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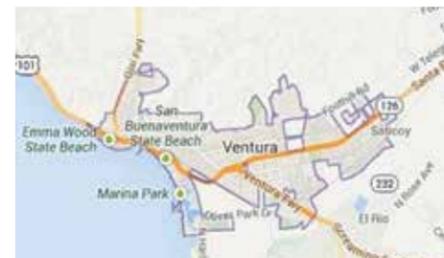
Don Wood Scott Weiss



Susan LeFevre Dennis Kulzer



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How would you divide Ventura into districts?

Conservancy adds members to Board of Trustees

The Ventura Hillside 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

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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 and support programs and initiatives that strengthen a safe community and enhance the quality of life in Ventura. Programs supported by the foundation include after school programs for 510 students at school sites throughout our community, programs for 80 students at Westpark Community Center, community partnerships that enhance the relationship between the community and the police department and public safety initiatives that address specific public safety needs that improve police effectiveness and officer safety through the use of specialized equipment.

"The crime fighting team of the Ventura Police Department is fortunate to have the confidence and support of the community we serve. The VPCF is a 501(c)3 and was established to provide the opportunity for community and business members to support programs and initiatives that will improve the quality of life and safety in our community," said Police Chief Ken Corney.

In addition to afterschool programs and specialized equipment the Ventura

Police Community Foundation supports 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 emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building

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City of Ventura 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, 501 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 P.O. 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,

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City News



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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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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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ 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 appearing 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 all Venturan’s feel that they are represented equally.

A good example of this is the Westside. When 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 to 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 27,000 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 look up and down 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. Ventura 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 surfacing or other acceptable surfacing materials, including permeable materials such as block pavers, as 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 continuing to decide 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 committee members:

Kathlene Bokoloes, Marni Brook, Kristopher Hansen, Bill Hickman, David Jaffe, Jordana Ybarra-Telias and Mary Laurel Rutledge

Their next meeting is on November 9, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall. You are welcome to attend and speak.

■ Breeze writer Paul Peterson will continue to write about the legalization of **marijuana** in California and how Ventura is dealing with it.

Regarding a recent City meeting to discuss marijuana he stated, “We were the only media represented and were called out for special recogni-

tion for the story we did, and that the sequel is eagerly awaited. A woman held up the paper in the crowd (room was pretty full) and said, “I hope everyone sees this in our Breeze.” I spoke with Jeff Lambert, Ventura’s Community Development Director, before and after the meeting and we agreed to talk more. He also introduced me as “repping” the Breeze and we got applause. I have offered to help them sort out things because I have invested time in all these confabs. He seemed eager to accept my input. The crowd was 100% for cannabis and no naysayers were in sight. There were quite a few of medical patients there to testify.”

To hear my radio show on KPPQLP 104.1 fm discussing marijuana regulations in Ventura and other cities and states, got to www.venturabreeze.com “Face of Ventura” (by the top) and listen to the show Cannabis (show 014).

■ On Oct. 23, it was hotter here than in **Death Valley** (102 vs 100). If I had known that, I would have gone there to cool off.

■ I know that people-kill-people and not guns, but it sure is easier for 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 acting properly while the National Anthem is played at 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 opinionated.

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 holiday greetings at me like 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 Thanksgiving

things among the costumes and lit trees.

Fall decor went on clearance after what seemed like just a few weeks. I protest!

Shirley Lorraine

Breeze:

I recently took the train to San Diego (nice trip by the way) but was shocked to see the amount of graffiti that the train passed as we went through Ventura. What an awful introduction to Ventura. Can’t something be done to get rid of it?

Sharon Gold

Sharon: This is a tough one because this is on private property and on Union Pacific easement the City graffiti removal department can’t do anything about it. The property owners can be sited and made to remove it but that just never happens and requires permission, etc. from Union Pacific. When you see graffiti on public property call the City of Ventura’s Graffiti

Removal Hotline number at 654-7805, they are very good at taking care of it quickly.

We encourage you to send your opinions to opinions@venturabreeze.com. Please limit them to about 300 words



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Glass studied at 15 different schools of natural medicine.

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 naturopathic 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 Phaen 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 Kumar 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.

"Through all of my years of 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.

Thai Massage is done in 4 positions (supine, prone, side and seated) and fully clothed on a traditional Thai floor mattress. Usually the session starts with the client on their back (supine) with the practitioner starting at the feet, and spending a lot of time working on the clients legs and hips. Working with

the legs, Thai therapists bring proper alignment and flexibility to the hip area, and indirectly to the spine. The condition of the spine is so crucial for ones health. In the west it is seen as the home of the central nervous system and in the Thai and Ayurvedic traditions it is the home of Sushumna Nadi and the 7 Chakras.

The most important aspect of Thai massage, is promoting the smooth flow of life force energy (known as prana or qi) through the 10 major energy channels known as the Sen Sib. As your muscles are massaged and stretched, this life force energy can flow freely where it was once stagnant or blocked. Holding tension in our bodies caused by physical and emotional stress constricts Prana.

The body, mind and emotions are all connected and affect one another. This is the essence of Thai Massage. These ten life energy paths (lines) are the heart of Thai massage and the basis of therapeutic Thai massage throughout the history of Thailand.

Sessions usually last 90 minutes to 3 hours and can be a profoundly relaxing 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 adrenal 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)331-7759, www.thaimassageventura.com



"Opening a retail business was not in my retirement plans."

Steve Burkharts Smokers and Grills from coach to retailer

Photo and article by
Richard Lieberman

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

Burkhart originally from Chicago is a retired teacher/coach at Moorpark College where he coached men's and

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Subject: Announcement of the Availability of the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
Project: Ventura Water Supply Projects
Review Period: November 1, 2017, through December 1, 2017

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 (CWRR) and 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The EIR will analyze certain water supply alternatives outlined in the CWRR and UWMP including maximizing potable reuse of recycled water through implementation of the VenturaWaterPure Project, accessing imported water through the State Water Interconnection Project, providing groundwater treatment, and implementing an ocean desalination facility.

The City of Ventura 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 on the project including figures showing the general location of the proposed facilities. The EIR 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.

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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 P.M.

Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club Monday nights 7:30 - 9:45pm. Poinsettia Pavilion 3451 Foothill. Ballroom, swing, Latin and line dancing. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Dance lessons 6:45 - 7:15 \$5 for couple \$3 for single. Call Rick 415-8842 for more information.

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

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

Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. Instruction every night. Located at the Moose lodge, 10269 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 Foothills, 6279 Foothill 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 stent implant. Contact: Bill Garner 320-1601

DBSA Ventura County support group for depression and bipolar disorder meets Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. A free weekly peer-led support group meeting at the Encounter Bible Fellowship Church campus, upstairs, Room 426/428, 6950 Ralston St. 633-0736 for recorded information or visit www.DBSAAlliance.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 alvconline@hotmail.com. Telephone: Monday - Thursday 8 - 2 p.m. 643-2458

Nancy R. Brandt Auxiliary of Ventura County Assistance League® is composed of working adults who give back to the community by volunteering service and fundrais-

ing activities to its philanthropic programs. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 at the Chapter House, 913 East Santa Clara St. For more information call Carol Hughes 509 - 2150.

Conversational Spanish in a small group setting. Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Foster Library 651 E. Main St. Registration not required. For information Louise Vien 643-7064, louisev99@juno.com

Nov. 10: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution November luncheon meeting will feature a special program titled "Prison Ships during the American Revolution" presented by member Martin Spann. The luncheon event will take place at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant. If you choose to join us for lunch, cost is \$20. For additional information or for assistance in determining your possible Revolutionary War genealogical roots, call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter activities <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

Nov. 11: Celebrate Veterans Day at the government center on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the corner of Victoria and Telephone. Flower wreaths will be laid at all of the flags. Jackie Irwin, Steve Bennett and Julia Brownley will be there as speakers. As well Captain Janke commanding officer of The Naval Base will be the keynote speaker. Parking is free and everyone is invited.

Nov. 11: Hokuloa Outrigger Canoe Club (HOCC) is a non-profit 501-(c) 3 organization that is located in the Ventura Harbor. The mission of the club is to perpetuate the sport of outrigger canoe paddling through good sportsmanship and the Hawaiian culture through competitive involvement of outrigger canoe racing in Southern California. Huge garage sale Saturday from 7-1 p.m. at 1819 Poli Street. Furniture, kitchenware, clothes, games, sports equipment and more.

Nov. 12: The Cave, the popular wine bar and gourmet restaurant, is pleased to host a Holiday Wine Tasting event on Sunday, from 2-4 p.m. Guests will stroll about with keepsake glasses, sampling over 100 wines from over 20 different wineries, including The Ojai Vineyard, Clos de Amis, and Rombauer Vineyards. They'll also enjoy live music and passed appetizers prepared by The Cave's award-winning Executive Chef, Alex Montoya. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 on the day-of, and can be purchased at The Cave or by calling 642-9449. For more information, visit thecaveventura.com.

Nov. 16: At the East Ventura Community Council meeting a representative of the Ventura Police Dept. will update the Council on crime and safety in the area. Tara Carruth of the

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Trash & Recycling or Green Waste Pick Up Delay Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Trash & recyclables or green waste will be collected one day later than usual in the city of Ventura for customers who have their refuse collected on Thursdays and Fridays the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 20-24. The holiday will not affect Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday pickup schedules. The collection of trash and recyclables will not be affected in the City of Ojai.



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Monday, Nov. 20 will remain the regular collection day that week in Ojai.

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Steve Burkharts Smokers

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women's volley ball. 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 him. They began to talk, and Burkhart learned about Green Mountain BBQ's/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 Mountains 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 2646 Palma Suite 200 in Ventura. Here is available to the public an opportunity to view and discover Green Mountain grills.

Burkhart has also placed 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 love this so much it is just like a hobby to me" he said.

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 258-1781.

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David Luna and Jim Rivera (on behalf of Dan Mandell), Michael Addison (on behalf of Bob Addison), Tom Hinkle, and brothers Ralph, Jim and Myron Harrison are civic leaders. Photo courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura.

Founders' Society inductees announced

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 Patti Birmingham added, "and give honor to them for their vision, dedication and unyielding 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, with 1,200 of them being members, and has an average daily attendance of 550 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 641-5585.



It took 5 people to hold the check.

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 Escontrias, 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 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.



Sailor & Friends Pet Supply had their official Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, November 4th. Owner, Marnie Bond-Harrison, many furry and human friends, family, Chamber Members, and community supporters, joined her for this special occasion. This was also a fundraiser for CARL (The Canine Adoption & Rescue League).

Sailor & Friends Pet Supply got its name from Marnie's own dog, Sailor and his sidekick, Skipper- hence "Friends"! She just opened in August of this year and is passionate about providing the community and her own fur family with healthy, natural and raw pet foods and treats. Sailor & Friends is a family friendly, organic pet supply store that caters to the individual needs of our furry friends.

Store hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30am-6:30pm and Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm (closed Sundays) and is located at 142 N. Ashwood Ave., in Ventura. 642-8555.



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A powerful evening was held at the City Center's domestic violence event.

“Teaming Up Against Domestic Violence”

It was an amazing night at The City Center's 3rd Annual Domestic Violence event - "Teaming Up Against Domestic Violence" held in The River Community's main auditorium.

The evening was filled with heartfelt music by Kris Simeon, Jermarie Dizon, Monse Casmiro, Charleen Morla and Unko Henry.

Words of support from dignitaries and local celebrities included Ventura City Councilmember Mike Tracy, Ventura County Assistant Sheriff William Ayub and KVTA radio celebrity Tom Spence.

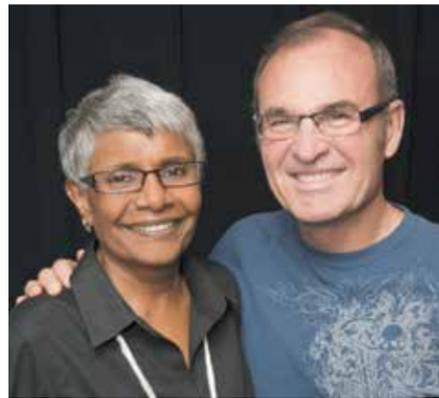
There were powerful testimonies by domestic violence survivors and City Center residents Andrea Farfan, Trisha Willard, and Maria Lopez and Special Guest Erica King

Master of Ceremony's Jim Duran and Jeanne Benitez thanked the event sponsors: Title Sponsor Oxnard Monday Club, Event Sponsors: Community Presbyterian Church, Jill Olivares Insurance, Aloha Steakhouse, Missy's Cupcake Creations and The River Community Church

The City Center Mentor Coordinators Rick and Cheri Carney stated "Thank you to all of you that were able to attend the "Team Up Against Domestic Violence" event. It was a very powerful, moving evening with several of our residents speaking and sharing. It brought to light many of the horrors of domestic violence, but it also highlighted the courage, strength and hope that many of our residents possess. Just surviving and being able to move away from their

abusers is a tremendous step in their recovery."

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"Mark and I are proud and happy to underwrite the artistic director position."

Couple honors Ventura Music Festival

The Ventura Music Festival is pleased to announce that a distinguished philanthropic couple has agreed to "name" the position long held by Nuvi Mehta. Henceforth the director and the position will be known as: "Nuvi Mehta, the Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Artistic Director of the Ventura Music Festival."

According to Mrs. Goldenson, "Mark and I are proud and happy to underwrite the artistic director position of a Festival that has long brought the joy of world-class music to the community along with wonderful education programs. Through the years we've grown to know Nuvi and there could not be a more deserving person for us to support."

Commenting on the gift, Executive Director Susan Scott said "the Golden-sons' generous gift comes at a particularly exciting time for us. Planning is underway not only for a 2018 Festival that matches or exceeds this year's wonderful success, but we've also started planning for a special year-long, community-wide celebration of our 25th anniversary in 2019. These next two years are a big deal, and Janet and Mark's gift adds to the momentum beautifully."

Founded in 1994, the Ventura Music Festival is one of Ventura County's signature arts events, presenting a genre-spanning mix of world-class music in an annual July Festival, and an array of programs year-round, including a Student Jazz Competition in January and Rising Stars concert in May.

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CAPS Media covering civic events

The CAPS Media crew recorded the City of Ventura Mayor's Arts Awards at the Museum of Ventura County. The annual program honors outstanding contributions to the cultural community by city residents, artists, educators, organizations and business leaders. Mayor Erik Nasarenko recognized the 2017 recipients. The Mayor's Arts Awards gala is airing on CAPS Media throughout the month.

CAPS Media produced a special video recognizing the Ventura Police Community Foundation's "We've Got Your Back" campaign. Local citizens and businesses stepped-up to help fund the vital program to purchase lifesaving protective vests for police officers facing high-powered assaults in the field. The successful campaign provides for high-impact vests to be included in every patrol car and response vehicle. The CAPS Crew also covered the Coffee with a Cop event at Café Ficelle where Ventura police officers and residents met, mingled and shared a fine cup of

coffee in an informal, friendly environment.

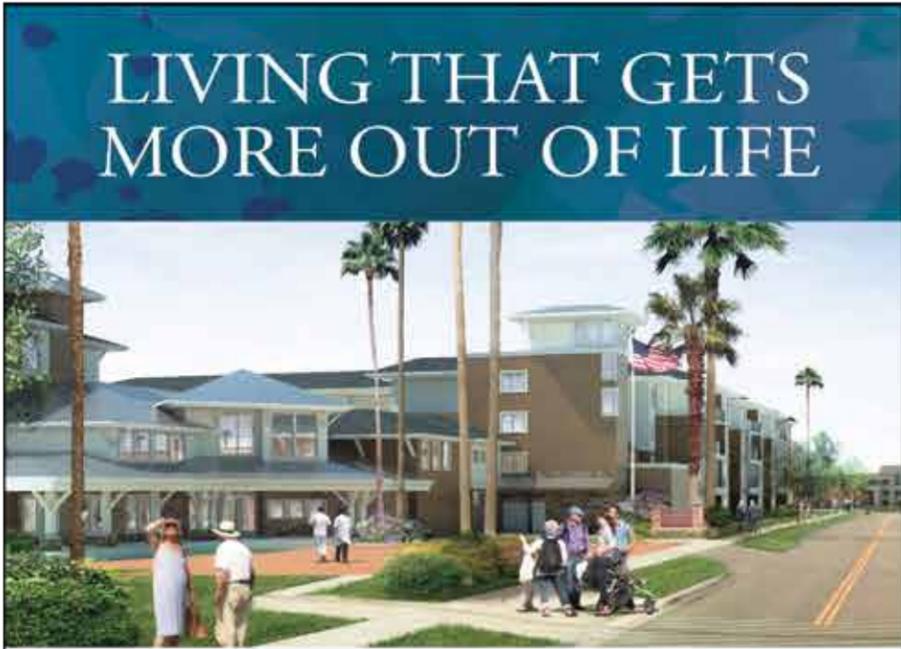
CAPS Media also produced a special video capturing the moving memorial service honoring Ventura County Fire Department's fallen hero Captain Scott Osler who died in the line of duty. The service airs on CAPS Media Channel 15 throughout the month.

Representative districting is moving quickly in Ventura and every Ventura resident is encouraged to get involved in the determination of the district mapping for the city council representatives. Go to www.CityofVentura.CA.Gov/districtelections to get all the info on the process and how to add your suggestions for dividing the city into representative districts.

CAPS Radio, KPPQ 104.1 FM and CAPS Television (Channel 6 & 15) are streaming programming on the web 24x7. Now everyone in and outside of Ventura can enjoy the diversified programming on CAPS Media on cable, on the radio airwaves and streaming on the web. Go to capsmedia.org to see what's on and get direct access to television and radio programming with the click of a button.

CAPS Media's mission is to create an engaged and informed community through participation in electronic media. Our goals are to Engage, Educate and Inform. This is a good time to explore becoming a CAPS Media Member/Producer. Orientation is held on the first Thursday of every month. HD videography/camera classes are on the 2nd Thursday, Final Cut postproduction editing classes are on the 3rd Thursday, and CAPS Radio (KPPQ, FM 104.1) holds classes on the 4th week. CAPS Media Member/Producers receive

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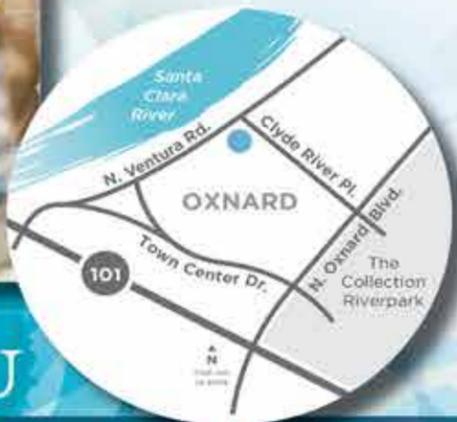
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Students keep the same teacher throughout all four years.

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 are many different clubs and competitions for students to participate in if they choose to such as, "Math Bowl", "Poetry Out Loud", "Art Jam", speech and essay contests and a gardening club ... to name a few. Principal Burns shares, "we like to provide ample social opportunities."

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

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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 Thriller the World celebration on Saturday, Oct. 29. The dancers learned the dance from Molly Hill, executive training director at FitZone in Ventura, and proceeds 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 wonderful charity, dress up like a zombie and gather with other zombies to do this cool dance."

Photo by Richard Lieberman (who always looks scary).



Senior Living

Pull Out Section



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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Treacy Villa Residential Care Facility held an open house on Friday, November 3 in celebration of the memory care facility's thirtieth anniversary and to honor its founder, Mr. Patrick Treacy, who was the Guest of Honor at the three-hour long party. A food buffet offered plenty to eat plus live entertainment was provided.

Treacy Villa Residential Care Facility has been serving Ventura County families since 1987 when Patrick Treacy first opened the doors to his 49-bed home. Treacy Villa has provided a secure environment for its residents since opening.

Mr. Treacy thanked his dedicated employees, friends, guest and resident's family members for attending the celebration and for their years of support.

Treacy Villa is located at 3282 Loma Vista Road at Mills Road. Visit their web site for more information at www.TreacyVilla.com, or phone 644-1292.



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Patricia and Jerry have hiked to elevations of over 14,000 feet in the Andes.

Senior Profile

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 Pierpont 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 participated 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 Viet Nam, 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.

Family Caregiver Resource Center Catholic Charities/ OASIS

by **Connie De La Rosa**

"Giving Back"

There are many ways of "Giving back" that makes a difference especially for those who are lonely during the fast approaching holiday season and daily basis with very little to no communication with family or friends. Family caregivers who do not live close by may feel some concern for their aging loved ones who live alone and who may have some limits on their mobility.

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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 help 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 (VCAAA) is a resource we encourage Ventura adults to utilize. The VCAAA, 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 VCAAA 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+ years 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>.

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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.

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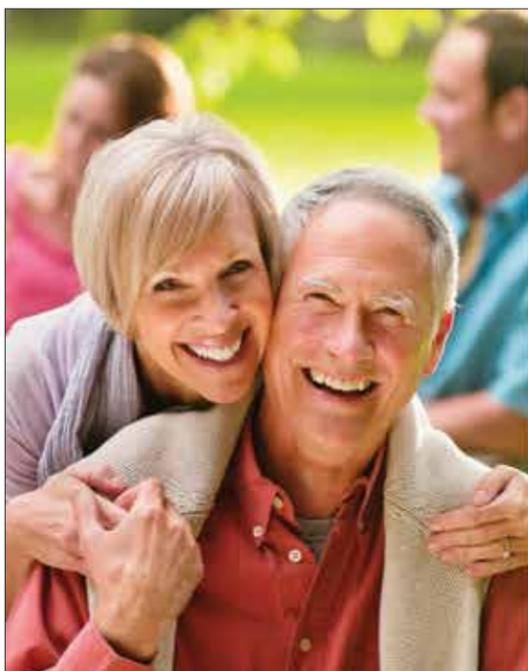
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Is it Medicare Or Medicaid?

by **Essie L. Landry**
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in 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 25th 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 out 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/medicare-and-you.html. 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. Medicaid 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/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.

Steve Spira receives award

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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



News & Notes



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

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 4:00-5:30 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 collabora-

tion 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 Visitation 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. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5882 Olivias Park Dr.

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 to 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 \$375 per team and \$125 for individuals. Spectators are welcome for \$10. Hors d'oeuvre will be served and cocktails and soft drinks will

be available for purchase.

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: venturasouthrotary.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 vencolib.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

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School on Wheels staff member Ian Chan 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 <https://www.gofundme.com/ianchanrunning>.

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 nonprofits 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.



The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

■ 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 additionally feature a marketplace, where you can get some holiday shopping done while you wait, from the many local vendors who'll be on hand selling quality goods. Plus, 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 1990, 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.

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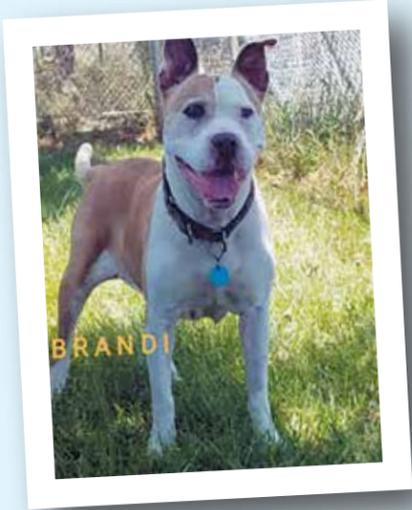
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On October 28 the Pierpont Racquet Club held their 1st Annual Pooch Costume Parade. Dogs of all shapes and colors were entered as they paraded through the Club and were sure not to bark in order to not distract the players. Fun prizes and refreshments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

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Nov. 12: 8:30 a.m. Ormond Beach. Leader: David Torfeh 794-5334

Join us at this excellent coastal location, where we will look for a variety of waterfowl, such as Willets, Whimbrels, Black necked Stilts, Black bellied Plovers and other interesting birds. We will also look for Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Peregrine Falcon, and Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers. Dress in layers, as the morning may be chilly. Please bring a scope if you have one. Enter on Arnold Road.

Nov. 18: 8:30 a.m. Hill Canyon. Leader: Linda Easter 818-519-2833

Hill Canyon is an area near Santa Rosa County Park. We will bird along the creek and into Hill Canyon. Directions from Ventura are to exit the 101 freeway at Pleasant Valley/Santa Rosa Roads. Head east on Santa Rosa Road for maybe 2-3 miles to a small road on the right with a sign for Santa Rosa County Park. Head up that road about 1/4 mile to a large gravel parking area on the left. Park and meet there at 8:30. Alternatively, people may park in the County Park parking lot for a fee and walk to the free gravel parking area.

Nov. 20: 8:30 a.m. Canada Larga. Leader Adele Fergusson 415-4304

We will walk and drive the canyon. Always a great walk! Some birds we may see are Western Bluebirds, Road-runners, sparrows, swallows, Red-tailed Hawks and perhaps a barn owl.

Some Ventura library events

Avenue Library Bilingual Early Literacy Class 11/ 13, 20, 27 Mondays 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft & fun!

Crafternoon 11/11, 25 Saturdays 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

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SuperBrain Yoga 11/18 Saturday 10:00 – 12:00 pm

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Early Literacy Class 11/ 14, 15, 21, 28, & 29 Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30am.

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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, Seneca 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.

tion and experiment with creative designs. **Makerspace Open Workshop 11/ 8, 15, & 29 Wednesdays @ 4-6 pm**

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Lego Play 11/13, 20, 27 Mondays 1:00 pm - 5:00pm

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More than 100 military veterans road from San Francisco to Los Angeles during the 2017 UnitedHealthcare California Challenge, benefiting veterans and first responders with PTSD and other injuries. Veterans, community leaders, supporters cheered cyclists during the sixth-day ride features including a 72-mile route from Solvang to Ventura.

The California Challenge is a collaboration between UnitedHealthcare and Project Hero, a national nonprofit organization that helps veterans and first responders affected by injury, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury achieve rehabilitation, recovery and resilience in their daily lives.

After spending the night in Ventura on Saturday, Oct. 21 they continued their ride from Ventura to Los Angeles.

Photo by Murray Robertson.

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.

Stolen Vehicles/Residential Burglary Arrest

On October 28, at 6:45am, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of an unoccupied vehicle left running in the roadway in the 1900 block of Hillcrest Dr. Officers arrived on scene and determined that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of a residential burglary on Encinal Pl three days earlier.

Officers were conducting the investigation when a resident on Hillcrest Dr. reported that their vehicle had been stolen within the hour.

At about approximately 8am, the Ventura Police Command Center received an additional call of an interrupted residential burglary in 2800 block of Harbor Bl. The caller indicated that the suspect, later identified as 27 year old Oxnard resident Vincente Quinonez, had left in a vehicle southbound on Harbor Bl with a large amount of property.

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

Quinonez 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 are prohibited from passing out treats or displaying any decorations on the outside of their residences on Halloween.

Officers inspected thirty-nine locations that resulted in two arrests. 51 year old Ventura resident Jack Rickman 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.

Felon 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 found to also be in possession of counterfeit U.S. currency.

Upon further search of the vehicle Officers also located a loaded handgun as well as burglary tools.

Stabbing

On October 30, at approximately 4am, a Ventura Police Patrol Officer contacted the victim riding a bicycle in the area of Thompson Blvd and Coronado St. Coronel informed the

Officer he had just been stabbed in the chest during an argument with 27 year old Ventura resident Kyle Dean, in front of 68 South Seaward. Coronel was transported to VCMC where he was treated for a non-life threatening stab wound to the chest.

Officers responded to 68 South Seaward and made contact with Dean. Dean was questioned and taken into custody without incident. The weapon used in the stabbing was located at the scene. Dean was transported to VCJ where he was booked for domestic violence with injuries, and Assault with a deadly weapon.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On October 31, at approximately 8pm, an alert citizen called the Ventura Police Department Command Center to report that she had just seen a relative's stolen vehicle in the area of Ventura Ave and Thompson Blvd. Officers in the area observed the stolen vehicle entering the 101 southbound freeway from Harbor Blvd and conducted an enforcement stop on the 101 southbound freeway just before the Seaward Ave off-ramp. Officers conducted a high-risk stop of the vehicle and had to shut down the 101 southbound freeway for a brief period of time.

The vehicle was occupied by 23 year old Ventura resident Ciara Ashford and she was taken into custody without incident. Ashford initially lied to officers about her identity and was found to have two outstanding warrants for her arrest.

Ashford was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle, providing false information to a peace officer 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 his injuries.

The ensuing investigation revealed that there was possibly an altercation on the promenade prior to the stabbing. The victim was uncooperative 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 mutual coverage of Harbor Cove/South Beach and Santa Clara Rivermouth.

10-24 12:01pm, received a report of a disabled vessel on the riprap near the launch ramp. Officers responded, towed the vessel to the ramp and secured it.

10-25 1:42pm, received dispatch to a water rescue at the Ventura River Mouth. Officers responded in the fireboat and assisted Ventura Fire and State Parks

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with the call. It was determined to be a false alarm.

10-26 3:20pm, received a request for a tow from a disabled sailboat safely secured to a dock in the keys. Officers responded and towed the vessel to its slip in VIM.

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 12:50pm, received a dispatch to a 6 car traffic accident at Harbor/

Schooner. Officers responded and assisted Ventura FD/PD, AMR, and CHP with the call. One person was transported to local hospital for evaluation of neck injury.

10:28pm, received a dispatch to an assault at 1500 Spinnaker Drive. Officers responded and assisted Ventura FD/PD, AMR with the call. No injuries were sustained by the parties involved in the fight.

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.

Weekly SUDOKU

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This 'n' That

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 previous versions, that option was difficult to locate.

Similarly, the venerable Task Manager has several small improvements, including options that allow you to track GPU activity on a per-application basis and more convenient grouping of related processes. This release also incorporates changes designed to improve the experience of running Windows on high-DPI displays; built-in utilities like Registry Editor and Snipping Tool are no longer blurry when moving between multiple displays running at different scaling factors.

The Power Throttling feature makes its debut in this release, offering a simple slider-based option that lets you tune Windows 10 for better battery life or better performance. The built-in Windows 10 apps also include major improvements in this release.

Windows Update has also evolved significantly in the two years since Windows 10's initial release. When new updates are available, you'll see an interactive toast notification that doesn'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 horribly insecure SMBv1 protocol is being removed from clean installs of Windows 10. (The SMBv1 components will continue to be included on upgrades where they are already installed.)

The Windows Defender Security Center, which was introduced in an earlier feature update, has two major additions. The first is Exploit Protection, which offers many of the mitigations that were previously part of the separate Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET).

The Fall Creators Update also debuts an anti-ransomware feature called Controlled Folder Access, which is also available through the Windows Defender Security Center, under Virus & Threat Protection Settings. When this feature is enabled, only approved apps can 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

updating to this version, call Swift Chip at 1-866-326-2008.

Finally, there's Windows Defender Application Guard, a security feature that uses Hyper-V virtualization to create sandboxed browser sessions using Microsoft Edge. For now, this feature is available only in Windows 10 Enterprise edition.

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

CMH presents a tingling seminar and "A Thanksgiving Program"

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

This condition, known as peripheral neuropathy, affects an estimated 20 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 neurophysiology 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 at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura.

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

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

CMHS Hosts Free Thanksgiving Program on Nov. 16: "Stories of Life's Joys & Challenges"

Donations of toys, food, diapers and toiletries also sought for Ventura County charities

How do we cope with the good and bad things we face in life? 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 in Healthcare event and part of Community Memorial Health System's 2017 Speaker Series. The program starts at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Museum of Ventura County. James Hornstein, 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.

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

Registration is free but reservations are required. To secure reservations, please visit www.cmhshealth.org/rsvp or call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006. Program sponsors are KVTA radio, the Accountable Care Alliance of Ventura, SCAN and Ventura Care Partners Apc.

Ventura events

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Ventura County Continuum of Care will address concerns about our homeless population. The Council represents those who live east of Victoria Avenue. Books in good condition are always accepted by San Buenaventura Friends of the Library. 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. For more information contact John McNally, Chairperson, EVCC 804-7558

Nov. 19: Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra performing with KuanFen Liu, Artistic Director, Steven Chang, Violin, Bruce Walker, Oboe and the Rubicon Harmonix youth vocal ensemble presents "Bach and the Rubicon Harmonix" Concert. 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara St. Donation of \$20 appreciated. Youth 18 and under are free.

Nov. 19: The Ventura and Santa Barbara County chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will meet Sunday, in the Campus Student Center of Ventura College, 4667 Telegraph Road. The regular meeting starts at noon and at 11 a.m. there will be an informal workshop where a topic on clocks or watches will be demonstrated and discussed. Also a mart where items will be for sale followed by lunch and an informational meeting and a program. This month's program will be "Clocks of the Winterthur Museum" presented by Dave Weisbart. There is a \$3 admission charge. Lunch is available for \$5 more. Watches & clocks will be on display. More information about chapter 190 can be found at www.nawcc-ch190.com.

Nov. 20: CA Zeta Chi parliamentarians will meet at 7 p.m. and will feature a lesson by Sandra Sanders entitled "RONR Index Research." Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main St. Those wishing to eat should arrive at 6 p.m. Non-members are welcome. Membership is \$25 per year. For information, contact Sharon Hillbrant, 479-6738, or zetachi.webstarts.com.

Nov. 24, 25, 26; December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10. Come celebrate the spirit of holidays past at the historic Dudley House. The 24th year of this annual fundraiser for the museum features quality crafts, home décor, antiques and collectibles and a tearoom with refreshments, silent auction and bargain items. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a flea market added on Sundays. The Dudley House is located on the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood admission is free. Call 642-3345 for information.

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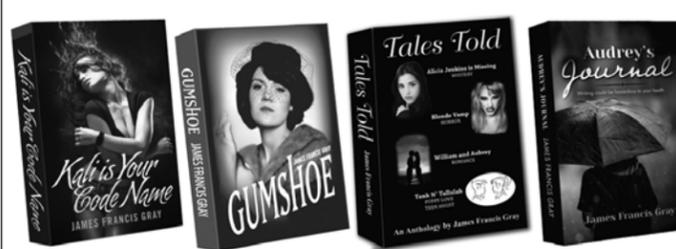
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Community Events

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 Collage Workshop. This 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 Solórzano, 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, on Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 pm. Performance will take place at Logan House in Upper Ojai. Audience members are invited to stay and meet the artists at a reception following the performance. Tickets: \$25.00 at www.ChamberOnTheMountain.com.

Hailed for their outstanding musicianship, the Arianna String Quartet has firmly established itself as one of America's finest chamber ensembles. Their performances have been praised for "tonal warmth, fastidious balance...expressive vitality"

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 appreciates." Join her in this Thanksgiving season and tap into the wellspring of gratitude for the many blessings of our lives in the beautiful setting of Meditation Mount.

Randee Vasilakos, registered Science of Mind Practitioner, will be available to assist with prayers for personal healing. People of all faiths and traditions, or no tradition, 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.karensywylie.com. Rev. Karen is the author of *Into Me See: A Book for Daily Inspiration*, available on Amazon and her website.



The scenario allowed officials to gauge the effectiveness of county crews.

Ventura County Public Works Agency Disaster Simulation

Photo and article by Richard Lieberman

The annual Storm Day training conducted by the Ventura County 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 Lijas Dam.

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 56 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 affected dam. Using a technique of sandbag configurations called boils to constrain 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 were to test 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.

"Moment of Gratitude" coming up

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 new-

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ly-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 653-0323.



by Pam Baumgardner

VenturaRocks.com

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. To start off with, here are a couple of events you might want to secure tickets for before they sell out. First the highly popular "event of the year," it's the Winter Wine Walk and Street Fair. The street fair and music are free to the public and run noon to 8 pm, but if you want to take part in the wine walk, then you'll need tickets at VenturaWinterWineWalk.com. Music this year features the Road Brothers, Adelaide and The Bomb.

And then the Ventura Theater just added Nardcore Punk Rock to Walk Me Home to their calendar. Headlining the night will be T.S.O.L. along with Nardcore favorites, Ill Repute, Stalag 13, Dr. Know, and more. This one's scheduled for Saturday, January 6, with the first band playing at 4 pm (show ends at midnight).

Speaking of which, the Nardcore 8th annual Turkey/Toilet Bowl tournament falls on Saturday, November 18th at Harley's Valley Bowl in Simi Valley. Monies raised help C.A.R.L. Just a couple of the bands playing will be The Hymen Blasters, Bad Samaritans, Channel 3 and more.

I spoke with Jerry McWorther of Hi Hat Entertainment about the return of Albert Lee to Ventura, and he's really pumped up about this one. You may already know that Lee is an inductee to the Musicians Hall of Fame, he's a two-time Grammy award winning artist, and is undeniably one of the greatest guitarists of all time. Normally when he plays here in Ventura, the band is arranged by Jerry, but this time he's bringing his personal band to back him up. You won't want to miss this one coming to the Hong Kong Inn on Friday, November 17. Tickets can be purchased at HiHatEntertainment.com.

Speaking of Hi Hat Entertainment shows, it was such a surprise when Wrecking Crew member, Don Randi, showed up when The Shari Puerto Band was playing on Friday, November 3. Jerry rallied everyone he knew and finally wrangled a keyboard for Randi who joined the band for their second set. They kicked off his appearance with the song Nancy Sinatra is most famous for and on which he played, "These Boots are Made for Walking."

Quick Notes: the Ugly God show is cancelled at the Ventura Theater for November 16 and SuicideBoys on the 13th is sold out; Squashed Grapes welcomes back the Doug Webb Group featuring Danny Carey of TOOL on Friday, November 17; and finally, congratulations to Ill Repute! The hit Netflix show Stranger Things featured a snippet of "Clean Cut American Kid" on Episode 3 of their second season. It originally aired October 27, 2017.

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

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Tuesdays: Open Mic

Fri 11/10: Trippin' Wild

Sun 11/12: Jerry Breiner

Wed 11/15: Big Adventure

Sat 11/18: Dive Bar Messiahs

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Fridays: DJs; Karaoke

Saturdays: DJs

Fri 11/10: Three Bad Jacks, Henchmen, Sandbox Bullies

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street

Wed 11/8: Big Adventure

Thurs 11/9: Amber & Smoke

Fri 11/10: Otis Hayes

Sat 11/11: Alex Nestor

Tues 11/14: Donna Greene

Wed 11/15: Bryan McCann

Thurs 11/16: Fabulous Hangovers

Fri 11/17: Instone

Sat 11/18: Red Muffs

Tues 11/21: Jazz Express

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Fri 11/10: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Morry

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Thurs 11/9: Dan Grimm

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Sat 11/11: CRV

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3451 Foothill Road

Mon 11/13: Hyatt Haupt

Mon 11/20: Dick Parent

Plan B Winery

3520 Arundell Circle

Sun 11/12: Ignition

Poinsettia Pavilion

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Sun 11/5: 2 pm Old Country Grass Band

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Nothing

Sat 11/18: Bad Bones, The I Don't Know

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Sat 11/11: Zac Young

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Sat 11/18: Sandi Anderson

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Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean

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Deussen

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343 E. Main Street

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Thurs 11/16: Bears Among Men, The Black

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Thurs 11/9: Karyn 805

Fri 11/10: Rich Sheldon & Carl Osterlof



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 November 18 from 6 – 8:00pm. 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> Monthly free presentations are

part of the Ojai Photography Club's community service and education outreach. The general public is always welcome to attend.

More information is available at: www.ojaiphotoclub.com/



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 at the Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St. The show will feature original artworks 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 tour.

On weekend dates in December, Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts, 1559 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 106, will team up with neighboring December Store & More to present a European Marketplace. 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 prizes at

Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery is pleased to present "California Dreamin' and Beyond" – A fine art show featuring water colorists **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 is 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 night Nov. 18 from 6-8pm. 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, hand-made and lovingly crafted gifts. From Nov. 17-19. Nov. 17 opening reception 5-8pm with wine, gifts and wish lists. Nov. 18, from 10-5, Nov. 19 from noon-4. The Children's corner on Saturday will feature children's gifts and special sections.

This is a great chance to wind 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 lanterns, charming felted wool 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 Gurrola Faulconer, Richard and Yvette Franklin, Aimee French, Judee Hauer, Karen Hoffberg, Mike Horwitz, Mady Julian, Camille King, Patty Kreider, JoEllen 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 OFI 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.

the downtown gallery, slated 3-6 p.m. Dec. 9.

Attendees are asked to bring donations of art supplies for homeless and/or underserved youths 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 Swank's** Solo

Exhibition In Exhile.

This collection of recent works expands on the artist's interest in the manipulation of images and the construction and deconstruction of layers. Through the dissection of his own experiences and memories, Swank is able to display emotions at a safe distance, giving the viewer an insight into his "queer experiences of the world."

47 S Oak St., Downtown Ventura.



Why I collect Chicano art. Ventura College professor and avid art collector, **Tomás Sanchez**, will be featured speaker at the November 14 "Speaking Of Ventura County" lecture series, 1:00 – 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.



Lighter Breeze

Mother Goose and Grimm



Baby Blues



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith



Shoe



Brilliant Mind of Edison Lee



Beetle Bailey



Solutions on page 21

(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 21

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Eye layer
- 5 Poorly illuminated
- 8 Answer an invite
- 12 Send a naughty photo
- 13 Environmental prefix
- 14 Elevator name
- 15 Goblet part
- 16 Carrion-eating birds
- 18 Highly ornate
- 20 Most up-to-date
- 21 Satan's purchase
- 23 Pod occupant
- 24 Snapshots
- 28 Omit
- 31 Web address
- 32 Diarist Samuel
- 34 A Gabor sister
- 35 Settled a debt
- 37 False teeth
- 39 Wire measure
- 41 Kitchen, e.g.
- 42 On the schedule
- 45 Tropical fruit
- 49 Blends
- 51 "American —"
- 52 Sandwich

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- 8 GPS findings
- 9 One who jogs
- 10 Competes
- 11 "Hey, you!"
- 17 Spigot
- 19 Masterstroke
- 22 Shunned person
- 24 Young dog
- 25 Playwright
- 26 Reached a peak
- 27 Short story?
- 29 "— Got a Secret"
- 30 — de deux
- 33 Old portico
- 36 Marks mean-
- ing "same as above"
- 38 Baseball arbiter
- 40 Romanian money
- 42 Urban blight
- 43 Old Italian coin
- 44 Sketch
- 46 Hebrew month
- 47 Relaxing discipline
- 48 Brewery products
- 50 Away from WSW

DOWN

- 1 Letters on old Asian maps
- 2 Kill a bill
- 3 One of the brass, for short
- 4 Maximally
- 5 Ate greedily
- 6 Hosp. area
- 7 Gangster's girlfriend

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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Show Time

Happy Death Day



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

by Manuel Reynoso

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 trauma each day till she discovers who her killer really is.

Around October to November, there is always this lull in the movie industry. Hollywood seems to save all its hot garbage for this time of the year, so I’ve learned to not really expect much. Sure a couple films will surprise me, but I don’t hold my breath. So leading up to its release, I thought *Happy Death Day* would comfortably fit in with the rest of the soon-to-be bargain bin tier movies that find its way on screen this season. So, consider me surprised when I can genuinely say that *Happy Death Day* was not terrible.

Happy Death Day was actually a pretty fun watch. Things can get a little cliché at times, but that’s okay. I never got 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 write off the characters as just dumb college kids instead of outright blaming the film for poor writing.

There’s isn’t much to compliment *Happy Death Day* about in terms of its production. The acting ranges from cringey 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 shoulder to shoulder 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 find *Happy Death Day* plays very safe with what would otherwise could have been an interesting take on the time loop story. While playing it safe isn’t normally a big 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

A View from House Seats

The Lark brings history to Elite

by Shirley Lorraine

Rounding out the Elite Theatre’s 2017 season is the acclaimed “The Lark”, chronicling the trial, condemnation and ultimate end of Joan D’Arc. Written by Jean Anouilh then translated from French and adapted by Lillian Hellman, the offering first hit the stage in the early 1950’s starring Julie Harris and Boris Karloff in the leading roles.

For those unfamiliar with the historical figure, Joan was a teen peasant girl who lived in France in Medieval times. She heard voices and firmly believed that God was speaking directly to her. He was commanding her to lead a band of soldiers to help win the war in France.

After convincing the Dauphin Charles to give her an army Joan broke all conventions to move forward. Despite leading the troupe to victory, her methods were questioned and she was ultimately tried for witchcraft. She was sentenced and burned at the stake at the age of 19. Considerable controversy followed questioning the outcome. Though debate still exists, she is now considered one of history’s greatest saints, and an enduring symbol of French unity and nationalism.

Director Alexander Schottky has assembled a cast bursting with talent, both seasoned and budding. His staging is equally mixed, utilizing both period and modern dress as well as a ubiquitous set of moveable cubes used to form suggestions of scenes. The mix works very well and one quickly assimilates all the visuals into a cohesive whole. The ending leaves room for contemplation.

Brittany Danyel takes on the challenging role of the Maid of Orléans and delivers a solid characterization full of nuance. She is compelling to watch as she meets challenges and challenges head on.

The role of key player The Earl of Warwick is portrayed by theater veteran Howard Leader. The Earl becomes a narrator/director of sorts, leading the players to continue the story. He presents with a strong, commanding and confident demeanor.

Jake Mailey conquers the role of the complicated Cauchon with poise and ease. Steven Silvers delivers a consistently interesting and complex Dauphin Charles. Notable performances are also given by Hayley Silvers as the Little Queen, Stephanie Rice as Yolande, Cecily Hendricks as the mistress Agnes, Dan Tullis as The Promoter, Ken Jones as La Hire, Ted Elrick as the Archbishop, and Bill Waxman as The Inquisitor.

All roles, even the very small ones, are played well within their limited scope. Several of the roles are double cast to accommodate actors’ schedules so check the cast photos the night you attend.

The one aspect that was confusing, to me, was the choice of intermission music. Modern pop tunes were used which I was unable to connect to the

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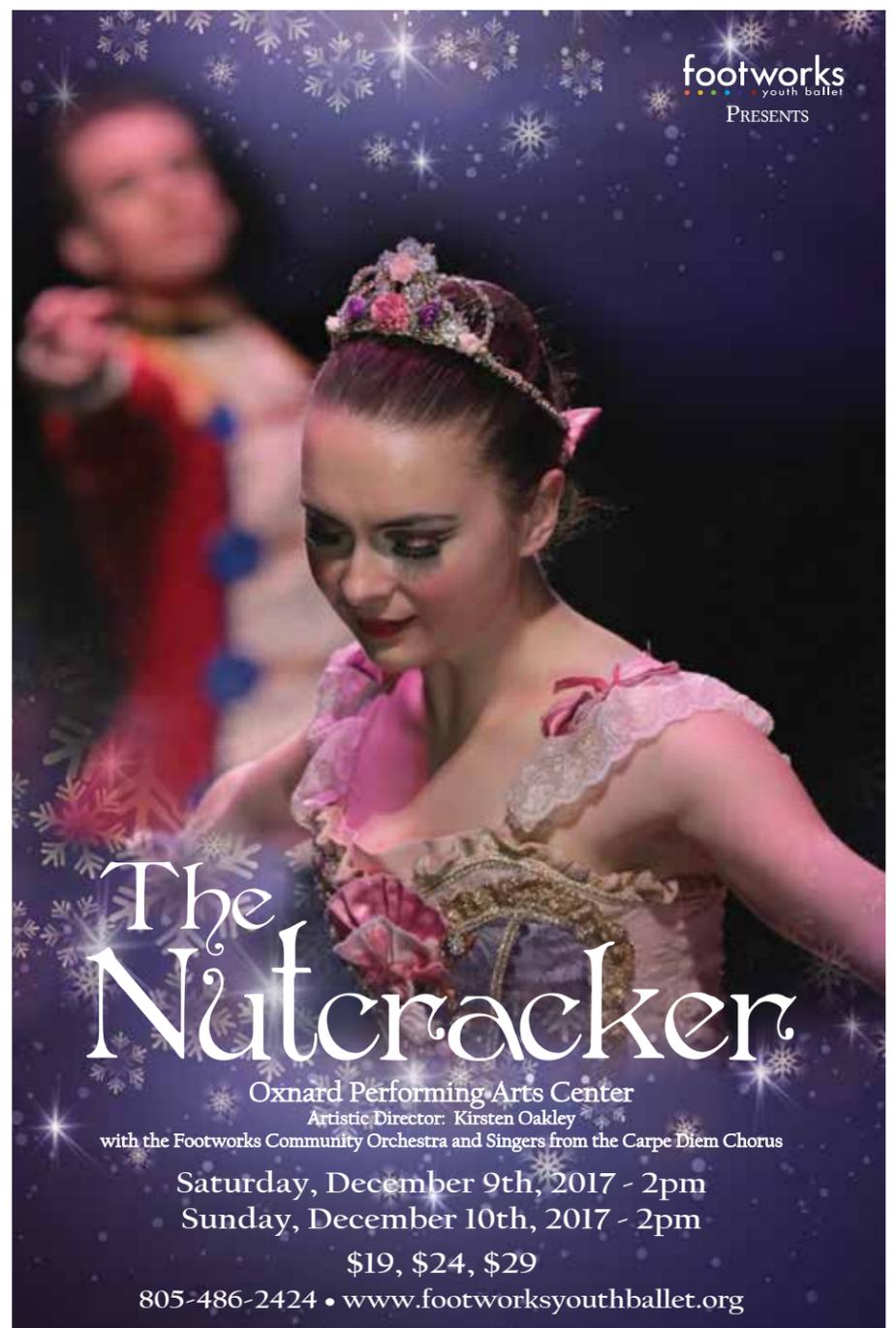
action. In my opinion, they took away from the mood of the play rather than enhanced it. A minor point perhaps, but noticeable.

The night I attended the cast out-numbered the audience, which was a shame. This is a play worthy of higher audience participation. Here is hoping the attendance picks up as the run continues.

The Lark runs through November 20. Friday & Saturday eves 8 PM, Sunday matinees 2 p.m.

General admission \$20. Seniors/Students/Military \$17. Reservations are encouraged.

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