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City Manager Alex McIntyre announces six new appointments.

Six new appointments slated for Ventura

By Richard Lieberman

Alex McIntyre Ventura City Manager announced six new appointments to the executive staff. The appointments include assistant city manager, deputy city manager, community development director, finance and technology director, public works director, and Ventura water general manager.

This past January Alex McIntyre committed to complete the hiring of an executive team by June, the new hires will begin their roles next month. Filling these positions was part of the city council's goal to strengthen and stabilize the executive team.

"These experienced managers stood out in their fields as leaders and professionals," said McIntyre. "Their talent and, management skills will help the City achieve our current goals, focus on the future and emphasize excellent services to our residents," he added.

These newly appointed managers will complete the City's 12-member executive team.

The new executive team members include:

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Haole Boy shares a wave with athlete Jacob, during a recent AWOW event in Huntington Beach. Photo by Lynn Beeler.

Riding the waves with Ventura's Surfing Ambassadors, Haole Boy

by Amy Brown

They say every dog has its day, and there was one day in particular that was pivotal for local pup Haole Boy, and his owners Kim and John Murphy. Haole

was almost five years old and was at Mondos Beach watching John surfing, when suddenly Haole tried to get up on

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Evin Brown has been at the school since second grade.

Local charter school offers different place of learning

by Rebecca Wicks

Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education is a progressive school. It's the kind of school where students call teachers by their first name. It's the kind of school that doesn't just worry about how students learn, but about their emotional, physical and social well-being. It's the kind of school that allows teachers a lot of control over what they teach. And, it's exactly the kind of school founders Mary Galvin, Lisa Hildebrand and other teachers envisioned when they left the Open Classroom program at Blanche Reynolds to start the charter school.

"We wanted more autonomy in terms of what we were teaching and how we were being administered," said Galvin who serves as the school's director of operations. "We wanted to build a school that was relationship-based, a place with hands-on learning, where students really engage and grapple with issues and problems."

Galvin, Hildebrand and others were originally denied authorization to form a school by the Ventura Unified School

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Lambert is very happy with his new position in Oxnard.

Jeffery Lambert, Director of Community Development, leaves Ventura

by Richard Lieberman

Director of Community Development Jeffrey Lambert has left Ventura for a post with the city of Oxnard. Lambert was offered and accepted the position of

Community Development Director for the City of Oxnard. He runs a department of approximately 65 people.

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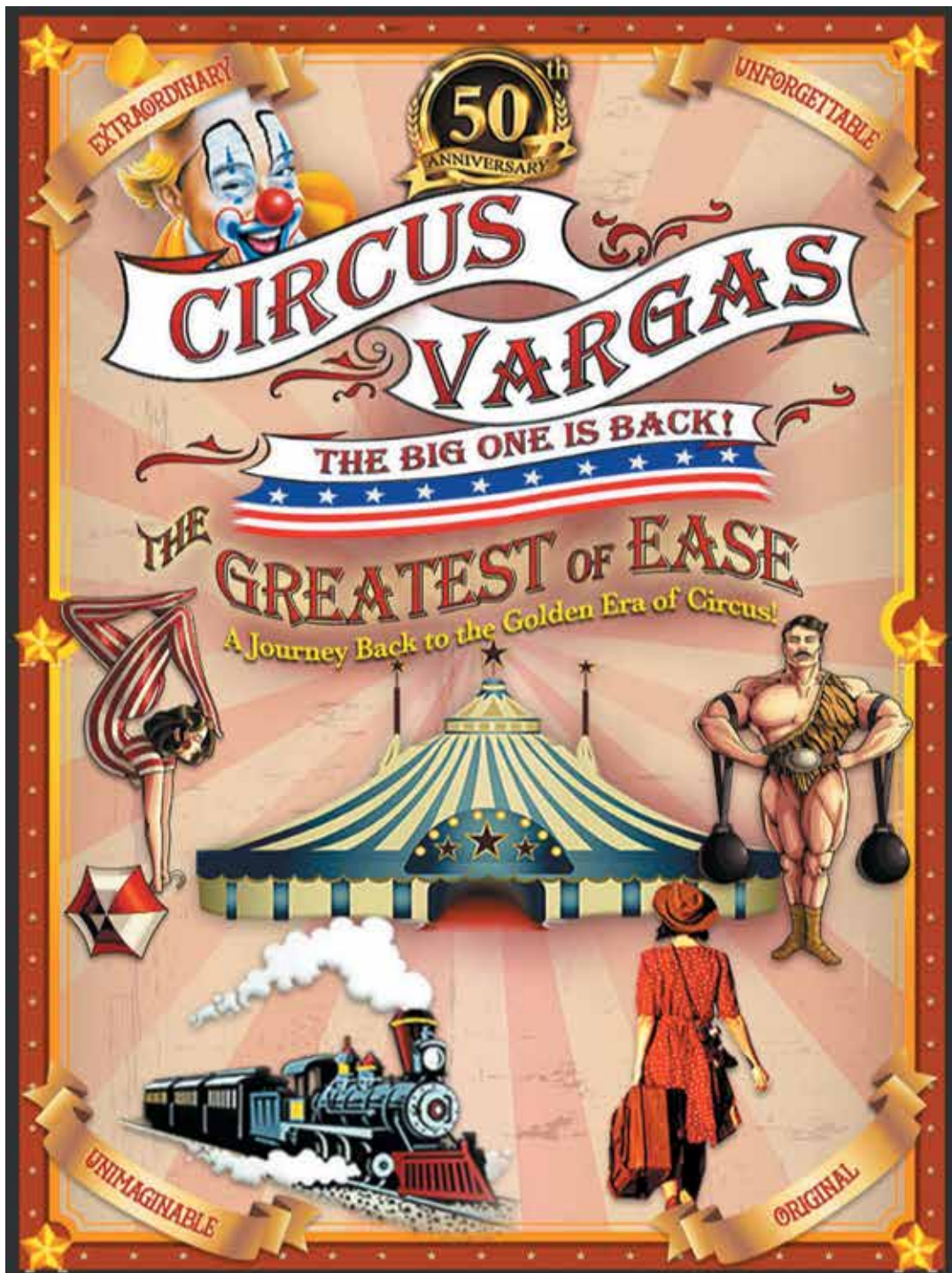
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Community Development Director Peter Gilli. He has more than 20 years of experience serving as Deputy Director of Community Development, Acting Planning Manager, Zoning Administrator, and Senior Planner during his tenure with the cities of Thousand Oaks, Santa Maria, Mountain View, Cupertino, and San Jose. The Community Development Director oversees more than 42 employees who are responsible for planning and zoning, building and safety, code enforcement and housing and redevelopment.

Assistant City Manager Akbar Alikhan appointed to the position after a national search. He is a Ventura County native and recently worked as General Manager for Channel Island Beach Community Services District for two years, prior to that he worked with Raftelis Financial Consultants, where he provided financial planning and utility rate consulting services to agencies throughout the state.

Alikhan will oversee three City department operations including Community Development, Public Works and Ventura Water.

Deputy City Manager Barry Fisher will fill a newly created position of permanent Deputy City Manager. Mr. Fisher has served as the acting Assistant City Manager.

Fisher will oversee the offices of Economic Development, Safe & Clean, Communications, and Disaster Preparedness. He will also manage the City's state and federal legislative programs. Finance and Technology Director Michael Coon has served as City

Manager of Richwood Texas for two years and Assistant to the City Manager in the city of Lake Jackson before that he started his career with the City of San Antonio, Texas Office of Management and budget.


Coon will be responsible for for the development and oversight of the City's \$301 million budget

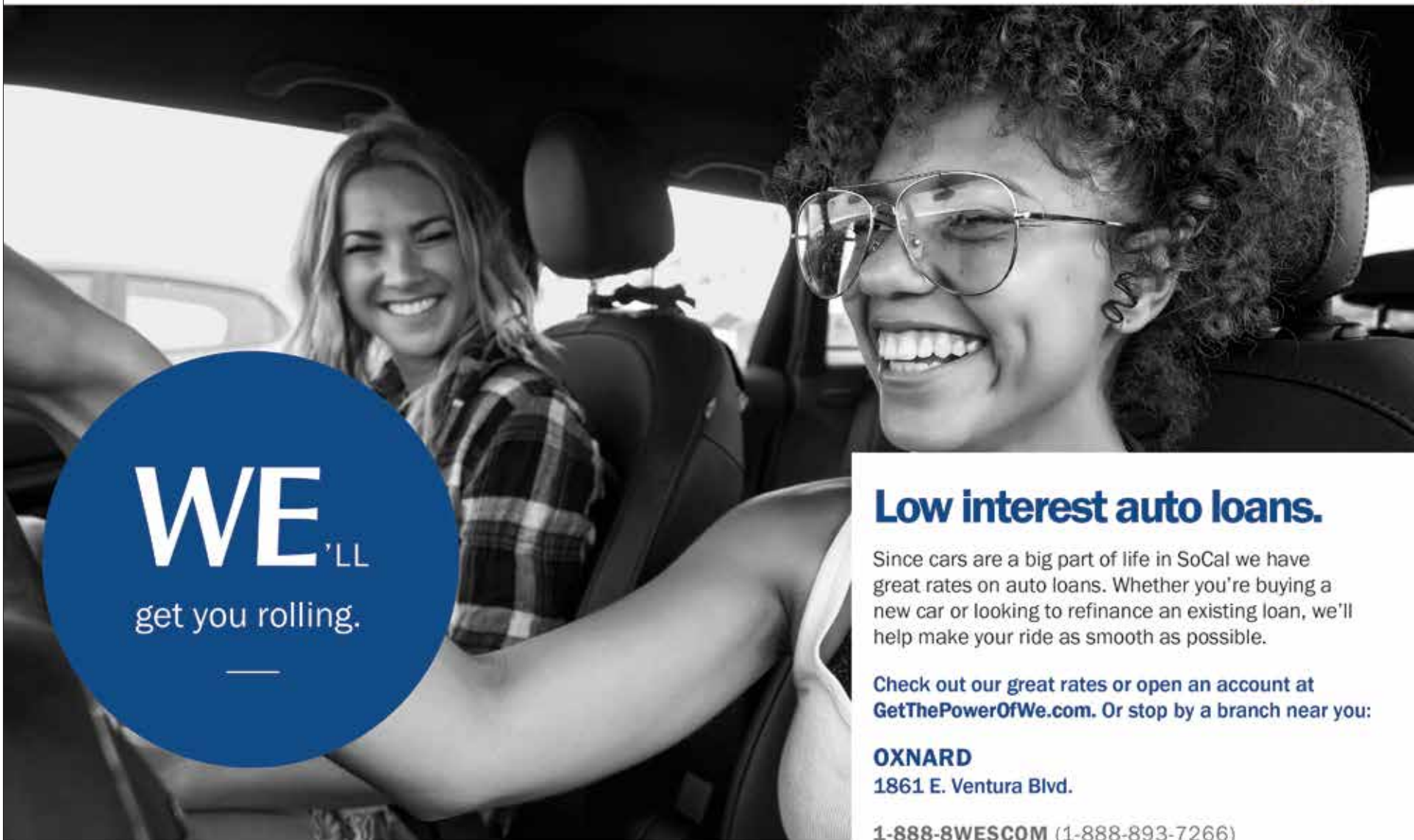
Phillip Nelson has been appointed Public Works Director. He has more than 30 years of engineering services experience in the private and public sectors. During his tenure with the County of Ventura, he served as manager of facilities projects, director of facilities and engineering, director of engineering services and director of planning and facilities, among other assignments.

The Public Works Director oversees more than 90 employees who design, construct, inspect, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure, including traffic lights, sidewalks, street lights, roadways, land development, solid waste, stormwater, and parking operations.

Susan Rungren has been promoted to Ventura Water general manager. She has been serving as interim general manager since January. Prior to that, she has served as Ventura Water Assistant General Manager.

Rungren will manage a staff of 108 full-time employees. She will oversee the water and wastewater operations, and work to meet long term water supplies. Alex McIntyre "The past 18 months have been a turbulent time for the City," said McIntyre. "These important changes in leadership will provide the necessary settling affect the city needs right now," he added.





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Jeffery Lambert

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“One of the proudest moments of my whole career at Ventura City was the way we handled the rebuilding part of the Thomas fire. We made this rebuild process as easy as we could. Sixty-one percent of the homes are either in reconstruction or plan check,” said Lambert. “It’s not higher because some of the people have not begun the process,” added Lambert.

He also added it was important to find that balance of respecting neighbors and at the same time giving people flexibility in building their dream home. “I am incredibly proud of our efforts to make this happen.” He said.

There was, and still is a tremendous amount of work to be done. Lambert and his staff worked tirelessly to make victims of this catastrophe whole again. This included meeting with homeowners at their homes and working weekends for months at a time.

Rebuilding after the Thomas fire is a process that those who have not gone through it just don’t understand. Most of the homeowners who have begun or even completed rebuilding are people who never wanted to go through the process of rebuilding. The first homeowners to complete their rebuild, Sandy and Ed Fuller were more prepared. They had recently gone through a complete remodel and therefore had plans that were up-to-date. “

“Last Friday on my day off I

drove around the fire zone just because it made me feel good to see all the construction happening” he added.

When asked about the difference in compensation between Ventura and Oxnard Lambert said: “I took a good bump to come here.” Another reason he mentioned was being stripped of the economic development department in Ventura. “I thought that was a mistake,” he added.

Adding to his accomplishments in Ventura Lambert cited the continuing revitalization of downtown as one of his proudest accomplishments for the City. “I am proud that over my term there my staff were much more focused on being facilitators than regulators to help people through the process,” he said.

“After nearly 10 years with the City of Ventura with many proud moments and accomplishments, I left Ventura for Oxnard to be part of a highly professional and visionary leadership team. Oxnard is clearly open for business and supportive of progress and meeting the demands of its citizens and economic prosperity through public and private economic investments. I believe the future of Oxnard is bright and I am thrilled to be part of that future. I am very happy with my decision. I still live in the Ventura and call it my home, and I wish the City well, particularly the Community Development staff I left behind who are dedicated and talented professionals doing the best they can.”

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want us outside,
then where
should we go?"**

– Andy

**Grabarkiewicz,
Venice homeless
resident**

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

Recently, Richard Lieberman, and I had lunch with **Jeff Lambert**, the City's former Community Development Director (see cover story). He is now working for the

City of Oxnard and very happy there. A real loss for Ventura.

■ **Circus Vargas** will not be coming to Ventura this year, but will perform in Camarillo and Santa Barbara. Tried to find out why they are not coming to Ventura, but I wasn't able to get an answer.

■ I do not like **guns**. I think only law enforcement (and not sure about some of them) should possess them. But I have no problem with the Fair board who earlier voted 5-2 to allow Crossroads of the West to put on two shows as the board works on developing a policy governing them. The company is seeking authorization to host three more this year.

Owning most guns is legal, so in my opinion gun shows should be allowed to take place here just as marijuana stores should be allowed in Ventura.

■ **Baseball** now has instant replay - it takes 20 minutes.

■ The U.S. Navy has acknowledged that a request was made to hide the USS **John S. McCain** during President Donald Trump's recent state visit to Japan. Couldn't they just add a beard to it, so it is not recognizable?

■ The California Senate has voted 33-0 to let pet owners, 18 and older, purchase medical **marijuana** for their animals if they have a recommendation from a veterinarian who has completed a specific course. The bill would give veterinarians the same protections as doctors who recommend marijuana for human patients. So, pretend you have a dog and share their pot.

■ Why do **hospitals** wake people up to give them their sleeping pills?

■ Ventura's **development** process is cumbersome and slow, with many, many planning and review processes to apply for. And, then doesn't provide nearly enough certainty that the development will ever be approved, even if all proce-

dures are followed.

During a recent City Council meeting, member Jim Friedman stated, "The time to change it is now. We need a plan that tells the world Ventura is open for business. We need to change the way we do business drastically in the city of Ventura." I could not agree more.

Too often projects are appealed to the council, and instead of looking at the big picture, (should the project have 40 units, or 38, for example), the council becomes the defacto design review committee and ends up commenting on innocuous things, such as the color of the front doors.

Whether you agree or disagree that we need new development (we do), developers should have a clear understanding of what they need to do to receive approval. Often, they spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and then decide to just walk away from Ventura.

In order to make that happen, the Council voted to have staff return with information on streamlining, improving and simplifying the current design review process and to consider the following (among other things);

Disbanding the Historical Preservation Committee and replacing it with staff review and, where needed, outside consultants. This I strongly agree with.

Allowing each Council member to appoint her or his own Planning Commission member whose term would run concurrent with that of the elected official.

■ After all this time, the family of slain **Anthony Mele Jr.** is suing the city and the Aloha Steakhouse where he was stabbed to death by Jamal Jackson, a 50-year-old homeless man.

The widow and daughter of Anthony have sued the restaurant and the City over his death. They claim that the City of Ventura and the restaurant may have some responsibility.

I can't comment on the City's liability but to sue Aloha seems absurd. Should they be required to have a security guard sit at every table? In fact, diners at the restaurant and Aloha employees acted in a heroic manner chasing Jackson and attending to

Anthony's wounds. In my opinion, they should be commended not sued.

All newspaper reports (except the Breeze) stated that Mele's daughter, then 5 years old, was sitting on his lap during the murder. She was present but not sitting on his lap. But this would certainly get to the emotions of jury members.

■ An REO, or "real estate owned," refers to a kind of property owned by a lender, like a bank, after a foreclosure. An OreO is a sandwich cookie.

In a House Financial Services Committee hearing, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development **Ben Carson** mixed-up the two terms. Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif., was attempting to ask Secretary Carson about disparities in REO rates. Federal Housing Administration loans have far more properties that become real estate owned, than other loans from Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

"I would also like to ask you to get back to me, if you don't mind, to explain the disparity in REO rates. Do you know what an REO is?" asked the congresswoman.

"An OreO..." replied Carson. "No not an OreO. An R-E-O," she replied.

■ **E-cigarette** flavors can damage the cells that line your blood vessels and perhaps your heart health down the line, according to a new study of human cells in the lab. The study, published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, adds to growing evidence that the flavored "e-liquids" used in vapes can hinder human cells' ability to survive and function. The authors say these changes, some observed in the absence of nicotine, are known to play a role in heart disease.

■ After 42 years in business, co-founders Larry Fitzgerald and **Mark Hartley** have announced they are closing their Management company in Ventura and Nashville, The Fitzgerald Hartley Company. Hartley is very well known in Ventura for the wonderful businesses that he started here including the building where Limon y Sol is now located on Main. He will continue to manage artists and develop film and television properties. He has been missed since he left Ventura.

Mailbox

Breeze:

When I moved to Ventura five years ago, I played tourist and visited the local landmarks. I was enchanted by the beauty and serenity of the Olivas Adobe. So I signed up for the training to lead tours and discovered the parallels between the owner of Rancho San Miguel and the State of California. It is a miracle that the Adobe has survived. I also have a lot of fun and made many friends.

Unfortunately, many of our long time volunteers are no longer able to lead tours. We really need more people to become docents. The training is three hour long orientation meeting, reading a book about the adobe and Olivas family, and finally, shadowing a current docent.

We have a meeting once a month. Our tours are on Saturdays and Sundays, and each tour guide signs up to lead tours one day a month. If you love history, love to tell stories, and think it might be fun to dress in a costume, we have a fun place for you! The Olivas Adobe is truly a treasure for Ventura that needs to be shared with the community. For more information, or to volunteer, call Joanne Abing at 805- 644-4586.
Patricia McNeese

Dear Mr. Brown,

In your recent op-ed, you claim that same-sex marriage should be ok, because it does not harm anyone.

The very next paragraph you basically espouse pro-choice, and abortion. You wonder why Christians would be against this. Maybe it's because we believe it does harm to someone! The pro life Catholic teachings are much more consistent than your pick and choose style. Pro life from conception to death. Try to pick it apart, you can't,

God bless, sir.

Paul Caron

Paul:

Won't even try to pick apart. Thanks for your thoughts.

Letter To Editor

Brother John, age 81, lives in the family home in Wilkes-Barre Pa. I got word that he was having dizzy spells and admissions to the hospital emergency room.

I flew to Pa to see if I could help. John was okay but the doctor said he should not drive.

On Primary day 5/2119 I drove him the poll so he could vote. At his polling

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City News

Award-winning innovative program provides showers for the homeless

by Jill Forman

“Hygiene restores dignity and restores hope” says Deanna Handel, describing the shower component of the Ventura Health Care Agency’s program for the homeless, which is an “opportunity to extend the front door of the health care system out into the community. This is cutting edge work, a pilot program; not many communities deliver health care this way.”

Handel, manager of the program called Whole Person Care, speaks with passion about the its mission. And she is quick to point out that her outlook is shared by the entire staff. “They need to be welcoming and engaging; invite the clients in.”

Whole Person Care has been delivered by One Stop, weekly outreach events with multiple agencies offering assistance in areas such as housing, mental health services, medical referrals, drug and alcohol counseling, lunches, and so on. Many persons in the community have numerous service needs and barriers to getting those needs met, for example disability, mental health issues, or lack of transportation. By having services in one place, the hope is that they can connect with agencies and individuals to assist them. One Stop has many locations throughout the county. Showers are the latest component in offering more complete assistance.

Care Pods, the shower element, has been in place since December of 2017. They are made from container units which can be put on a truck and taken to locations. Made of steel, they are resistant to damage or vandalism. Fully self-contained units, they hook to city water with a hose. At this time, they stay in one location and are opened on a regular schedule. They each contain four showers, including an ADA-approved unit for the disabled. The company is local, founded by Vernon Alstot, a retired Ventura Fire Department executive who not only had experience with showers for

fire personnel, but also brought relationships with local cities and organizations that were helpful to the Health Care Agency.

Relationships with communities and law enforcement have been key to the implementation of the Whole Person concept, engaging cities and law enforcement, getting everyone one board to find an appropriate location. There needs to be “careful conversations” to include everyone’s perspective. The Health Care Agency relies on city staff and law enforcement to be ambassadors to their communities. Law enforcement works with these individuals every day and knows the barriers they face to getting appropriate services.

The two locations currently with Care Pods are River Haven in Ventura and at the El Buen Pastor Church in Santa Paula. The Ventura site currently serves an average of 25 persons on a weekly schedule, though it has been as many as 41 in a day, and has provided 1700 showers total. The Santa Paula site serves 20-30 persons a week and has provided 1400 showers. HCA is in talks to expand to two more locations; there is funding for six units.

The program recently won a statewide award from the California Association of Public Hospitals – Safety Net Institute, a statewide advocacy body. The Quality Leaders Award recognized their outstanding effort to administer team-based, right place-right time care. A highly competitive award, it was “a real honor.”

Handel is proud of the program and has high praise for the staff and volunteers. The philosophy is centered on friendly workers: community health, professionals, medical staff and volunteers who give care that is compassionate and non-stigmatizing. “All staff really care about the clients. They are amazing.”

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Pendleton joined the Ventura Port District in 2015.

Brian Pendleton announced as new General Manager of Ventura Port District

The Ventura Port District Board of Port Commissioners announced the appointment and promotion of Brian Pendleton to General Manager of the Ventura Port District effective May 1, 2019. Pendleton, was the Deputy General Manager of the Port District, he succeeds Oscar Pena, who retired after 20 years of service to the Port.

Pendleton joined the Ventura Port District in 2015 as the Business Operations Manager, responsible for management, supervision and oversight of

District finances, facilities, marinas, property and risk management. In 2018, due to his successes at the Port, the Board of Commissioners promoted Pendleton to Deputy General Manager to perform asset management duties for a diversified portfolio of real estate holdings including Ventura Harbor Village, hotels, marinas, boatyards, and rental housing.

“I want to personally thank Chris Stephens, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, along with Vice-Chair Brian Brennan, and fellow Port Commissioners for providing me with the opportunity and privilege of serving the Port District as its next General Manager,” said Pendleton. “I look forward to collaborating with our Board to establish key priorities in the coming months and work alongside the hard-working team of the Port District, our Harbor tenants, and key stakeholders to achieve our goals.”

In his new role, Pendleton plans to enhance and expand the Port’s mission to provide a safe and navigable harbor and a seaside destination that benefits residents, visitors, fisherman, and boaters to experience Ventura Harbor’s exceptional facilities, events and services.

“The District Board has recognized the value Mr. Pendleton has brought to the organization since he joined us four years ago,” says Chris Stephens, Chairman of the Ventura Port District Commission. “We are confident that Mr. Pendleton will lead the Ventura Port District to fulfill its mission and serve as a leading commercial fishing center and a valued recreational marina and

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On May 23, a two-alarm fire consumed a Ventura radiator business located on Thompson.

Ventura Radiator and Auto Air Conditioning was badly damaged in the fire. The fire damaged a large portion the building garage which caused the roof to collapse and the exterior walls to buckle.

The estimated damage to the structure was approximately \$500,000 and personal losses were estimated to be \$100,000. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Photo by Richard Lieberman.



This 'n' That



Lt. Fabio Simoes snaps a selfie with the men in Ventura's Salvation Army Program. Kc, David, Kent Spurlock, Joseph, Adam, Leo, Jerry, Gabriel and Brendan. Photo courtesy of Lt. Fabio Simoes.

Ventura's Salvation Army helps homeless man reconnect with his daughter after 27 years

by Maryssa Rillo

Kent Spurlock, a Ventura native and transient homeless man returned to his hometown of Ventura, in November 2018. After having a stent operation, Spurlock was placed in recuperative care and was introduced to the people of the Ventura Salvation Army. There he received the help he needed and was reconnected with his daughter after 27 years.

"I was in Little Rock, Arkansas and I bought a motor cycle and was flying down the highway with no helmet and the holy spirit came upon me and I tried to get back with life. I have been a transient homeless person for many years and I owe California. I came back to California and in doing so, I got introduced to the Salvation Army," Spurlock said.

At the Salvation Army, Spurlock met Lieutenants Fabio and Silvia Simoes, Corps Officers of the Salvation Army California South Divisions, and they changed his life.

"I can't even explain to the people of Ventura County and the donors to the Salvation Army how important it is to support the Salvation Army of Ventura. Pastor Fabio and Silvia have been working there for five years. I did not know them and when I met them, they opened my eyes," Spurlock said. "I started going to church with Salvation Army which opened other doors and my mind."

Spurlock said that he was inspired to search for his daughter after witnessing Lt. Fabio Simoes help others reconnect with their family members.

Through the Salvation Army's shelter, Spurlock had unlimited access to computers, so he decided to begin his search for his daughter in February 2019.

"By going to church Pastor Fabio had helped another individual reconnect his life with his family and I started thinking 'why can't I do that?' And I did, and guess what? She was there, she was there. It took me how many texts, probably a good dozen until she responded," Spurlock said.

Spurlock said the last time he saw

his daughter was in 1991 when he was on parole from prison. At the end of May, 2019 his daughter responded to his texts. Spurlock's daughter now lives in North Carolina, so they have not been able to meet in person, but they do keep in contact. Spurlock also learned that he has a ten-year-old grandson and a seven-year-old granddaughter.

"I sat there on that computer day in and day out and she finally responded. I have Pastor Fabio Simoes to thank for that," Spurlock said.

The Simoes began working with Ventura's Salvation Army Ministry in 2014. The couple works on five-year assignments so they will be moving to Portland, Oregon this summer.

Lt. Fabio Simoes said he enjoys helping people through the missionary and the Salvation Army. He said they have case managers who help the residents find jobs which gives them opportunities to save money for a better life.

"Working with the Salvation Army is priceless. Seeing people without any hope and we just get to offer them the possibility to have a good life. It's priceless," said Simoes.

Simoes said that he always encourages the residents to reconnect with their families. Once a resident leaves the Salvation Army, Simoes said he still tries to keep in contact with them.

"I give them my business card with my cell phone number. If they need a friend, I tell them to ask me for help and I give them advice," Simoes said.

The Simoes' last day in Ventura will be on June, 23rd 2019.

"If it hadn't been for Pastor Fabio, his solidness and Silvia's goodness, between the two of them, Ventura is going to lose very important people towards the community. Those two people made a difference in my life," Spurlock said. "The church was not that way before the Simoes took demand of the Salvation Army. They made a huge change."



ATLAS Elementary School teacher Therese Palmisano; Principal Jennifer Duston and teacher Sara Viscarra accepting the award.

2018-2019 Green School Award Winners

In celebration of Earth Day, the City of Ventura has announced that Buena High School and ATLAS Elementary School have been named winners of this year's Green School Awards. The recipients are recognized for their outstanding programs in sustainability and efforts to prepare the next generation of environmental leaders. The winners received an honorary certificate and a \$500 cash prize sponsored by the City of Ventura, Agromin Premium Soil Products and E. J. Harrison & Sons, Inc.

"The annual Green School Award is an opportunity to celebrate students and staff who are improving and protecting

natural resources through innovative projects. This year's winners continue to be environmental leaders in our community" said Brandon Kaysen, Environmental Sustainability Supervisor.

Buena High School was presented the Environmental Leadership Award for reducing their environmental footprint and enhancing health and wellness opportunities for students. The school is in the process of renovating an abandoned garden to include fruit trees, vegetable planters, and space for native plant propagation. The new landscape will include rainwater capture features and a water efficient drip irrigation system. The school plans to use the renovated space to reduce food waste through composting.

ATLAS Elementary School was presented with the Watershed Hero Award from Ventura Water for implementing a water wise garden on campus. The garden conserves water, supports pollinators such as birds and bees and provides a beautiful space for students to engage with nature. This project was a collaboration between students, parents and volunteers from local Cub Scout Troops. "Our model of leadership at ATLAS empowers students to be the catalyst for the change they want to see in the world", stated Sara Bergman Viscarra, teacher at ATLAS Elementary School.

For more than ten years, the City of Ventura Green School Award has supported environmental initiatives at local schools. Public and private schools are encouraged to apply for the annual award on the City's website.



Every child was so excited and enthused about their experience.

Kids & Families Together and Bike Ventura

In celebration of National Bicycle Month and Foster/Resource Family awareness month, two local nonprofits came together for a special day! Kids & Families Together and Bike Ventura.

Kids & Families Together is a local nonprofit who provides therapy and support services to kinship, adoption, foster, and birth families in Ventura County and Bike Ventura whose mission is to foster a safe, healthy community through bicycle-centered education, empowerment, and advocacy in Ventura County.

In partnership with Cross Pointe Church Ventura provided an amazing bike event for these kinship, adoption, and foster families. This event was created because a grandmother caring for a grandchild called Kids & Families Together, because of the age of her and her husband, there granddaughter, who was 8, didn't know how to ride a bike and they didn't feel comfortable teaching her.

Bike Ventura's passion to educate the community on bike education and training was the perfect collaboration.

With over 30 kids in attendance each child was given a free helmet, free bike repair, lessons on bike safety and how to ride, some or more seasoned riders were able to go on a bike ride around the neighborhood; practicing what they learned from the event.

Every child was so excited and enthused about their experience. Lunch was donated by Domino's Pizza and Jersey Mikes. Cross Pointe provided many of the volunteers and blow up slides for the kids to have fun after the event. All in all, it was a great day where families could create fun memories and times together.

A couple of the favorite moments of the day was one girl who had her training wheels removed for the first time and was able to go on the bike ride around the neighborhood. Another was that one child was able to receive a free bike through Shelter Care Resources. By the end of the day each child had a huge smile on their face and was proud and confident in what they had learned and excited to keep learning how to ride.





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Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

First Tuesday of the month from 1– 2:30 p.m. Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice offers free classes on managing life with Type 2 and Pre-Diabetes. Learn about meal planning, exercise, blood sugar monitoring, medication management and new developments for living with diabetes. Second Monday of the month from 4– 5 p.m. they invite you to join a free joint replacement classes and learn what to expect pre and post-surgery. Learn about home safety, rehabilitation, medication and recovery.

Wednesdays evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. they offer free adult bereavement support groups to individuals who have experienced a loss within the last 2 ½ years. The support groups help improve understanding of the grief process, decrease emotional pain, provides emotional and educational support, and rediscover a sense of hope. Classes takes place at the Community Room 1996 Eastman Ave.

The Compassionate Friends of West Ventura County is a support group for those who have experienced the loss of a child. Parents, grandparents, and siblings (over age 14) are all welcome. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Poinsettia Pavilion, Canada Larga room, 3451 Foothill Road. For more information, contact Laura Lindsay at 805-836-9100.

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club Monday nights 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. Poinsettia Pavilion. Ballroom, swing,

Latin and line dancing. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Free dance lessons 6:45 - 7:15p.m. Call Rick 805- 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

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.

Cross Town Hikers join in on Wednesday nights for a moderate-paced hike that includes views of Ventura from the cross, a walk out to the end of the pier, and a stroll along the Promenade back to the Museum. Four miles with an 800-foot elevation gain. Meet at 7 p.m. sharp at the fountain across the street from the Mission. Join Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/800215670039426/>

The members of the Ventura Investment Group meet on Mondays for an informal discussion of recent economic events. The meeting is from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at Telephone Road and Main

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Street. Visitors and potential members are welcomed. There are no dues or requirements to participate, and all levels of experience are welcomed.

Musicians' Sober Support Meetup @ FIND (A Friend in Deed) every Monday night 7-9 p.m. Bring acoustic instrument(s) for jamming after sharing support for sobriety. Bell Arts-Studio 39-432 Ventura Ave. For further information A.Friend.In.Deed.Ventura@gmail.com.

The Ventura County Philatelic Society meet on the first and third Mondays each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Rd. Admission and parking are free. Come for a great evening. Contact: Bill Garner (805) 320-1601 or sockonthenose@gmail.com

Mended Hearts of Ventura. Come share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant. Group meets the first Tuesday each month at Lemon Wood Mobile Park, 850 Johnson Dr. They have excellent speakers, leading cardiologists, nutritionists, dietitians from our area. Contact Richard Hatcher at 805-644-2733.

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDa) is a 12-step fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is recovery from codependence in the development and maintenance of healthy relationships. Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5654 Ralston (enter through side door off parking lot). Further information Deva 805-814-5650 or Maryann

The Ventura Retired Men's group meets on the first and third Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Elks lodge on Knoll Dr. Drop by to introduce yourself and they will treat you to lunch so you can sample our activities and banter and hear our program/speaker of the day. Got a question? Call Bob Likins at 805-587-1233.

BCNN (Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers) is a non-profit women's club open to ladies who reside in Ventura, Oxnard and Port Hueneme. A purely social club to provide a venue by which women in our area can meet each other. You can see a listing of some of the activities at <http://www.bcnnwomensclub.org/>. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 9:30 – 11 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 36 Figueroa St. Parking is on Santa Clara Avenue. dues are \$30 per year.

The Ventura Rotary Club, Ventura Downtown Lions Club and the Salvation Army of Ventura have partnered to bring the community a free Eye Clinic. The goal and vision are to provide free eyeglasses for those in need. Patients are seen each Tuesday from 9-11a.m., walk-ins only first come first served. The Eye Clinic is located inside the Salvation Army Hope Center. 155 S Oak St.

The Ventura County Camera Club holds its monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month January to November (no meeting in December) at 6:30 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion. The first part of the meeting will be an instructional workshop. This will be followed by the showing of member images. A professional photographer from the area will critique member's prints and digital images. This is

not a competition but rather an anonymous discussion of the images. Only members may submit images for critique. See the club's web site for more information about the club and examples of member's work or call 908-5663. WWW.VenturaCountyCamera-Club.com.

June 8: Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Family fun at Mathnasium of Ventura! Come join as they officially introduce themselves to the community and show off what they are all about. There will be plenty of family friendly fun and of course plenty of math. Don't miss out on games, food, music and prizes. Win some cool swag or even a free month of enrollment (a \$300 value). At Mathnasium, they make math make sense. Mathnasium have been the math experts for over 15 years and are so excited to open their doors in Ventura. Check out www.mathnasium.com/ventura/events for more info. 1746-B S. Victoria Ave. 805-525-MATH (6284)

June 12: The Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group and Abbott are pleased to host UCLA neurology and neurosurgery specialists Adrienne Keener, MD, and Ausaf A. Bari, MD, PhD, on Wednesday, from 1-3 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura. For more information see the full article in the Breeze Senior Living Section. To RSVP call Patty at 805-766-6070.

June 14: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution April luncheon meeting will take place at 11:30 AM, Friday, 14 June 2019, in the Poinsettia Pavilion. The program will be "The Contributions of Spain During the American Revolutionary War" presented by Dr. Sunny Vazquez Ron McMullen. If you choose lunch, cost is \$20 per person. For additional information or for assistance in determining your possible Revolutionary War genealogical roots, please call Bill Bays (805) 650-3036 or Robert Taylor (805) 216-7992. Please visit the chapter website <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

June 15: The Ventura County chapter of the Surfrider Foundation and Pure Stoke are excited to partner on International Surfing Day! A nationally recognized day to celebrate our oceans, waves and beaches. Come join in on the fun, meet the volunteers behind both of our organizations and learn about our year-round efforts to protect these precious resources at Surfer's Point from 10am-2pm. Activities throughout the event include surfing, a raffle, a beach clean-up, yoga, kite flying, and more! Donate your used wetsuit at our SUGA donation station and be automatically entered in our raffle for a chance to win a Patagonia wetsuit! Don't have a wetsuit to donate? You can purchase raffle tickets.

June 18: The Model Investment Club of the Channel Islands meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month, 1:45 p.m. June 18 and July 16. In Ventura County for twenty years, people interested in learning more about investment clubs can attend a model club meeting to observe a real stock investment club. These events are free. Please contact our hostess Jeanette Casserly for directions to the Ventura location and reserve a spot. (805) 506-7997. For further information on non-profit. 501(c)3 Investor education, visit: www.betterinvesting.org/channel.

Community Events

June 22: Saturday 1-3pm – Bank of Books 748 E. Main St., Ventura. (805) 643-3154 Books748Main@outlook.com. Join Evelyn Taylor an afternoon of conversation on the History of Camarillo State Hospital and get your signed copy of this fantastic new book. This book is a pictorial reflection of Cam's rapid expansion as the largest state hospital west of the Mississippi to the shuttering of its doors 60 years later. After having earned a master's degree in history, with an emphasis in archives, Evelyn S. Taylor became the first archivist for California State University Channel Islands.

Ojai news and events

Local author John Darling will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019, to present a special talk, Inside the Mind of an Author. Darling has been writing since the 1970s, and has published numerous short stories, poems, and magazine articles.

During this talk, Darling will share a bit of his own background and why he writes across multiple genres. He will also share his sources of inspiration. There will also be a chance to play "Stump the Author," where participants can test his ability to spin a story out of only a few words for a chance to win a small prize!

Darling's first publication was a short story which appeared in the Journal of Mental Health. His lone play, Stage Directions, has been produced in the United States, Canada, and England. A complete list of his books and more information can be found on his author website, <http://johndarlingauthor.com/>.

Local author F.D. Cameron will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 2019, to present his newest novel, Kingdom of the Black Narcissus. F. D. Cameron has been a magazine editor and writer in Los Angeles, and a counseling psychologist and lead faculty at Regis University in Denver. He is also the author of The River Told, published in 2016. This event will include a reading of passages from the book.

Kingdom of the Black Narcissus is a gender-bending love story and historical adventure that chronicles the exploits of Morgan Booth, a young globe-trotting American grappling with his sexual identity. When he travels to Cairo, Egypt, a chance rendezvous reunites him with a former college friend from Germany and his African-American girlfriend. Together they embark on an adventure.

Cameron's latest novel has been called "a compelling immersion in another world." This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146.

The Ojai Library is located at 111 East Ojai Avenue in Ojai, CA. 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.

Join Lanny Kaufer on Saturday, June 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a Nature Hike to Potrero John Camp, deep in the Sespe Wilderness of the Los Padres National Forest.

The hike will take place on Potrero John Creek, 20 miles north of Ojai. The group will cover 1.7 miles each way on a gradually ascending but mostly level trail with some elevation gain through chaparral and riparian settings, beginning at 3700 feet.

The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors 62 and older, and \$15 for students 13-17. Kids 5-12 can go free, one per adult, by prior arrangement. Participants under the age of

18 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Toddlers must be in a carrier.

Register at HerbWalks.com or by calling 805-646-6281. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with all necessary info. No pre-payment is required.

The Ojai Photography Community (OPC) will host Santa Barbara based photographer, Chuck Place, presenting "Drone Photography - It's All About Altitude," on June 18 at 7 p.m. in Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 W. Santa Ana St. The OPC invites the public to attend this free event.

In his presentation Place will cover the exciting new field of drone photography. He will share his experiences and the expertise he has achieved in shooting aerial photographs for hospitality, construction and real estate clients. His illustrated talk will feature a selection of the stunning images he has created utilizing a drone. He will discuss the unique advantages of drones as well as their safety issues

Mailbox

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place they had coffee and cookies for the voter. Wow.

The young people outside the poll were eager to talk politics/voting. They told me they were disappointed with elected officials on all levels

There are 200,000 registered voters in John's County (Luzerne) and generally 20% voted in the primary.

They told me they wanted accountability over the elected officials. It was discussed that the federal debt last year was \$800 billion. (More spent than raised in taxes).

On idea brought up was to make Congress (Senators and Representatives) balance the budget by only spending the amount raised in taxes. If that was not done then the pay of the Senators and Representatives would be cut by 10% for the next year. One young girl said that if they did it twice in a row they should be barred from running for office in the next term

If you have any thoughts about these ideas send me a note.

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Editor:

Why are we allowing the government and religious entities to be involved in our personal healthcare decisions?

MY decisions about my body are mine alone to make! As a Unitarian Universalist, I am respectful of other women's decisions about their healthcare choices.

It is also important to use accurate terminology: a fertilized ovum is not a baby, a zygote is not a baby; an embryo is not a baby; a fetus is not a baby until it is viable. An acorn is not a tree.

In my opinion, those who call themselves, "Pro-Life" are merely "Pro-Birth". Their policies often do not support care for these babies. For example, many women without insurance cannot receive prenatal care. Food supplement programs are under constant attack, as are childcare and early educational programs.

Bottom line, government and religious entities should not be involved in interfering or controlling women's bodies or in their healthcare decisions. Judith A. Beay, Ventura

News & Notes



Alexander Blomquist, Liliana Cagnacci, Kelly Quinn, Olivia Blomquist, Sean Quinn, Livia Vertucci and Adeline Vertucci of the Loma Vista 4-H in the KPPQ studio.

CAPS Media board of directors welcomes three new members

by CAPS staff

The Loma Vista 4-H club of Ventura, part of the University of California’s outreach program, spent 4 weeks at the CAPS Media’s KPPQ-LP Ventura Radio Station. Actively engaged in the creative radio production classes the young DJs learned about community radio and developed skills to produce entertaining and informative podcasts and radio shows. The enthusiastic students, ages 11 to 16, explored a variety of topics including worldwide cultures, comic book characters, autism and Women Athletes such as Serena Williams. All the students quickly mastered the basics of radio production and plan to continue their shows throughout the year bringing more youth radio to KPPQ-LP Ventura.

The CAPS Media board of directors is very pleased to welcome three new members, all representing partner organizations. Marieanne Quiroz is representing the Ventura Unified School District, Dr. Tim Harrison is representing Ventura College and Bill De La Espriella is representing Ventura County. The CAPS board guides the organization and is comprised of 13 dedicated citizens who are committed to public access and to fulfilling CAPS Media’s mission: To create an engaged and informed community through participation in electronic media.

Graduation season keeps rolling and CAPS Media is on site recording ceremonies for El Camino High School on June 7 and for Foothill Technology High School on June 13. All of the graduation ceremonies will be recorded and broadcast on CAPS Channel 15 in the weeks following the events. Congratulations to all the 2019 Graduates!

Recently, CAPS Media held a Family Treasures Workshop at the CAPS Media Center. The free, fun and informative event gave family members suggestions and resources for documenting family histories incorporating family stories, interviews, photos, keepsakes, memorabilia and more to create a personalized and professional Family Treasures video. The workshop is the first in a series being held at the CAPS Media Center, 65 Day Road in Ventura. For more information email us at info@capsmedia.org or calling 805.658.0500.

The CAPS Media Center belongs to the community of Ventura. Our mission is to create an engaged and informed community through participation in electronic media. What does that mean to you? All of the training and resources at the CAPS Media Center are available

to you. If you have a story to tell or a message or information you want to share, CAPS will help you share your story. If you are looking for something new to learn or always wanted to host your own radio or television program, check out the CAPS Media Center. To find out more go to capsmedia.org/ events, sign up for the next orientation class on the first Thursday of the month and discover that for a low annual membership fee of \$25 you can receive hands-on instruction in videography, video editing, radio production (additional fee required) and more. As a CAPS Media Producer/Member you will have access to CAPS Media’s state-of-the-art facilities including video cameras, editing systems, fully equipped television and radio studios and more. Don’t miss out. All of the information is online at capsmedia.org, or you can call 805-658-0500 to get complete information.

The new course is the first step towards improving the city

by Venturans for Responsible & Efficient Gov’t staff

Ventura voters paid little attention to the City Council’s revamped process for committees and commissions. That’s too bad because the new course is the first step towards improving the city.

Voters elected a new City Council in 2018 seeking bold changes in the way Ventura operates. Because of the revamped process, Ventura will become more business-friendly. Moreover, the new procedures will make it easier for residents to improve their homes.

Unlike in the past, the Council recognizes that the development process is cumbersome. There are too many planning and review layers to navigate and not enough certainty. The Council is breaking down decades of ineffective planning, permit processing and internal red tape.

Proposed Changes To Committees And Commissions

The Council has proposed some significant changes. They include:

Streamlining, improving and simplifying the current design review process.

Disbanding the Historical Preservation Committee. Replacing it with staff review

and, where needed, outside consultants.

Merging the Cultural Affairs, Library Advisory and Public Arts commissions. Three members of each commission stay on to form a nine-member board.

The most significant change is the appointment of Planning Commissioners.

Under the proposed changes, each City Councilmember will appoint a Planning Commission member. Commissioner terms would run concurrently with that of the elected official. The appointing Councilmember may replace them at any time during their tenure.

Increased Accountability For Committees And Commissions

Every Planning Commissioner would be accountable to the Councilmember who appointed him or her; the same Councilmember whom we elected. It is less likely they will obstruct progress.

The proposed system eliminates dupli-

cated efforts. It also saves the city staff time in unproductive meetings.

City staff will assume the responsibility of the Historical Preservation Committee. Combining the Cultural Affairs, Library Advisory and Public Arts Commissions reduces three meetings down to one.

City staff spends time preparing, attending and summarizing the findings for these meetings. They will no longer need to do so under the proposed changes.

The new system offers less duplicated effort, fewer meetings and allows the staff to do more work. City staff will spend less time in meetings. They will save the time they’d otherwise spend preparing for, attending and summarizing the meetings.

The proposed changes don’t please everyone. The immediate resistance came from some existing committee members and commissioners. There are two main

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"We rolled out our mats and settled into a meditation."

First Post Fire Community Gathering

by Chris Roberts

In its first community event since the Thomas fire, Jo Ann Wedding led a small group of yogis through the impressive new Ventura Botanical Garden gateway to the base of the trail.

The view was astonishing. The trail is fully restored between the trailhead and Summit Road, about half way to the top of the ridge. The rockwork takes me back to the hills in Greece or Portugal. Line upon line upon line of curved stone batter walls define the trail, the planters and those parts of the

hillside that require additional stability reinforcement. The repetitive rhythm of the undulating walls is striking, and at a deeper level, my appreciation for the hours of handwork required to create this setting take me back to a time when manual labor, not machines, built structures. This is not like the stone walls that lined the edge of the trail before this fire. The stonework is so prevalent that it establishes an artwork array as far as the eye can see. The plants are in bloom, and the diversity of Mediterranean plants is breathtaking.

For those wanting a more vigorous ascent, curved stone steps, cross the low gradient switchbacks, offering a shorter, but more vigorous hillside ascent.

The group reached a patio overlook at the Summit Drive terminus. We rolled out our mats and settled into a meditation that include breathing in the fresh air, feasting on the ocean and mountains views, and the quiet natural setting. Attention to the breath, and a peaceful setting are prime yoga session components.

Master yogi LeeAnn McGuire led us through a series of relaxing but energetic poses and we all had gentle smiles as we rolled up the mats and made the refreshing decent back to the trailhead. Thanks to Yoga Jones and the Ventura Botanical



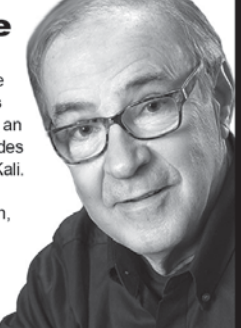
Kali is Your Code Name

by James Francis Gray

One afternoon, Gloira Sanchez is approached by Madame Beverly Wiggins with the suggestion that Gloria, "Drop this dead-end job and hook up with me." After consideration and an envelope containing five one-hundred dollar bills, Gloria decides to join Madame Wiggins. Beverly changes Gloria's name to Kali. "Kali is Your Code name" follows Kali on her sordid adventures, which send her to the top of her new profession, a high priced call-girl.

A great summer read!

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News & Notes

Gardens for making this special event possible. Future gatherings are planned on June 13 and June 27.

The rebuilt trail and vastly improved gardens are gentle yet spectacular. I will return often.



Circus Vargas – the big one is back!

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The Big One is Back with "The Greatest of Ease" bringing acrobats, daredevils and flying trapeze! Join us in celebrating, Circus Vargas' 50th anniversary extravaganza, an homage to the golden era of circus in America, in Camarillo at the Camarillo Premium Outlets June 13th through 17th, and continuing up the Central Coast to Santa Barbara at the Earl Warren Showgrounds June 20th through 24th, and San Luis Obispo at Madonna Inn June 27th through July 8th.

All aboard our spectacular circus steam engine as we ride the railways back in time, to relive the nostalgia of yesteryear! Marvel at the sights and sounds emanating from the big top, just as audiences did decades ago! The hypnotic call of the calliope, the sawdust, the sequins, the spangles!

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry! Witness the unusual, the astonishing, the unimaginable! Wonder at the daring and the beauty! Experience the phenomenal, the extraordinary!

Run away with the circus, for two unforgettable hours of nonstop action and adventure, as we transport you back through the ages of circus history and tradition! A magnificent, mega-hit production guaranteed to thrill and enchant children of all ages ...only at Circus Vargas, where memories are made and cherished for a lifetime!

Always fun for the entire family, Circus Vargas' incredible new 2019 production highlights an amazing cast of world-renowned performers! Death-Defying Acrobats, Daredevils, Aerialists, Jugglers, Contortionists, Clowns, Motorcycles and much, much, more!

Arrive 30 minutes early for an entertaining, interactive pre-show celebration, where kids can create their own magic under the big top, learning circus skills such as juggling, balancing and more! Meet and mingle with the entire cast after each performance. Capture the fun by posing for pics or selfies with your favorite cast members, all part of an unforgettable Circus Vargas experience!

For Circus Vargas performance dates, times and to purchase tickets, visit www.circusvargas.com, call 877-GOTFUN-1 (877-468-3861) or visit the box office at each location. Follow Circus Vargas on Facebook and Twitter for updates, discounts and behind the scenes video.



Dr. Campbell joins Dr. Ian Gordon Holsworth, VetSurg Director in this prestigious group.

Dr. Campbell certified

VetSurg is pleased to announce that Dr. Courtney Campbell has been board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons as being part of the ACVS Diplomates Class of 2019. Dr. Campbell is one of 44 newly certified small animal surgery Diplomates and is among an elite group of only 1,400 small animal surgery Diplomates. Dr. Campbell joins Dr. Ian Gordon Holsworth, VetSurg Director in this prestigious group of ACVS board-certified Veterinary Surgeons.

"I know how dedicated Dr. Campbell is to his profession," stated Dr. Holsworth. "He is a very skilled surgeon who has spent years dedicating himself to the pursuit of Diplomate status. We are fortunate to have him on our team."

Dr. Holsworth, an internationally recognized surgical educator and active member of the local community, opened VetSurg in October 2015. Dr. Holsworth and Dr. Campbell bring a combined 20-year presence in Ventura County with over 30 years combined surgical and veterinary experience. They are joined by the highly skilled and experienced VetSurg team focused on improving the quality of veterinary surgical care by forming a healthcare team with local primary veterinarians for pets located throughout Ventura, Santa Barbara and Kern counties.

Dr. Holsworth and Dr. Campbell are broadly trained in orthopedics, neurosurgery, soft tissue and oncologic surgery for both dogs and cats. The VetSurg team is comprised of excellent veterinary technicians and administrators each of whom are dedicated to the health and well being of the hospital's patients. VetSurg is located at 2859 Loma Vista Road and can be reached at 805-850-2180 (www.VetSurg.com)

Performances added to VC Fair lineup

The VC Fair has added 3 performances to the 2019 Grandstand Entertainment Series, rounding out the diverse schedule of concerts to the fair.

Adding a concert on opening night, July 31, the 2019 VC Fair will now present 11 free concerts. This year's list of Fair entertainers will satisfy Ventura County music lovers with every unique performance:

All Grandstand Concerts are free
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It will take more than change to cover your costs.

Programs to help pay for assisted living are limited

Many people mistakenly think that Medicare will help cover these costs, but Medicare does not pay for assisted living. On the other hand, Medicaid does cover certain types of long-term care services. Specific programs vary by state, but most state Medicaid programs offer some sort of financial assistance with the costs of assisted living. However, Medicaid uses strict eligibility guidelines that also vary by state. For more information on qualifying for Medicaid, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or your state's department of health and human services or department of social services.

The reality is that when it comes to assisted living, most families pay out of pocket. If the adult children have the resources, they will often contribute to their parents' care if Mom and Dad don't have sufficient funds. This, of course,

can cause issues within the family, especially if some siblings are wealthier than others. How do families decide whether the children should financially contribute to their parents' care, and, if they do, who pays how much?

Family meetings can help move things along. Sometimes that means siblings must grow up enough to put aside sibling rivalries and old family dynamics for the benefit of their parent(s), but if that can be done, a collaborative plan can be devised.


There are options other than splitting the cost evenly. One sibling may have a substantial income but live far away from their parents. This sibling could contribute more financially, while another sibling who lives closer and has a more limited income can take on a larger

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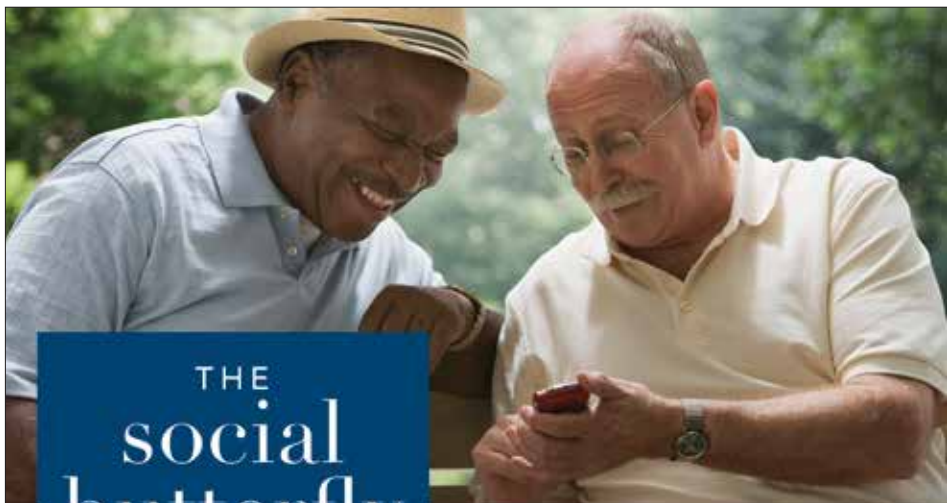


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This WWII Navy aircraft will honor Veterans with a flyover at the “Salute Our Veterans.” Photo courtesy of CAF So Cal.

WWII aircraft flyover to honor veterans at upcoming event

Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura has a history of honoring Veterans. On Wednesday June 26, 2019, the senior living community will host their 11th annual “Salute Our Veterans” celebration with a ceremony recognizing residents of Cypress Place, as well as members of the public, who served their country. The event is free and open to the public. Come join them for this powerful tribute.

New to the event this year will be a WW II Warbird flyover presented by the Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing aviation museum (CAF So Cal).

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) was founded as an all-volunteer organization to acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States.

The CAF So Cal museum is located in hangars at the Camarillo Airport, and consists of 12 WWII era aircraft, many of which are flyable and perform in airshows. The museum is also home to an ever-growing collection of World War II aviation artifacts and displays, intended to preserve the memories and to honor the sacrifices of Americans in our country’s air wars.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with CAF So Cal this year for our event, and are incredibly honored that they will be presenting a flyover as part of our ceremony honoring local Veterans,” said Mike Macke, director of sales and marketing at Cypress Place. “We want to honor all Veterans, and make sure we don’t forget what they have done for their country.”

In addition to the flyover, a real Huey Army MEDEVAC helicopter will be on display from 11am to 1pm during the event. The helicopter on display has bullet holes from its time in Vietnam, according to Bryan Scofield of Scofield Catering and Management, the owner of the retired Huey. The helicopter is over fifty feet in length according to Scofield, and evokes powerful emotions in Veterans and almost anyone who sees it.

No less emotional will be the ceremony recognizing residents of Cypress Place, as well as members of the public, who served their country.

Leading the tribute will be a bagpipe procession by nationally known Pipe Major Bill Boetticher. Boetticher played at the funeral of former first lady Nancy Reagan. A military Color Guard presentation by the 1st Memorial Honors Detail will follow, followed by a special Veteran recognition, along with recogni-

tion of widows and widowers of Veterans. Keynote speaker will be Captain Michael France, Deputy Commodore for AC-CLOGWING for Naval Base Ventura County.

Special words of thanks will be also be offered during the ceremony by Ventura City Mayor Matt Lavere, Fire Chief David Endaya, and Police Chief Ken Corney. There will be live musical entertainment, a flag folding ceremony, and TAPS will also be played at this touching tribute.

A free BBQ lunch will follow the powerful program. “Touching History”, a private war memorabilia collection by Tom Weaver will also be displayed, along with memorabilia from residents of the senior community.

CAF So Cal will also have a display of memorabilia curated from their extensive aviation museum, along with an Army jeep available for attendees to sit in or pose next to for photographs.

The event is free and open to the public. All Veterans are encouraged to attend, as well as families, friends and neighbors.

The event begins promptly at 11am with the flyover, and takes place on Wednesday, June 26th, 2019. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 805-650-8000.

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

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

Neurological specialists to speak to Parkinson’s Group

The Ventura Parkinson’s Disease Support Group and Abbott are pleased to host UCLA neurology and neurosurgery specialists Adrienne Keener, MD, and Ausaf A. Bari, MD, PhD, on Wednesday, June 12th from 1:00-3:00PM at the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura. Members of the public are also welcome to attend this special presentation by Dr. Keener and Dr. Bari that includes an overview of Parkinson’s Disease and treatments including Deep Brain Stimulation.

Dr. Adrienne Keener has extensive fellowship training as a movement disorder specialist at UCLA. In addition to an overview of Parkinson’s Disease (PD), Dr. Keener will also discuss conventional and recently developed medications for treating PD. Dr. Ausaf A. Bari is one of Southern California’s neurological experts who specializes in the neurosurgical repair and restoration of brain and nerve function. Dr. Bari has extensive clinical and research experience in the use of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) in the treatment of both movement and psychiatric disorders. DBS may be an option for certain people with neurological problems when medicines don’t work as well or when side effects of the



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medicines interfere with daily activities. Following his neurosurgery residency training at UCLA, Dr. Bari was awarded the prestigious William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship to train at the world-renowned functional neurosurgery program at the University of Toronto. A native of California, Dr. Bari completed his neurosurgery residency training at UCLA after receiving his MD and PhD degrees from Boston University. He completed his undergraduate training at UC Berkeley in the field of neurobiology. His clinical practice includes DBS surgery for Parkinson's disease, tremor, dystonia, depression and OCD. In addition, his clinical practice includes neurosurgery for brain tumors, pain, and peripheral nerve disorders.

The Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group welcomes our members, their care-partners and new friends who find themselves navigating the challenges of Parkinson's Disease and other neurological conditions along with the public to join us at this special presentation on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, from 1PM-3PM at the Four Points by Sheraton, Ventura Harbor Resort; 1050 Schooner Drive, Ventura. We thank Abbott for sponsoring this important and informative meeting.

Directions to the Four Points Sheraton: from the 101 take the Seaward off Ramp and go south on Harbor Boulevard to Schooner Drive where you will then turn right and park in the lot to your left. There will be signs indicating where to find the meeting once you enter the Sheraton lobby. To RSVP and for more information call Patty at 805-766-6070.

Phone scams aimed at the elderly

by Esther Cole

As if it isn't enough punishment to get old. It's much worse to get old and sick. And it's terrible to be old and unwary. Innocent, actually.

To be unaware of all the mean-hearted, crooks, young people, who would make victims out of the old, and elderly, and ill, and unwary folk. living alone, and, believing, that all telephone calls must be answered, politely. Or answered. Period.

There is a recurrent scam, afoot, that targets the elderly female. It begins, when you answer the phone, and say, "hello."

The response you get is "Hi, grandma."

"Grandma" answers, "Who is this?"

"Your grandson."

"Which one?"

"The oldest"

"Oh, how are you, dear?"

"Oh, grandma, I'm in big trouble."

What grandma would not want to jump in and rescue her grandson?

'Grandson' now starts to sniff, and his voice begins to sound teary.

"Oh, gramms, I'm in jail. I was driving and I got hit -- I'm OK -- but the police said I was responsible. They arrested me. I can't leave without putting up bail. Please, grandma, can you help

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Alzheimer's Disease

It's well established that having a parent or sibling with Alzheimer's increases a person's risk of developing the disease. A new, NIA-supported study shows that even in the absence of close family members with Alzheimer's, having extended family members with the disease increased a person's risk. The findings, published April 9 in *Neurology*, could have implications for assessing risk using a broader view of family history.

A team of researchers from the University of Utah School of Medicine, Huntsman Cancer Institute, George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Utah State University, and Brigham Young University mined the Utah Population Database. This record of Utah founders from the 1800s and their descendants, was used to identify individuals with genealogy data for at least 12 ancestors in the last three generations. The resulting pool of more than 270,000 individuals included 4,436 with Alzheimer's as the primary or contributing cause of death.

To measure relative risk, the researchers compared the actual number of people who had Alzheimer's with the expected number of Alzheimer's cases based on various family histories of the disease. The analysis included first-degree relatives (parents, children, and siblings), second-degree relatives (grandparents, grandchildren, aunts and uncles, and nieces and nephews), and third-degree relatives (great-grandparents, great-grandchildren, grand nieces, grand nephews, great aunts and uncles, and first cousins).

In line with previous studies, the researchers found that having one or more first-degree relatives with Alzheimer's put people at significantly higher risk for the disease. People with one first-degree relative with Alzheimer's were 1.73 times more likely to develop the disease. Looking further into the family tree, people with two first-degree relatives with Alzheimer's were nearly four times more likely to develop the disease. Those with three first-degree relatives were nearly two-and-a-half more times likely, and those with four were almost 15 times more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease.

But even people whose parents or siblings did not have Alzheimer's were at higher risk in most cases if they had second- or third-degree relatives with the disease, the researchers found. For example, people with three or four second-degree relatives who had Alzheimer's were more than twice as likely to develop the disease. People who had only third-degree relatives with Alzheimer's had a 43 percent increased risk when they had three or more such relatives with the disease.

People at the lowest risk had no relatives with Alzheimer's disease or only one or two third-degree relatives with Alzheimer's.

Programs to help pay for assisted living

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part of the hands-on care that may, in turn, keep down some of the costs. A third sibling may do a little of each.

Unfortunately, some siblings just plain don't get along and issues with parent care often bring out the worst in their relationships. In particularly difficult scenarios like these, a mediator can assist families in finding an elder

care plan that everyone approves of. Having a neutral party present to weigh in during family meetings can help siblings put aside personal differences, find compassion (or at least tolerance) for one another and concentrate on the wellbeing of their parents.

Another less popular option is deciding not to contribute. Not every adult child is in a position to help their parents financially. You'd like to see Mom and Dad get top-of-the-line care, but you may all have to agree that more humble surroundings are all the family can afford. After all, your parents have had their whole lives to save and spend wisely. Whatever money they have set aside should be used for their care. Not only is making major contributions difficult for an adult child to budget for in the first place, but it also results in less savings for their own children, their retirement and their long-term care.

Rather than making financial contributions, offer your parents emotional and logistical support. Help them research long-term care options, financial assistance, and other federal, state, and local programs. Help them plan to spend down their assets and apply for Medicaid. Having your emotional support is often more important to your parents than having your fleeting financial support.

There is no telling how long Mom and Dad may reside in assisted living or how much their care needs may increase. Many adult children agree to help cover costs only to realize that they've committed to paying for long-term care for many, many years. This can be a financially devastating decision that is difficult to back out of, especially if the children have signed binding contracts with a facility regarding payment.

Phone scams aimed at the elderly

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me?"

What grandma would be so cold-hearted to ignore a needy grandson?

Grammas just don't grow that way. Grammas are relatives that are there for their grandsons.

When you read this introduction, it may seem too simple, and most grammas would understand this is a scam. I believe they do. But there are enough loving grammas, that are taken in, and then, take the money to Western Union, to send to their needy grandson.

My friend Carin's mother had money in hand at Western Union to send to this "grandson." The clerk explained the scam and saved her all that money.

I thought that scam was over, until last night, when I answered the phone, and heard this sweet, young male voice say, "Hello, Gramma..."

I answered, "What kind of trouble are you in now?"

That felt pretty good, because this "gramma" had a chance to scam the scammer. And I did. I asked for "grandson" to send me money. I needed a lot of money. Funny, my "grandson" was no longer on the other end of the telephone.

I know, there are dozens of other scams, and scammers, ready to take advantage of people who are kind and generous. Too bad we live in this kind of world, but we do.

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When the Businesses with Heart (BWH) Initiative began it was to provide discounts from local merchants for families entrusted with helping the resource families with needs for their children. The resource families and now birth parents using "BWH Cards" have made the program one of the most beneficial for resource and biological families in Ventura County. By providing discounts on products and services, mentorship and job opportunities, resource families have access to support in order to empower and encourage the youth and children they care for.

What wasn't realized was the impact the BWH Initiative, over 40 businesses strong, would have on other key elements for youth 18+ that have come through foster care during their lives. Many of the BWH entrepreneurs – have begun to do much more for our Ventura County youth in care. As the business owners have learned more about the need of the youth – they have additionally begun providing mentorship and even better, jobs!

Chipotle Mexican Grill, which had been around for over 25 years, has been

pivotal in the success of youth in care in Ventura County.

Youth in care are at risk the minute they set out on their own and it is crucial that they receive the support and encouragement from their community. Within the first five years of being emancipated, more than 50% of youth in foster care become a statistic of unemployment. Without jobs, most of these youth become homeless, 40-50% to be exact! (2007) Our Children: Emancipating Foster Youth. Retrieved from <http://www.thesoh.org/about-us/foster-youth-statistics-need/>

Jaci Johnson, Program Coordinator/Resource Family Recruitment, Development & Support for Ventura County Children and Family Services said, "I think what makes our youth so resilient is that they always hang on to hope. They know there's something bigger and better out there for themselves and they believe in themselves no matter how difficult it is, through their ups and their downs. You talk to these kids and they themselves are able to dig so deep into their inner strength and it's just that hope, it's never give up on themselves."

Recognized as a best practice leader statewide in the family recruitment and support component of child welfare, Ventura County Children and Family Services' Foster VC Kids was developed to increase the amount of loving resource families who are ready to take in children in need in Ventura County. This initiative provides resource families with ongoing support services, trauma-informed training, and mentorship to enhance the safety, permanency and well-being of Ventura County's youth and families. Learn how Ventura County Children and Family Services' Foster VC Kids is making a difference throughout Ventura County, www.fostervckids.org.

Brian Pendleton

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tourism destination."

Pendleton says he recognizes and appreciates the dedicated service, leadership, and personal support of retiring Port District General Manager, Pena. "Pena established strong financial principals for the Ventura Harbor, strengthening its economic position in the County and is leaving with the Port District more vibrant and financially sound," states Pendleton.

Boasting three decades of local government in Ventura, Oxnard, and port district experience in real estate, economic development, commercial revitalization and public agency operations, Pendleton has worked extensively with the business community serving as a key liaison between the public and private sectors in the communities he's served, including the redevelopment project of the Oxnard Esplanade from a closed to an open-air shopping center.

Currently serving as a board member for Ventura Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Chamber's Economic Development & Legislative/Government Affairs Committee, Pendleton was recently appointed to a two-year board term with Visit Ventura in 2019. Pendleton is an active member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, the Urban Land Institute, and California Association for Local Economic Development.

Pendleton's holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Real Estate Development from the University of Southern California and is a licensed real estate professional

in California.

He and his wife, Arlene and three children Matt, Shane and Melissa, are longtime Ventura County residents. For more information on Ventura Port District, visit www.VenturaHarbor.com.

The new course is the first step

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objections. Some complained about the process. Others believe there will be less transparency and citizen involvement.

Those annoyed by the process claim the city should have notified members in advance about the change.

Committee members and commissioners serve at the pleasure of the City Council. It's unimportant if the Council or city staff notified them in advance of proposing any changes.

Others feel the new process will reduce the number of voices participating. The criticism is unfounded. All the committee and commission meetings are open to the public. Any interested citizen can attend and take part. That includes all ex-committee or ex-commission members.

The City Council acknowledged Ventura could improve. They're taking steps to change that; starting first with the committees and commissions. No one knows what impact these changes will have. What we do know is that doing the same thing and expecting different results will not work.

Supporting these recommendations may move Ventura forward. We applaud the Council's effort to infuse more responsibility into city government. The new initiatives will improve transparency.

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Wild and Scenic Film Festival 2019

by Maryann Ridini Spencer
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Ventura Land Trust's 10th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival featuring an array of award-winning short films that educate, entertain and inspire, will take place Saturday, August 17, 2019, under the stars on the picturesque grounds of the Ventura County Credit Union, 2575 Vista Del Mar Drive for the second year in a row. Doors open at 5:00 pm for the popular event which sells out annually. Films begin screening at 8:00 pm.

The Ventura Festival, part of SYRCL'S Wild & Scenic Film Festival, which celebrates 18 years of inspiring activism through film and art in 2019, aligns with Ventura Land Trust's mission, to protect and preserve Ventura County's land, water, wildlife, and scenic beauty for current and future generations.

"We currently manage 90 acres, and we're growing," said Ventura Land Trust's Executive Director Derek Poultnery. "The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is a perfect

event for us because it helps connect the Land Trust's work to the greater global environment. The films are beautiful, educational, and just plain fun."

"After the success of last year, we discovered that the Credit Union provides a fantastic backdrop for the Festival," continued Poultnery. "Last year attendees loved sitting on blankets and low-back chairs on the park-like lawn while enjoying great food and drink, as well as the terrific line-up of environmentally-minded shorts."

This year, a new feature has been added into the mix – a VIP Experience Pass. When purchased for \$125, VIP Pass holders will have exclusive access to the VIP Lounge and Courtyard where they will enjoy free beer, wine, appetizers, and desserts from 5 - 8 pm. Additionally, VIPs have access to indoor bathrooms throughout the evening. VIP tickets are limited to 80 and are being sold on a first come, first serve basis.

This year's pre-show entertainment features family-friendly games and activities, booths staffed by a variety of environmentally-minded community partners, and a host of food trucks including It's in the Sauce, Mr. Softee, and We Bee Poppin. Libations on board include Castoro Cellars, San Antonio Winery, Rincon Brewery, and Topa Topa Brewery. Raffle prizes will consist of Patagonia and REI clothing and gear, original artwork, gift certificates, and more.

Live music presenters include Ojai-based composer, singer/songwriter, and Grammy Award-winning film mixer and sound designer, Todd Hannigan, who along with his band, Sleeping Chief, will perform original folk music with sounds of the mountains and sea. Blues guitarist, Ventura born and raised Guy Martin will play SRV, Hendrix, and original tunes along with his band members longtime bass player Tony Trigueiro, and drummer Pete Galagher.

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Memorial Hospital. These Certified Therapy Dogs are much appreciated by patients and staff alike and bring joy to all that they meet.

■ Stop by the Humane Society of Ventura County on June 8 and help celebrate its 87 years of nonprofit service to the animals of Ventura County. The HSVC's Open House & Birthday Bash will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, at its Ojai shelter facility, at 402 Bryant St.

Get a behind-the-scenes peek at its facility, participate in the barking or meowing contest, tour the kennels, meet the staff, and learn about different volunteer opportunities. Visitors also will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Christina Sisk, the HSVC's new director of veterinarian services, and tour the state-of-the-art spay and neuter clinic.

Ma and Paw Kennel will be there, providing information and answering questions about rattlesnake avoidance for you and your dogs. And the folks of Firefly Ceramics will be there with the Tiles for Tails program, where participants paint tiles to be permanently displayed at the shelter, for a \$25 donation.

■ If you travel around Ventura and Santa Barbara counties you may have seen people with a service dog sporting a hallmark blue vest and yellow trim. If so, you have seen the contribution that Canine Companions for Independence makes in the local community. These dogs are highly skilled, adapted to the needs of their 'forever person', public service animals, that perform many of the tasks that might otherwise cause people with disabilities to simply stay home.

Canine Companions for Independence is the nation's largest provider of highly trained assistance dogs for people with physical or developmental challenges.

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Canine Companions provides Service Dogs, Hearing Dogs, Skilled Companions, Facility Dogs, and very recently have added PTSD dogs into their offering. Service Dogs are able to open doors, pick up dropped objects, turn on and off lights, among other tasks for people with significant physical impairments.

Skilled Companions are available for people under 18, and for people who may have an attendant in their company but can benefit from a dog to assist. They can help to focus attention, keep children calm and engaged, and relieve anxiety during times of high stress, among other skills.

Since 1975, Canine Companions has placed more than 5,000 graduate teams in the U.S.

The local volunteer chapter, the Valley to Sea Chapter, started two years ago when veteran volunteer Puppy Raiser, Elizabeth Howell, saw the opportunity to bring her knowledge of CCI to the local community.

Canine Companions breeds and raises all their own dogs with the assistance of a large network of volunteer puppy raisers and puppy sitters. It costs approximately \$50,000 to breed, raise, train, care for, and graduate each dog. This task would not be possible without generous donors from businesses and the public.

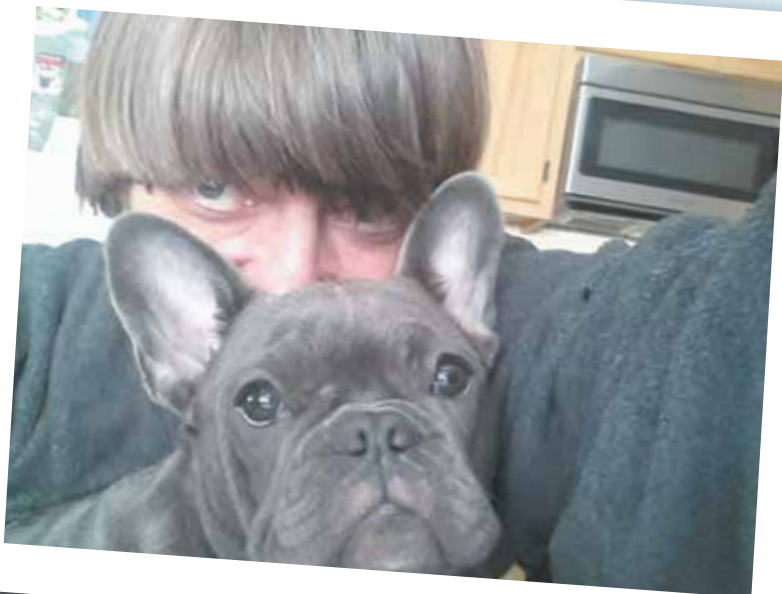
The Valley to Sea Chapter will be hosting its second annual Canines and Comedy event on June 27th at Levity Live, at The Collection in Oxnard. Festivities will include an opportunity to learn more about Canine Companions, and meet and pet graduate dogs and puppies in training.

Individual tickets as well as packages can be purchased online or at the Levity Live box office, or by emailing the chapter at CaninesandComedy@gmail.com. Individual tickets are \$20 from the chapter, and \$25 from the Levity Live box office. \$20 from every ticket goes directly to support CCI.

If you would like to find out more about CCI, please email the chapter at cciv2c@gmail.com or go online to cci.org. You can also find the chapter on Facebook at @cciv2c.

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

Katelijne Leemans, Jonell McLain, Chris & Dave Nordenson and Patti Channer went to the Island of Mykonos. The longtime friends of Joe Cardella took, at his last request, his ashes along with the Ventura Breeze on the one year anniversary (May 15, 2018) of his passing.

The Breeze & the Art Life flag flies over Delos as Joe Cardella enters the zeitgeist where his spirit and soul reside. Onward Joe! We will never forget you. The Breeze is honored to be a part of his legacy.

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This 'n' That

Riding the waves with Haole Boy

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the board with him. The next day they brought a stand-up paddle board and Haole got right up on it and surfed like he'd been standing on a board his whole life, according to his owners. "We didn't even have to teach Haole Boy to surf," says Kim. "It was amazing, we didn't have to coach or coerce him, he was not timid or nervous, but totally comfortable. We laugh because we say he must have been a surfer in a past life."

Haole has been wowing surfers and beach goers at local breaks like C Street and the Cove with his soul surfer stylings on 3-4 foot waves ever since, and has since been named Ventura's official Ambassador. He even started competing against hundreds of dogs in major Southern California dog surfing competitions over the next four years. "Haole was always on the podium—he didn't always win first place, although he has several times," shares Kim. "There are a few

surf dogs in the last year or two that say that Haole inspired them to learn to surf."

Sometimes an older dog can teach others new tricks, and in that spirit Haole and his family have also been deeply committed to providing surf therapy to kids with special needs or disabilities with the A Walk On Water (AWOW) program. In 2014 Haole was six years old, and was doing a surfing exhibition at the popular Ventura Surf Rodeo event, where AWOW was doing mini expression sessions (surfing showcases with no judges or official competition). The AWOW folks were so taken with him that they asked Haole to participate in their events moving forward. "The kids fell in love with him," says Kim.

According to Sean Swentek, AWOW's Executive Director, surfing is one of the most difficult sports there is, even for those with no disability or unique need. "The learning curve is very steep, and that's partly why the reward is so great when a

child catches a wave for the first time. While getting ready on the beach, Haole's calm and safe demeanor helps our athletes feel relaxed as they anticipate what will happen at the day's event," says Swentek. "You'll often hear a child who was previously nervous about surfing say something like: 'If Haole can do it, then so can I!'"

The gentle and stalwart surfing dog has had some challenges along the way. "Haole has been battling cancer, but has had exceptional care," says Kim. His primary care vet is Ohana in Ventura, his surgeon is Dr. Ian Holsworth at VetSurg, his internal medicine doctors are Horizon Veterinary Specialists, and he has received outstanding oncology care from Dr. Daina Budreckis with VMSG. He is doing great, and is expected to continue to be happy and comfortable. "He's happy, he's surfing, he's eating, doing everything a dog should be doing," according to Kim. "We try to bring Haole surfing every weekend, if not, a couple times a month."

So keep your eyes peeled for Haole out in the waves (or on his excellent Instagram account with more than 30,000 followers), making the sport of kings look easy, and bringing smiles and spreading stoke with every wave he catches.

Performances added to VC Fair

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- Wednesday, July 31 @7:30: Styx
- Thursday, August 1 @7:30: Martina McBride
- Friday, August 2 @7:30: Melissa Etheridge
- Saturday, August 3 @7:30: The Ohio Players with special guests The Emotions and Evelyn "Champagne" King



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- Monday, August 5 @7:30: X Ambassadors
- Tuesday, August 6 @1:00: Tommy James and the Shondells (matinee only)
- Tuesday, August 6 @7:30: Brothers Osborne
- Wednesday, August 7 @7:30: Daughtry
- Thursday, August 8 @7:30: George Thorogood and the Destroyers "Good to be Bad Tour - 45 Years of Rock"
- Friday, August 9 @7:30: Collective Soul
- Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11 will bring the fair to an end with Western style Rodeos, free with paid fair admission.

The 144th Ventura County Fair, "A Country Fair with Ocean Air", begins Wednesday, July 31 and runs through to Sunday August 11. For more information please call (805) 648 -3376 or visit www.venturacountyfair.org.





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Molly Gallagher, Declan Feeney (Helen Yunker's great nephew) and his mother Amy Feeney (niece of Helen Yunker) presenting the Music Scholarship.

32nd Annual Scholarship Awards

The Ventura College Foundation presented scholarships to 140 students during its 32nd Annual Scholarship Awards luncheon and ceremony, Saturday, May 4 at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach.

Ventura College students received \$326,529 in scholarship funds. Some earned multiple scholarships. "I've had the opportunity to observe and interact with hundreds of scholarship recipi-

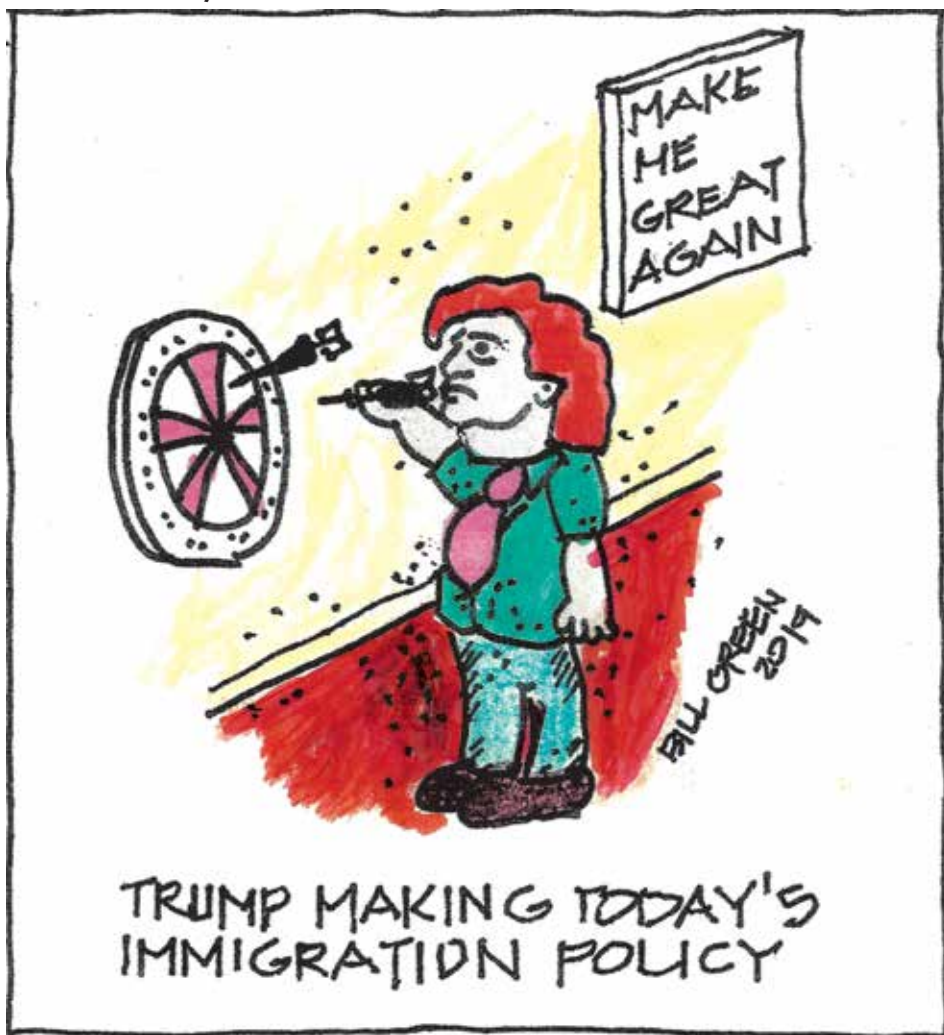
ents," says Dr. Ruth Hemming, the vice chair of the VC Foundation Board and the chair of the Scholarships & Grants committee.

Speaking at the luncheon was Ventura College student, Erick Pina, 31, winner of the Martinez y Ewens Anasazi Scholarship, and the Niamatullah SA and A-Ishah MA Memorial Scholarship. This is the second year that Pina has received scholarships for his high level of academic work.

Attending Ventura College has made a big impact on Pina's life. Addiction to drugs had set him back. Once clean, he enrolled in Ventura College hoping to, at most, earn Cs in his classes. The now straight A student and a campus Circle Kiwanis International board member, Pina graduated this spring with a AA in sociology, and will have earned two more degrees in social behavioral science and in criminal justice next spring. He was selected to be a First Year Experience Peer Leader for Ventura College and a Ventura College Foundation Student Ambassador for the coming fall semester. "Being awarded the scholarships means someone out there believes in me," says Pina. "Donors can see that I can truly overcome obstacles in my life."

Honored in memoriam during the luncheon were endowed scholarship

Green with Envy



This 'n' That

creators who have left a lasting legacy to the school. Honored were Helen Yunker, George Tillquist, Miriam Schwab, Michael A. Ewens and Frank Cavola.

Molly Gallagher, 20, was one of the recipients of the Helen Yunker Music Scholarship. Gallagher plays the viola. She aspires to be a professional musician and to teach the next generation of musicians. Yunker, who passed away in 2018, was passionate about music. Over almost three decades, Yunker awarded numerous scholarships and donated more than \$945,000. Upon her passing, the VC Foundation received \$2 million from her estate to establish endowments for the Ventura College Music Department and the Opera and Musical Theatre program.

Established in 1983, the Ventura College Foundation provides financial support to the students and the programs of Ventura College to facilitate student success and grow the impact and legacy of Ventura College as a vital community asset. The Foundation also hosts the Ventura College Foundation Marketplace; an outdoor shopping experience held every weekend on the Ventura College campus east parking lot. For more information, contact Julie Harvey at (805) 289-6502 or jharvey@vcccd.edu or visit www.VCgiving.org.

Take to the sea with Island Packers new dinner cruises

With summer fast approaching, visitors to Ventura Harbor Village, Ventura's top seaside attraction, can now enjoy the warmer days ahead on a two-hour Island Packers boat dinner cruise where they will experience delicious cuisine paired to live entertainment from June through September, 2019.

Beginning in June, and operating on selected Saturdays through September cruise the protected waters of Ventura Harbor and enjoy a savory meal, and listen to quality music aboard a comfortable motor catamaran. Cuisine on these limited capacity ships is catered by the Ventura's top restaurants, including Anacapa Brewery, The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood, and Margarita Villa. A variety of beers, wines produced by local wineries, as well as non-alcoholic beverages, are also available for purchase.

Guests will enjoy live music featuring blues, jazz, rock, country, bluegrass and more. With seating available inside the lower and upper cabins, passengers have several comfortable seating options as they cruise through Ventura Harbor and the waterfront homes of the Ventura Keys.

Dinner Cruises \$ 60 Adult, \$ 56 Senior (55+), \$ 45 Child (age 12 and under)

Includes: Harbor Cruise from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., live music, one appetizer, dinner, dessert and one free beverage of choice.

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Local charter school

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District, which allowed them to go to the Ventura County of Education. The County approved the charter school in 2006. Today the charter school is a K-8 public school of choice which means it does not charge tuition. While the school rents the space from the local school district – it shares a campus with DATA Middle School on Ventura Avenue – it is independent from the district.

Galvin admits the school is at capacity at this point with 415 students and 25 homeschool students, but has no current plans to move. The school after all, promotes itself as a "small school" with a "big experience." Part of that experience is one that works to foster a different way for students to look at themselves.

"We don't like to hear anyone say they are 'horrible' at math," explained Galvin. "We try to help students understand they may struggle, but an overwhelming task can be broken down into bits and pieces. We work hard to build a growth mindset and perseverance."

This idea of support and critical friend groups abound in everything from writing projects to artistic endeavors where students are encouraged to create multiple drafts and edits of their work. Similarly, the school works to teach students conflict resolution skills and how to express their feelings beyond being mad or sad.

"You'll find our students use complex language if they are in a conflict," said Galvin. "It's part of how we want them to embrace our inquiry-based learning and learn about and to be leaders in their community."

The school has become a popular choice for many families in Ventura who have to submit an application in late February for the following fall school year. Once applications are collected, places for admission are granted through a lottery.

Eighth grader Evin Brown has been at the school since second grade. The 14-year-old's favorite subjects are history and science. He enjoys that that school is smaller.

"Everyone is friendly," said Brown. "We work in groups a lot of the time and have a lot of projects, which can make learning a little easier."

Brown participated in the school's PHD, or Project of Your Heart's Desire. In the program, every 8th grader spends months working on a project they are passionate about. Brown decided to do his project on how a newspaper is created and published, using his grandfather Sheldon Brown, the publisher of the Ventura Breeze as his mentor and main resource.

"I learned how to create and publish a newsletter. It was fun and I learned a lot."

Wild and Scenic Film Festival 2019

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This year's "Marquee Sponsor" is The Trade Desk, the "Celebrity Sponsors" are Lorraine Lim Catering, Rabobank and Slaughter, Reagan and Cole, LLP, and the "Venue Sponsor" is Ventura County Credit Union. A full list of sponsors is available at venturalandtrust.org (Wild and Scenic tab).

General admission to the festival is \$25/per person (which increases to \$35.00 on July 1) and \$5.00/per person children ages 12 and under. VIP Experience Passes are \$125/person. Purchase at https://www.venturalandtrust.org/2019_wsff and click the drop-down ticket tab.

Proceeds from this year's event fund VLT's ongoing open space preservation projects.

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.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle Arrests

On May 20, at approximately 7:30pm, a detective with the Ventura Police Department's Street Crimes Unit was in the 300 block of Hillmont Ave., when he observed a parked vehicle that he knew to be a reported stolen vehicle out of Ventura. The vehicle was occupied by several subjects, so the detective requested additional officers respond to assist him. Once the officers arrived on scene, the three suspects later identified as 25-year-old Oxnard resident Matthew Matthew Yanez, 20-year-old Ventura resident Dillon Webb, and 28-year-old Ventura resident Jeannette Beltran, were ordered out of the vehicle and detained.

At the conclusion of the investigation, all three suspects were arrested. Yanez was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and an out of county warrant. Dillion was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and Beltran was arrested for several warrants.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Yanez has prior convictions for petty theft, possession of stolen property, giving false information to an officer, and vandalism. It also showed that Webb has several convictions for resisting arrest, giving false information to an officer, and possession of a controlled substance and Beltran has several pending cases for petty theft, possession of a controlled substance, and for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On May 22, at approximately 11:30am, patrol officers responded to Crown Dodge regarding a stolen vehicle. The investigation revealed the suspect had walked onto the sales lot, entered an unlocked vehicle with the keys inside and drove away. A dealer installed tracking device in the truck showed its last location to be in Oxnard near Victoria Avenue and Gumtree.

Ventura Police Detectives worked with Oxnard Police detectives who drove to the area and found the vehicle and the suspect, 23-year-old Ventura resident Elizabeth Fine. The suspect was arrested and the vehicle was returned to Crown Dodge.

Robbery Arrests

On May 22, at approximately 12pm, officers responded to a robbery that had just occurred. The two suspects had fled after committing the robbery, and when officers arrived in the area, the suspects, 22-year-old Angelique Pharms and 24-year-old Darnique Bynoe, were found and detained. The investigation confirmed they were responsible for the robbery and revealed the victim had arranged to meet with the suspects via an online dating app. As soon as the victim met with Pharms at the hotel room, the second suspect, Bynoe, attacked him with a bat, striking him on the head. The suspects took money from the victim and fled on foot.

Assault with a deadly weapon on an officer (it should have been a donut)

On May 23, at approximately 7:30pm, a Ventura PD patrol officer was driving in the area of Telephone Rd and Clinton Ave when the suspect threw a full Gatorade bottle at the officer's moving

patrol car. The Gatorade bottle was frozen solid and struck the roof of the patrol car. The officer was in standard uniform and operating a marked black and white patrol vehicle.

The officer turned around to contact the suspect., 42-year-old Ventura resident Zachary Robinson. Upon approaching the suspect, the suspect threw a full, unopened beer can toward the officer. Fortunately, the beer can missed the officer and the patrol car.

The officer then contacted and the suspect and took him into custody without incident. No force was used and there was no injury to the officer or suspect.

The suspect was booked into Ventura County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer and throwing an object at a vehicle occupant, both felony offenses.

Armed Robbery and Conspiracy Arrests

On May 25, at approximately 9pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from a 26-year-old male victim reporting that he had just been robbed by two suspects, one armed with a knife, and his bicycle was taken. He reported the suspects were last seen fleeing from Plaza Park westbound on Thompson Blvd. Officers responding to the call saw the suspects within a block from the park and detained them near the corner of California St. and Thompson Blvd.

During the investigation officers learned that the victim and the two suspects, later identified as 20-year-old Ventrua resident Dillon Webb and 25-year-old vagrant Colton Braga, were sitting together in the park when for unknown reasons Webb suddenly punched the victim and attempted to take his bike. As the two struggled for possession of the bike, Webb removed a knife and threatened the victim. Braga then took the bike from the victim.

Webb and Braga were positively identified by the victim and arrested for robbery and conspiracy. Braga had an additional charge of a parole violation.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Webb has several convictions for resisting arrest, giving false information to an officer, and possession of a controlled substance. Braga is on parole and shows to have a prior conviction in 2017 for battery.

Burglary Arrest and Arrest of Wanted Subject

On May 22, at 3:30pm, an unknown suspect threw a brick through the victim's glass door and entered the residence, stole property and fled the area. Ventura Police Patrol arrived on scene and located evidence of the burglary.

Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit began investigating and using evidence that was located at the scene as well as surveillance security cameras from neighbors, detectives were able to identify the suspect as 39-year-old Nicolas Johnson. Detectives located Johnson on May 30 in the 1800 block of Potomac Ave. While surveilling Johnson, detectives also saw a wanted subject, 34-year-old Anthony Frederico, at the same residence as Johnson. Once Johnson left the residence he was arrested for Residential Burglary. Johnson has been arrested previously for residential burglary, felon in possession of a firearm, and numerous narcotic charges.

After taking Johnson into custody,



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SCU Detectives along with Ventura Police K9 and Ventura Police SET Detectives returned to the residence and took Anthony Frederico into custody for his warrants.

Attempt Robbery Arrest

On May 29, at approximately 5:30pm, a suspect, later determined to be 33-year-old Ross Treusdell, stepped inside the front door of a liquor store located in the 300 block of Thompson Blvd. and demanded money from the clerk. Treusdell was holding a knife and was about 40 feet away from the clerk. The clerk told Treusdell "no" and that he was going to call the police. As the clerk picked up the phone to call the police, Treusdell ran out of the business in an unknown direction. Patrol units searched the area for Treusdell but were unable to locate him.

On May 30, at approximately 2pm, a Ventura PD patrol officer was looking for a missing juvenile at the Bus Depot located at 3330 Telegraph Rd. While in the area, he saw Treusdell and knew he was the suspect of the attempted robbery from the day before. The officer stopped his vehicle and went to make contact with the Treusdell, but before the officer was able to reach him, Treusdell started running away. After a short foot chase, the officer caught Treusdell as he was attempting to go inside Staples and took him to the ground. Treusdell was taken into custody, and no one was injured during the arrest.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

5-16 6:59pm, dispatched to a water rescue, capsized boat near VIM. Officers responded in the vehicle with VFD/AMR. Officers found

the victim out of the water and in no distress or in need of medical attention.

5-18 9:30pm, received a walk-in request for medical attention. Officers responded from the operations center and assisted VFD/AMR with a 26-year-old female complaining of seizures. She was transported to local hospital for further help.

5-19 6:30am, harbor patrol and marine safety officers with the Port District assisting State Parks/AMR with the Breath-of-Life triathlon at Harbor Cove.

5-21 12:35pm, Beach Hazard conditions: 3-5ft Southwest swell with strong West winds 25 to 35 knots. Winds are expected to increase throughout the night.

5-22 5:35pm, dispatched to a medical in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with an 82-year-old female.

5-27 9:00am, Ventura County Fire rescue swimmers conducting a class with Ventura Harbor Patrol & Marine Safety Officers. Participants practiced Rescue Water Craft operations and rescue procedures.

6:20pm, Beach Hazard Assessment: large crowds with favorable weather all throughout the beaches. 3-5ft Southwest Swell with many strong rip currents in all the usual areas: Surfers Knoll groin, South Jetty and the breach in the Santa Clara Rivermouth.

7:38pm, while manning the operations center, officers observed a broken transmission on VHF 16. Then they observed a vessel in distress at the Harbor Entrance, with the 3 Persons onboard using paddles to return to the Harbor. Officers responded in Rescue Boat 19 and safely towed the disabled vessel to the launch ramp where it was released.



by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

If nothing else, Ventura is known as a community that loves to give back; case in point, the Ventura Theater will be hosting a Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser on Saturday, June 8, with lots of favorite local bands being given the opportunity to play the big stage. The genres range from hard rock to metal with Bone Maggots, The Deveros, The Guitar and Whiskey Club, SixPackofDoom, Samoan Take-Out and Stronger Than Machines. This one is all ages and will be over by 11 pm. Tickets are only \$10.00.

The Rubicon Theater has a number of music related events the next couple of weeks. First over the weekend of June 8 and 9 it's Amanda McBroom performing "Lady Macbeth Sings the Blues" and the following weekend, June 14 – 16, you won't want to miss the iconic doo-wop sounds of the 50s and 60s with The Drifters and Cornell Gunter's Coasters playing two shows daily. You can find ticket information at RubiconTheatre.org.

The Hong Kong Inn has live music once again with quite the eclectic mix of genres. They'll have punk shows on Wednesday, June 5, with Civil Conflict, NNN, Bare Minimum and Operation Oxnard, and then again on Friday, June 7 with How to Live with Robots and Astreyas; then it's Latin fun with La Imagen Nortena on Saturday June 8, and smooth jazz on Sunday June 9 with Del Franklin.

Quick Notes: there will be a free, all-ages show, at Bank of Books on Saturday, June 8, with Lasso the Moon (Compton), Crawdads and Trypanosome; more punk with All-a-Blur, Plot, FUSE, Birdbrain and One Minute Run at the Red Cove on Saturday, June 8; Plan B Wine Cellars offers Johnny and the Love Handles for your Sunday early evening, June 9 (4:30 – 7 pm); Silver & Gold out of Greeley, Colorado will be making a stop on their tour for a special show at Oak and Main on Monday, June 10, along with Ferriswheels, Blossum and Pretty Well; Dad Brains is holding their album release party at Gigi's Cocktails on Friday, June 14; the Ventura Harbor Village is once again providing live music over the weekend from 1-4 pm with Surfer Joe on June 15, and Cash Cats on June 16; and finally, good to know that the open jazz jam is gaining some traction on Thursdays at Golden China.

Big news!!! Be sure to listen to episode #84 of The Pam Baumgardner Music Hour on KPPQ-LP at 104.1 FM for the world premiere release of the brand-new Crooked Eye Tommy Album! Episode #84 also includes an interview with Tommy Marsh which airs Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 pm and Sundays at noon for two weeks. You can also listen with the MyTuner app for your phone or online at CapsMedia.org.

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. For updated music listings daily, go to www.VenturaRocks.com.

Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com

- Bank of Books**
748 E. Main Street
Music 6:30 – 8 pm
Sat 6/8: Lasso the Moon, Crawdads, Trypanosome
Black Angus
4718 Telephone Road
Music 5:30 – 8:30 pm
Thursdays: Mark David Undercover
Blue Agave
185 E. Santa Clara
Fridays: Mariachi Band; DJ
Saturdays: DJ
The Blue Room
Ventura Harbor Village
(Next to Comedy Club)
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band
Boatyard Pub
Ventura Harbor Village
Monday-Thursday 6 pm, Friday & Saturday 7 pm
Mondays: Milo Sledge
Tuesdays: Jason Ho/Frank Barajas
Thursdays: Bluegrass Jam
Sun 6/9: RJ Mischo
Wed 6/12: Karen Eden w/ Cary Park
Bombay Bar & Grill
143 S. California Street
Thursdays, Friday & Saturdays: DJs
Café Fiore
66 S. California Street
Wed 6/5: Bryan McCann
Fri 6/7: Holger's Heroes
Sat 6/8: Jason Bourne
Sun 6/9: Jangala Roots
Tues 6/11: Donna Greene
Wed 6/12: Donna Butler
Fri 6/14: The Collectives
Tues 6/18: Freda & the Sixtgh
The Cave
4435 McGrath Street
5:30 – 8:30 pm
Weds & Saturdays: Varon Thomas
Thurs & Fridays: Warren Takahashi
Copa Cubana
Ventura Harbor Village
Music 7 pm; Sundays 4 pm
Saturdays: Ruben Estrada & The Martinez Brothers
Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio
Wed 5/22: Al Macias Open Mic
Fri 6/7: Nuestro Band
Sun 6/9: House Arrest
Fri 6/14: Native Vibe
Sun 6/16: Brandon Ragan Project
Dargan's Irish Rub & Restaurant
593 E. Main Street
Sun 6/16: The Sunday Drivers (4 pm)
Discovery
1888 Thompson Blvd
Thurs 6/6: Jordan T with After the Smoke
Fri 6/7: Andre Nickatina, J. Lately
Sat 6/8: Spazmatics
Sun 6/9: Sgt. Pepper
Tues 6/11: Alejandro Escovedo
Wed 6/12: Dustland Fairytale
Thurs 6/13: The Question
Fri 6/14: Shaky Feelin'
Sat 6/15: Caile to the Baile, Sonora Explosiva, Efektivos de Arranke
Four Brix Winery
2290 Eastman Avenue

- Music 6 – 8:30 pm
Fri 6/7: Teresa Russell & Stephen Geyer
Fri 6/14: Déjà vu Too
Garage
1091 Scandia Avenue
Sat 6/8: The Robot Uprising, Death Ride, Last Point, Alternative Clique
Gigi's Cocktails
2493 Grand Avenue
(805) 642-2411
Thurs, Fri & Sat: Karaoke
Fri 6/14: Dad Brains Album release party
Grapes and Hops
454 E. Main Street
Wed & Thurs 6 pm; Fri & Sat 8 pm, Sun 4 pm
Thurs 6/6: Joey Billingere with The Session
Sun 6/9: The Tossers
Hong Kong Inn
435 E. Thompson Blvd
Wed 6/5: Civil Conflict, NNN, Bare Minimum, Operation Oxnard
Thursdays: Karaoke
Fri 6/7: How to Live with Robots, Astreyas
Sat 6/8: La Imagen Nortena
Sun 6/9: Del Franklin
Keynote Lounge
10245 E. Telephone Road
Tues, Wed and Sun: Karaoke
Thursdays: Open mic night
Fri 6/7: Funkronicity
Sat 6/8: Old School
Fri 6/14: DJ-AVG
Sat 6/15: What the Funk
Leashless Brewing
585 E. Thompson Blvd.
Tues: Open Mic, The Listening Room
Thurs 6/6: DJ Professor
Limon y Sal
598 E. Main Street
Fridays: DJ
Saturdays: DJ
Sundays: Instone (1-4 pm)
Made West Brewing
1744 Donlon Street
Thurs 6 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 3 pm
Thurs 6/6: Alec Ledbetter
Sat 6/8: Ben Schneid
Sun 6/9: 50 Sticks of Dynamite
Thurs 6/13: Mark Masson
Sat 6/15: The Mystos
Sun 6/16: Alec Ledbetter
Majestic Ventura Theater
26 S. Chestnut Street
Sat 6/8: Bone Maggots, The Deveros, The Guitar and Whiskey Club, SixPack-ofDoom, Samoan Take-Out, Stronger than Machines
Margarita Villa
Ventura Harbor Village
Fri 6/7: Crosican Brothers
Sat 6/8: Kryptonites
Sun 6/9: Mark Masson
Fri 6/14: Operation 90s
Sat 6/15: Bob Bishop Band
Sun 6/16: Mike Martinez
Namba
47 S. Oak Street
Sat 6/8: RJ Mischo
Oak and Main
419 E. Main Street
Sundays: Sing Time Karoke
Tuesdays: Beers Brothers Open Mic
Wednesdays: Big Adventure
Thurs 6/6: Mark Masson & Friends
Fri 6/7: Brandon Ragan Project
Sat 6/8: Ric Ash, Pull the Trigger
Sun 6/9: Dr. Sucio
Mon 6/10: Silver & Gold, Ferriswheels, Blossum, Pretty Well
Thurs 6/13: Beers Brothers Showcase
Fri 6/14: Diego
Sat 6/15: Vanise Terry Band
Plan B Winery
3520 Arundell Circle
Sun 6/9: Johnny and the Love Handles
Prime
2209 E. Thompson Blvd

- Tuesdays: Danny D.
Red Cove
1809 E. Main Street
Sat 6/8: All-a-Blur, Plot, FUSE, Birdbrain, One Minute Run
Rubicon Theater
1006 E. Main Street
Sat 6/8: Amanda McBroom – Lady Macbeth Sings the Blues
Sun 6/9: Amanda McBroom – Lady Macbeth Sings the Blues
Fri 6/14: The Drifters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters
Sat 6/15: The Drifters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters
Sun 6/16: The Drifters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters
Sandbox Coffeehouse
204 E. Thompson Blvd
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Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon
Thursdays Open Mic
Sun 6/9: Steve Greenwood
Sans Souci
21 S. Chestnut
Sundays: DJ Darko
Mondays: Karaoke w/ Brian Parra
Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean
Wednesdays: Open mic
Thursdays: DJ Spinobi
Fri 6/7: Sin Chonies
Sat 6/8: Outlaw In-Laws
Sat 6/15: Medicine Hat, Aunt Cynthia's Cabin
The Shores Restaurant
1031 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard
Thursdays: Karaoke
Fri 6/7: Karen Eden w/ Bill Macpherson
Sat 6/8: Vanise Terry Band
Sun 6/9: Savannah Bruce
Fri 6/14: RayRay
Sat 6/15: Sin Chonies
Sun 6/16: Two's Company
The Star Lounge
343 E. Main Street
Fri 6/7: The Gift Horse
Sat 6/8: Morganfield Burnett Band
Fri 6/14: Reign
Sat 6/15: Power Syndicate
The Tavern
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Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve
Tuesdays: Karaoke
Thursdays: Get Right DJ
Topa Mountain Winery
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Music Saturdays: 5-7; Sundays 4-6
Sat 6/8: National Cat
Sun 6/9: Cindy Kalmenson
Sat 6/15: Boogie Woogie Band
Sun 6/16: Patricia Avis Trio
Ventura Harbor Village
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Music 1-4 pm
Sat 6/15: Surfer Joe
Sun 6/16: Cash Cats
Winchester's
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Music at 7:00 pm; Sundays at 5 pm
Fri 6/7: Blues Bullet (unplugged)
Sat 6/8: The Tossers (unplugged)
Sun 6/9: Crooked Eye Crossroads
Fri 6/14: National Cat
Sat 6/15: Karyn 805
Sun 6/16: The Heckle and Jeckle Show
1901 Speakeasy
649 South B Street, Oxnard
Fri 6/7: Rich Sheldon
Sat 6/8: Salty Suites
Fri 6/14: Tex Pistols
Sat 6/15: Karen Eden w/ Bill Macpherson
The 805 Bar
Ventura Harbor
Music at 11 am – 1 pm Fri & Saturday
4-7 pm Saturday
Saturdays: Kenny Devoe
Sundays: Kenny Devoe



Buenaventura Art Association member **Adonna Ebrahimi** is showing her piece "The Fireground Soldier" in *Radical Beauty*, Malibu Rising, thru August at Malibu City Hall.



A Conversation with Carlos Grasso Sunday, June 16, 2019 3 to 4:30 p.m. Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main Street, Ventura

Ojai based artist Carlos Grasso studied visual arts and music as a child while growing up in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As a "Visionary Artist and Compulsive Visual Explorer" his world has always revolved around art whether drawing, painting, playing music or teaching. He studied figure drawing as well as the piano and flute at the National Conservatory of Music.

Carlos Grasso is interested in philosophy and spirituality, by playing and experimenting with our inner relationship to the outer world he allows himself the freedom of expression to compose pieces that harmonize between the real and the abstract gracefully. His collage-based compositions juxtapose found objects with abstract paintings, creating a dialogue between the tangible and the intangible, the subjective and the material. Grasso exhibits throughout Ventura and Los Angeles and is a member of the prestigious

Ojai Studio Artists, who open their studios annually the second weekend in October.

Free to FOTM members, \$15 for public; \$10 for seniors. To learn more about Carlos, visit www.CarlosGrasso.com

Special invitation to educators and students: The Artist Spotlight is open to students attending as a class assignment free of charge. FOTM is happy to assist with tracking attendance and sign-in sheets. Reservations required. To RSVP visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 805.653.2501.

AfterGlow Fundraising Event: The public is welcome to join the artist for a celebratory fundraising dinner at the Ventura home of Terri Willison. Paid reservations are required prior to June 10. Maps will be given to paid guests at the interview.

\$30 FOTM members

\$40 Non-members

Special Members Only Event: Grasso, along with Peter Fox, will be featured in *Actual Reality*, a two-person show at the Museum of Ventura County through August 17. FOTM is partnering with the Museum of Ventura County to produce a special walk through the exhibit with Carlos on June 21st at 11a.m. There is a \$5 fee for non MVC members. Please RSVP with Michelle Glass at 805-653-2051 or Michelle@FocusOnTheMasters.com. Limited to 20 people. Participants are invited to join the artist for Dutch treat lunch in downtown Ventura following the event.

2019 Call to Artists
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Artists of all original
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This outdoor event features fine art and crafts, and street painters from around Southern California creating vibrant works of art on the pavement at the Harbor.

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Last year, 14,000 people attended each day!

For more information or an application www.venturaartfestival.com or Barbara@venturaartfestival.com.

Photo by Richard Lieberman.



Renowned print maker **Lev Moross** is a storyteller with an exceptional tale to tell. As a young man, he ran away from his home in Siberia to find his future and wound up in Los Angeles making fine art prints with Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol. Moross will share his stories of art and artists as featured speaker for the Saturday, June 15, Artist Talk series at Studio Channel Islands Art Center (SCIAC), 2222 E. Ventura Blvd., Camarillo. The talk takes place at 1p.m. in the Blackboard Gallery. Admission is free to SCIART members, \$10 for nonmembers.



Actual Reality, a new exhibit created by local artists **Carlos Grasso** and **Peter Fox** that examines the present day disconnect between virtual and actual reality. Grasso and Fox both utilize diverse found objects as ingredients in their art. Grasso considers hand-cut shredded pieces of canvas, rusty sheets of metal, or scraps of wood, the 'blood and bones' of his creations. Fox adds the element of humor to help us navigate the 'complex absurdity of ... existence'. *Actual Reality* is on display until August 17, at the Museum of Ventura County.

Also on display at the Museum is *Women Beyond Borders*, which has been extended until July 14.



The wonderful art of **Nancy Hodge** can be seen at the Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts, 1559 Spinnaker Drive, as well as the art of many other wonderful local artists.

The Harbor Village Gallery & Gifts contains affordable gift items made by members. Some members use the space in the gallery as their working studios. To see the artists' latest work and buy a unique piece of art to decorate your home visit the gallery.

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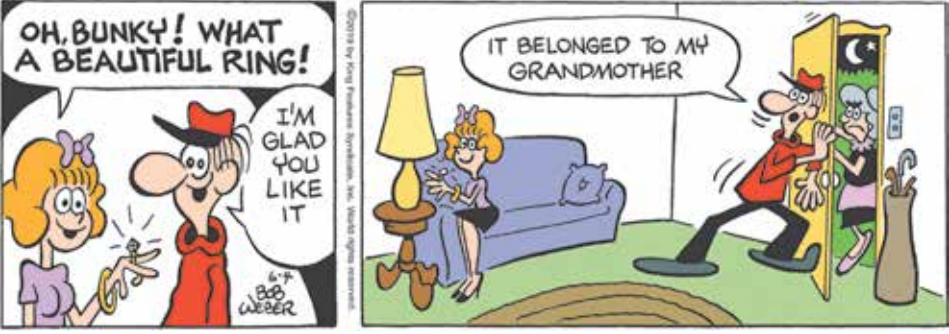
Baby Blues



Sam and Silo



Moose and Molly



Crock



Hagar the Horrible



Solutions on page 19

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 19

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cookie container
- 4 Pen point
- 7 Castle protector
- 11 Quite eager
- 13 Bobby of hockey lore
- 14 Ames' state
- 15 Curtain-like membranes
- 16 Name in China's history
- 17 Masticate
- 18 Extemporize
- 20 19th Hebrew letter
- 22 Arrest
- 24 Stay informed
- 28 Waistband material
- 32 Aircraft
- 33 Mary's pet
- 34 Twitch
- 36 Helper
- 37 Prom-goers' rides
- 39 Desert
- 41 Mall units
- 43 Droop
- 44 Solemn pledge
- 46 Border shrubbery
- 50 — En-lai
- 53 Be sick
- 55 Lounge
- 56 Ladder step

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DOWN

- 1 Coffee
- 2 Elderly
- 3 Hot dog holder
- 4 — de plume
- 5 Mideastern nation
- 6 Stream
- 7 "Pieta" artist

- 8 Reaction to fireworks
- 9 Emotion eliciting 8-Down
- 10 Caught sight of, to Tweety
- 12 "Blue Boy" artist
- 19 Cudgel
- 21 Energy
- 23 Morsel
- 25 Settled a bill
- 26 Loosen
- 27 Hammerhead part
- 28 Right angles
- 29 Cafe au —
- 30 Bullets et al.
- 31 U.S. spy org.
- 35 Letterman's network
- 38 Sailor's domain
- 40 "That feels so good!"
- 42 Workers
- 45 Hastened
- 47 Puts on
- 48 Merriment
- 49 Otherwise
- 50 Weep
- 51 Coloration
- 52 — budget
- 54 Meadow

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try using that Aries charm to warm up the usual set of workplace naysayers, and then back it up with a solid block of facts and figures to sell your idea to your colleagues.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While nothing can deter a determined Bovine from following a course you believe in, it helps to have some supporting data and statements by trusted colleagues to make your case.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take advantage of new information that could help make your career transition easier. The weekend is a good time to re-establish relationships with people you haven't seen in a while.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters demand your attention as once-stable situations begin to shift. Quick action to shore things up is called for in order to avoid more problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although your financial picture begins to brighten, "thrift" and "caution" are still the watchwords for fiscally astute Leos and Leonas to live by. Expect news about a family matter.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you try to blame a colleague for a workplace problem, make sure you have the proof to back you up. Make some quiet inquiries on your own to try to solicit more informa-

tion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Trying to cheer up a depressed friend or downcast family member can be difficult. But keep at it, and your efforts should soon pay off in ways you might have never expected.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Taking a new look at an old and frequently recurring problem might lead you to consider making some surprising changes in the way you had been handling it up till now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Despite what the naysayers might say, setting your sights on a new goal could be one of the smartest things the typically sagacious Sagittarian has done in a long time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rebuilding an unraveling relationship won't be easy. But you can do it, if you really want to. Just remember to keep the lines of communication open between the two of you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new friendship could develop into a close relationship. Meanwhile, reassure an old friend who might be feeling neglected that he or she is still an important part of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might be feeling that you're still in over your head as you continue trying to adjust to your new situation. But the pressures ease by week's end, giving you time to come up for air.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for sensing the feelings of others. You might consider a career in some aspect of counseling.

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Showtime

A View from House Seats

Mayhem takes over Conejo Stage

by Shirley Lorraine

Audiences can count on Conejo Players in Thousand Oaks to make going to the theater fun. Their current production of Don't Dress for Dinner pulls laughs from beginning to end in a fast-paced, try-to-keep-up storyline of infidelity, alibis and misunderstandings.

Written by French playwright Marc Camoletti, the play was adapted for British audiences and finally, for Americans. Conejo Players director and set designer John Eslick has taken the script a step further by relocating the setting to New York, circa 1970's which works extremely well. The 70's was a ménage of bad clothes, high hair and exploratory morals, all of which keeps the audience in stitches throughout.

Bernard (Kyle Johnson) and Jacqueline (Melissa Higashi) portray a married couple who live in a converted farmhouse in upstate New York. The living room was once a barn, the kitchen a chicken coop and connected rooms feature a cow shed and a piggery, now serving as bedrooms. The layout and style of the house itself adds to the comedy.

Both harbor a secret. Jacqueline is scheduled to visit her mother when she finds out that Bernard has invited his best friend, Robert (Alex Carrasco) for the weekend to supply an alibi for him so that he can invite his mistress Suzanne (Reign Lewis).

However, Jacqueline and Robert are having an affair of their own and when Jacqueline learns Robert is coming, she quickly cancels her plans to go away which in turn skews Bernard's plans. A cordon bleu trained chef named Suzette (Olivia Heulitt) is hired to provide a sumptuous dinner but quickly becomes ensnared in an endless charade of mixed-up

identity, causing mounting confusion all around. No fool, she plays along – for a price.

When Suzanne finally arrives, she is thought to be the cook and shuffled to the kitchen which results in a less than perfect dinner. Trying their best to salvage the weekend, the couples and the real cook build on the lies to a hysterical degree. Last, but not least, the cook's husband George (Nick Schmidt) appears to bring the evening's mayhem to a conclusion.

The cast is a tight ensemble which handles the pace and non-stop challenge of keeping their lies straight very well. Kyle Johnson and Melissa Higashi pull off the kitsch of the 70's beautifully via their wardrobe and attitudes, and, in Higashi's case, the high hair. Definitely an era of notable fashion.

The others are dressed in more generic era clothing, giving the lead roles the spotlight. While Suzanne's big blonde "do" is character appropriate, her facial expressions are often hidden by her curls. Too bad, as she has some looks that shoot clear messages without words.

Director Eslick and the entire cast have captured playwright Camoletti's sense of high frivolity, desires, resignations and anxieties for our enjoyment. And we shall. Don't Dress for Dinner provides a worthwhile evening filled with laughs. Go and enjoy.

Don't Dress for Dinner continues through June 22. Performances are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and one Thursday (6/6) at 8 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Seating is open. Tickets available at www.ConejoPlayers.org. (805) 495-3715 and at the door.

Booksmart

Movie Review by Cindy Summers



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

Booksmart is a coming of age comedy about two high school seniors, Molly and Amy, on their way to graduation when they come to the realization that they've spent all their time working hard thinking they'll get ahead, only to discover that they're on pace with all the other students that enjoyed their high school days partying and slacking off. Released by United Artists, Directed by Olivia Wilde, and Written by Katie Silberman, Emily Halpern, Susanna Fogel and Sarah Haskins. Starring Beanie Feldstein as Molly and Kaitlyn Dever as Amy.

The chemistry between Dever and Feldstein is phenomenal, and their on screen friendship is endlessly comical and believable. Though outcasts among their peers, they both have strong, somewhat misguided confidence in themselves fueled by constantly supporting and inspiring each other.

Molly is on her way to Yale and graduating as class valedictorian, while Amy is heading to Botswana to help women and right behind Molly as salutatorian. Molly is the driving force behind the duos escapades as they go from party to party throughout the town searching for the big graduation party with all the popular students, including Amy's crush.

Interestingly, Amy is gay, though has had no physical experience, just a crush on another seemingly gay girl, and her sexuality is strongly supported by her best friend and parents, who think Amy and Molly are a couple due to the amount of time they spend together.

The movie touches on some somewhat taboo subjects, such as teen masturbation, but does so in a way that disarms the audience with humor and hilarious comedic timing. It also presents homosexuality as an openly accepted way of life between the students, and even with the parents and teachers as well.

Beanie Feldstein is fierce as Molly, and truly embodies the spirit of an awkward academic outsider. Kaitlyn Dever is well cast in her role as Amy, the quieter of the two who is focused finding a nice girl to have her first experience with and does well at portraying the confusion and vulnerability that comes with teen sexuality.

Additional standouts are Billie Lourd as Gigi, a wild party girl who strangely pops up doing random things everywhere Molly and Amy end up, and Skyler Gisondo as Jared who outwardly seems superficial and not so bright, but is actually very conscientious coming to the rescue in his own way several times in the movie.

I found myself laughing out loud throughout the movie, but there were also touching moments of kindness and several unexpected twists that have you rooting for the two to succeed. It also does very well at depicting how teenage life can be so exciting, confusing, awkward and challenging all at the same time and has a genuine way of sharing it from the teen perspective. Rated R - 105m

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The Santa Barbara Youth Opera provides young singers with tuition-free instruction and performance opportunities in a fun, rewarding and artistically challenging environment. Students enjoy unparalleled exposure to the workings of a professional opera company.

Camp schedule consists of morning workshops with our production team. Afternoons will be spent staging the production, music rehearsals, and dance.

Performances will be held on Friday, June 21st at 7:30pm and on Sunday, June 23rd at 2:30pm. There will be a special preview performance at The Solstice Festival Youth Stage on Saturday, June 22nd at 1:30pm. Leadership includes Stage Director, Layna Chianakas of San Jose Opera, Music Director, Erin McKibben of the Santa Barbara Revels, and Program Director, Lex Benes, Education and Outreach Manager for Opera Santa Barbara.

There are still spots open for the summer camp! Please email our Education and Outreach Manager for more info: lex@operasb.org.

For additional information on the Santa Barbara Youth Opera, email youthopera@operasb.org or call 805-898-3890.

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