The Ventura Hillsides Conservancy (VHC) recently added four new members to the nonprofit land trust’s board of trustees. They are: Dennis Kulzer, Susan LeFevre, Scott Weiss and Don Wood, bringing total board membership to 11. Each of them bring a diverse and professional background that adds expertise and personal qualities that fit well with VHC’s mission to permanently protect the scenic beauty of our region.

Kulzer is an avid outdoorsman who was born and raised in Southern California and enjoys hiking, backpacking, running and bicycling. He retired in 2013 after serving as the City of Ventura’s fleet services supervisor for 10 years. He has also coordinated international rescue efforts for 400,000 refugees at Rwandan refugee camps in Western Tanzania.

In addition to serving on the VHC board, Kulzer volunteers with Channel Islands Restoration, local homeless programs, and the Ventura Botanical Gardens.

LeFevre is an adjunct professor at California State University Channel Islands and an independent education consultant. She has previously served as the Program Manager for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy/STEM Initiative, Executive Director of the Ventura County Leadership Academy, and as the Program Manager for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy/STEM Initiative.

The Ventura Police supports the local community

The Ventura Police Community Foundation (VPCF) Board of Directors invites the community to a Fall Night Out at Barrelhouse 101, 545 E. Thompson Blvd. on November 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The VPCF mission is to foster mentoring opportunities for Ventura Police Officers to provide mentoring opportunities for local youth. Special outings to sporting events and entertainment venues allow an opportunity for at-risk youth to enjoy time with officers and develop impactful relationships. The support of the foundation goes directly back to the community and the police department. Join us at Barrelhouse 101 on November 9 to learn about our efforts and join us in making Ventura a better and safer community for all.

This is a no host event. Guests are encouraged to mention VPCF at point of sale. 20% of proceeds will be donated to the VPCF. Questions? Please contact 339-4317 or abautista@venturapd.org.

The Ventura Police Department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop at Art’s Corner Café, 1907 E. Thompson Blvd. on Thursday, November 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The community is invited to come together in a friendly, informal environment to discuss community issues, build relationships and enjoy a good cup of coffee.

Most contacts police officers have with the public happen during emergent or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building.

The Ventura Police Department invites residents to participate in district based elections map process

The City of Ventura encourages residents to participate in the district based elections map process with easy to use tools now available on the City’s website at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/districtelections. Citizens can create their own maps by using the one page map (available in English or Spanish), an online Excel file to map population units by district, or by using the interactive on-line drawing tool. The deadline to submit all draft maps is November 17, 2017. All draft maps meeting the rules set by the Federal Voting Rights Act and the California Voting Rights Act will be considered by the City’s demographer, National Demographics Corporation, and the Ventura City Council.

Community members can pick-up printed maps in the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, Room #204, 301 Poli Street, use their own map, sketch one on a piece of paper, or provide written comments/descriptions for the districts.

Draft maps can be submitted to National Demographics Corporation via fax to (818) 254-1221, email to Ventura@NDCresearch.com, or mail to PO. Box 5271, Glendale, CA. 91221. All draft maps meeting the requirements will be considered by the City Council and published on the City’s website one week before the meeting at which they will be discussed.

The Ventura City Council is slated to adopt an ordinance establishing the district boundaries by January 14, 2018.
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These events are educational only and information regarding SCAN Health Plan will not be available. SCAN Health Plan® is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in SCAN Health Plan depends on contract renewal. Please visit www.scanhealthplan.com for more information.

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Congratulations to Officer Miguel Espinoza who has been selected as the Ventura Police Crime Fighter of the Month for November. Miguel was nominated by his peers for his teamwork, thoroughness and positive attitude. His co-workers appreciate his work ethic, willingness to assist and take pride in the way he represents our department to the community. Please join us in congratulating Officer Espinoza!

Ventura Police supports community

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and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street or during the course of their duties. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows time for relaxed one-on-one interaction. Engaging the community in public safety efforts is a top priority of the Ventura Police Department. They offer monthly opportunities at Community Council meetings to learn about crime trends and crime prevention. They also provide regular community meetings and neighborhood meetings upon request. Coffee with a Cop is an additional opportunity for residents to get to know the officers that serve Ventura.

Similar events are being held across the country as police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. Coffee with a Cop provides an opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department’s service. There is no formal agenda, just a casual opportunity to voice concerns and share ideas. This is a no host event.
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Conservancy adds members to Board

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Curator of Education for the Carnegie Art Museum. She has a long history of involvement with non-profit institutions and currently serves on the Oxnard College Foundation Board. Susan enjoys hiking in the mountains of California.

Weiss, a Certified Public Accountant, has lived in Ventura for more than 50 years. He is the managing partner of the CPA firm Weiss, Bowens, and Magson LLP, a licensed real estate broker and serves as an arbitrator for the Ventura County Bar Assoc. A semi-professional trumpet player and musical conductor, he is passionate about music, passing on that enthusiasm as the founder and Executive Director of Music 4 Kids. When not making music, Weiss enjoys hiking, biking and traveling.

Wood was born in western Pennsylvania, grew up in California and spent his youth hiking and biking in the countryside of Ventura County. A graduate of Occidental College, he recently completed a 34-year career in the telecommunications industry. Wood has been actively engaged in Ventura community service for nearly 30 years serving as a member and past president of the Ventura Education Partnership.

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As you probably know, the State has mandated that Ventura selects councilmembers by districts, and not at-large. The City Council is working to make this happen.

I certainly agree that more racial diversity on the council is important. But I do not agree with those appraising at City Council meetings saying that they are underserved in Ventura because we have an all-white City Council.

I have not observed our City Council slighting areas of Ventura because of the “whiteness” of the members or appear to not consider the needs of all citizens. Though, I do agree that more minority representation on the Council would be a good thing so that Al Venutran’s feel that they are represented equally.

A good example of this is the Westside. Many people on the Westside requested a new park, the Council took action and found the funds to create Kellogg Park.

The Westside contains one of the most comprehensive, and most utilized parks in Ventura, Westpark. It provides the only public indoor basketball court in Ventura, the Boys and Girls Club, what was one of only two city libraries (we will soon have a third), a senior center and a bike path for Ojai.

Having districts still might not make the council more diverse, though, as only voting will do that. According to “city-data.com” Ventura is 25% Hispanic, which is about 27,800 residents. This is much more than enough voters needed to put a Hispanic member on the council.

I don’t understand why some folks put out all three of their trash cans on pick-up day. If they can’t remember which two cans will be picked up, they can just lock up and don’t need to sit on the street to see what neighbors have done.

Funny regulation that doesn’t seem to make sense. A neighbor got cited by the city for parking his boats on his driveway - but on gravel. Venture ordinance says, “All driveways, drive aisles, parking areas, and accesses to such parking areas required by this chapter as well as all outdoor display areas for vehicles and all outdoor storage areas, shall be completely surfaced with asphalt or Portland cement concrete or other acceptable surfacing materials, including permeable materials such as block pavers, properly approved by the city engineer.” Adequate drainage shall be provided for all such surfaced and paved areas in accordance with the requirements of the building official and the city engineer.

As a result, his boats, that were parked about 20 feet back from the street, had to be moved right up to the sidewalk for all to see.

The Ventura City Council is considering how to spend the rest of this year’s money coming from our recently passed sales tax. Voters approved Measure O in November, and it is expected to bring in about $10.8 million per year.

There is an oversight committee that makes recommendations to the council on how to spend the money. Even though the council is not legally bound by the committee’s recommendations, it is good that the committee continues to advise the council on how to best use the money on our behalf.

These are the council members:
1. Kenneth May
2. Kristopher Hansen, Bill Hickman,
3. Sharon Gold
4. Jordan A. Baller
5. Bill Burkett
6. Bill Anderson

They are very good at taking care of it. I had known that, I would have gone there to cool off.

I know that people kill people because of the “whiteness” of the council. If people to kill people if they can shoot 600 of them from the 32nd floor of a nearby hotel in a matter of minutes.

I have changed my mind about the second amendment being law. I think that we should adhere to it but it should just allow single shot guns available in 1791 when it was passed.

I don’t understand people that say professional athletes should just play sports, shut-up and not express their opinions about politics or anything else. They have the same rights to their opinions as you and me. Blame the media (and Trump) for making a big deal out of their opinions if you want to blame someone.

There is much concern about some athletes expressing their views by not playing actively while the National Anthem plays before sporting events. To me, the answer is quite simple - don’t play the anthem at sporting events. I don’t understand why it is played to begin with. What does it have to do with a sporting event?

Mailbox

Editor:

My opinion is that opinions are very overopinionated.

Kenneth May

Kenneth: How esoteric. You are a great thinker.

Breeze:

It’s the first week of November and already it’s getting hard to find a parking spot, traffic at Mills and Main is impossible, shopkeepers are firing Tuesday greetings at me like I was in the hollow tip rounds and a noxious cloud of Christmas music is beginning to surround me. Contrary to Fox News, nobody declared war on Christmas; Christmas declared war on me.

Alfred J. Lewis

Opinions:

Some stores had Christmas up in September. How about a year-round Christmas store so the other stores could focus on the present holiday? It’s hard enough to find Thankgiving (102 vs 100). If

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The many benefits of Traditional Thai Massage

Greg Ryan Glass, LMT, is a licensed massage therapist, here in Ventura, with nearly two decades of experience in natural health care. Glass studied at 15 different schools of natural medicine and the focus of his private practice is in Traditional Thai Massage.

Thai Massage (known as Nuad Plaen Boran in Thailand) is a therapeutic form of bodywork and yoga therapy that is a part of Traditional Thai Medicine that was developed over thousands of years ago. Credit is given to an Ayurvedic doctor named Jivaka Komar Bhacca (who is believed to have been the Buddha’s physician). Dr. Jivaka is revered in Thailand as the “father of medicine” and therapists in Thailand offer prayers to Dr. Jivaka before starting any massage sessions.

Glass spent several months in Thailand receiving one-on-one training under several world-renowned teachers of Thai massage. As an Ayurvedic naturopath, Glass focuses on comprehensive wellness, working to heal the mind, body and spirit. He personalizes programs to fit each individual’s needs.

“There is enough research and experience, I’ve found that every individual’s journey to health is unique,” said Glass. “Regardless of who they are — their age, body type or flexibility — my goal is to have them leave here feeling better than they came.”

Thai massage is truly an art and Thai massage therapists understand that the flowing transitions between positions and the state of mind of the therapist are as important as the techniques themselves. Thai massage is a deep, focused and meditative full body treatment. Also known as Thai-Yoga Massage, it includes therapeutic stretching, rhythmic deep tissue compression (using mostly palms, forearms, knees and feet) and acupressure. It is often called “lazy man’s yoga” because the client is passive and completely supported in all positions by the therapist.

Traditional Thai Massage is a deep, focused and transformative experience for the client. Thai massage can help with stress, pain, range of motion limitations, poor circulation, respiratory problems, sleep issues, anxiety, immune system problems and adrenalin burnout.

**Traditional Thai Massage sessions are available in Ventura and done by Greg Ryan Glass, LMT at A Place of Peace Wellness Center on Sperry Ave. (831)331-7739, www.thaimassageventura.com**

Steve Burkhardts Smokers and Grills from coach to retailer

Photo and article by Richard Lieberman

Steve Burkhardts Smokers and Grills is one of Ventura’s newest businesses. Open for business since last August, Burkhardts journey to retail sales is a long way from where he came. Their products are high end smokers and grills manufactured by the Green Mountain Grill Company powered by pellets of varying flavors.

Steve, originally from Chicago, is a retired teacher/coach at Moorpark College where he coached men’s and women’s tennis, cross country and track. Steve, after retiring from coaching, decided to work in the coast to coast grill and smoke business. For this reason Steve and his wife, Marla, opened Burkhart’s Smokers and Grills. The business is located at 7759, www.thaimassageventura.com

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Wednesday, November 29, 2017
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The City of San Buenaventura (City of Ventura/City) has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to notify the public, responsible and trustee agencies that as the Lead Agency the City will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for implementation of the Ventura Water Supply Projects. The NOP is available for review at the City’s Clerk Office located at 501 Poli Street, Room 204, Ventura, CA 93002 online at https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10084 or visit www.venturawater.net, click Library of Reports and scroll to Public Notice.

The City is proposing to develop new water supplies to augment its water supply portfolio consistent with the City’s recently completed 2017 Comprehensive Water Resources Report (CWR) and 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The EIR will analyze certain water supply alternatives outlined in the CWR and UWMP including maximizing potable reuse of recycled water through implementation of the VenturaWaterPure Project, accessing imported water through implementation of the Ventura Water Supply Projects. The NOP is available for review at the City’s Clerk Office located at 501 Poli Street, Room 204, Ventura, CA 93002 online at https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10084 or visit www.venturawater.net, click Library of Reports and scroll to Public Notice.

The City is soliciting the views of responsible and trustee agencies, as well as other members of the public, including interested persons, organizations, and agencies, as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be evaluated in the EIR. The complete NOP contains more information about the project including figures showing the future location of the proposed facilities. The NOP will be used by the City Council when considering approval of the projects and any related discretionary approvals, as well as by state and federal agencies in considering discretionary permits and approvals for project(s) implementation.

All comments to the NOP are due no later than December 1, 2017. Please send your comments to the mailing address or email address shown below. Include a return address or email address and a contact name in your agency or group with your comments.

City of Ventura
Gina Dorrington,
501 Poli Street, Room 120
Ventura, CA 93002-0099
gdorrington@venturawater.net

A scoping meeting will be held to receive comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR. The scoping meeting will include a brief presentation providing an overview of the proposed water supply projects and the CEQA process. After the presentation, oral comments will be accepted. Written comment forms will be supplied for those who wish to submit comments in writing at the scoping meetings. Written comments also may be submitted any time prior to the NOP comment due date. The scoping meeting will be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 501 Poli Street, Ventura CA 93001 on November 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Ventura events
by Ana Baker


There will be a regular Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St., Wednesday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Several people usually stay for a drink and a bite to eat afterward. Bring an interesting topic to discuss if you can.

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

Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. Instruction every night. Located at the Moose lodge, 1609 Telephone Road. More information at countrylovers.com.

Ventura County Philatelic Society meets the first and third Mondays each month. Do you collect stamps? Come spend the evening with us. We are a fun group. 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Fourtails, 6279 Football Rd. Admission and parking free. Contact Bill Garner 320-1601.

Mended Hearts of Ventura meet the first Tuesday each month at the Community Memorial Hospital - 8th floor. We have excellent speakers - leading Cardiologists, Nutritionists, Dietitians, etc. from our area. Come share with us if you have had heart surgery or heart implant. Contact: Bill Garner 320-1601.

DBSA Ventura County support group for depression and bipolar disorder meets Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Free peer-led support group meeting at the Encounter Bible Church, 2610 Balston St. 663-0736 for recorded information or visit www.DBSAlliance.org.

Assistance League of Ventura County creating “A Brighter Tomorrow for Today’s Children” holds its monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the Chapter House, 913 East Santa Clara St. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., meeting begins at 10:00, with guests and new members welcome. Find more information assistanceleagueventuracounty. org or Email alvcouncil@hotmail.com. Telephone: Monday – Thursday 8 - 2 p.m. 641-8158

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Steve Burkhart’s Smokers

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Women’s volleyball. After spending 24 years at the college, Burkhart retired last May. “Opening a retail business was not in my retirement plans” said Burkhart. While on vacation Burkhart an avid barbecue cook met another with as much an avid interest in barbecue as he. They began to talk, and Burkhart learned about Green Mountain BBQ/smokers. He became excited at the possibility of an opportunity to do something far different than his original vocation.

Contacting the Green Mountain Company to see if he could find an opportunity selling their products. One of Green Mountain conditions to becoming a dealer was that he have a retail space to show Green Mountain grills and smokers. Burkhart now needed a retail space to even get started. A longtime friend who owns a catering company in Ventura Scooter Catering offered Burkhart some space at their location 2645 Palma Suite 200 in Ventura. Here is available to the public an opportunity to view and discover Green Mountain grills.

Burkhart has also planted a smoker in the Main Street Market in Ventura where the public can see and taste the difference that these grills/smokers make in cooking meats.

The company has also catered a surfer beach event “where I cooked for 45-50 people” added Burkhart showing off the superior nature of his products. “It isn’t like I need to do this, I am comfortable in my retirement, but I just love to grill, and these grills changed my thinking what Barbecue is all about” Burkhart added. “I live this so much it is just like a hobby to me” said Burkhart.

Burkhart is planning some marketing opportunities in the city. He intends to have space at many of Ventura’s regular events, and is even thinking about space at the fair next year. His first marketing idea was to advertise in the Ventura Breeze. “The Breeze is very interesting to me” said Burkhart.

The Pellets that are used for these unique smokers will be a big part of the business, and he carries four different types of pellets each giving a unique taste to cooked meats.

We at the Breeze welcome this new business to the community. Demonstrations and smoker views are available by appointment and you can give Steve a call at 238-1781.

Local civic leaders came together on Oct.26 for their induction into the Founders’ Society of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura.

To recognize the civic leaders who over the past 80 years have had a role in realizing the vision of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura, the organization in 2015 established a Founders’ Society. Each year, an induction ceremony is held to add new esteemed members.

This year has six new inductees: Tom Hinkle; posthumous inductees Robert Addison and Dan Mandell; and Harrison Industries co-owners and brothers Jim, Myron and Ralph Harrison. The brothers join their parents, E.J. and Myra Harrison, who were inducted in February of 2016.

Recipients have made lasting contributions in service to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura over the course of 10 years or more.

Club Board President Rick Price said of the inductees, “These leaders are, in every sense, the people who developed the Club to its prominent role of service to our children.”

“We hold these individuals in the highest esteem,” Club CEO Patt Bingham added, “and give honor to them for their vision, dedication and unrelenting efforts to provide the positive change that we seek for the future of our community’s youth.”

The local club currently provides services to approximately 2,000 kids per year, 1,200 of them being members, and has an average daily attendance of 350 kids. The Club provides services to youth within the Ventura, Saticoy and Oak View Communities. Worth noting: A recent independent study revealed that 97 percent of Boys & Girls Club members are on track to graduate from high school, 92 percent have demonstrated increased self-confidence and 83 percent have improved family relations.

Learn more about the Ventura club at www.bgclubventura.org or call 641-5885.

Friends’ Society inductees announced

Cabrillo receives Bank of America Foundation Grant

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation has awarded Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation a $12,000 grant to support Cabrillo’s Homeownership Center’s financial literacy and homeownership programs.

Omar Madrigal, CEDC Homeownership Center Director, Heidi Reyes Education and Counseling Services Manager and Margarita H. De Escoriendas, Chief Executive Officer, received the grant check from Midge Campbell-Thomas, Bank of America’s Market Manager for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, along with Yeni Vazquez, CEDC Homeownership Counselor.

The center offers foreclosure mitigation, pre- and post-purchase homebuyer education, and credit and counseling sessions to those interested in improving their economic situation. NeighborWorks certified and HUD-approved counselors provide all services in both Spanish and English.

“This grant will provide 400 low- to moderate-income families in Ventura County access to counseling services that will help them navigate the homeownership process,” said HomeOwnership Center Director, Omar Madrigal.

Madrigal said he is grateful for the support of Bank of America and its commitment to the community and Cabrillo.

District based elections map process

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2018, and will be effective for the 2018 Election. Residents are encouraged to attend the upcoming Public Hearings on district based elections December 4, and December 11, 2017, at City Hall. A certified interpreter will be on hand for the public hearings.

For a complete list of key dates, administrative reports and frequently asked questions visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/districtelections. The City will be working to keep this webpage up-to-date as we progress through discussions on districts.
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News & Notes

Ventura Unified School District high school countdown!

by Jennifer Tipton

El Camino High School

Located on the Ventura College campus at 61 Day Rd., El Camino high school is an alternative school for college bound students. This campus opened in 2008 and is quite different from the conventional high schools because attendance is based on work completion, not being physically present in the classroom. While El Camino is primarily independent study, students may also take classes at Ventura College. Providing grades 9-12, students keep the same teacher throughout all four years, this fosters a relationship between each student and teacher, providing an opportunity for the teacher to also function as a coach.

Enrollment is about 300 with a student teacher ratio of no more than 35:1 however, students only meet with their teacher a couple times each week. The vision statement for El Camino high is to provide students with a supportive and caring academic environment, rich in opportunity, choice, accountability and challenge.

In her 6th year as principal, Cheryl Burns states that what makes El Camino unique from other high schools is the blend of individualized education plans and flexibility. Principal Burns states, "although we still want them to have that high school experience, our students are also pursuing their outside passions." The school mascot is the eagle and although there is no athletic program at El Camino, students are eligible to play sports at their boundary school (this is the high school they would normally attend based on where they live).

There really is no homework as the school is already an independent study curriculum, all assignments are congruent and relevant to the individualized education plan. I am told it’s the students from El Camino that started the "iMatters" youth council here in Ventura, these are a group of young activists getting involved in the community and Principal Burns proudly reports, "a lot of our students are doing community service internships." For more information visit: www.ventura.usd.org/ElCamino

CAPS Media covering civic events

Continued from page 11 hands-on instruction in videography, video editing, radio production and more. All classes begin at 6pm at the CAPS Media Center. Once trained member/producers may check out CAPS Media’s video cameras and other production equipment and book post-production editing suites to craft the program they want to share. Details of training and signups are at capsmedia.org/events.

Anyone who lives, works or attends school in the city of Ventura may become a Member/Producer. Annual membership fees are only $25 for an individual and $75 for a non-profit organization. CAPS Radio DJs require an additional annual fee of $50. For complete information go to capsmedia.org.

Ventura Harbor Village hosted a seaside Thrill the World celebration on Saturday, Oct. 29. The dancers learned the dance from Molly Hill, executive training director at FitZone in Ventura, and proceed from the dancer registration fees benefited the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

First time dancer Rosemary Lieberman stated “I watched the Thriller dance last year and thought it looked like a lot of fun. Then I found out it was a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, so what could be better, I get to donate to a worthy charity, dress up like a zombie and gather with other zombies to do this cool dance.” Photo by Richard Lieberman (who always looks scary).
Steve Spira came to Cypress Place with extensive hotel food and beverage management experience.

Steve Spira receives award

The California Assisted Living Association (CALA) is pleased to announce that Steve Spira with Cypress Place Senior Living, an Integral Senior Living community, has received the organization’s prestigious Outstanding Executive Director award at their Fall Conference & Trade Show in Rancho Mirage. CALA chooses recipients of these awards based on their commitment to providing outstanding, quality care and service to residents in the communities where they work. Spira received his award on November 6.

Spira came to Cypress Place with extensive hotel food and beverage management experience. His management skills, along with his focus on improving the customer experience through service, has gained him the respect of his team and the appreciation of residents and family members. Colleen Webb, Cypress Place’s business office director, says, “Through Steve’s leadership and teamwork style of management, we have grown closer and have become more effective as a team, all the while staying personally connected with residents and staff alike.”

Spira is skilled at hiring right-fit individuals and elevating them to positions where they can grow and maximize their talents. Residents say they feel protected, cared for, heard and understood by him. Given his accomplishments, he was promoted to Senior Executive Director, taking on responsibilities beyond his role at the community. Integral Senior Living’s Divisional Vice President of Operations, Jason Engelhorn, says, “Steve is extremely organized, creative, and a great spokesperson for his fellow executive directors.”

According to Spira, “When I started working with seniors I realized it was what I was supposed to be doing. It has brought such joy to my life. I get up each morning looking forward to everything about my work. Most of all I look forward to making a difference for all seniors that live at Cypress Place.”

With 625 provider members and growing, CALA is the only association solely representing the state’s Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, which encompass Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Continuing Care Retirement Communities. CALA provides leadership through advocacy efforts and education to support providers in their efforts to

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Jerry Mahoney

Jerry lived a storied life as a world traveler, businessman, explorer, military veteran and college graduate. Now in retirement, 70-year old Jerry is as busy as ever as a volunteer in Yosemite and teaching watercolor classes to seniors at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park on the shores of Puertop Bay here in the city of Ventura.

He and his lovely wife, Patricia, entertain in a small local community band. Jerry plays ukulele and Patricia is the lead female singer. The band features pop tunes from the thirties to the present.

Apart from his varied accomplishments, he's a lifelong surfer and participant in the California Street Surfing Championships in September, 2017. He placed 3rd in the Men’s Longboard Legends (age 70+) division. Way to go, Jerry.

After leaving the East Coast, Jerry landed in Redondo Beach where he started surfing in the late fifties. The Mahoney Clan dates back to old Ireland. Jerry originally hails from Boston, Massachusetts.

He studied at the California Maritime Academy, traveling the world as a cadet in the US Merchant Marine at the early age of seventeen.

Jerry’s professional career turned to work on the high seas as a navigator and a cargo officer on commercial ships in the days of celestial navigation. This included banana ships from Central and South America, and ammunition ships to Vietnam, during the war.

He owned a navigational instrument company on the US Gulf, making the only ship’s compass and became a certified compass adjuster in the USA.

Jerry's many talents found him racing sailboats and working on tall ships, including ocean crossings all over the world.

He later managed operations and business development on the US West Coast for some of the world’s largest steamship companies until his retirement in 2012.

He’s had a lifetime of hiking, backpacking, rock climbing and travel adventures, including jungles and mountains worldwide.

Jerry and his wife, Patricia, stayed at a biological research station in the Amazon basin of Ecuador, where they hiked to elevations of over 14,000 feet in the Andes. They haven’t missed a beat in retirement with their music interests and his painting classes. Jerry has been a watercolor painter for more than twenty-five years and has many accolades. He has won several first and second place awards at shows in Ventura.

His paintings began selling at local Ventura and Carpinteria restaurants, art shows and galleries in 2016.

Jerry was honored, this past summer, as a co-featured artist at an art opening show at the, “Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery”, on Main Street in downtown Ventura. He’s a contributing artist there, too.

Jerry said, “I have traveled the world and now I’m forever grateful to live in Ventura with my wife, Patricia. Ventura offers an environment that showcases the ocean, open-air beauty and serenity that I try to capture in my paintings and accompanying my wife with our musical interests.”

Do you know a senior that should be featured in the Breeze Senior Profile? If so email us at editor@venturabreeze.com for our consideration.
Senior Living

variety of services at no cost but it is not possible without volunteers like Bruce Archer who is a retired Chef from the Santa Paula Senior Center and volunteers wherever he is needed. The “Friendly Visitor” program is one of many services offered in Ventura County for those elders who are lonely and just need someone to stop by and say hello. Read the paper if they are having difficulty reading or just sit and play one of their favorite games. Socialization is part of living a longer and happier life so if you know someone who can benefit from this program or would like to volunteer, please call the Family Caregiver Resource Center at 420-9608.

Senior happenings in Ventura

Join the Ventura Council for Seniors (VCS) on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11 am. The next VCS meeting will be held Wed., Nov. 15 at Ventura Adult Continuing Education (VACE), 5200 Valentine Rd., Ventura.

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAA) is a resource we encourage Ventura adults to utilize. The VCAA is an agency of the County of Ventura, and is the principal agency charged with the responsibility to promote and advocate for the needs of those 60 years of age and older in the county, providing leadership and promoting citizen involvement in the planning process as well as in the delivery of services. For more information visit the VCAA website.

The Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships Senior Lunch Program will be holding two Thanksgiving Café Celebrations.

Thanksgiving luncheons, with all the trimmings, will be served at both the Eastside Café (Silvercrest, 750 S. Petit Ave.) & Westside Café (Ventura Avenue Adult Center, 550 N Ventura Ave) on Thursday, November 16. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am with a traditional meal including pumpkin pie for dessert. Sam Hobel will provide musical entertainment to attendees at the Westside Café. Both centers are currently taking required reservations for this event. There is a suggested donation for people 60+ of $3.00 and a $6.75 fee for people under 60 years. There is a sign-up sheet at the front desk at the Westside Café. At the Eastside Café, registration is being taken by kitchen staff. Spaces are filling fast, so sign up today! For more information visit the Adult & Senior Services webpage: https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/669/Adult-Senior-Services.

Understanding hospice and palliative care

Learn how hospice and palliative care support a person and their loved ones. Understand what transitions, challenges, and choices there are at the end of life. Identify when a person might be ready for palliative or hospice care.

Thursday, November 9, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Fremont Junior High School Cafeteria, 1130 N. “M” St., Oxnard. Presented by Teri Helton, RN, MSN, FCN, and Program Manager for Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association. Ms. Helton is a hospice nurse, faith community nurse, and educator.

For more information, please contact: Tri-County GLAD 644-6322 or info@tcglad.org 256-1053 (VP) www.tcglad.org 644-6323 (TTY)

The City of Ventura Parks and Recreation is offering a Zumba Gold series at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center from 12:00-1:00pm every Monday and Wednesday until January 17, 2018. Zumba Gold is perfect for all active adults, 50+, looking for a Zumba class at a lower-intensity level. This easy to follow class focuses on heart rate, balance, range of motion, and coordination. Come ready to sweat, leave feeling empowered, strong. Regain flexibility and strength while having fun learning a dance step or two!

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Memory Tree Lighting Ceremonies

Camarillo Tree of Life
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Camarillo Musical Guests
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Sherry Hursey
Mark David

Ojai Musical Guest

Prepared for you by Essie L. Landry
Sierra West Area

A lot of people have a difficult time understanding the difference between Medicare and Medicaid. Both programs begin with the letter “M.” They’re both health insurance programs run by the government. People often ask questions about what Medicare and Medicaid are, what services they cover, and who administers the programs.

Let’s start with Medicare. Medicare is the national healthcare program for those aged 65 or older and the disabled. You pay for some Medicare expenses by paying the Medicare tax while you work. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is the agency in charge of both Medicare and Medicaid, but you sign up for Medicare A (Hospital) and Medicare B (Medical) through Social Security.

You can apply for Medicare online from the convenience of your home at the link on our website: www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/. If you’re already receiving Social Security retirement benefits when you reach age 65 or are in the 26th month of receiving disability checks, we will enroll you automatically.

Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) and Part D (Prescription Drug) plans are available for purchase in the insurance marketplace. Social Security administers a program called Extra Help to help people with low income and low resources pay for premiums, co-pays, and co-insurance costs for Part D plans. You can find more about Extra Help and file for it at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescription-help. Each year, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services publishes Medicare and You available online at their website at www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/. This publication is a user’s manual for Medicare.

Each state runs their own Medicaid program under guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicare offers care for the most vulnerable among us. While it does not require paying taxes while working, it does have guidelines about how much income and resources you can have to qualify. Medicaid provides coverage for older people, people with disabilities, and some families with children. Each state has its own eligibility rules and decides which services to cover. The names of the Medicaid program may vary from state to state. You can read about each state’s Medicaid program at www.medicare.gov/medicaid-by-state.html. You can find each state’s Medicaid contact information at www.medicare.gov/about-us/contact-us/contact-state-page.html.

Medicare and Medicaid are two of the major insurance programs that provide healthcare to the American public. Understanding each program, as well as how the two programs differ, can help you and those you care about find the right healthcare program.

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All events are free to attend. For additional information please contact Maddy Hazard at (805) 642-0239 x775 or lightup@lmvna.org
Kids & Families Together celebrating new center with ribbon cutting

Kids & Families Together and the Ventura Chamber of Commerce celebrate the opening of their new center with a ribbon cutting and open house at 864 Santa Clara St. This celebration is on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 4-6:30 pm.

In addition to the headquarters for Kids & Families Together operations, the new center houses children's therapy rooms, training facilities and room to grow. Some of the services offered by Kids & Families Together include support groups, individual and family therapy, workshops, training, therapeutic visitation and kinship care. With this extra space, Kids & Families Together will be able to expand their programs and serve more families.

Kids & Families Together is a not-for-profit support, education and counseling resource center that provides services for individuals and families in foster care, kinship care and adoption, for the preservation of families and the physical, emotional and mental health of children. Kids & Families Together provides services through its collaboration with the Ventura County Human Services Agency and Ventura Behavioral Health Agency as well as other family serving organizations throughout Ventura County.

Their mission is to strengthen relationships by providing safe, supportive help that keeps family members emotionally connected to one another. Parents and caregivers need specialized education, and support that will enhance their ability to raise safe, and healthy children.

In addition to the new Santa Clara Center, Kids & Families Together has a Training Center in Camarillo and a Therapeutic Visitiation Center in Ventura. The celebration will also include tours of the center. Wine and appetizers will be served.

For more information about how to get involved with Kids & Families Together or utilize their services please contact: David Friedlander, President/CEO & Co-founder (818) 643-1446 x 100 or email david@kidsandfamilies.org.

Rotary Club to host 29th Annual Trivia Challenge

The Rotary Club of Ventura South will host its 29th annual Trivia Challenge fundraiser in support of the Ventura County Library's Adult Literacy Program on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 3882 Olivas Park Drive.

The popular event features a “Jeopardy-like” game in which teams of three people compete for trophies by answering a variety of questions on topics ranging from history to entertainment, sports and general trivia. Teams fall into four categories: Youth (under 25), Service Club (e.g., Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.), Business, and Individual Just for Fun. Entry fees are $875 per team and $125 for individuals. Spectators are welcome for $10.

All proceeds from the event will support the Ventura County Library's READ Program, which provides free one-on-one tutoring for adults who want to learn to read. The program also provides free books, special programs for dyslexic adults, computer-assisted instruction, second language reading instruction, and family literacy activities.

Additional details and sign-up forms are available on the Rotary Club of Ventura South's website: ventura-southrotary.org or by calling Don MacDonald at 657-8194 or Marty Moss 208-9292. Information on the Library's READ program is available online at vencolibrary.org, or by calling 677-7160.

Ventura Family YMCA to hold Prayer Breakfast

The Ventura Family YMCA is hosting its Annual Prayer Breakfast. The popular annual gathering of local religious and community leaders will feature keynote speaker, Chelsea Shaw. Shaw is a two time national champion with the University of Oregon's Acrobatic and Tumbling team and is currently a coach, athletic recruiter and motivational speaker.

As the daughter of a pastor, Shaw’s motto is “all you’ve got, all the time”, and she will share the story of how her faith helped her achieve her goals not only in her athletic career but also in her personal and professional life.

Along with Shaw’s appearance, attendees will enjoy breakfast generously donated by The Palms at Bonaventure as well as musical performances by Rubicon Harmonix and Laura Callen.

For 12 years, the Annual Prayer Breakfast has inspired and united the community to come together for the common good. This year eight churches, Anthem Church, Harvest Bible Chapel, New Harvest Ventura, River Community Church, Mission Church, South Coast Fellowship, Mission San Buenaventura and Temple Beth Torah have dedicated their time and efforts to making this event possible.

The Annual Prayer Breakfast will take place Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 am at the Ventura Family YMCA, 3760 Telegraph Road. The event is free for the community to attend but RSVPs are required by calling the YMCA at 642-2131 or by signing up online at ciymca.org/ventura.

The Ventura Family YMCA thanks its local volunteer heroes and extends an invite for more volunteers to give their time to upcoming opportunities to give back. As one of the leading nonprofit and volunteer organizations in the country, nearly 600,000 people volunteer at the Y each year and at the Ventura Y more than 200 donated their time this year through activities such as mentoring teens, coaching youth sports, serving on boards and committees, participating in community projects and spearheading fundraising drives.

For more information about the Ventura Family YMCA, visit http://www.ciymca.org/ventura/ or call 642-2131.

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The new center houses children's therapy rooms, training facilities and room to grow.

School on Wheels staff member Ian Cham is running 52 marathons in 2017 to raise awareness about homeless children. The Ventura Marathon was his 49th of the year and he came 55th out of 1008 runners with a personal best time of 3:15:18!

"Why am I running 52 marathons this year? Over 500,000 children experience homelessness in California each year; this campaign is about raising awareness and giving hope to a population all too forgotten and neglected. The hardest thing has been fitting the races into my busy year.

Catherine Meek, Executive Director of School on Wheels said, “We are so proud of Ian and his amazing achievement of running a marathon every week. We hope people will support him in his goal of raising awareness about the staggering problem of homeless children in our communities.”

To help with his goals go to http://www.igofundme.com/sancohrunning.

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Cirque du Soleil 1/21/18

Ventura Family YMCA to hold Prayer Breakfast
The Pet Page

- The Humane Society of Ventura County's annual Santa Paws holiday photo shoot is almost upon us. On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Ventura Beach Marriott will host the popular event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two weeks later, on Sunday, Dec. 3, the HSVC Shelter will host a second Santa Paws pet photo shoot, also from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shelter event will once again include its popular bake sale, where delicious handmade goodies will be available to purchase for your enjoyment. All proceeds from these events benefit the animals of the HSVC.

Adults and children are welcome to pose in their pets’ photos - with or without Santa. The shelter will have many festive pet costumes to doll up your pets if you are in the mood. In addition to cats and dogs, pocket pets, reptiles, rabbits and birds are all welcome!

Holiday photo shoot packages start at $30 and include five to 10 images. For a larger donation, you also will have access to some wonderful HSVC keepsakes, including a 2018 HSVC calendar. All images will be provided on-site on USB flash drives.

For over 30 years, the Humane Society of Ventura County Santa Paws has been providing high-quality holiday family portraits for county residents and beyond. “Having helped with Santa Paws since 1980, I can tell you this is one very fun event – and it’s especially fun for us to see the families grow through the years,” said Greg Cooper, HSVC Director of Community Outreach and official photographer for the event.

“Piglet,” a six-year-old Catahoula Leopard Dog, is rigorously trained and certified to find human remains on land and in water. Each year Piglet and handler, Lori Wells spend hundreds of hours training, testing, and answering the call of duty for law enforcement agencies in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah. At nearly 7 years old, Piglet has built a reputation as an unparalleled search resource. Read more about her in the next Ventura Breeze.

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Join Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)
**The Pet Page**

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

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Hi: I'm Miss Brandi and about as sweet as they come. A super mellow senior Staffie mix who absolutely loves attention. Being back in the shelter after being away for so long has left me feeling a bit blue, but maybe you can change that? I love walking and pays no attention to other dogs while out and about. When she's not on her walks, she calmly hangs out in her igloo resting. While my demeanor is on the calmer side, I really open up to people! Canine Adoption and Rescue League C.A.R.L.

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On October 28 the Pierpont Racquet Club held their 1st Annual Pooch Costume Parade. Dogs of all shapes and colors were entered as they paraded through the Club and were sure not to bark in order to not distract the players. Fun prizes and refreshments for pooches and their buddies were provided.

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Open Thanksgiving Day

Some Ventura library events

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Bilingual Early Literacy Class 11/13, 20, 27
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CraftRoom 11/11, 25 Saturdays 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
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SuperBrain Yoga 11/18
Saturday 10:00 — 12:00 pm
Improve memory, achieve mental clarity, and gain emotional calmness.

Some Audubon events

Nov. 5: 8:00 a.m. Work Day Hedrick Ranch. Leader: Sandy Hedrick 340-0478. Arrive at 8:00 for birding which usually yields some interesting birds. Work from 9am. - noon. Long pants and boots or closed shoes are required. Bring water, gloves & sun protection.

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News and Notes

On Nov. 1 & 2 elementary and middle school students from the Ventura and Oxnard school districts participated in the Mobile Oilfield Learning Units (MOLU) program at the Museum of Ventura County and Nov. 3 at Oxnard College. Approximately, 190 students visited the MOLU each day. The unit consists of six self-contained components with curriculum-based, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities about energy and the processes involved with the oil and natural gas industry.

The local MOLU visit is sponsored by local oil and gas producers Aera Energy, California Resources Corporation, Sempra Resources, Renaissance Petroleum and Western States Petroleum Association who partner with local schools and community organizations to enhance STEM education in Ventura County. Employees from the companies were on-site to assist students as they engage with the MOLU activities.

Students were provided STEM career pathway materials developed through the educational ‘Careers in Energy’ program.

The students in the photo were one of two classes from Cabrillo Middle School who visited the exhibit.

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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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

Stolen Vehicles/Residential Burglary Arrest

On October 28, at 6:45am, the Ventura Police Command Center received an additional call of an interrupted residential burglary in 2800 block of Harbor Blvd. Officers later identified that the suspect later identified as 27 year old Oxnard resident Vincente Quimione, had left in a vehicle southbound on Harbor Blvd with a large amount of property.

The occupied stolen vehicle was located with the assistance of LoJacket at the 24th St and Spinnaker Dr. Officers conducted a high risk stop on the vehicle and took the suspect into custody without incident.

Quimione was arrested and booked into Ventura County Jail for residential burglary, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, and two outstanding felony warrants.

Registered Sex Offender Compliance Sweep

On October 27 at 8am, twenty-three officers from multiple allied agencies including the Ventura Police Department, Simi Valley Police Department, FBI, Homeland Security, and County Probation conducted a citywide compliance check of registered sex offenders in advance of Halloween night. Registered sex offenders were prohibited from passing out treats or displaying any decorations on the outside of their residences.

Officers inspected thirty-nine locations that resulted in two arrests. 51 year old Ventura resident Christopher Kehr was arrested at his residence in the 6900 block of Norton Ave for felony violations of his probation terms, narcotic use, and two felony warrants. 64 year old Ventura resident Eric Rasmussen was arrested at his residence in the 200 Block of S Petit Ave for felony violations of his probation terms and possession of sexually explicit material.

Felons in possession of a firearm

On October 30, at approximately 1am, Ventura Police Patrol Officer conducted a traffic stop on a suspect vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, 37 year old Ventura resident Christopher Kehr, was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Heroin, and drug paraphernalia. Kehr was taken into custody and for the two warrants.

Stabbing

On November 1, at approximately 3am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of an injured subject on the Ventura Promenade.

Officers arrived on scene and located a victim of a stab wound to the torso. The victim was transported by ambulance to the Ventura County Medical Center for treatment of neck injury.

The ensuing investigation revealed that there was possibly an altercation on the promenade prior to the stabbing. The victim was cooperative during the investigation.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information about this crime is urged to contact Sgt. Cain at 339-4488.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

10-23 10:25am, while on patrol in the vehicle, officers observed increasing swell/dangerous rip currents and contacted State Parks to inquire about closing coverage of the areas. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with a female who fainted, then injured her hip in the fall. The patient was transported to local hospital for evaluation.

10-27 8:57am, received a dispatch to a fall patient at 1900 Spinnaker Drive. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with a female who fainted, then injured her hip in the fall. The patient was transported to local hospital for evaluation.

11-55pm, while on patrol in the vehicle, officers observed a red parachute flare over the South Basin of the harbor. After a brief investigation, it was determined no emergency existed, just an "accidental" launch of a WWII flare. Warnings were issued for the unapproved testing of the safety device.

10-28 12:05pm, received a dispatch to a 6 car traffic accident at Harbor/Schooner. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with the call. One person was transported to local hospital for evaluation of neck injury.

10-29 12:55am, monitored PD responding to a large fight at 1500 Spinnaker parking lots. Officers staged and monitored multiple PD units dealing with a crowd of approximately 300 people attending a Halloween costume party. No injuries or arrests were reported or observed in the call.

5:10pm, conducting several safety inspections of small vessels engaged in fishing around the breakwall. Also advising of the dangerous conditions due to the very large surf.
Tech Today with Ken May

What’s new in Windows 10 Fall Creators Update

After a little more than two years, Microsoft has finally settled into a rhythm with its new, fast-paced development for Windows 10. What Microsoft’s marketers are calling the Fall Creators Update (officially version 1709) began arriving on desktop PCs on 10/18 via Windows Update and will soon be available for download at all the usual places.

This is the fourth feature update to Windows 10 in a little over two years. And that pace will continue, with new feature updates (essentially full upgrades) due on a predictable twice-yearly cadence going forward. As with previous feature updates, there are no last-minute surprises in this update. It’s been developed in the open, with dozens of preview releases to members of the Windows Insider Program.

Every Wi-Fi connection now has a prominent option to configure whether it’s part of a public or private network, as shown here. In every previous version, that option was difficult to locate.

Similarly, the venerable Task Manager has been given a major overhaul, as shown here. In earlier feature updates, the Task Manager was designed to improve the experience for users, and the latest release also incorporates changes that don’t interrupt whatever you’re doing now. In addition, the Windows Update display now offers detailed information about the status of individual updates, so you don’t have to wonder whether anything’s happening in the background.

The long list of improvements to the security architecture of Windows 10 starts with a momentous change. The horrific insecurity SMBv1 protocol is being removed from clean installs of Windows 10. (The SMBv1 component will continue to be installed on upgrades where they are already enabled, only approved apps can now access Windows system files and data folders. You can customize the list of data folders and whitelist specific apps, using the instructions in this online documentation: Protect important folders with Controlled folder access.)

If your business needs help upgrading to this version, call Swift Chip at 1-866-326-2008.

Finally, there’s Windows Defender Application Guard, a security feature that lets Hyper-V virtual machines create sandboxed browser sessions using Microsoft Edge. For now, this feature is available only in Windows 10’s Insider edition but reserva-

There are many other useful new features and updates as well, so this looks like a must-do free upgrade!

CMH presents a tinglying seminar and “A Thanksgiving Program.”

Tingling and burning sensations in the hands and feet will be the focus of a future Seminar. Community Memorial Health System seminar.

This condition, known as peripheral neuropathy, affects an estimated 15 million people in the United States. Symptoms can range from numbness and tingling to burning, pricking and even muscle weakness.

At the seminar, Dr. Neda Heidari, who specializes in neuropsychology and neurology, will discuss ways to manage symptoms and help alleviate the discomfort. Dr. Heidari is a member of the American Academy of Neurology and an active member of the medical staff of Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura.

The seminar will begin at 6 p.m. on Nov. 8, in the eighth-floor Nicholas Auditorium at Community Memorial Hospital, 147 N. Brent St.

Registration is free but reservations are required. To secure reservations, please visit www.cmhshotel.org/ rsp or call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006.

Nov. 10: Happy Hours Free Thanksgiving Program on Nov. 16: “Stories of Life’s Joys & Challenges”

Donations of toys, food, diapers and other items are sought for Ventura County charities.

How do we cope with the good and bad things we face? Everyone must overcome hardships like illness, natural disasters, job loss and the deaths of loved ones.

There are lessons to be learned about recovering and thriving after challenging experiences. At this time of year when people give thanks, Community Memorial Health System is sharing personal and inspiring stories that help teach others how to build resilience, strength and hope during trying times.

"Stories of Life’s Joys and Challenges: A Thanksgiving Program" is a free Ethics United Methodist Church and part of Community Memorial Health System’s 2017 Speaker Series. The program starts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Museum of Ventura County. James Horstein, M.D., CMHS Bioethics Committee Chair, will serve as moderator.

Attendees are encouraged to bring donations of toys, food, diapers and toiletries for three charity efforts: Ventura County’s FOOD Share food bank; Gabriel’s House, a transitional support organization for women and children; and the Ventura County Fire Department’s Spark of Love toy drive, which collects unwrapped toys for needy local children.

Tickets for prizes throughout the evening program, and those who make donations will receive reusable tote bags.

Wednesday Nov. 22 through Fri. and reserva-

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Community Events

Ojai news and events

Aimee French will be at the Ojai Library from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 18 to facilitate a Collaborative Weaving Workshop. The event will be a three-hour, drop-in workshop with a short presentation about artist Christine Morla, whose work is the inspiration for this project.

Participants can create their own weavings and paper daisy shapes and mount them to background paper. The various pieces will overlap and contribute to the greater whole. Supplies will be left out after the workshop for others to come in and add to the collaborative, growing collage!

This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solofrazo, Regional Librarian, at 218-9146.

The 7th Annual Ojai WordFest is coming to the Ojai Library from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 11 & 12. This literary festival will feature numerous local authors and voices who will share their experiences and work with the community.

WordFest is a celebration of words, ideas, and stories unfolding in one of the most beautiful settings in California: the majestic Ojai Valley. This literary nexus encourages readers and writers of all genres, skill level, and ages to partake in an extravaganza of events in and around the Ojai Valley. This year the Ojai Library will host speakers including Robert Ellwood, Michael Krohnen, Sam Ervin, Marilyn Miller, and many more!

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

Celebrating their 5th Season, Chamber On The Mountain is most pleased to present the return of the magnificently flawless ensemble, the Arianna String Quartet, accompanied by the brilliant pianist, Michele Levin, Arianna String Quartet, accompanied magnificently flawless ensemble, the Chamber On The Mountain is most celebrating their 5th Season.

More than 200 personnel from Ventura County Public Works Agency departments participated in the event. Exercises were designed to simulate the effects of an earthquake and severe storm to two of the county’s six dams. Karl Novak, Deputy Director of the Watershed Protection District led the efforts at Dent Basin. “Practice makes perfect!” he said.

The drills were aimed at coordinating and practicing to quickly shore up and limit water leaking from an effected dam. Using a technique of sandbag configurations called boils to constram leaks and use of large tarps to stop any seepage or leaks.

The scenario allowed officials to gauge the effectiveness of county crews, and first responders to a real emergency. The Ventura County Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services, along with VCPWA activated several sites including its emergency Field Operations Centers.

Specific goals of the exercise included the involved agencies emergency response plans and evaluating the effectiveness of inter-agency procedures. The drill was designed to uncover areas needing improvement in emergency response plans.

Ventura County Public Works
Agency Disaster Simulation

The annual Storm Day training conducted by the Ventura Public Works Agency took place on November 1 to prepare for a major disaster in Ventura County. The eighth annual Storm Day training was conducted at two sites, one in Ventura, the Dent Basin and in Simi Valley at Las Lajas Dam.

BROKEN ARMS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR

Rev. Karen Wylie will offer her monthly half-day retreat at Meditation Mount on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The topic will be “The Creative Energy of Gratitude.”

“Through awakened consciousness we discover that the more grateful we are for what we have, the more we have to be grateful for,” Rev. Karen says. “Appreciation appreciation appreciation during this Thanksgiving season and tap into the wellspring of gratitude for the many blessings of all days and traditions, no matter how they are welcome to attend.

The retreat is by donation; $20 is suggested. Meditation Mount is located at 10340 Reeves Road, Ojai. For more information, contact Rev. Karen at 310-968-8928, or register online at www.karenwylie.com. Rev. Karen is the author of Into Me See: A Book for Daily Inspiration, available on Amazon and her website.

“Moment of Gratitude”

The Museum of Ventura County and California Resources Corporation will host a “Moment of Gratitude,” 8:30–9:30 a.m., Nov. 9, at the Museum’s Smith Pavilion.

The event is an opportunity for Executive Director Elena Brokaw to thank city and county officials and the community for their support throughout the Museum’s fiscal challenge, and to provide an update on the Museum’s progress to date. Also on the agenda will be the introduction and welcome to the newly-elected board of directors, and a special presentation from California Resources Corporation.

“The incredible support and commitment the Museum has received from community members, corporations, such as California Resources Corporation, and both city and county officials, has enabled us to avert a museum closure and develop a new path toward sustainability,” said Brokaw. “As we continue to plan for 2018, we want to pause and give thanks to everyone for recognizing the value the Museum brings to Ventura County.”

Brokaw reached out to city officials and Ventura County’s board of supervisors this past July to request public funding to help the Museum keep its doors open. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors voted to give the Museum $155,000 for six months, with the direction of the money going toward helping assess the collection and determine what it will take to keep that maintained. The Ventura City Council approved $125,000 for six months.

In addition to the many popular exhibitions and quality programming provided by the Museum, the main museum campus in downtown Ventura and the agricultural museum in Santa Paula are the storehouses for a comprehensive collection of artifacts, photography and personal memorabilia documenting more than 150 years of the region’s history.

The Nov. 9 event is free to the public, however a reservation is required. Please visit http://bit.ly/2ynRSmR to reserve your spot. For additional information, please call 633-0323.

Ventura BREEZE
I can't say it enough, I love this town, and I love our music scene. Thank you for supporting live music, it really brings life into our quaint beach community.

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows you want help publicize? 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**

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**by Pam Baumgardner**

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Fri 11/10 Three Bad Jocks, Henschel, Sandbox Bullies

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Thurs 11/19 Amber & Smoke
Sat 11/18 Alex Neustor
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The Cave
243 N. Main Street
Wed & Saturday: 5 – 8 pm Xaro
Thomas
Thurs & Fridays: 5 – 8 pm Warren Takahashi

Ventura Harbor Village
SATURDAY NIGHT: 8 pm – 11 pm

Copa Cuahua
Ventura Harbor Village
Week night: 7 pm, Sundays 3 pm
Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio
Fri 11/10 Marriage Brothers
Fri 11/17 Hansen 5
Sat 11/18 Hansen 5
Sun 11/19 Maritime Brothers

Cork
1930 E. Main Street
Mon 11/13 W. Thompson

6555 Telephone Road
Fri 11/17 Hansen 5
Sun 11/19 Hansen 5

Danielsen's Pub
593 E. Main Street
Sun 11/19 The Sunday Drivers

Discovery
1888 Thompson Blvd
Late Saturday's 11 pm: Disco Bowl

Hiding inside victims, Varian Disaster
Fridays: Mike Moody
Sat 11/19, 3 pm Sandi Anderson
Sun 11/20, 3 pm Sandy Anderson

Hong Kong Inn
1325 E. Main Street
Fri 11/10, 11:30pm Chinese Food

Museum of Ventura County
100 E. Main Street
Sun 11/19: The Molly Ringwald Project
Sat 11/25: Led Zeppelin

El Rey Cantina
294 E. Main Street
Fri 11/10, 9 pm Scott Monza and Friends
Sat 11/11, 9:30 DJ lloek

Sundays: DJ Spinobi

Sun 11/12 Bon Jovi, The I Don't Know

No Advisory, Love Nothing, Sanderlings

Plan B Winery
Fri 11/17: Doug Webb Group featuring Danny Carney (TOOL)
Sat 11/18: Paul Wetz trio featuring Donna Dixon

Sandbox Coffeehouse
2353 E. Main Street
Fri 11/11: Emily & Friends
Thurs 11/19: Jon Gindick
Fri 11/10: Fishfry

O'Leary's
6555 Telephone Road
Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and Friends

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Amy Lynn Stevenson and Susan Lorenzana will display their art at Fox Fine Jewelry from November 16, 2017 – January 15, 2018, with an Art Reception on Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m. Musician Corinn Conant will sing and play guitar during the reception.

Beatrice Wood photo by Donna Granata

The Ojai Photo Club will host a presentation by Donna Granata, Founder and Executive Director of the Ventura based Focus on the Masters (FOTM), a highly respected non-profit educational program documenting contemporary artists. The event will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, at 7 p.m. in Help of Ojai’s Kent Hall, 111 W. Santa Ana Rd.

Focus on the Masters is recognized as one of the leading arts organizations in California. Founded in 1994, the goal of Focus on the Masters is to demonstrate the importance of the arts to society. Granata will present an in-depth look at her creative process in achieving this goal, including highlights and a behind the scenes look into the documentation process for the FOTM Portrait Series.

Recently she completed a Master’s Degree in Arts Journalism from USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism and is putting the new practices to good use.

An accomplished artist in her own right, Granata is an internationally published and award-winning painter turned photographer. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Honorary Master of Science Degree from the Brooks Institute of Photography where she was an adjunct professor. For more information on this outstanding photographer and her award-winning arts organization, go to http://www.focusonthemasters.com

Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery is pleased to present “California Dreamin’ and Beyond” – A fine art show featuring watercolorist Ann Galloway and Julie Merrill. Both artists enjoy plein air and in-studio painting. Julie Merrill has been teaching watercolor classes for the past 8 years and a currently teaching at ART LAB in Ventura along with Ann Galloway. Inspired by Landscapes home and abroad, their paintings capture scenes delicately unfolding in the moment. The opening reception will be held in conjunction with Arts & Eats, downtown Ventura. The exhibit runs through Jan. 12, 2018 with opening reception Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m. Contact Angela at 805-628-3540 for full details.

Assemblage by Judee Hauer at Gift Shop

Focus on the Masters (FOTM) Volunteers announce their 5th annual Holiday Gift Shop located at 83 Palm St. The Holiday Gift Shop always carries unique, handmade and lovingly crafted gifts. From Nov.17-19, Nov.17 opening reception 5-8p.m. with wine, gifts and live list. Nov.18, from 10-5, Nov. 19 from noon-4. The Children’s corner on Saturday will feature children’s gifts and special auctions.

This is a great chance to send down from the work week, meet with artists and friends, and shop for those special people on your list where you can select from a variety of one-of-a-kind items including colorful quilts, jewelry, unique scarves, handmade paper luminaries, charming fiber wood creatures, ceramics, photography and much more. All items are produced by FOTM volunteers, staff, and outstanding Ventura County artists including Staci Brown, Sonya Burke, Maria Erlichman, Cecile Gurrula Faulconer, Richard and Yvette Franklin, Aimee French, Judee Hauer, Karen Hoffberg, Mike Horwitz, Mady Julian, Camille King, Patty Kreider, Jeffellie Lee, Joyce Lombard, Frank Massarella, Oats and Ivy Farms, Mariana Peirano, Gloria Rupio, Knitting in Recovery, Gayle Bentley Swanson, Cassandra Tondro, Elaine Unzicker, Mary Galbraith, Donna Granata and others.

Focus on the Masters is grateful to OFF Management LLC for their sponsorship of this event. Community partnerships are the heart of a healthy community.

Proceeds benefit FOTM acclaimed Learning To See and other outstanding arts education programs.

To learn more about Focus on the Masters, visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 653.2501.

Like Santa’s helpers, the creative elves at Buenaventura Art Association have a busy holiday season planned, with events until the new year at the downtown Buenaventura Gallery and Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts.

First up are the Small Image Show and Holiday Boutique, Nov. 14-Dec. 30, while the Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St. The show will feature original artwork sized and priced for gift-giving, while the boutique centers on artisan crafts, jewelry and wearable art. The public is invited to an opening reception 5-7 p.m. Nov. 18 in conjunction with Ventura’s bi-monthly Arts & Eats self-guided tours.

On weekend dates in December, Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts, 1559 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 206, will team up with neighboring December Store & Eats to present a European Market Place. Additional vendors, kids’ crafts, music and other holiday cheer will fill their village courtyard. The dates are Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 17 and 23.

BAA – a grassroots, 63-year-old nonprofit organization – also invites the public to its Holiday Charity Party featuring games and prices at the downtown gallery, slated 3-6 p.m. Dec. 9.

Attendees are asked to bring donations of art supplies for homeless and/or underserved youth for whom art can be self-expression and an escape from daily difficulties.

Buenaventura Gallery is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts is open seven days a week, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more about the group visit www.buenaventuragallery.org or call 648-1235 during gallery hours.

Join in on Saturday, November 18th from 6-8pm at NAMBA Performing Arts Space for the Opening Reception of Michael Swanks Solo Exhibition In Eshile.

Why I collect Chicano art. Ventura College professor and visual artist collector, Tomás Sanchez, will be featured speaker at the November 14 “Speaking Of Ventura County” lecture series, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St.

Tomás Sanchez has been a serious Chicano Art collector since the mid-1980s. At Ventura College Santa Paula, Sanchez teaches World History, Western Civilization History, United States History and Chicano History. This presentation will be a combination of art and history as it intersected during the Chicano Movement in southern California.

Free for members; $5 for non-members. Light refreshments will be served.

**“SPEAKING OF NOVEMBER”**
November 8 – November 21, 2017
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work requires increased effort during the next few days. But it all will pay off down the line. Things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and/or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It’s best to modify your plans now, before you wind up overcommitted later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Careful. Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might think you’re helping but unless you’re asked for a critique, don’t give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you’re shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your relationship so it becomes walk-out resistant.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow almost to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you’ll get through the crunch in good shape.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to keep secrets makes you the perfect confidante for friends, family and co-workers.

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to venturabreeze.com)
Happy Death Day is a 2017 American slasher film directed by Christopher B. Landon, written by Scott Lobdell and starring Jessica Rothe, Israel Broussard, and Ruby Modine. When Theresa “Tree” Gelbman's birthday ends with her murdered by the hands of a baby faced killer, she finds that she is forced to relive the day over and over again. She is forced to relive the same traumatic event each day till she discovers who her killer really is.

Happy Death Day is actually a pretty fun watch. Things can get a little predictable at times, but that's okay. I never thought it was actually a good film, but I don't hold my breath. So leading up to the release, I thought Happy Death Day would comfortably fit into the soon-to-be bargain bin tier movies of the time. From just watching the first 15 minutes, I thought production-wise, the film does much to stand out. However, it doesn't take long to realize the film plays it pretty safe. Except, the film does have a couple filmmakers surprise when I can certainly say that Happy Death Day was not terrible.

Happy Death Day was actually a pretty fun watch. Things can get a little cliche at times, but that's okay. I never thought the impression that Happy Death Day took itself too seriously. Characters are written to come off like they are in some dumb teen movie, but it does feel by design. In a way, it helps to keep the viewer's suspension of disbelief going. Actions are questionable, but it helps to keep on the positive side. There's nothing much to compliment Happy Death Day about in terms of its product. The acting ranges from cringy to serviceable at best. Camera work does shine on occasion, but mostly plays it pretty safe. Except, the film does have a few scenes with some surprising spectacles. Otherwise, the film doesn't do much to stand out production-wise.

Now, Happy Death Day's biggest issue is that it finds itself shouldering with the likes of Groundhog Day and All You Need Is Kill. The looping day gimmick has been done a few times before and done very well. I was skeptical as to how it will differentiate itself from previous iterations but was sure that it would find some unique twist to it. However, it doesn't take long to realize that it follows very closely to the beats and structure of Groundhog Day. Aside from the menacing, baby-faced killer hunting our hero down, the protagonist's character develops identical to Bill Murray's character in Groundhog Day.

Typically I don't like to be so overt in comparing two films together, but I found Happy Death Day plays very safe with what has been done and otherwise could have been an interesting take on the time loop story. While playing it safe isn’t normally a bad problem, the issue here is that the film is entirely too predictable. If from just watching the first 15 minutes of the film, I can conclude exactly how the story will play out. That's no bueno. Aside from that though, if you are in desperate need to visit the theater, and want something light and fun. Happy Death Day can be a good time, just don't think too hard about what's going on. Rated R 1h36min.
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