, patrons can view the collected works and have the opportunity to meet and speak with the artist in person. Admission to the Museum and reception is free for Free First Friday.

For this exhibit, Pearce has selected 35 works of art, for which he took inspiration from Renaissance and Pre-Raphaelite masters. With The Secret Paintings, Pearce seeks to emulate their ambitiousness and scale, which is reflected in the centerpiece of the exhibition: a monumental four-part work of oil on canvas themed for the summer solstice.

The Secret Paintings will be on display at the Museum through August 6.



A Super Hero by **George Robertson.**



Lighter Breeze

Mutts



Beetle Bailey



Moose and Molly



Crock



Hagar the Horrible



Blondie



Solutions on page 19

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

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 19

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Listen to
- 5 Aries symbol
- 8 Clenched hand
- 12 Part of the foot
- 13 Clean air org.
- 14 Division word
- 15 Stead
- 16 One walking proudly
- 18 Mathematician famed for his "last theorem"
- 20 Lacking vigor
- 21 Pesky kid
- 23 "— Town"
- 24 Criminal in tent?
- 28 Jump
- 31 Huge star
- 32 Mideast nation
- 34 Hot tub
- 35 Candle string
- 37 Go everywhere, as spilled liquid
- 39 Mouth part
- 41 Droplet of sorrow
- 42 Sun-dried brick structures
- 45 Beast
- 49 Furry Pacific denizen
- 51 Corpse

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- 10 Don't dele
- 11 Ripped
- 17 Venusian vessel?
- 19 Bohemian
- 22 Dangle a carrot
- 24 Away from NNE
- 25 On the — vive
- 26 Removes the cover
- 27 Brushes up on
- 29 Gorilla
- 30 Standard
- 33 Indian flat bread
- 36 Put the — on (stop)
- 38 Clan-related
- 40 Household pooch, e.g.
- 42 "Yeah, right!"
- 43 Sandwich shop
- 44 Goblet feature
- 46 Double agent
- 47 Commotions
- 48 Caustic solutions
- 50 Always, to a bard

DOWN

- 1 50 percent
- 2 Great Lake
- 3 Computer brand
- 4 Ballroom dance (Var.)
- 5 Paraphrases
- 6 Suitable
- 7 Filly's mom

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doubt **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might have to turn your Arian charm up a few degrees if you hope to persuade that persistent pessimist to see the possibilities in your project. Whatever you do, don't give up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A "tip" about a co-worker's "betrayal" might well raise the Bovine's rage levels. But before charging into a confrontation, let an unbiased colleague do some fact checking.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a relationship still seems to be moving too slowly to suit your expectations, it's best not to push it. Let it develop at its own pace. You'll soon get news about a workplace change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A continually changing personal situation makes you feel as if you're riding an emotional roller coaster. But hold on tight; stability starts to set in early next week.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Believe it or not, someone might dare to say "No!" to the Regal One's suggestion. But instead of being miffed, use this rebuff to recheck the proposition and, perhaps, make some changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might find it difficult to make a decision about a family matter. But delay can only lead to more problems. Seek out trusted counsel

and then make that important decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Concentrate your focus on what needs to be done, and avoid frittering away your energies on less-important pursuits. There'll be time later for fun and games.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although the conflicts seem to be letting up, you still need to be wary of being drawn into workplace intrigues. Plan a special weekend event for family and/or friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your quick wit helps you work through an already difficult situation without creating more problems. Creative aspects begin to dominate by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be patient. You'll soon receive news about a project that means so much to you. Meanwhile, you might want to reconsider a suggestion you previously turned down.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There are still some aspects about that new job offer you need to resolve. In the meantime, another possibility seems promising. Be sure to check that out as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Opening up your emotional floodgates could leave you vulnerable to being hurt later on. Watch what you say, in order to avoid having your words come back to haunt you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're usually the life of the party, which gets you on everyone's invitation list. You also have a flair for politics.

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Show Time

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 is a 2017 superhero film based on superhero team Guardians of the Galaxy, produced by Marvel Studios. The film is written and directed by James Gunn and stars an ensemble cast featuring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper, Michael Rooker.

When tasked by The Sovereignty to protect an energy source from an intergalactic terror, the team finds themselves being hunted down by the same group when Rocket decides to steal the energy source for himself. After being rescued by a mysterious man, Peter Quill, Drax, and Gamora travel with this man to learn more about Peter's origins.

School's out, the days are getting longer, and Hollywood is starting to pump out their quarter of a billion dollar movies again. It's summer blockbuster time and *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* is ready to print money like it's nobody's business, but if you were to ask me if it was worth your money, I would say... maybe. The movie checks all the boxes of a good summer blockbuster: huge set pieces, great acting performances, and some genuinely good laughs. But there was also a lot of missteps along the way. From overly expository dialogue, some questionable green screen work, and just way, way too many jokes.

Don't get me wrong, I had lot of genuine laughs throughout the film, I can't take that away from the film. But *Guardians 2* went overboard with the amount of jokes they threw at you. For every good joke, at least 2 fell flat. It's pretty painful when a movie makes a joke that you can tell they really banked on being funny, and the crowd just stays dead silent from start to finish. But the main issue is how badly it clashes with the rest of the films dialogue.

Guardians 2 was pretty good at poking jabs even at itself, but the film was painfully unaware of how expository it gets. I could feel the movie's writers really want me to care about the emotional turmoil these characters are experiencing on the inside. But when you have a cast of 6 or 7 characters and every single member just has to have their somber, emotional scene, it gets a little old. I'm sorry wise cracking raccoon, but when I just had to sit through 20 minutes of your friends "opening up", I kinda stopped caring about all of your feelings and just want to see things blow up.

But I have to say, The Guardians definitely know how to blow stuff up. Huge battles, unique fight scenes, and a great soundtrack did not disappoint. This movie is fun. The action made up for any downtime I felt during the movie's slower moments. Battles ranged from hand to raccoon-paw combat, huge space battles, and everything in-between. This is what will likely be the deciding factor on whether you think it's worth your money. If you're in the mood to start your summer with a bit of action, then I think Guardians is worth the watch in theaters. But if you are looking for something a bit more rounded and well written, you really aren't missing anything too special. You'll get some laughs. You'll have some fun. You won't get anything more than that. PG-13 2h 18m

A View from House Seats

Spelling Bee in Ojai lively and fresh

by Shirley Lorraine

How good is your spelling? Could you compete with the "kids" in the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee now onstage at the Ojai Arts Center Theater? A winner of both a Tony and Drama Desk award for Best Book, this charmingly engaging musical will delight all ages.

Director Gai Jones has assembled a fully capable cast and embellished the show with additional background characters, giving many an opportunity to participate in this summer musical. In addition, four audience members are asked to volunteer each performance as contestants, resulting in an ever-changing footprint for some creative improvisation. The cast all handle the variables quite well.

The scene is a junior high gymnasium complete with mascot notes and posters. As each contestant trickles in to sit on the bleachers, the audience glimpses their unique personalities. Each has familiar and recognizable traits. There is the nerd, the smart one, the Boy Scout, the over-achiever, the second runner up who participates by default, and the confused tween with two daddies.

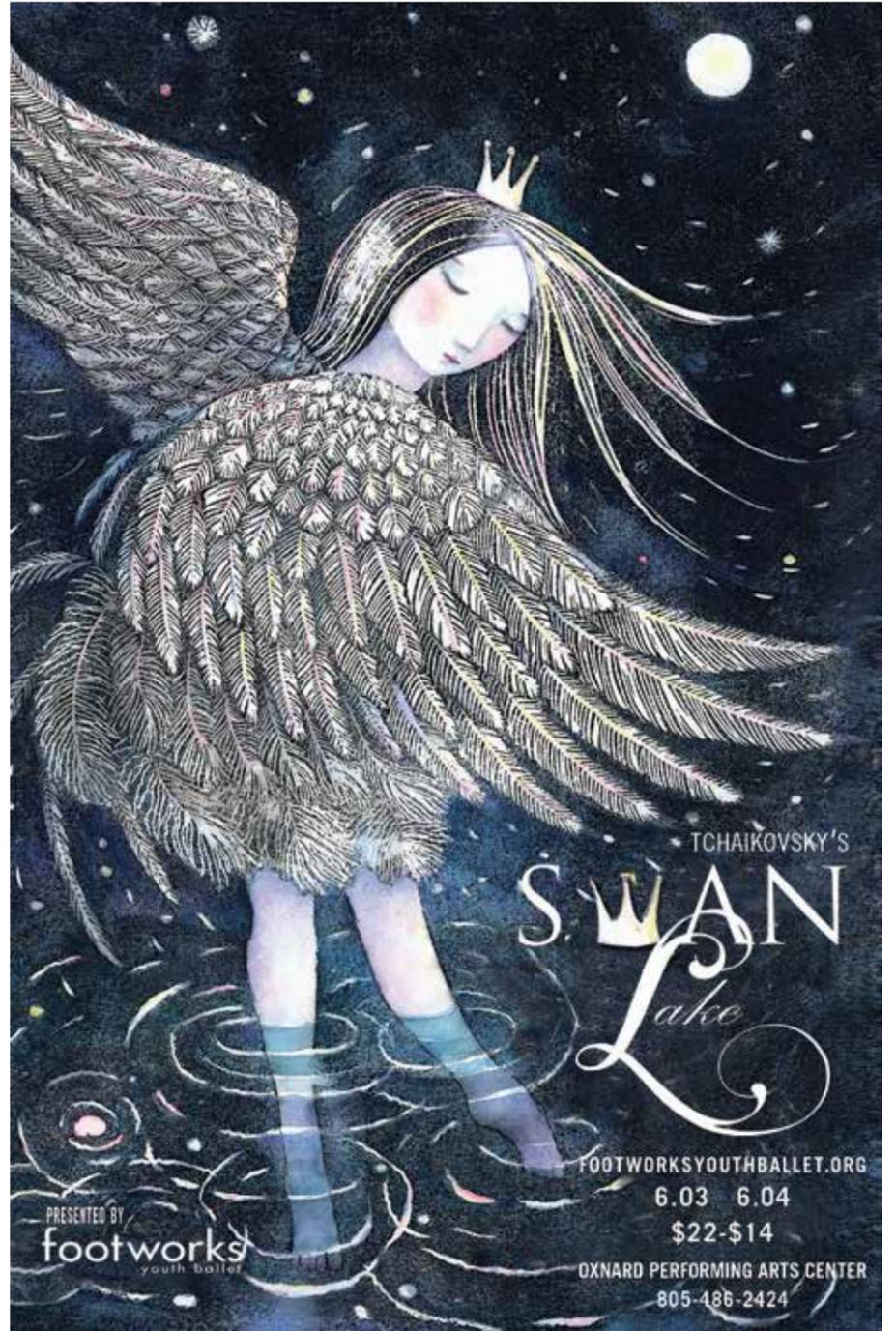
Standout characterizations are given by all six of the contestants – Jake Ayers, Hayley Silvers, Steven Silvers, Hayden Miller, Ava Burge and Arden Smith. Additional major contributors are Suzy Thatcher, Nelson Fox and Laura Ring all turning in solid performances.

Be ready to listen – the action moves quickly and the keyboard accompaniment by Greg Spaulding can at times overwhelm the voices. The well written book clearly is deserving of its awards and produces numerous laughs. The musical score, although pleasant, is less memorable.

The first act is where most of the real action is, while the second bogs down some in the backstories. Each character is given the platform to tell their story in song with varying results. Delivery quality is uneven in both tone and clarity. A highlight was Denise Heller's cameo as Olive's mom. All sing with heartfelt enthusiasm throughout.

While I consistently applaud the Ojai Art Center Theater for the excellent community inclusion they always bring to their productions, I have one serious request. Throughout the production Friday evening, the tech crew at the back of the house carried on conversations that were quite distracting to my guest and me. A loud audience member would be shushed or escorted out of the theater for such behavior. Between trying to filter that out and hear over the keyboard, I, at least, had a hard time hearing the lyrics. Perhaps others were not bothered, but I would caution the crew to remember that once the show opens, the audience is the customer. Tech problems should not be ironed out while paid patrons are in the theater.

The 25th Annual Putnam County



Spelling Bee is a fun, funny and lively musical filled with vivid characters and well worth catching. Sit toward the front.

Ojai Art Center Theater, 113 S. Montgomery Street, (805) 640-8797 www.OjaiACT.org

All seats \$18, Seniors/Students/ Art Center Members \$15 Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 2:00 p.m. through June 4. NOTE summertime early curtain time.

Swan Lake is one of the most famous ballets in the classical repertoire

Footworks Youth Ballet presents for the first time Tchaikovsky's famous classical ballet *Swan Lake* in two full-length performances at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center at 2:00 p.m. on June 3rd and 4th. The tragic love story is about Odette, a princess who has been cursed by an evil sorcerer to become a swan by day but changed back to human form by night—a spell that can only be broken by a prince who swears his eternal love for her.

Swan Lake is one of the most famous ballets in the classical repertoire with demanding choreography for both principal dancers and the Corps de ballet. For those unfamiliar, Corps de ballet is the group of dancers who are not soloists, working as one beautiful unit with as many as 18-24 dancers. Their synchronized

movements and formations on stage provide a backdrop to the soloists but are in every way a magical component to the overall presentation. As artistic director Kirsten Oakley explains, "The Corps work is very demanding and requires much discipline to be done well."

The challenge doesn't stop there. Being a youth ballet, Oakley has challenged her dancers (ages 6-18) with versions of the classical choreography used for this ballet by large-scale ballet companies. She states, "Surprisingly, the students are so excited and thrilled to be learning it, in spite of the difficulty."

Oakley also challenges her senior dancers in principal roles partnered with male guest artists, an opportunity not often found in youth ballet companies.

Founded by Kirsten Oakley, Footworks Youth Ballet was created with the goal of providing a place for young people to thrive and grow through the joy of dance as they learn the art and discipline of classical ballet. Technique classes are offered through Oakley Ballet Center.

For each ballet production, Footworks Youth Ballet hosts a sold-out performance for over 3,000 school-aged children. Most of the tickets for the children are provided at the reduced fee of \$5.00 and many of the students qualify for free tickets. *Swan Lake*, presented by Footworks Youth Ballet
Sat. June 3, 2.00 pm
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Oxnard Performing Arts Center
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Wine in the Pines

by Mark & Debbie Bailey
Owners, The Wine Room Gallery, PMC

Fine wine lovers; mark your calendars for Saturday, June 10th, for the annual Pine Mountain Club "Wine in the Pines" in the Pine Mountain Village Center, an easy and scenic 90-minute drive from Ventura.

From 1-4pm (noon to 4pm with a VIP ticket) you'll be able to taste exciting wines from throughout California's wine-growing regions, with dozens of premiere wineries to choose from. If you need a break from too much fine wine, then enjoy some cold craft beer or cider from several wonderful breweries. And then there's the food; some of Kern County's favorite restaurants will be on hand serving everything from classic gourmet finger-food to good-ol' western barbeque, to Asian and other culinary delights to compliment the fine wine.

Want a food pairing for the brews? Then how about a bacon-wrapped gourmet hot dog from "Brazil's Gourmet Hot Dogs" of Bakersfield? Feel like cooling off and satisfying that exotic sweet tooth? "Mountain Dream Café and Ice Cream" will be serving ice cream topped with Late Harvest Ampelos Cellars Viognier.

Due to its immense popularity last year, we will once again have a specific Lompoc Wine Ghetto section in the PMC Village Center, featuring many of the wonderful Ghetto Wineries.

Great live music and wine-themed vendors completes this wonderful heavenly mountain setting. Proceeds this year benefits the American Cancer Society and various local non-profits.

You must be 21 or older to purchase tickets for Wine in the Pines and ID's will be checked at the entrance. General Admission to the wine festival is just \$55 in advance and \$70 at the door if any tickets remain. VIP tickets allow for an intimate early noon entry. They are \$80.00 and must be purchased in advance. This event usually sells out, so buy your tickets early. Admission includes wine & beer tasting, a logo glass, a custom wine glass holder plate, fabulous food, live music and scenery like none other.

Pine Mountain Club is located just 20 minutes west of Interstate 5 at the Frazier Park exit. For a map and directions, hotel and cabin rental links and other information, go to www.wineinthepines.com, or email info@wineinthepines.com.

Tickets for Wine in the Pines can be purchased online at the event website: www.wineinthepines.com. Wineries wishing to pour at this world-class event can click on the winery link also located on our website.