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Alex Wulff is passionate about teaching advancements in media and fabrication technologies.

School is in session with innovation

by Amy Brown

The Ventura Education Partnership (VEP) recently held its first annual LAUNCH event at the Ventura Masonic Center. The program celebrated Ventura school district educators who have spearheaded a range of successful, innovative learning opportunities for students. “With the exponential rate of change today, life-long learning is no longer optional,” said Dave Armstrong, Vice President of Innovation for VEP and VUSD parent. “LAUNCH celebrates a few of Ventura’s many amazing teachers who are constantly learning and expanding education beyond the four walls of the classroom.” LAUNCH raises funds for VEPGrants, providing VUSD teachers with funding for unique and groundbreaking projects.

A large audience comprised of local business community and academic leaders were treated to a presentation that included three local Ventura educators who introduced their popular new academic projects. Poinsettia Elementary Principal Elisabeth Denger-Harris shared an inspiring overview of the successful Sensory Path launched at her school, designed to calm, encourage, and engage students throughout the day. The path winds throughout the school itself, and consists of brightly colored, interactive artwork that combines action, thought and play.

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2019 Scholarship Award Winners Annika Kinnaman, Bryce Weinell and Labiba Sardar.

Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship Award winners

The Ventura Police Officers’ Association (VPOA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 16th annual Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships are to honor Sergeant Darlon “Dee” Dowell, who was shot and killed on

August 7, 1978. Sergeant Dowell is the only officer in Ventura’s history to die in the line of duty.

In selecting scholarship recipients, the VPOA considered academic achieve

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Ventura is an almost implausible mix of the magical and the mundane. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

Ventura Moments: We Are All So Very (Very) Lucky

by Visit Ventura

Imagine a town tousled by sea breezes, a town that drifts, well, sea breeze easy under the radar, a place where the days end with the sun slipping

behind purpling islands, a place where play matters (greatly), and the happy din of art galleries, boutique shops, breweries

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Surf instructor Anthony Corral shares a wave with Natalie Fruit at the International Surf Day event. Photo by Joshua Berman.

Activism and action on International Surfing Day

by Amy Brown

The Surfrider Foundation Ventura County recently hosted a day on the beach at Surfer’s Point for the 15th annual International Surfing Day event. The focus was raising awareness of the importance of clean oceans, and celebrating the love of surfing. This global event was founded by the Surfrider Foundation, and brings communities together to enjoy coastal recreation and raise awareness of urgent threats to the coasts. The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world’s ocean, waves and beaches through a powerful network.

Founded in 1984 by a group of surfers in Malibu, the Surfrider Foundation today has more than a million supporters, activists and members. “We chose this day to celebrate what we protect all year round,” said Laura Oergel, Chapter Chair of the Ventura County Surfrider Foundation. “We’re environmental activists; we work hard to support our community, and this is a day for fun and outreach for our grassroots, volunteer-run national organization.” The Ventura event included yoga on the beach, a paddle out, surfing lessons from Pure Stoke, and a raffle for a free

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Ventura wins Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability award.

SCAG honors 6 innovative projects

Six exemplary and innovative planning projects were honored May 2 as winners of the 2019 Sustainability Awards by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Recipients of the 12th annual awards include municipalities, agencies and non-profit organizations throughout the six-county SCAG region. The Sustainability Awards recognize excellence in coordinating land use and transportation to improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability. “We’re honored to present these awards, which recognize the best of the best when it comes to improving the quality of life of our communities and the region,” said Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake City Council member and President of SCAG. “Sustainability encompasses so much, but at its core is the integration of land use and transportation to improve our lives. As these projects illustrate, there is a tremendous amount of innovative and meaningful work being done across our region.”

The Sustainability Awards winners will be formally honored at SCAG’s 2019 Regional Conference and General Assembly, taking place at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert.

Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability: The City of Ventura for the Kellogg Park project.

Nestled into city of Ventura’s Westside neighborhood, Kellogg Park is the result of extensive collaboration between residents and the City. Built on a vacant lot that once cited a rebar factory, the park serves the varied recreation needs of a community short on open space. Residents advocated for a number of amenities to meet the diverse needs of the community, including multi-generational opportunities to exercise, a community garden, and design components that allow for increased safety. The park also features innovative sustainable design such as a sand- filter swale “river” that reflects the nearby Ventura River watershed and provides recreational and educational opportunities.

Solar workshop offered for Ventura residents

The City of Ventura and the Community Environmental Council (CEC) have launched the 2019 Solarize Ventura Program. This program includes new energy storage systems and

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options for survivors of the Thomas Fire that are working to rebuild.

The Solarize Ventura 2019 program is designed to make it easier and more affordable for homeowners to go solar. This year, the program has selected Coastal Solar as their installer partner, who will offer discounted prices through July 31, 2019.

The program will offer energy storage equipment and education on energy storage for the first time. Storage systems will be available to new solar customers and to existing solar customers who wish to upgrade their systems to include storage.

Southern California Edison’s new “time-of-use” pricing structures benefit solar customers. Under these new rates, many solar customers will benefit by utilizing solar energy stored during the day for peak evening hours, avoiding the need to buy electricity from the grid at the most expensive time, from 4pm - 9pm. Having a battery backup can also give solar customers power in their homes during power outages.

Residents who lost homes in the Thomas Fire are invited to participate in the Solarize Program regardless of the progress of their rebuild. Solarize Ventura will offer community workshops focused on the benefits and details associated with going solar. Workshops will cover solar billing rates, equipment, warranties, financing, and tax credits. A solar coach will also be available to discuss questions as needed.

The workshops are offered at no cost and are open to the public. A reservation is not required. To learn more visit SolarizeVentura.org or call the

Community Environmental Council at (805) 963-0583 x101.

Workshop: July 11th, 5:30 pm City Hall Community Meeting Room, 501 Poli St.

Ventura Council votes to switch high usage accounts to SCE

by Richard Lieberman

The Ventura City Council, at the June 24th meeting has voted to move Ventura’s high usage electricity accounts back to Southern California Edison. The majority of city accounts will remain with the Clean Power Alliance. Council members responding to a sudden and unexpected substantial increase in high electricity usage categories remained firm in their commitment to move the city to 100% renewable energy with the exception of those high usage categories. The city will not be able to switch from SCE to CPA for 12 months after the decision to switch back to SCE.

On June 6, this year CPA’s board set significant rate increases to close a gap in projected revenues. The rate hikes would have affected 1,800 high-user accounts, about 1% of all customers. The high energy users faced rate hikes of 37% to 47%. The accounts affected relate to street and highway lighting,

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outdoor area lighting, pumping, and agriculture. CPA’s residential customers faced no increase in rates. They will continue to pay based on the tier set by elected officials in their jurisdictions. For city government and large accounts, the costs amounted to between tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars extra per year.

In a 4-3 vote at Monday’s council meeting, it was decided to move the city’s biggest accounts (those related to street lighting) to Southern California Edison. Several other city accounts while still impacted like pumping and large facilities like City Hall will remain with the CPA, but will change to a 36% renewables energy mix, reducing the original plan that called for use of 100% renewables which the council had previously adopted.

Based on early estimates, it will

cost the city \$100,000 to \$160,000 more, Finance and Technology Director Michael Coon said. Exact amounts, however, remain unknown at this early stage. The city only had weeks notice to prepare for the rate increases, he added. Coon said the city planned to work with CPA to “narrow down the exact impact.”

CPA said the unexpected rate increases were associated with a series of rate changes and a sharp spike in exit fees, which Edison charges to customers who leave the investor-owned utility for the power it purchased on their behalf. Colin Cushnie, vice president of power supply, said a main driver of the streetlight increase was peak pricing, which used to be noon to 6 p.m. So just as streetlights are turning on, power rates are at their highest. Rates in the past were highest during midday when

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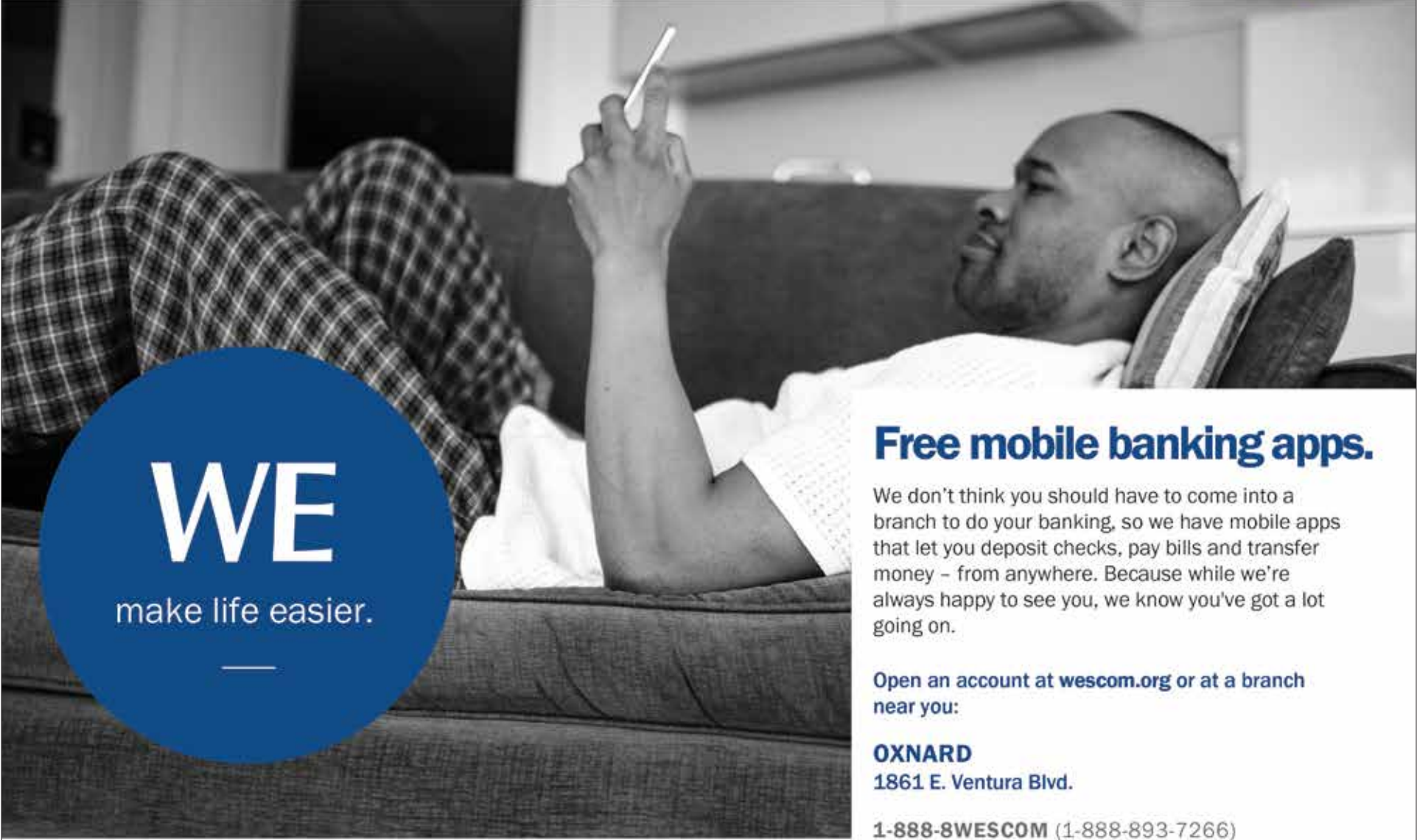
by James Francis Gray

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.

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Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ After more than 30-years at 2401 Harbor, the last **Carrows** Restaurant in Ventura County has closed its doors. Carrows Restaurants, Inc. is a subsidiary of

Catalina Restaurant Group, Inc. I'm sorry to see it close. Even though part of a chain, it was still a local casual restaurant.

■ The board that oversees use of the Ventura County **Fairgrounds** has voted to tighten rules on gun shows in 2019.

The changes will impact Crossroads of the West, which has three more shows scheduled this year.

The policy changes are likely to include requiring firearms, whether in a locked showcase or on display, be attached to security cords. Vendors and their employees will also be banned from drinking alcohol.

■ And speaking about guns:

A gunman who killed two workers and then himself at a Ford dealership in the San Francisco Bay area Tuesday had apparently just been fired, witnesses said. Police confirmed that he appears to have been either a disgruntled or former employee.

A San Bernardino woman was arrested after one of her sons accidentally shot and killed his 12-year old twin-brother in their home. The boy's mother was arrested on suspicion of child cruelty for leaving the unprotected gun where it could be used by her kids.

A 10-month old girl is in critical condition after a man shot her in the head after the baby's mother rejected him at a party.

A longstanding dispute ended with the deaths of five people after a shooting in a quiet mobile home park in Central California. The shooter is 64.

■ San Francisco will become the first US city to effectively **ban e-cigarette** sales, after the city's board of supervisors unanimously voted in favor of an

ordinance providing this law.

The ordinance states, "No person shall sell or distribute an electronic cigarette to a person in San Francisco" unless that product has undergone premarket review by the US Food and Drug Administration. To date, none have.

Health advocates have been saying that the FDA has failed to assume their responsibility on this matter. The city criticized the FDA for allowing these products to temporarily remain on shelves without undergoing premarket review for their impact on public health, as required.

E-cigarettes are a product that, by law, is not allowed on the market without FDA review.

FDA spokesman Michael Felberbaum said that, "The FDA has and will continue to tackle the troubling epidemic of e-cigarette use among kids. This includes preventing youth access to, and appeal of, flavored tobacco products like e-cigarettes and cigars, taking action against manufacturers and retailers who illegally market or sell these products to minors, and educating youth about the dangers of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products."

This includes sales in brick-and-mortar stores, as well as online sales shipped to a San Francisco address. The ordinance also applies to flavored tobacco products in addition to e-cigarettes. The measure does not ban the use of vapes among people 21 and older.

Vaping may or may not be healthier than smoking conventional cigarettes, but it is getting dangerous. Recently, a teenage boy's vape exploded blowing out several of his teeth and cracked open his jaw. This was not the first incident of vapers blowing up.

Obviously, people who want to buy e-cigarettes won't have any trouble doing so, but I'm glad that San Francisco is making a statement by enacting this ordinance.

■ A Texas woman was banned from

a **Walmart** for eating half of a cake and refusing to pay for it. Can't blame her - why pay for half a cake? She can't have her cake and eat it too.

■ For the first time since humans have existed on Earth, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has topped 415 parts per million. It reached 415.26 parts per million, according to sensors at the Mauna Loa Observatory, a research outpost of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency.

A report has revealed that at least 1 million species were at risk of extinction thanks to human activity and the carbon emissions that are a byproduct of economic development.

■ The Kansas Supreme Court ruled that women have the right to an **abortion** under the state's Constitution. In a 6-1 decision, the state's highest court also kept in place a temporary injunction on a law that bans a common second trimester abortion procedure.

■ **Apple**, Inc. will manufacture its new Mac Pro computer in China. It has been its only major device assembled in the United States. They will use Quanta Computer to manufacture the \$6,000 desktop computer.

■ A well-known **pizza** company has a policy that if you drop and ruin your pizza, they will replace it. Do you know anyone who has ever dropped a pizza? What happens if you are driving home after picking up a pizza and have a car accident, will they give you a new pizza, and repair your car for free? Better read the pizza contract.

■ **Entanglement**, what Einstein called "spooky action at a distance," describes things that are separated far in distance yet seem to be inseparable mathematically—measuring one seems to immediately impact the other. Scientists have been aware of these spooky correlations since the early study of quantum physics, as early as 1935. Way past my understanding.

Mailbox

Dear Editor,

Bravo to the women on the Ventura City Council for preserving the city's participation in the Clean Power Alliance for the majority of its electricity accounts. They understand that the Clean Power Alliance offers more value in terms of transparency and local control. The city's electricity bill payments to Clean Power Alliance stimulate the supply of more clean energy that is increasingly local in comparison with a future in which taxpayers' money goes to Edison shareholders and long-distance transmission investments that we don't need, that should be replaced by distributed generation. Leaders who support Clean Power Alliance understand that it is the most aggressive path to lessen the negative impacts of climate change.

We seriously need that kind of leadership in Congress as well. Bipartisanship is needed to pass such solutions. This month's relaunch of the Climate Solutions Caucus is a hopeful sign in that Republicans and Democrats can find common ground for solving climate change, making it a bridge issue rather than a wedge issue. Representative Salud Carbajal makes everything

a bridge issue, especially climate. He joined the original Climate Solutions Caucus as soon as he arrived in Congress in 2017. Representative Julia Brownley could also join the caucus. We have many local women leaders who are putting climate as the priority concern and pulling together to quickly arrive at solutions that reduce the risk of climate change.

Jan Dietrick

Dear Editor:

"They got what they deserved." That's what I hear, when the anti-immigrant individuals talk about the two innocents, who died, trying to reach the United States.

Where's the compassion? Where are the heartaches? Not on this side of the border. These are the people who mimic Trump's policy of keeping immigrants out of our country. The people who implement Trump's policies.

"Sad story, but not our fault. They wanna come here? Sorry, not enough room."

What would our country be like, without the mix, and talent, and hard work, of all immigrants, from all parts

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Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice offers ongoing Adult Bereavement Support Groups for anyone who has lost someone within the last 2 and 1/2 years. Classes are every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 pm at Livingston, 1996 Eastman Ave., Ste 109. For more information or to register for other support groups, call (805) 642-0239 or visit lmvna.org.

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice offers free informational Joint Replacement Classes the 2nd Monday of the month (July 8) from 4:00pm – 5:00pm at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association, 1996 Eastman Ave., Ste 109. Classes teach you what to expect pre and post-surgery. Learn about home safety, rehabilitation, medication and recovery. To RSVP, call (805) 642-0239 ext. 739.

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. First and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Poinsettia Pavilion, Canada Larga room. 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 Ventura Investment Group meet on Mondays for an informal discussion of recent economic events. Topics cover current events that affect stocks, funds, real estate, and interest-bearing investments. The meeting is from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at Telephone Road and Main Street. Visitors and potential members are welcomed. There are no dues or requirements to participate, and all levels of experience are welcomed.

First Wednesday, of each month, 6 - 10 p.m., Gold Coast Modular Railroad Club meets at the Murphy

Auto Museum, Oxnard. Now exhibiting Saturdays and Sundays, 10 - 4 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. Member initiation fee \$10, monthly dues \$20, \$10 for Juniors. Murphy Auto Museum, 2230 Statham Blvd., Oxnard. www.gcmrc.com. For more information, call (805) 229-7429.

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.

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 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 we'll treat you to lunch so you can sample our activities and banter and hear our program/speaker of the day. Call Bob Likins at (805) 587-1233. We're looking for some good men to fill our chairs at Ventura Retired Men's Group.

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CAPS crews recorded informative messages for the public with the Ventura Police.

CAPS media crew on location

CAPS Media's is continuing to expand production services with the City of Ventura to share information about what's happening in the community and at City Hall. Working in collaboration with Ashley Bautista, Interim Communications Manager for the City, CAPS crews recorded informative messages for the public with Ventura Police and California State Parks Lifeguards relaying 4th of July regulations and beach safety. At another location CAPS crews interviewed Meredith Hart, the City's Safe and Clean program manager, who explained the city's various outreach and clean up programs. The videos appear on the City website, various social media platforms and air and stream on CAPS Media Channel 15.

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To help celebrate 20-years of business Danny's Deli & Grill commissioned award-winning local artist, MB Hanrahan to paint a beautiful mural on the exterior wall of the restaurant. After 8 days, M.B. Hanrahan's friend, Jerry, helped finish the mural which, at 85 feet long is the longest in the city of Ventura.

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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 activities at <http://www.bcnnwomensclub.org/>. 1st Wednesday of each month from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 36 Figueroa St.

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 Philatelic Society meets the first and third Mondays each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road. Admission and parking are free. Stamp trading and camaraderie. For more information sockonthenose@gmail.com or (805) 320-1601.

July 10: Please join the Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group at their new location and earlier time from 12:30-2:30 p.m. for an "Inaugural Round Table" with a special speaker in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall 501 Poli St. Please see full details about the meeting in the Senior Section. For more information call Patty at (805) 766-6070.

July 10: The Ventura County Camera Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. 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. 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 (805) 908-5663. WWW.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com

July 11: Ventura Holistic Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their monthly meeting from 11:15 – 1p.m. This month's topic is "Pivot and Thrive! Have you Got What it Takes?". Please join for lunch, networking, business development and fun at The Greek Mediterranean Restaurant, 1583 Spinnaker Dr. \$12 fee includes lunch , beverage and gratuity. Arrive early and bring plenty of business cards to share. RSVP Julie Ridenour, Chapter President, (805) 223-1207.

July 12: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution luncheon meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road. The program is TBD and will be presented by Mr. Lou Kreuzer, Esq. All SAR & DAR. If you choose to join us for 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)

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July 13: Ventura Friends of the Library will hold a Book Sale from 10 - 3p.m. at the Vons at Telegraph and Victoria (6040 Telegraph Rd.) Quality used books at bargain prices!

July 18: On Thursday from 11 - 1p.m. Ventura Friends of the Library continue their celebration of 50th anniversary in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program at E.P. Foster Library. In the Topping Room, meet Alane Adams, author of the Legends of Orkney series for middle grade readers. Her talk will be followed by book give-away and book signing, music with Craig Newton and a taste of high-tech ice cream at Subzero Ice Cream, next door to the library.

Ojai news and events

Certified music therapist JAB will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2019, to present a free preview of his upcoming series on child development through music therapy, Empowering Lives through Music.

Empowering Lives through Music consists of weekly sessions for groups of 2-3 year old children, and uses evidence-based activities to foster and hone child development skills such as socialization, impulse control, pre-literacy, gross and fine-motor skills, and

more. Paired with live music, movement, instruments, and toys, this group is certain to entertain and educate!

Sessions are led by JAB, a certified music therapist (MT-BC) with a master's degree in composition. He has performed across the US and Europe and his compositions have been broadcast in over 120 countries. He will be releasing his first album of children's music "Rock Your Tots!" in late summer.

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.

Broadway actors Peter Strauss, Jean Smart, and Michael Nathanson have a gift for Ojai theatergoers: they're bringing Bruce Graham's play The Outgoing Tide to the Matilija Auditorium for a staged reading July 20. There's the gift of their talent and then the second gift they're making is to the Ojai Art Center Theater, the recipient of all the ticket receipts.

The three-character play is being presented by the Ojai Performing Arts Theater (OPAT) for one performance only. Emmy-winner Strauss wants to do the play in his hometown because he has seen how moved and cheered audiences are by the play. He knows this because he has appeared in the role of Gunner in two productions in New York and one in Wilmington.

This one-night benefit performance
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CAPS media crew on location

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tion with the city, CAPS Media welcomes the newest members of the City management team: Akbar Alikhan, Assistant City Manager, Peter Gilli, Community Development Director, Barry Fisher, Deputy City Manager, Michael Coon, Finance & Technology Director, Phillip Nelson, Public Works Director, and Susan Rungren, Ventura Water General Manager.

Recently CAPS recorded Ventura Education Partnership's Launch program recognizing outstanding and innovative educators in our community. CAPS Media crew members were also on hand to record the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Economic Outlook Breakfast at the Ventura Beach Marriott. In addition, CAPS Media continues to record local community council meetings throughout the city. All air on CAPS Media Channel 6 and stream on capsmedia.org.

The CAPS Media board of directors has openings for a couple of new board members. In the next few weeks CAPS Media Member/Producers will elect members to fill positions for board members who have moved out of the community or whose terms of office have expired. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the continuing development and future of CAPS Media. All CAPS community members are eligible to join the board of directors. Any CAPS member interested in joining the board needs to complete and submit a statement of interest/nomination form which is

available at the CAPS Media Center. Forms are due by August 1st with appointment of Board members at the Annual meeting in October.

Let us show you what's inside the CAPS Media Center located at 65 Day Road on the Ventura College campus, directly across the street from Foothill high school. Everyone is welcome to drop by and tour the center. Tours can be arranged for any community group including nonprofit, faith based organizations, youth groups, service clubs and more. In addition, the CAPS Media Center conference room, which accommodates up to 30 people, is available to nonprofit and educational groups for community meetings. Schedule a tour or reserve the conference room for a meeting at the CAPS Media Center. Contact CAPS at info@capsmedia.org or call 805-658-0500.

The extensive resources and training classes at the CAPS Media Center are available to anyone who lives, works or attends school in Ventura. Membership and privileges are also available to members of nonprofit organizations within Ventura County. 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 members can receive hands-on instruction in videography, video editing, radio production (additional fee required) and more. Go to capsmedia.org, or you can call 805-658-0500 to get complete information.

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Brook, Michael and Lavender with their hard-working non-union goats. Photos by Bill Green.

Goats clear invasive brush by the ocean in Ventura

Ventura Brush Goats recently delivered 70 weed eating goats to the vacant lot behind the Golden China Restaurant next to Highway 101 at Seaward to remove fire-fuel brush and invasive plant species. The herd arrived on Friday, June 28th and will remain for several weeks. The site is for a future hotel.

Owners Michael and Brook Leicht said, “Goats can often be the best method for clearing land, whether it is for fire mitigation, soil improvement, or invasive plant removal. They can clear steep slopes that are difficult and dangerous for humans to traverse and will happily devour poison oak and thistles.”

Goats trim the skirts of trees up to four feet off the ground, effectively preventing “canopy” fires, and once the goats are on-sight, there is no need for loud and fuel intensive heavy machinery or toxic chemicals.

This is especially beneficial on this site because any run-off would quickly make its way to the Pacific Ocean. Mob grazing with goats can help prevent storm water run-off; their hooves make thousands of cups in the soil that catch water and slow it down. The beneficial microbes in their gut inoculate the soil with healthy microbial activity via manure which improves soil health and encourages “better” weeds with a more fibrous root structure to thrive rather than persistent tap-root plants like invasive mustards and mallow. The fibrous-rooted plants create more humus which allows the soil to hold more water over time, further preventing surface run-off and combating drought.

Ventura Brush Goats uses portable solar electric nets to keep predators out and goats targeted in a specific area. The herd is transported in a large 32’ long livestock trailer that doubles as shelter and hospital pen. Their hooves are trimmed every 2 months. Other than their free-choice mineral supplement, they require no food except weeds!

Michael went on to tell the Breeze “We are a family owned weed abatement and soil improvement service based in Ventura County. We graze fire-breaks and eliminate invasive brush while restoring natural fertility with our goat herd.”

“For us, the Thomas fire was a call to action. We had been raising a couple of dairy goats to provide for ourselves and our then-two-year-old daughter; we saw firsthand how they quickly dispatched of the brush in their paddock, and in the first days of 2018 with ashes still in the air we decided take the leap and learn how to holistically manage a large grazing herd. Our herd will total about seventy animals and we expect to grow to approximately one hundred in the spring of 2020. “

“Because of their practicality, cost-effectiveness, ecological sustainability and downright fun, our family has become very passionate about working with goats to clear brush and improve soil! Check out our ‘Ventura Brush Goats’ Facebook page, <https://facebook.com/venturabrushgoats/> for occasional fun goat facts and pictures. Look for more pictures and informative content on our website: <http://www.venturabrushgoats.com/> “



The Channel Cities Jazz Club presents for your dancing and listening pleasure the Groovin Easy Swing Band at the Golden China Restaurant, 760 S. Seaward. The third Sunday of every month starting on July 21, from 1-4:30. All are welcome. Members \$10, Non-members \$15. Great dance floor. No host bar. Food and drinks available. Ample free parking. Qualified musicians welcome for open jam sessions before the featured band. www.channelcitiesjazzclub.com.



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Affordable Housing Project receives large award

The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura applied for and secured \$8,370,651, the largest California award from the National Housing Trust Fund, for construction of the Willett Ranch senior affordable housing development.

The Willett Ranch community will make 50 new construction homes available to income-eligible senior households (ages 62+), including 15 homes for formerly homeless seniors. The development, located in the Solana Heights area of Ventura, is designed to GreenPoint-rated standards with regard to energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor air quality and environmentally preferable materials. The community will consist of 46 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom units, a community room, a reading or craft room, a common laundry room and office space and landscaped courtyards where seniors can enjoy the outdoors or visit with family.

At the newly constructed development, low-income seniors will pay no more than 30 percent of their income

towards rent. Construction is expected to be completed by March 2021. Seniors at the new community will access a wide variety of services provided by the HACSB Community Services Department and by way of the HACSB partnership with the Area Agency on Aging.

The National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) assists in the new construction of permanent housing for extremely low-income households. The Project was awarded under the first Notice of Funding Availability issued in 2018. All NHTF projects must maintain affordability for a period of 55 years.

“We are thrilled to receive this generous National Housing Trust Fund award that enables the Housing Authority to help address the growing need for safe, accessible and affordable housing for our low-income seniors,” said Denise Wise, HACSB Chief Executive Officer.

The Housing Authority of the City Of San Buenaventura (HACSB) is the largest residential landlord in the City of Ventura, currently managing 295 public housing units, 705 nonprofit affordable rental units, and more than 1,500 Section 8 vouchers. The agency is actively working to increase the supply of affordable housing and to improve the quality of life for hundreds more of the low-income residents of the City of Ventura. <http://www.hacsbventura.org/>.

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Melissa Baffa will speak at Ventura Land Trust's upcoming Environmental Speaker Series. Photo courtesy of Ocean Exploration Trust.

Sustainability Now News

Adventure of a lifetime

by Maryann Ridini Spencer

Take an “adventure of a lifetime” and learn what life is like aboard the deep-sea Exploration Vessel Nautilus at the free community lecture “Fascinating Discoveries from the Deep Blue Sea” on July 25.

Melissa Baffa, Development Officer at Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and a Science Communication Fellow on the E/V Nautilus (2015, 2016 and 2018), will speak at Ventura Land Trust's upcoming Environmental Speaker Series “Fascinating Discoveries from the Deep Blue Sea” 7:00 pm on July 25, at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main Street.

“I’ll be talking about exploring the deep sea and my experiences aboard the Exploration Vessel (E/V) Nautilus, a ship owned and used by Dr. Robert Ballard, a pioneer in oceanography who is known for his historic discoveries of hydrothermal vents, the final resting place of the HMS Titanic, as well as the German battleship Bismarck,” said Baffa. “I’ll also take attendees on a typical day aboard the Nautilus, and they’ll have an opportunity to view some fascinating deep-sea discoveries.”

The E/V Nautilus is equipped with some of the latest, state-of-the-art technological systems, which help advance the frontiers of ocean exploration by employing the assistance of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and real-time satellite data transmission available for public viewing at nautiluslive.org.

Event guests will get to experience other-worldly ecosystems, hydrother-

mal vents, and exotic marine life near the Galapagos Islands, the basins and ridges off the coast of Southern California; and Davidson Seamount, part of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

“I’m looking forward to sharing the highlights of these amazing ocean experiences,” continued Baffa. “I’ll also be talking about the opportunities available for educators and college-age students to participate in these types of exploratory experiences.”

“Melissa is passionate about nature and loves to share her experiences on the E/V Nautilus,” said Adrienne Stephens, VLT Development and Marketing Director. “She blends her background in biology, and her passion for the ocean in a fun and fascinating presentation. Melissa recently joined Ventura Land Trust’s Advisory Council and knowing how she can inspire, educate and connect with an audience, we feel honored to have her participate in our Environmental Speaker Series.”

While “Fascinating Discoveries from the Deep Blue Sea,” is free to the public, a \$20 donation is requested at the door to go toward Ventura Land Trust’s ongoing preservation and conservation programs.



Get funky in Ventura. Photo by Peter Frank-Edwards.

Don't miss Ranky Tanky's “get funky” Jazz and Soul

by Richard Newsham

Ranky Tanky—which means “get funky” in Gullah—will bring their jazzy pollination of Gospel, Folk, R&B and Afrobeat music from the Carolina Coast to the Ventura College Performing Arts Center on Saturday, July 20, at 8 pm for the final weekend of the 25th anniversary of

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Michael Diaz, Natalia Moreno, Everardo Moreno, Virginia Ruiz and Juan Carlos Gonzalez-Hernandez are now high school graduates. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

Students earn diplomas through Career Online High School

Family, friends, and the community attended as graduates from Ventura County Library’s Career Online High School received their diplomas. During the graduation ceremony, held on Wednesday, June 26, in the Topping Room of the E.P. Foster Library, graduates in cap and gown shared their stories and their plans for the future.

Career Online High School (COHS) is offered by the Ventura County Library’s READ Adult Literacy Program in partnership with Gale, a Cengage

company. COHS provides adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate by utilizing the flexibility of the Internet to accommodate busy adult schedules, at no cost to students.

Career Online High School is one of several programs offered through the Ventura County Library READ Adult Literacy Program, and is an ongoing program accepting signups throughout the year. To learn more about the READ Adult Literacy programs and ways you can help, call (805) 677-7160.

the Ventura Music Festival.

Hailed for their authentic “take me to church” “mainline Soul,” the dynamic quintet from Charleston performs in Ventura one week after appearing in New York City’s Central Park SummerStage and releasing of their second album Good Time and streaming EP Stand By Me.

Led by powerhouse vocalist and American Idol alum Quiana Parler, Ranky Tanky’s self-titled debut album soared to the top of the Billboard, iTunes and Amazon Jazz Charts within a month of release after NPR’s Fresh Air with Terry Gross profiled the band in 2017.

Last summer Ranky Tanky took the Skirball Center’s Sunset Concerts by storm and The Today Show recently featured the band with their high-spirited arrangements

of music passed down by generations of West African slave descendants from the Georgia and South Carolina coast.

Nobody can “do Gullah”—raise up a song—like this band, with their faithful, buoyant, heartbreaking and healing songs by their “We want freedom” Gullah ancestors, says the glowing press that is following their current nonstop tour of the U.S. and Europe.

As “ambassadors for a whole resilient culture” of praise, rebellion, joy and tragedy, they are “spreading the gospel of Gullah”—a fresh Southern sound that “makes the past new all over again.”

Don’t miss the Ranky Tanky experience that is sweeping the nation!

Richard Newsham is a Ventura Music Festival consultant.



Once again, the Ventura Family YMCA hosted the World’s Largest Swimming Lesson, an event that seeks to break the record for largest Swim Lesson Worldwide. The 2018 WLSL event included almost 45,000 participants from 26 countries.

Tens of thousands of kids and adults at aquatic facilities around the world united for the tenth year in a row to make noise that Swimming Lessons Save Lives.™ A global event. Photos by Michael Gordon.

Senior Living

Pull Out Section



That's Ron on the right with a few of his happy dancers.

Man pursues his dream to dance after 46 years

by Maryssa Rillo

It has been Ron Perkovich's dream to dance since 1964. In 2010, in Ventura, Perkovich finally made that dream come true. Now, nine years later, at the age of 71, he is a part of three dance clubs, is vice president of a dance club, has tried various types of dance, and dances every week.

Perkovich was born in Wisconsin and is the youngest of eight kids. He said that as the youngest, he just wanted to do everything his older siblings did.

Perkovich's dream to dance started in high school. One of the high school students would bring records and spin them at lunch.

"The kids would go out there and dance. Well, being the youngest you follow your brothers and sisters. Most of them danced to some degree out there so I went out there. I was like 14, 16 years old. I'm out there bojangling around, not doing very well but you do it because your brothers and sisters are doing it. Well I had a couple buddies sitting on the bleachers harassing me," Perkovich said.

Once the kids started laughing at him, Perkovich quit dancing. Throughout his life he would watch others dance and wish he could do the same but always remained silent.

"About 32 years ago in St. Paul, Minnesota, my brother-in-law and his wife were dancing to a Don Williams song in their kitchen and I am standing there and I didn't say anything to anybody but I was thinking, 'damn I want to do this,'" Perkovich said.

About nine years ago, Perkovich was

laid off from his job so he had more free time. Perkovich saw this as an opportunity to start dancing. He looked in the newspaper for dance ads and found an ad for line dancing lessons at the Barranca Vista Center in Ventura.

Perkovich began line dancing but later wanted to expand his horizons. Perkovich searched the internet for other dance lessons and found ballroom dance lessons in the same building. Perkovich's wife knew he had a passion for dance, so she decided to go with him.

"My wife knows that my passion was dancing so she was kind enough and honorable enough to say 'I'll go with you,'" Perkovich said. "She suffered through six sessions with me. I know it's her desire to not do that. She's very quiet and shy and so she likes to be alone and I honor that. She knows that I need to dance because I waited 46 years for this."

Since Perkovich started dancing, he has tried various dance styles and dances at different dance clubs in Ventura County.

"Now, I belong to three dance clubs. Monday night at Poinsettia, Tuesday-Line Dancing at the Moose Lodge and Thursday at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. I also go to Leisure Village off Las Posas in Camarillo," Perkovich said.

Perkovich has tried ballroom dancing, line dancing Latin dancing and Zumba. He said he likes them all.

"It's such good medicine for the soul. It's such medicine. As far as my dancing, the strongest thing in the universe is the

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On June 26, “Salute Our Veterans” celebration was held at Cypress Place Senior Living. Cypress living held their 11th annual celebration of Veterans with a ceremony recognizing residents of Cypress Place, as well as members of the public, who served their country.

Leading the tribute was a bagpipe procession and a military Color Guard presentation followed by a special Veteran recognition, along with recognition of widows and widowers of Veterans.

Photo courtesy of Bob Escobedo, Ventura Times.

Senior Living Cypress Place awards scholarships

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

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

with the award winners, residents on the Scholarship Committee expressed a true sense of pride and accomplishment in their involvement in the selection process.

As the scholarship awards evening wound down, Garcia and Perez both expressed their appreciation for their awards once again. They both hope to be able to present awards to future Cypress Place Senior Living “Senior to Senior” Legacy Scholarship recipients when they themselves have graduated from college.



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Applicants need to have a verified 3.2 or higher GPA and to have applied for fall 2019 admission to a college or university with the intention of obtaining a degree. Applicants were also asked to submit an essay about their reason for pursuing higher education along with a personal account of how a senior or seniors has affected their life, including specific examples of intergenerational experiences of the applicant.

The members of the Resident Scholarship Committee at Cypress Place read the essays, then held oral interviews with the semi-finalists to determine the two award winners.

On May 30, 2019, the awards were presented to Nadia Garcia and Daniel Perez, both of Buena High School. Garcia will be attending Westmont College and will major in math. She would like to be a math teacher. Perez will attend USC and is considering a career in the diplomatic corps or another form of public service.

Family members of the recipients were in attendance, as well as many seniors from Cypress Place. The senior citizens were beaming just as brightly as the recipients during the awards ceremony.

“Tonight, we watched two wonderful high school seniors take another step forward in the direction of their dreams,” said Marion Doane, a resident at Cypress Place, and the Scholarship Committee Chair. “This was the 7th year the Cypress Place owners granted this scholarship to our local Ventura students, and it is a highlight for all of us to be a part of it.”

While enjoying coffee and dessert

Fall hazards in the home, including a scatter rug, dog, and empty slippers in stairways, hallways, and pathways.

Have handrails on both sides of the stairs, and make sure they are tightly fastened. Hold the handrails when you use the stairs, going up or down. If you must carry something while you’re on the stairs, hold it in one hand and use the handrail with the other. Don’t let what you’re carrying block your view of the steps.

Make sure there is good lighting with light switches at the top and bottom of stairs and on each end of a long hall. Remember to use the lights!

Keep areas where you walk tidy. Don’t leave books, papers, clothes, and shoes on the floor or stairs.

Check that all carpets are fixed firmly to the floor so they won’t slip. Put no-slip strips on tile and wooden floors. You can buy these strips at the hardware store.

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on both the inside and outside of your tub and shower.

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Keep a flashlight by your bed in case the power is out and you need to get up.

Keep your telephone near your bed.

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Keep electric cords and telephone wires near walls and away from walking paths.

Secure all carpets and large area rugs firmly to the floor.

Arrange your furniture (especially low coffee tables) and other objects so they are not in your way when you walk.

Make sure your sofas and chairs are the right height for you to get in and out of them easily.

Don't walk on newly washed floors—they are slippery.

Keep items you use often within easy reach.

Don't stand on a chair or table to reach something that's too high—use a "reach stick" instead or ask for help. Reach sticks are special grabbing tools that you can buy at many hardware or medical-supply stores. If you use a step stool, make sure it is steady and has a handrail on top. Have someone stand next to you.

Don't let your cat or dog trip you.

Know where your pet is whenever you're standing or walking.

Keep emergency numbers in large print near each telephone.

If you have fallen, your doctor might suggest that an occupational therapist, physical therapist, or nurse visit your home. These healthcare providers can assess your home's safety and advise you about making changes to prevent falls.

Your Own Medical Alarm

If you're concerned about falling, think about getting an emergency response system. If you fall or need emergency help, you push a button on a special necklace or bracelet to alert 911. There is a fee for this service, and it is not usually covered by insurance.

Home Improvements Prevent Falls

Many State and local governments have education and/or home modification programs to help older people prevent falls. Check with your local health department, or local Area Agency on Aging to see if there is a program near you.



Are you concerned about health care costs?

by National Council on Aging

Almost sixty percent of Americans aged 60 and over are concerned that health care costs (56%) and 43 percent are concerned that prescription drug costs are outpacing retirement savings, according to a new NCOA/Ipsos survey. The national survey also finds that women are even more concerned than men about these costs and the potential impact on their family.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) in partnership with Ipsos, a leading polling and data firm, released the results.

The survey of 1227 adults aged 60 and over conducted between May 29, 2019 and June 14, 2019 found the rising cost of health care and prescription drugs and losing their independence are the top concerns of older adults and a direct threat to a secure retirement:

NCOA is working with policymakers in Washington and partners across the country to help address these concerns head-on for a growing population of older adults across the country.

This survey is being released at NCOA's Age+Action Conference, June 17-20 in Washington, DC. The conference is a premiere national convening focused on ensuring every person's right to age with their best possible health and economic security. The event brings together 1,000 professionals from across the country who are dedicated to making aging well possible for all.

"Our recent NCOA/Ipsos survey of older Americans finds that most people 60 and older report being pretty happy with their current lives," reports Annie Weber, Senior Vice President at the research company Ipsos. "That is despite majorities of this group reporting worry about their physical health and

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Round Table and guest speaker highlight Parkinson’s meeting

by Patty Jenkins

The Ventura Parkinson’s Disease Support Group is excited to invite our Members, Friends and the Public to attend our “inaugural” meeting on July 10th from 12:30PM to 2:30PM at our new location: Ventura City Hall’s Community Meeting Room (501 Poli Street #202). At this “Round Table” meeting we will have the opportunity to get to know each other better, talk about how we cope with the challenges of Parkinson’s Disease, ask questions and share experiences that just might help someone in our Group.

We will also have a surprise guest to help us with our questions and update us on the latest research and local trials going on in our area! Wayne Pickerell, Vice President and Clinical Research Manager of Neurosearch, Inc., has been involved in Parkinson’s Disease for over 18 years and has managed Clinical Research for Neurosearch for well over a decade. Wayne will give us a brief overview of Parkinson’s Disease in general, typical treatments currently prescribed, update us in new treatments and ongoing trials being studied and progress on the search for a cure for Parkinson’s Disease.

Drive straight up California Street all the way to the top where City Hall sits; veer to the right, stop at stop sign and when safe to go, take that immediate left into the driveway on the east side of the building that leads to the large parking lot behind City Hall. Park anywhere except to the west of the sign on the back wall that says “City Vehicle Parking Only” or other “Parking only for” signs.

Enter the building at the handicap access entrance near the handicap parking; go up the hallway past Human Resources and then go to your left. The Community Meeting Room is room # 202 on your left all the way down the hall (past rooms 206, 204, the elevator and stairway). If you park on Poli Street, there is also a handicap access entrance on the east side of the building on the ground floor where the elevator can take you to the second floor; the Community Meeting Room # 202 will be to the left of the elevator. The public is always welcome to attend our meetings. We are an independent and volunteer-organized group not affiliated with or a part of any other organization or group. For more information call Patty at 805-766-6070.

Medicaid HCBS program funding extensions clear the House

More good news from the House of Representatives, which passed legislation provide funding to expiring Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs. The Money Follows the Person program, as well as spousal impoverishment protection program, would receive enough funding to run to October 2023. The bill providing the funding passed by a 371-46 margin. We are proud that our Disability and Aging Collaborative played a key role in the bill’s passage. The Senate is expected to act on this legislation in September.

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Man pursues his dream

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human soul on fire. My soul is on fire when I dance. There is just something euphoric about it,” Perkovich said.

If anyone is interested in dance lessons in Ventura County, Perkovich said that the Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club offers free lessons on Monday night. More information can be found on their website at www.poinsettiadancers.org

“If somebody is thinking of dancing don’t do what I did when I was 16. Just go out there and relax and just have fun, nobody cares,” Perkovich said. “Adults don’t laugh at each other because you can’t dance. We’re very sympathetic to that, to the person trying to do that stuff. From my end it’s a labor of love.”

Health care costs

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their health care costs exceeding their savings.”

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted May 29-June 14, 2019. For the survey, a sample of 1227 adults aged 60 and older from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

About Ipsos


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This 'n' That



Rebecca Graham as Prospero works her Tempestuous magic while daughter Miranda (Lauren Sherman) and spritely servant Ariel (Jonny Sinkler) look on in wonder.

Rubicon Theatre Company offers its Fearless Shakespeare Camp

Once again, Rubicon Theatre Company offers its Fearless Shakespeare Camp, marking the tenth season the organization has presented a youth production by the Bard. The 2019 production of The Tempest will be special though. For the first time ever, Rubicon is making free tickets available for students and teachers in our region. Kirby and Beverly Ward, Co-Directors of Education and Outreach at the theatre, got the idea after hearing about the inception of Joseph Papp’s famous Shakespeare in the Park in NYC. “I was watching a TED Talk with Oskar Eustice,” says Beverly, “when he referenced his predecessor at The Public Theatre, the great Joe Papp. According to Eustice, Papp believed that the classics should be free for everyone - not just the wealthy.” “More importantly, he thought they should see the very best renditions of these plays,” says Kirby Ward, Beverly’s husband and partner at Rubicon. “Anyone who’s seen one of Joseph Fuqua’s Fearless Shakespeare productions knows, his spin on these Masterpieces is spectacularly creative and his direction is first-rate.”

Fuqua is a Yale Drama grad and a member of the professional company at Rubicon. His students are fiercely loyal to him, often returning many years in a row. He’s known for his humor and insight into the minds of teenagers. “When adapting these plays for Fearless Shakespeare, my focus is to make them easily understood by an American audience. We use modern dress, put it in a contemporary setting, but still honor Shakespeare’s exalted language,” says Fuqua. He brings a verse coach, Louis Lotorto, into the camp to work with the kids to make certain they’re fully grasping the meaning behind Shakespeare’s words.

Rubicon’s policy is that no child should be excluded from their camps because of financial limitations. “We meet the need of every student who applies for financial assistance,” says Kirby. Beverly adds, “So why wouldn’t remake the performances free? It’s a natural next step toward our mission of entertaining, enriching and educating the community.”

The Tempest opens Friday, July 12 with a performance at 7:00 p.m. and runs Saturday, July 13 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., closing on Sunday, July 14 with a 2:00 p.m. matinee. This full-length adaptation will run approximately 2 hours with an intermission. Tickets are

\$16 plus a \$4 service fee for adults. All children and students or teachers with ID can access their free ticket to any performance by visiting the Rubicon website at www.rubicontheatre.org or calling Guest Services and using the code FREESHAKES. Guest Services is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from noon until 6 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, based on availability. Adults who aren’t teachers will pay a \$5 up-charge for purchasing at the door. All performances are at the Theatre, 1006 East Main St.

New campaign aims to protect children and youth from child exploitation

Ventura County’s READY TO STOP Initiative launches campaign distinguished by a blue check mark to raise awareness about the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Just when you think your county and your home are safe, your child can fall victim to exploiters and predators in the blink of an eye. Ventura County’s Commercially Sexually Exploited Children’s (CSEC) READY (Respectfully Empowering and Defining Yourself) Program is stepping in with their first campaign, READY TO STOP Child Trafficking in Ventura County, to ensure our children and our community stay protected, informed and vigilant around increased levels of exploitation here in Ventura County.

The READY Program is a program within the County’s Children and Family Services Agency. The program provides support to social workers as they seek to identify and offer assistance to children and youth within the child welfare system who are experiencing commercial sexual exploitation or are at high risk of such. The program liaisons with stakeholder agencies, non-profits, law enforcement, and other partners to build a network of response to address child trafficking.

The commercial sexual exploitation of children is one of the largest criminal industries in the world. According to the Child Welfare Council CSEC Action Team, the FBI has determined that three of the nation’s thirteen High Intensity Child [Trafficking] areas are located in California in the metropolitan and surrounding areas of San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

It is crucial to understand this is taking place right in our own backyards. In Ventura County alone, an average of 1.4 referrals per week have been made to the child abuse hotline in 2019. In 2018, there were 17 identified youth in care at high risk of CSEC.

The READY TO STOP campaign aims to raise awareness by educating the public about the warning signs surrounding sexual exploitation of children. The campaign will inform members of the community about existing hotlines for those who need immediate assistance, as well as what resources are available for survivors.

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many times. It is time for the Ventura County community to learn about and acknowledge the vulnerability of our children and youth to predators,” said Ronna Bright, READY Program Coordinator. “It is time for all of us to come together to protect our kids and to stop trafficking and exploitation in our neighborhoods. We are READY TO STOP.”

In addition to raising awareness, CSEC’s READY Program works closely with local initiatives and nonprofits to amplify the businesses and organizations who are already fighting for the protection of our children in Ventura County. These organizations include, Forever Found, Interface Children and Family Services, Coalition for Family Harmony, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA of Ventura Co.) and Casa Pacifica.

For more information about the READY TO STOP campaign, visit <http://fostervckids.org/ready-to-stop>.

Rental scam alert

During the past few weeks four Ventura residents have fallen victim to rental scams. The scammers have listed home rentals on Craigslist and Zillow. In one case the victim toured the home they intended to rent and then sent the deposit and first month’s rent. The home was for rent, but the scammer was not the owner of the home. The scammer used the empty home to con the victim into believing they were the property manager.

Please use caution when looking for a rental! As you consider issues like size, cost, and location of the rental, also consider this: that rental listing could

be a scam. Scammers often advertise rentals that don’t exist or aren’t available to trick people into sending money before they find out the truth.

Scammers know that finding the right rental can be hard work, and a seemingly good deal is hard to pass up. They’ve been known to game some home or vacation rental websites.

Some scammers hijack a real rental or real estate listing by changing the email address or other contact information and then they place the modified ad on another site. The altered ad may even use the name of the person who posted the original ad. In other cases, scammers have hijacked the email accounts of property owners on reputable rental websites.

Other scammers make up listings for places that aren’t for rent or don’t exist and try to lure you in with the promise of low rent, or great amenities. Their goal is to get your money before you find out.

Being savvy when you’re in search of a rental is well worth the effort. Here are some signs you may be dealing with a scam:

They tell you to wire money: This is the surest sign of a scam. There’s never a good reason to wire money to pay a security deposit, application fee, first month’s rent, or vacation rental fee. That’s true even if they send you a contract first. Wiring money is the same as sending cash — once you send it, you have no way to get it back.

They want a security deposit or first month’s rent before you’ve met or signed a lease. It’s never a good idea to send money to someone you’ve never met in person for a home you haven’t seen. If you can’t visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go

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The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

■ SPAN Thrift Store is providing \$10 spays and neuters for low income cat and dog friends.

Two upcoming clinics are: Thursday, July 11th at the Albert H. Soliz Library - El

Rio, 2820 Jourdan St., Oxnard, 93036; and another on Thursday, July 18th at Shiells Park, in the parking lot, located at 649 C St., Fillmore, 93015. Please call to schedule an appointment (805) 584-3823.

■ A new study suggests when dog owners go through a stressful period, they're not alone in feeling the pressure their dogs feel it too. Dog owners experiencing long bouts of stress can transfer it to their dogs, scientists report in a study in Scientific Reports.

The Swedish researchers focused on 58 people who own border collies or Shetland sheepdogs. They examined hair from the dog owners and their dogs, looking at the concentrations of a hormone called cortisol, a chemical released into the bloodstream and absorbed by hair follicles in response to stress.

Depression, excessive physical exercise and unemployment are just a few examples of stress that can influence the amount of cortisol found in your hair, said Lina Roth of Linkoping University in Sweden.

Roth and her team found that the patterns of cortisol levels in the hair of dog owners closely matched that found in their dogs in both winter and summer months, indicating their stress levels were in sync.

She thinks the owners are influencing the dogs rather than the other way around because several human personality traits appear to affect canine cortisol levels.

The researchers don't know what causes the synchronization in cortisol levels between humans and their pups. But a hint might lie in the fact that the link is stronger with competitive dogs than in pet pooches.

The bond formed between owner and competitive dogs during training may increase the canines' emotional reliance on their owners, she said. That in turn could increase the degree of synchronization.

The study results are no surprise, said Alicia Buttner, director of animal behavior with the Nebraska Humane Society in Omaha. "New evidence is continually emerging, showing that people and their dogs have incredibly close bonds that resemble the ones that parents share with their children."

So, relax around your best friend. It's good for both of you.

■ Seattle-based Amazon is the most dog-friendly workplace in the U.S., according to a newly released report. The study, by the pet care website Rover.com, said Amazon's pet policies at its Seattle campus gave it the highest dog-friendly

score of any other U.S. employer.

The study based its rankings on data collected from pet owners on what they value most, including the total number of dogs allowed in the office, dog and pet parent perks and office amenities geared towards pups.

According to the survey, Amazon supports its 6,000 registered dogs with an on-campus dog park and plenty of free poop bags and treats. The company also has policies allowing for pet time off, a pet adoption stipend and other amenities.

"Today, 40 percent of all workers feel overworked and pressured, and dogs can offer much-needed relief in an office environment," the report says.

Phil Tedeschi, executive director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection at the University of Denver, says having pets in the workplace is often welcomed by many employees, not just pet parents.

"The bond between humans and animals is good for human health and can build connections in the work environment," he said. "Pets often allow for engagement and shared activity, in turn strengthening bonds among coworkers."

■ Heatstroke and hot pavement among threats

By Benjamin Mandile
Herald Staff Writer

Temperatures are rising in Southwest Colorado, which means it is time for pet owners to consider the safety and comfort of their furry companions as more people venture outdoors. With temperatures starting to soar, pets can experience different dangers, including heatstroke, burned paws and rattlesnake bites.

Heatstroke, which affects animals more than people, occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature.

If a pet is experiencing a heatstroke, put cool (not cold) water on the animal's head, stomach and paws to help cool it. If a pet has had a heatstroke, take the animal to the veterinarian immediately after cooling it.

A car parked in 70 degree weather can reach 89 degrees after 10 minutes, according to information from the American Veterinary Medical Association. A car parked in 90 degree weather can reach a scorching 109 degrees after 10 minutes..

Barbara Hjermstad, hospital manager at Riverview Animal Hospital, said the clinic sees one to two dogs die from heat-related illness each summer.

Overheating in cars is not the only heat-related risk for pets. Their paws can also burn on asphalt. Owners concerned about the temperature of cement or asphalt can place their own hand on the blacktop for four seconds to test the temperature, Anderson said.

There are a few other things animal lovers can do to help keep their pets safe during the summer.

One way of keeping pets healthy in high temperatures is to leave them at home, Anderson said.

Scamp Club

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If pets are left at home, they should have shade if left outside.

Another way to keep pets safe is to know the signs of heatstroke, including excessive panting and lethargy (unable to walk).

People should also remember to take water for their pets on long walks or hikes. Knowing how much to bring depends on the size of the dog.

Dog owners can also find temperature vests online to help cool down their pets.

■ The Food and Drug Administration identified 16 brands of dog food that had been linked to heart disease in dogs that eat them, according to a report the agency recently published.

In the report, the F.D.A. named for the first time the pet food brands most frequently associated with adverse events. In descending order of most incidents of heart disease, the brands are Acana, Zignature, Taste of the Wild, 4Health, Earthborn Holistic, Blue Buffalo, Nature's Domain, Fromm, Merrick, California Natural, Natural Balance, Orijen, Nature's Variety, Nutri-Source, Nutro and Rachael Ray Nutrish.

The heart condition examined in

the report, canine dilated cardiomyopathy, often results in heart failure and is believed to have a genetic component, according to the report. The disease usually affects large breeds, but the F.D.A. said it knew of smaller dogs that have been afflicted with it.

The disease was most frequently reported to the F.D.A. in golden retrievers, but the report noted that breed-specific social media groups and activities raised awareness of the issue in these communities of golden retriever owners, who perhaps disproportionately notified the F.D.A. of their dogs' diagnoses.

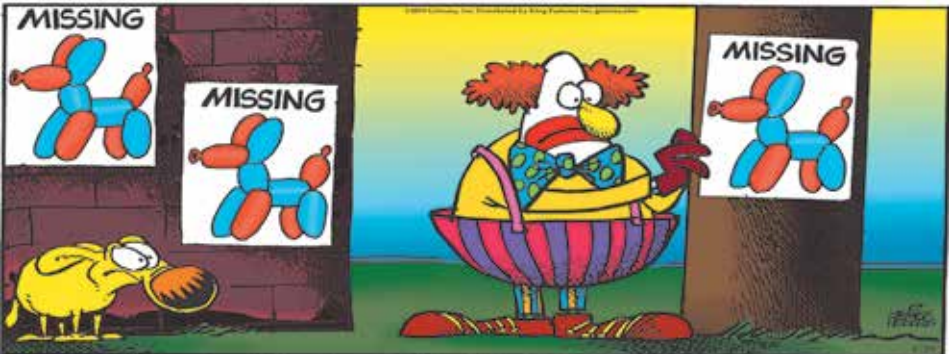
Most of the dog foods listed are usually labeled "grain-free" and contain a large proportion of peas, lentils, legume seeds or potatoes, according to the report. Many of the dogs researched in the investigation did not have a genetic predisposition to the condition, the F.D.A. said.

The Pet Food Institute said in a statement that it was "committed to the health of pets and take seriously the responsibility to make safe, complete and balanced food for our dogs and cats."

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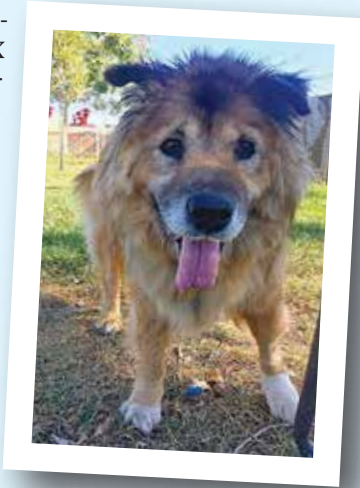




The Pet Page

Forever homes wanted

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While hanging out in Acton Erika Lohrenz, James Gray, Marianne Allen and Trixi Scantlan enjoyed reading the Ventura Breeze.

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This 'n' That

Ventura Council votes to switch

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demand was at its highest said Cushnie. But there is so much solar energy being produced it isn't until the sun sets that usage really goes up.

CPA officials have stated that the exit fees were increased to make up for Edison's \$825 million under collection in 2018, which is being charged as part of a 12-month rate hike that went into effect in April. CPA protested that decision to the Public Utilities Commission but lost the appeal.

The city council was split on paying more for the same amount of usage. Mayor Matt LaVere and members Jim Friedman and Erik Nasarenko voted no, partially because moving all impacted accounts to Edison, the city would have saved money and ended with the same mix of renewable energy (Edison's base rate includes 36% renewable energy. The council also voted 6-1 to keep just under 400 accounts not affected by the rate hikes with CPA at the 100% tier, which means they will pay 9% more than Edison's base rate on those accounts. Friedman voted no. He supports staff's recommendation of returning all the city's electricity back to Edison. He wanted a pause to give the city time to better analyze the financial implications and said Ventura had too many "obligations and responsibilities" to consider spending more when the true costs were unknown.

The city committed to CPA when costs were going to increase around 9% above Edison, said Friedman, not over 20%. Council member Christy

Weir, the city's representative on the 32-member board that oversees the Clean Power alliance. Weir had hoped to keep all accounts with CPA. She said she wanted to "stick with CPA because they are our future here".

"The city made a commitment to the CPA." She and others said. Council member Cheryl Heitman said the city had made a pledge to use more renewable energy. "I'm not in favor of going back to Southern California Edison in any way."

Though he supports staying with CPA, Nasarenko voted against moving tiers for its high use accounts because he was concerned the money to cover the difference would need to come from money being set aside for infrastructure and other city improvements from a half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2016.

Mayor LaVere said keeping the unaffected accounts with CPA but moving the others to Edison accomplished three goals: sup[po]ting CPA, committing to a future of renewable energy and showing fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers. He also said Edison's base rate still provided 36%renewable energy, the same as CPA but without the cost.

The Clean Power Alliance was founded in 2017 with a \$10 million loan from the County of Los Angeles. The city council voted in February 2018 to join CPA, that now has 31 governments in Ventura and Los Angeles County. CPA procures renewable energy and Edison distributes its existing power lines. All residents and businesses located in CPA's jurisdiction are automatically enrolled in CPA unless they opt out.

Activism and action

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wetsuit donated by Patagonia, with tickets available for anyone bringing in a wetsuit to be recycled by Suga, a company that converts donated wetsuits into yoga mats.

Oergel reported that the local Surfrider chapter has been serving the community since 1991, helping protect the environment in a variety of ongoing ways. Since 2016, the chapter has installed over 100 ashcans with "Hold Onto Your Butts" emblazoned on them, which serve dual purposes—keeping cigarette butts disposed of and then actually recycled, as a company called Terracycle makes things like benches out of them. One such green bench can be seen on the promenade near the Ventura pier playground. The Surfrider members also participate in water quality testing with the Foundation's Blue Water Task Force, a volunteer-run, water testing, education and advocacy program which measure bacteria levels at both marine and freshwater beaches and compare them to federal water quality standards established by the EPA to protect public health in recreational waters.

This year, the Surfrider Foundation partnered with local non-profit pure Stoke Surf Club to raise awareness of environmental responsibility while enjoying and respecting the ocean. Zora Wolter is the founder of the organization, and she and her team of volunteers

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were busy during the event, offering tandem surfing lessons for kids. The organization develops free, year-round community surf programs for kids with diverse backgrounds and abilities, including underserved communities. Wolter shared that in the past she had been involved with other surf therapy organizations, and recalled that during one of them, a participant was so jubilant that he told her 'This is the best day of my year!' She said "That made me so sad! We should definitely be out here far more often offering this to kids." So, she launched the pure Stoke club in Ventura in 2018, and since then, they have offered nearly 500 monthly surf lessons to kids at C street, as well as a location in Rosarito, Mexico, all taught by local surfers.

This 'n' That



Change is in the air at the Ventura Harbor Village Marina. Photo courtesy of the Ventura Port District.

Ventura Harbor Village Marina begins major transition

On the heels of a major upgrade at its Fish Pier, the Ventura Harbor Village Marina, operated by the Ventura Port District, is making another large investment as one of the most active commercial fishing ports between San Pedro and Morro Bay.

In 2017, a total of some 27 tons of fish was offloaded at the Ventura Harbor Village Fish Pier. The value of this activity was \$31 million. The majority of this was California market squid.

Commercial fishing is vital to the local economy. In April, the Ventura Port District invested \$500,000 into the re-

surfacing of the Fish Pier and other improvements of the essential offloading facility for large and small commercial fishermen.

Next, an extensive Ventura Harbor Village Marina Dock Improvement Project will increase the availability of larger slips. Commencing in mid-May, the sweeping project is scheduled for completion in September.

Both projects align with the Ventura Port District goal of positioning the harbor marina as a world-class commercial harbor.

Seven years in the planning, the

dock improvement project will cost an estimated \$4.5 million as part of the Ventura Port District's Capital Improvement Program aimed at upgrading the utilities and the infrastructure of the dock systems, including fire suppression.

The new dock systems will accommodate the harbor's ever-expanding fleet of commercial vessels.

"Our tenant population is and will continue to be primarily commercial fishing vessels," said Harbor Village Marina manager Dave Werneburg, "along with our other existing commercial entities including dive boats, hospitality offerings and Island Packers Cruises."

Infrastructure improvements include the replacement of environmentally unfriendly foam dock floats with cement docks, and the upgrade of electrical pedestals in each slip.

For more information on Ventura Harbor marinas, boater amenities or the Ventura Harbor Village Marina Dock Improvement Project, visit VenturaHarbor.com.

and our students deserve that."

Students at DATA Middle School are finding cool new methods with which to engage in advanced design methodologies. Alex Wulff is a teacher and entrepreneur at DATA, and is passionate about teaching advancements in media and fabrication technologies. He spoke about Ventura's non-profit student-led "STEMbassador" program, focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and how these students develop practical, standards-based curriculum for teachers to use for a variety of applied STEM technologies. These include CAD-based CNC-routers, laser engravers, and 3D printers—his points were amplified in real time while he spoke, as behind him a 3D printer made a small, detailed plastic frog. He was enthusiastic about the difference this program has been making in students' academic lives. "Students started creating works of art, really, it hurt your heart, it was so beautiful," said Wulff.

According to LAUNCH, following the event, which was videoed, the stories shared will live on to influence others, through social media. The plan is for the collection of videos to continue to grow over time to facilitate more peer to peer sharing, learning and collaboration.

School is in session

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Kelly Herrera, AP Literature and AP Language teacher at Buena High, presented on her groundbreaking Teach Living Poets project, a movement that was created to bring living poets into classrooms, via Skype and video, to make poetry more accessible and engaging. "There's no teachers' manual," said Hererra. "As we dive in, I'm diving in along with the students. It's making me vulnerable with them, and getting out of my comfort zone makes me a stronger teacher,

Ojai news and events

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will be July 20 at Matilija Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.OjaiTheater.org or purchased by phone at 310-497-2248. The prices are \$55 general admission and \$75 for preferred seating and gala reception afterward to meet the cast. Buy early as this benefit is expected to sell out.

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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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

Stolen Vehicle, Brandishing

On June 21, at approximately 5pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call of a subject being detained for brandishing a handgun at McConnell’s Ice Cream. As officers arrived, they learned that the suspect, 63-year-old Thomas Young, approached the two victims as they sat in a van parked next to the business. Young told the victims that the owner of the van owed him money. Neither of the victims knew who Young was, and the three became engaged in a verbal argument which escalated into a physical altercation.

During the fight, a handgun fell from Young’s clothes and onto the ground. Young picked up the gun and pointed it at one of the victims. The victims continued to fight with Young and were able to subdue him and disarm him of the gun. After taking the gun away, the victims waited for the police to arrive and turned over the gun to the police. During the arrest, the gun was found to be unloaded, and Young was found to have illegal drugs on his person. It was also discovered that the vehicle Young was driving was a stolen vehicle.

Young suffered minor injuries during the incident but refused medical attention. Neither of the victims or any officers were injured during the call. Young was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of controlled substance, and brandishing. Young is a PROS offender.

Stabbing

On June 22, at approximately 12:30pm, officers responded to a report of a stabbing victim in a vehicle to the front of the Ventura City Fire station in the 700 block of N. Ventura Ave. It was reported the stabbing had occurred at an unknown location in the Ventura River bottom. Officers, along with Ventura City Fire and AMR personnel, found the victim, later identified as a 31-year-old male, suffering from non-life-threatening stab wounds to his neck and torso. He was immediately transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries. The victim was admitted to the hospital and his current condition is not known.

During the investigation, officers learned that the suspect is possibly none to the victim and both were in the river bottom when the suspect stabbed him. The victim fled to a nearby residence and got a ride from the homeowner to the fire station. The victim was not cooperative with the investigation and officers were unable to locate a crime scene.

The investigation is ongoing. There is no additional information to be released at this time. An additional press release will be sent out when the information is available. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488.

Prowling, Peeping, and Resisting Arrest

On June 23, at approximately

2:30am, VPD officers responded to a call of a prowler seen in the backyard of the victim’s residence. The victim awoke to their motion activated flood lamp and saw a male suspect wearing a beanie looking into their sliding glass door. The victim immediately called 911.

VPD patrol officers quickly arrived and observed the suspect, 51-year-old Ventura resident Carl Valadez, after he climbs over the victim’s fence to exit the yard. The first officer tries to make contact and the suspect runs. The officer engaged in a foot pursuit and is joined by a K9 officer. The suspect ultimately gives up peacefully and is taken into custody without incident.

The suspect was booked at Ventura County Jail for Prowling, Peeping, and Resisting Arrest.

Assault on a Peace Officer

On June 28, at approximately 7:30pm, officers responded to a Subject Disturbing call at the Travelers Beach Inn. The suspect, 43-year-old Andrew Hodges, was reported disturbing guests of the hotel, and he was not a registered guest of the hotel. As officers went to contact Hodges, he attempted to walk away from them. Eventually, the officers were able to stop Hodges on the second floor, landing next to a staircase.

Immediately upon the contacting Hodges is was uncooperative and refused to listen to the officers repeated requests sit down. As the officers continued to try and gain compliance with Hodges, he began to fight with the officers. The fight was so fierce that the officers requested additional officers respond immediately. Upon the arrival of the additional officers, they were able to gain control of Hodges and take him into custody.

No officers were injured during the incident, and Hodges was treated for minor abrasions at a local hospital. Hodges was arrested for Felony Resisting a Peace Officer, Felony Attempting to Remove an Officers Weapon and Felony Vandalism.

A search of the County of Ventura Superior Court records shows that Hodges was convicted earlier in 2019 for Misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance and Resisting a Peace Officer. He also has prior felony convictions in 2016 and 2017 Resisting a Peace Officer.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

6-12 12:03pm, while on patrol, officers were contacted by a group of kayakers. The group turned out to be Rhodes Scholars looking for the best area to paddle
9:35pm, patrolling in the truck, officers contacted a group of juveniles with wood pallets and a small fire near Surfers Knoll. The group was advised of the violation and departed the area.

6-13 5:00pm, received a report of a squirrel that nearly drowned near the city sailing center docks. The squirrel was recovered, and animal

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control was advised then they picked it up for rehabilitation.

6-15 9:40pm, patrolling in the truck, officers found a lost dog. The owner’s phone# was on the tag, so they contacted. Initially the owner dismissed the officers believing her dog was on her vessel, but after a search realized the dog was gone.

6-16 1:09pm, received a dispatch to a water rescue, dog in distress with two bystanders trying to rescue the dog near the pier. Officers responded in Rescue Boat 19, the dog was rescued.

6-19 11:25pm, while on patrol in the vehicle, officers observed a coyote chasing a skunk on Spinnaker Drive near the Ventura Harbor Village Boatyard.

6-21 2:10pm, observed a sailboat being towed by a good Samaritan Personal Water Craft about ½ mile South of the Harbor. Officers responded in Rescue Boat 19 to assist. The sailboat was taken into tow to Ventura Isle Marina.

6:30pm, while on patrol in Rescue Boat 17, officers observed a 25ft sailboat disabled near the National Park Service docks. The vessel was taken into a short tow away from the vessels until they restarted their engine.

6-22 11:07am, received a report of an illegal bon fire near Surfers Knoll. Officers responded in the vehicle found the fire but unable to locate the perpetrator

8:06pm, dispatched to a fall patient near 1559 Spinnaker Drive. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with the patient. No injuries just lift assist.

6-23 6:30am, received complaint about several homeless individuals loitering around the launch ramp restrooms washing their bikes. Officers responded but most of the group had already moved along from

the area.

6-24 8:01am, dispatched to wellness check on a tenant of the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded, found the person not in distress

3:05pm, received dispatch to a stroke victim in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with the call. The patient was transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship

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ment, school and community service, financial needs, and the following requirements:

- Applicants must:
 - Be entering his/her freshman through senior year in college;
 - Plan a course of study related to the field of public service;
 - Ventura resident or have graduated from a high school in Ventura within the past three years, or a Ventura Police Department employee or employee’s child.

- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or better (based on a 4.0 system);
- Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better if selected as a recipient;
- Submit a resume of school and community activities, including a copy of transcripts through the most recent semester;
- Submit an essay of 1000 words or less on “Service, what it means to me”;
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a public servant.

1st Place \$5,000.00 Annika Kinnaman
2nd Place \$3,500.00 Bryce Weinell
3rd Place \$2,000.00 Labiba Sardar

The VPOA would like to thank all of the applicants and congratulate the 2019 winners of the Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship!

“Be honest, be safe, and look forward to each day.” –Sgt Dee Dowell

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

The summer event of the year is finally upon us with Surf Rodeo taking over the beach on the southside of the Ventura Pier. The weekend of July 13 and 14 will be chock-full of music both days on two stages with The Expendables headlining on Saturday, and Hepcat on Sunday. For a full rundown of over 30 bands and to secure your tickets, go to SurfRodeo.org.

Congratulations to Leashless Brewing as they celebrate their 2nd anniversary on Saturday, July 6 with live music from Bombafiya at 3 pm followed by Shaky Feelin' at 6. Be sure to stop in for a cool one, especially if you've never tried their beer which is certified organic.

The band, Psychedelic Summer, will make their Woodstock-era tribute debut at Oak and Main on Friday, July 19. You're invited to dress up in your best 60s garb (yes there will be costume contest) while listening to Joplin, Hendrix, The Doors, Sly Stone and more!

The 4th of July Street Fair will offer live music with the Colette Lovejoy Band, Midnight Ride and Rhythm 805 on the California Street Stage, then it's Johnny & the Love Handles, Jukebox Rockers and Vendo 81 on the Palm Street Stage. The music runs 10 am to 5 pm.

One of the best tribute bands on the planet plays Thursday, July 11, and it's absolutely free! Don't miss Queen Nation 6:30 - 8 pm at The Collection in Oxnard.

Quick Notes: Shaky Feelin' will make their debut at the Ventura Theater opening for Galactic on Wednesday, July 3; Shay Moulder plays Harvest Café for First Friday, July 5; the Ventura Bike Hub has with Pscoticsum, Malice Thoughts, Fun Abuse and Boy/Girl on July 5; Schwab Academy of Music continues their free concerts over the weekend at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center; Concrete Jungle hosts a Psycho Billy Night on July 6 with Cursed Bastards and Caroshi from the San Fernando Valley; it's Hot Harbor Nights with the 805 Allstarz on Sunday, July 7, at the Harbor Cove Café; Gypsy Blues Band takes the week off for the 4th but returns the following Thursday, July 11, with special guest Shawn Jones at the Blue Room in the Ventura Harbor; The Hong Kong Inn will host a techhouse & techno party called ARRIVAL, on Friday, July 12; Music Under the Stars kicks off the 2019 summer season with British Beat on Saturday, July 13; and Plan B's Second Sunday Supper will offer up Ray Jaurique & the Uptown Brothers for your musical entertainment.

Ventura Music Festival will re-schedule their 25th anniversary overview this fall; but the regularly scheduled festival is going as planned with concerts running July 11 through July 21 at various locations. See VenturaMusicFestival.org for more information.

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

4th of July Downtown Street Fair

Music 10 am - 5 pm
Thurs 7/4: Colette Lovejoy Band, Midnight Ride, Rhythm 805, Johnny & the Love Handles, Jukebox Rockers, Vendo 81

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
Wed 7/3: Finnhead Dave
Fri 7/5: Two's Company
Sat 7/6: Blue Motel Room
Sun 7/7: Jon Gindick
Fri 7/12: Teresa Russell & Stephen Geyer
Sat 7/13: Karen Eden & Cary Park
Sun 7/14: Epitome of Dreams

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street
Thursdays, Friday & Saturdays: DJs
Sunday 2-7: DJs

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street
Wed 7/3: Bryan McCann
Fri 7/5: Instone
Sat 7/6: Otis Hayes
Sun 7/7: Babylon Rockers
Tues 7/9: Freda & the Sixth
Wed 7/10: Donna Butler
Fri 7/12: Alex Nestor
Sat 7/13: Cosolive
Tues 7/16: David Patt

Casa Bella

391 E. Main Street
Thursdays: Danny D.

The Cave

4435 McGrath Street
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Weds & Saturdays: Varon Thomas
Thurs & Fridays: Warren Takahashi

Concrete Jungle Brewing

4561 Market Street
Sat 7/6: Cursed Bastards, Caroshi

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village
Music 7 pm; Sundays 4 pm
Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio
Wed 5/22: Al Macias Open Mic
Fri 7/5: Brandon Ragan Project
Sat 7/6: Ruben Estrada
Sun 7/7: House Arrest
Fri: 7/12: Amistad
Sat 7/13: Amistad

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd
Fri 7/5: Sublime Day
Sat 7/6: Jet Airliner
Sun 7/7: Sora Espolisve & Efektivos de Arranke
Thurs 7/11: The Question
Fri 7/12: Metalachi
Sat 7/13: Fuera de Serie, Lalo Serratos
Sun 7/14: Ital Vibes (5 pm)

Four Brix Winery

2290 Eastman Avenue

Music 6 - 8:30 pm
Fri 7/5: Teresa Russel Band
Fri 7/12: After the SMOke

Garage

1091 Scandia Avenue
Sat 7/6: Black Dragon, Premonition, Rocker Fellas

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Thursdays 7 pm: Open Jazz Jam

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street
Wed & Thurs 6 pm; Fri & Sat 8 pm, Sun 4 pm
Sun 7/7: The Tossers

Sat 7/13: Dive Bar Messiahs

Harbor Cove Café

1867 Spinnaker Drive
Sun 7/7: 805 Allstarz (3-6 pm)

Harvest Café

175 S. Ventura Avenue
Music First Fridays 8 pm
Fri 7/5: Shay Moulder

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd
Fri 7/12: ARRIVAL, techhouse & techno

Keynote Lounge

10245 E. Telephone Road
Tues, Wed and Sun: Karaoke
Thursdays: Open mic night

Fri 7/5: Action Down

Sat 7/6: What the Funk

Fri 7/12: Heathers on Fire

Sat 7/13: DJ-AVG

Leashless Brewing

585 E. Thompson Blvd.
Tues: Open Mic, The Listening Room
Fri 7/5: Jacob Marques

Sat 7/6: Bombafiya, Shaky Feelin'

Sun 7/7: Singer/Songwriter Showcase

Wed 7/10: Delta Blues

Thurs 7/11: Vinyl Night

Fri 7/12: Fallen Saints

Sat 7/13: Shorebreak

Sun 7/14: The Swillys

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 7/4: RJ Bloke

Sat 7/6: The Collective

Sun 7/7: Will Breman

Thurs 7/11: Mark Masson

Sat 7/13: Cap Quirk

Sun 7/14: Ted Lennon

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Wed 7/3: Galactic, Shaky Feelin'

Tues 7/9: Jake Shimabukuro

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Wed 7/3: Bob Bishop
Fri 7/5: Corsican Brothers
Sat 7/6: Sin Chonies

Sun 7/7: Mark Masson

Tues 7/9: Dave Rea

Fri 7/12: Operation 90s

Sat 7/13: Right Amount of Wrong

Sun 7/14: CRV

Moose Lodge

10269 Telephone Road

Sat 7/13: Medicine Hat

Oak and Main

419 E. Main Street

Tuesdays: Beers Brothers Open Mic

Thurs 7/4: Mark Masson & Friends, Rhythm 805

Fri 7/5: Ghost in the Machine

Sat 7/6: Brittney & Ben, CRV

Thurs 7/11: Beers Brothers Showcase

Fri 7/12: Vanise Terry Band

Sat 7/13: Kyle Smith

Sun 7/14: Johnny and the Love Handles

Pierpont Inn

550 San Jon Road

Ventura Music Festival Location

Thurs 7/11: Tea & Trumpets

Plan B Winery

3520 Arundell Circle

Sun 7/14: Ray Jaurique and the Uptown Brothers

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd

805-641-1025

Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon

Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 7/6: Eaton Young & the Band

Sun 7/7: Anja Conklin

Sat 7/13: Chris Del Mar

Sun 7/14: Will Logsdon

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke w/ Brian Parra

Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

The Shores Restaurant

1031 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard

Thursdays: Karaoke

Fri 7/5: Karen Eden

Sat 7/6: Alan Wright Band

Sun 7/7: Tune Bandits

Fri 7/12: Troy Edwards

Sat 7/13: Pull the Trigger

Sun 7/14: Ray Ray and the Posse

The Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Fri 7/5: CRV

Sat 7/6: Brandon Ragan Project

Sun 7/7: The Question (3 pm)

Fri 7/12: Shawn Jones

Sun 7/14: Ghetto Lions (3 pm)

Surf Rodeo Southside Ventura Pier

SurfRodeo.org for full lineup

Sat 7/13: The Expendables, Radkey, Raging Arb, James Kaye, Cycleways, Hy Brasil

Sun 7/14: Hepcat, Zach Deputy, Yachtley Crew, Highway Starr, B-Side Players, Shaky Feelin'

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

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Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve

Tuesdays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Get Right DJ

Topa Mountain Winery

821 W. Ojai Avenue, Ojai

Music Saturdays: 5-7; Sundays 4-6

Sat 7/6: Danny McGaw Band

Sun 7/7: Brandon Ragan

Sat 7/13: Cindy & the Lucky Ducks

Sun 7/14: Natalie Gelman

Ventura Bike Hub

281 W. Main Street

Fri 7/5: Pscoticsum, Malice Thoughts, Fun Abuse, Boy/Girl

Ventura College Performing Arts Center

4700 Loma Vista Road

Fri & Sat 7:30; Sun 2:30 pm (all free)

Fri 7/5: Schwab Academy of Music - Chamber Music

Sat 7/6: Schwab Academy of Music - Classical

Sun 7/7: Schwab Academy of Music - Classical

Sat 7/13: Ventura Music Festival - Christopher

Parkening & Jubilant Sykes

Sun 7/14: Ventura Music Festival -

Calidore String Quartet

Winchester's

632 E. Main Street

(805) 653-7446

Music at 7:00 pm; Sundays at 5 pm

Fri 7/5: Vanise Terry Band

Sat 7/6: The Tossers

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Working Artist Ventura (WAV) is a sustainable arts community. For the last ten years WAV has housed hundreds of artists and their families.

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Channel Islands Harbor Art Festival will be held July 13 - 14, 2019 at Harbor Landing, 5800 Harbor Blvd., at Channel Islands Blvd, in Oxnard.

The art festival will feature artists and craftsmen displaying their own original work in all medium of fine art and craft. All work is available for purchase and will include paintings, photography, sculpture in metal, clay, wood, and glass. Also available will be jewelry, pottery, mixed media, fiber art and more.

The featured artists are brothers Ric and Tim Vigallon of Vigall-Art Studios in Yucca Valley, CA.

The Channel Islands Harbor Art Festival from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Admission and Parking are free. The event is produced by West Coast Artists. For more information visit WestCoastArtists.com or call 818-813-4478.

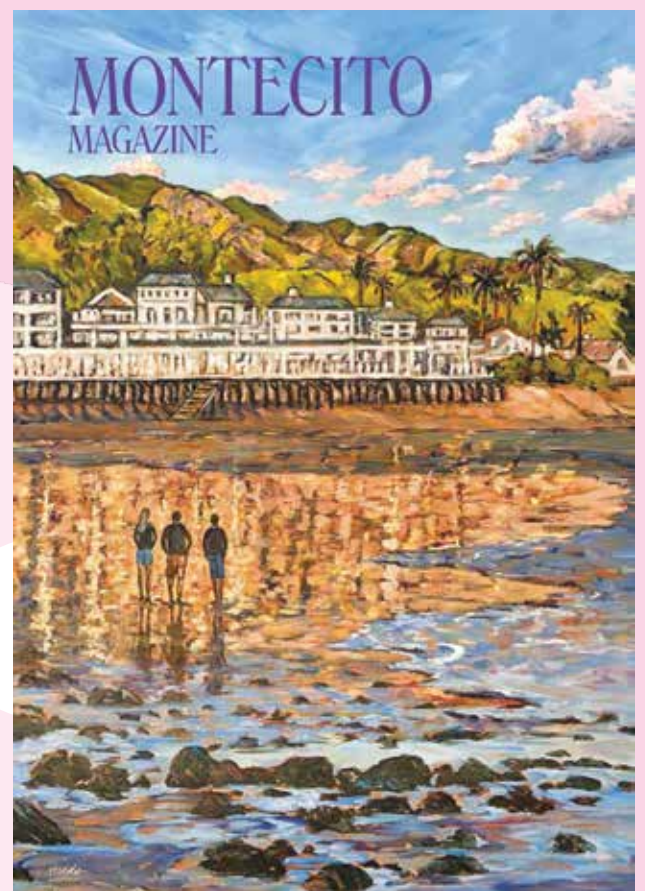


The Art of **Hilda Kilpatrick-Freyre**

"A dream come true. It all started about six months ago when I was asked to paint a painting for the cover of The Montecito Magazine, which would be featuring an article about the new Rosewood Miramar Beach Hotel in Montecito Santa Barbara."

"This had been a dream of mine since I move to the US and started painting... "I want to be on the Montecito Magazine one day!"

The new issue of Montecito Magazine has an article "My Miramar Beach" where several of my paintings are featured. And, it also has an article about my art "Storyteller Inspired by Nature"



Dab Art is pleased to present Latent Ability at H Gallery in Midtown Ventura. This interactive exhibition is comprised entirely of 3D artwork and large scale installations. Eight years in the making, this is a first for Dab Art.

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The Beauty of our Coast by **Lynn Byrne Simon**

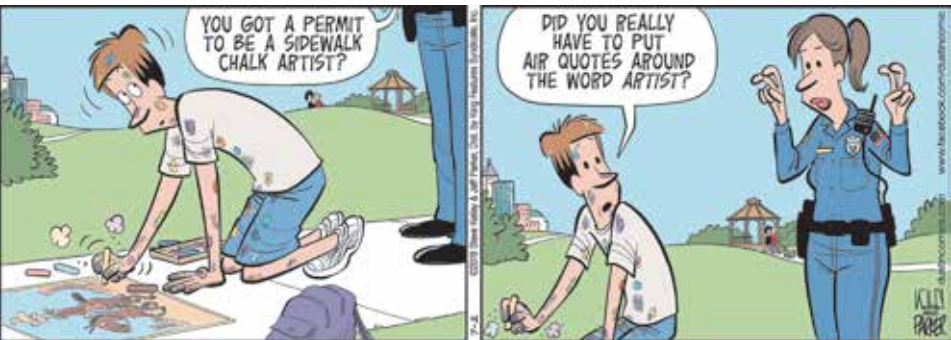
The Pastel Society of the Gold Coast, a nonprofit, is pleased to present their award-winning, professional paintings and sale "Passion for Pastels 2019" to benefit Camarillo Hospice, a program of Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association. The month-long show runs from July 8 to the 27th, Monday through Saturday, 11:00 to 5:00 at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park. "Meet the Artists Reception and Fundraiser" for the Hospice will be held Sunday, July 14th, 1:00 to 3:30.

Lighter Breeze

Baby Blues



Dustin



Shoe



Moose and Molly



Crock



Hi and Lois



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(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
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King Crossword

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31 Sudden shock
32 Blue
33 Desirous look
34 Fuss
35 Arctic diver
36 Move laterally
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51 "Zounds!"
52 Varnish ingredient

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11 Diocese
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20 Kitten's comment
23 — out (supplemented)
24 Yuletide refrain
25 Grow weary
26 Open slightly
27 Source of riches
28 United nations
29 Talk on and on
32 Surgical stitching
33 Queued (up)
35 Curry or Coulter
36 Cubes, spheres, et al.
38 Incite
39 English composition
42 Take out of context?
43 Summertime pest
44 Leave a lasting impression
45 Bake sale org.
46 Aries
47 Lemieux milieu
49 Swelled head

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be surprised if, in spite of your well-made plans, something goes awry. But don't worry. Your knowledge of the facts plus your Arian charm will help you work it out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A personal relationship seems to be demanding more than you feel you're able to give. Best advice: Confront the issue. You could find the situation surprisingly easy to work through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist being pressured into meeting your self-imposed deadline. This is important if you really feel that taking more time to finish a project could save time in the long run.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A vacation choice seems less interesting than when you first made it. Could it be a matter of the place or the people going with you? Find out before you consider a change of plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone might be overriding your Leonine logic to get you to agree to "favors" that you would normally avoid. Take a new look at what you've been asked to do and see if you've been misled.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Try to keep that emerging "judgmental" aspect in check this week. Too many critiques on relatively unimportant issues could create a lot of negative bounce-back reactions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Facing unpleasant facts about an associate isn't easy. But ignoring them isn't wise. Ask a trusted (and neutral) friend to help guide you on what to do and how you might do it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A shift in opinion regarding a workplace situation could go a long way in vindicating the stand you've taken. But be aware that a satisfactory resolution could still be a long way off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's not like you to choose the easy way rather than the right way to do things. So, follow your instincts and feel assured they will lead you to the right decision. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Hold off on making a personal commitment until you find out what it really entails and whose interests are actually involved. There could be hidden facts you need to know.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new friend offers an unexpected opportunity that could lead to a career change. Check it out carefully and consider getting an assessment from someone familiar with this field.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A surprising discovery leads to mixed reactions from those involved in the "revelation." But as you come to appreciate the truth, you'll be able to come to terms with your feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of travel helps you appreciate the wonders of the world. You would find a satisfying career in any travel-related industry.

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Showtime

A View from House Seats

Secrets Abound at Santa Paula’s Casa

by Shirley Lorraine

A retro revelation into a world many of us have little or no knowledge of takes the main stage at the Santa Paula theater Center. Casa Valentina, written by Harvey Fierstein (of Kinky Boots, La Cage Aux Folle fame) is based on actual events. Casa explores an exclusive resort in the Catskills catering to straight men who desire a place to dress and act as women, even for a brief time.

In 1962, the play’s setting, such a desire was strictly taboo and considered a severe embarrassment. Although great strides have been made, even today there is still a wealth of misunderstanding, derision and even fear surrounding transvestite lifestyle. Women dress as men –why are men not afforded the same acceptance? Casa Valentina explores this story of a few brave men who retreat to New York’s Catskill mountains for an annual rejuvenation of sprit.

With Fred Helsel at the Director’s helm, the seasoned cast takes on this enlightenment challenge beautifully.

Chip Albers plays George who transforms into the capable and confident Valentina. Aided by his understanding wife Rita, portrayed by Cindy McKay, the two assist each guest to become comfortable in their temporary roles as women.

A retreat regular, Bessie (Albert) is given larger than life attributes by Allan Noel. By far the most outspoken of the group, Albert embraces his inner femininity with gusto.

He is joined by Michael/Gloria, a younger regular played by the versatile and enchanting Trent Trachtenberg. The other end of the age spectrum is covered by Doug Friedlander as Theodore/Terry, a vision in lavender.

Rounding out the mix are long-time attendees Judge (Ronald Rezac) who becomes Amy, and Isadore (Elixio Flores) who embodies Charlotte, a zealot for

change. Both are solid in their portrayals.

Enter Jonathan, a first-time guest, in the form of Michael Adams, who takes tentative steps towards becoming Miranda. The regulars all lend their expertise on dressing attractively, hair and make-up assistance and other delicate tips in order to ease the transition.

As the men settle into their alternate selves, tensions rise over questions of potentially identifying themselves as a legitimate group which would involve some privacy being compromised. Not unlike today, fears of retribution cause some to back away, not knowing how their careers or personal lives may be impacted. Acceptance must start from within and project outward. Some just aren’t ready to reveal that side of their lives.

The Casa is struggling to stay open and keep financial solidity. These uncertainties, coupled with each man’s personal reasons for maintaining privacy, threaten the Casa’s very existence.

The story is told with insight, humor and compassion. We witness mental and physical transitions, realities of political climate and societal fears, not unlike those we still endure today, some 50 years later. The play is a timely picture of the constancy of misunderstanding and fear surrounding elements of life that apply to a select few. Hopefully, writings such as Casa Valentina will ease misconceptions and help toward acceptance of all persons.

Casa Valentina continues through July 28 at the Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th Street, Santa Paula. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. performances may be obtained via 805-525-4645 and www.santapaulatheatercenter.org. Adults are \$24, Seniors and Student \$22. Children not advised due to content.

long in Bobby’s past and life offered little to him other than disappointment.

Bobby’s best friend Carlos is a chef, but also unhappy in his situation, so Carlos comes up with a plan for the two to buy the dilapidated bowling alley they basically lived in as kids and make is a prime bowling center with gourmet pizza and fine libations. Tanya enters the picture as a representative for one of the business investors and stirs up some emotional feelings from the past for Bobby.

Bobby and Carlos end up over their heads in a dirty business deal and though they end up losing what they were trying to build, some good things come from their efforts, especially between Bobby and Tanya. This story line is simple and there are really no high or lows, the audience just basically plods along through the simple lives of some simple people in a small town, though does manage to highlight the importance of friendship and to never give up on the things you love and do well.

In this case was cartooning for Bobby, which he did as a hobby to provide a different perspective on him humdrum world, and which in the end he actually decided to pursue as a new direction in his dreary life. Jesse Le Gross does well in portraying this aspect of his character, though the other dreary side drags viewers slowly



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though the story. Jesse Borrego was cast well as the best friend Carlos and showed passion and enthusiasm both for premium pizza and his longtime friendship with Bobby. Carlos was really the only joyful character in the movie, though Bobby was able to find his happiness again at the grand opening bowling tournament.

This movie falls flat in providing any real substance, and tends to drag on with trivial issues, though does have a few moments of good feeling entertainment. Rated R - 108m

Mailbox

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Maybe our First Americans would be in charge. Interesting idea.

I know our first Americans had big hearts. Willing to share what they had.

They did not sneer at immigrants. Esther Cole, Ventura

Letters:

A federal judge recently blocked President Donald Trump from tapping into Defense Department funds to build parts of his US-Mexico border wall.

Judge Haywood Gilliam of the Northern District of California blocked the administration from moving forward with specific projects in Texas and Arizona, saying Trump couldn’t disburse the funds without congressional approval. The lawsuit that prompted the ruling was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the plaintiffs, the Sierra Club and Southern Border Communities Coalition.

Thank you Charles Burn, Oja

Movie Review by Cindy Summers

Phoenix, Oregon

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

Phoenix, Oregon is the story of a middle aged man whose life is going nowhere when his longtime friend hatches a plan for them to relive some of their younger glory days by reopening the bowling alley they both grew up going to and reinventing it as the best pizza ever made with micro brews and fine wines. Directed and Written by Gary Lundgren and Starring James Le Gross as Bobby the bowling star, Jesse Borrego as Carlos, his best friend and pizza perfectionist and Lisa Edelstein as Tanya, Bobby’s unrequited love interest.

Phoenix, Oregon is set in the actual small town of Phoenix, Oregon, where Bobby works as a bar tender under an oppressive boss that steals his tips and belittles his endeavors. In his younger days he was a legend having bowled a perfect 300 game, but those days of glory were

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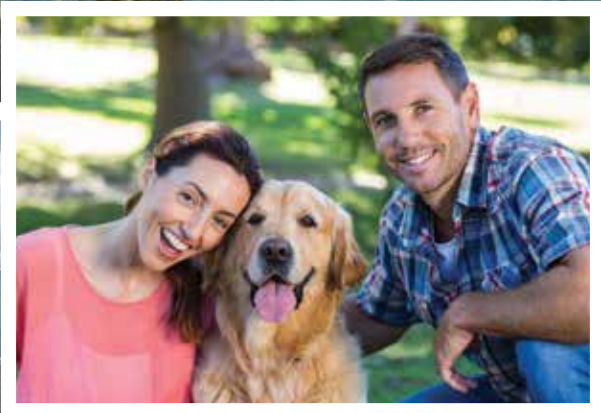


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The Williamson family, Trisha, Matt and John has created a legacy of learning.

Education is a family calling

by Shirley Lorraine

Educating the young is a passion for the John Williamson family. Their commitment to teaching has enriched the Ventura Unified School District in many ways. Meeting with Trisha and son Matt, it was clear their eyes shone brightly as they spoke of their teaching paths and of their family's chosen profession. According to Matt "sometimes a career direction finds you, rather than the other way around." That appears to be true of the Williamsons.

John spent many years as an administrator in private schools before he undertook securing his teaching credential. When he did, he was off and running. For the next ten years John served as a math teacher at ATLAS elementary school in Saticoy. This setting proved to be an excellent match, as his fourth and fifth graders enthusiastically attest.

Sadly, life rarely goes as planned. In November of 2018, John was given a cancer diagnosis. As John was treated and doing his best to overcome the disease, son Matt was asked to substitute in his father's fifth grade math class. Matt was instantly dubbed Mr. 2.0, a role that he

took on eagerly. He wanted, above all, to provide continuity for his father's students during such a trying time. "I want to make a difference like dad. That is very important to me, to continue the legacy that he began."

When John passed away in March of 2019, Matt vowed to return quickly to the classroom. "It's all about the relationships" Matt declared. "Up until the last few days, dad still talked about the kids. They meant everything to him." Indeed, the kids felt the same about John. While he was a home on hospice, the kids decorated his sidewalk with colorful chalk art and messages to buoy his spirits.

Trisha, having just celebrated her 31st year of teaching at Portola Elementary, found Matt's willingness to step into John's shoes inspiring. Along the way she and Matt both earned their master's degree, albeit at different institutions.

Both teaching fifth grade this year, Trisha and Matt have experienced a sense of comfort in being able to share classroom resources, techniques and trials as they coped with John's illness. They agreed that these similarities helped them considerably to redirect their thoughts and gave them both an opportunity to emotionally refocus, which they both sorely needed.

When asked what advice she would give to students desiring to become teachers, Trisha replied "you'll have your plans and then you must expect those plans to be changed." "Always be flexible" stated Matt. "It's (teaching) one of the few professions in which you can reinvent yourself every school year" added Trisha.

The Williamson family has created a legacy of learning that enriches not only the students, but the school district and themselves. The Williamson motto seems to mirror Trisha's statement "if you love it, do it."

Ventura Moments

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and restaurants really is happy.

If you live in Ventura, you already know you can save your imagination for something else.

Ventura is an almost implausible mix of the magical and the mundane. Pump your gas at certain gas stations and you can gaze out to Anacapa and Santa Cruz islands as you squeegee your windshield. And maybe that's the trick, the sleight of hand that sees some of us forget that we live in a place where folks vacation. It could be argued that our lives are a vacation, with work, chores and errands thrown in. It's a nice feeling. A happy contentment that brings a smile at unexpected times. Bhutan coined the term gross national happiness, but Venturans don't need it defined.

Visitors are drawn to this. Not just our town's obvious largesse -- surf, sun, kaleidoscopic culture, and simple pleasures like a good laugh over a cold beer -- but also, less visible, this sense of contentment and even unshakeable confidence. Ventura is a very special place.

Regarding the matter of visitors, they are important to our town. Critical. Why does tourism matter? Well, there are scrolling reams of financial figures illustrating the benefits of tourism -- 2.7 million visitors spent 289 million dollars in Ventura in 2017 and generated \$8.4 million in local tax revenue -- but honestly, though figures matter, you've probably forgotten these three already. What you haven't forgotten is the warm smile of the local coffee shop owner who might not be smiling across the counter at you were it not for the visitors who also line up for their turn at a flaky croissant. Tourism creates roughly 2,600 jobs in Ventura. And the spillover effects of tourism seep into almost everything in our town; our agriculture, our fire and police, our roads, our schools. It doesn't take an MBA to know that these things matter. Safe to say that tourism hums quietly behind many scenes.

And, from a resident's standpoint, the best thing about tourism can't be notched

as a figure. Tourism keeps us as we are. Visit Ventura, charged with promoting our town, targets the kind of visitor Ventura wants; visitors who care about Ventura, who appreciate the beauty of Ventura, and, here's the important part, people who want to see Ventura stay the special place it is.

Promoting Ventura as a vacation destination might seem an easy job, like offering honey to Pooh, but the truth is it's a competitive world. There are over 100 tourism offices in California alone, and we lucky Venturans know many of the beauties and charms they offer. Los Angeles, On paper Visit Ventura is a nonprofit funded by the city, tasked with promoting Ventura's charms to the world beyond Ventura County. In real life, Visit Ventura is eight people (not including energetic volunteers) who live here and carry the town in their hearts. Which is where the things that matter reside.

Life is about moments -- even a squeegee counts -- and there are only so many. Ventura is a very special place, and all of us, residents and visitors, are lucky to have a moment here.

Rental scam alert

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and confirm that it's for rent, and that it is what was advertised. In addition to setting up a meeting, do a search on the owner and listing. If you find the same ad listed under a different name, that's a clue it may be a scam.

They say they're out of the country. But they have a plan to get the keys into your hands. It might involve a lawyer or an "agent" working on their behalf. Some scammers even create fake keys. Don't send money to them overseas. If you can't meet in person, see the home, or sign a lease before you pay, keep looking.

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