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Jim Duran named Executive Director of The City Center

by Kim Herron

Jim Duran, lead pastor at The River Community well known throughout the Ventura community for his many leadership activities, has been named Executive Director of The City Center (TCC) by its Board of Directors. Tom Nelson, Board President states "we are grateful to Jim for taking this leadership position at this critical time in our growth."

Jim has been active with TCC for the past five years. For the past 13 months Jim has assumed the operational duties at The City Center Transitional Living. "I'm thrilled to apply my passion for the City of Ventura at TCC. Together with another local non-profit, as we move

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A touching moment when TAG kids played tribute to Star (portrait from Face Of Ventura by Johanna Spinks).

Star Soto retires

by Veronica Johnson

On Thursday, January 29 a retirement party was held at Foster Library celebrating the end of Star Soto's employment at the library.

Jackie Griffin, Ventura County Library Director and Sara Roberts, Deputy Director, played tribute to Star for the amazing job that she has done

running the Children's Library on the second floor at Foster Library.

Among the programs she has created are Read Me a Story & More, Storytime & Craft, Lap Sit Storytime, Paws for Reading (Scamp's favorite), Monthly Saturday Storytimes, Teen Program's,

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New C of C Board installed at Annual Meeting and Board Installation.

Ventura Chamber installs new board

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Meeting and Board Installation on Thursday, January 22 at the Wedgewood Banquet Center. The event was attended by business members, City officials and dignitaries.

Outgoing Board Chair, Mary Jarvis presented an overview and highlights of the Chamber's many programs and accomplishments over the past year, thanking the Chamber members,

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Al and Micheline Sakharoff

Memory of Micheline Denise Sakharoff June 7, 1923 - January 16, 2015

Micheline Sakharoff, daughter of Juliet and Georges, was born in Paris on June 7, 1923. She passed away at the age of 91, January 16, 2015, in the home that she and her husband designed and built in the Ventura Keys. Three words that characterize her life are: love, art and education.

Micheline left her native France at the tender age of 22 to pursue a new life in America with the love of her life Albert Sakharoff to whom she was married for 63 years. They met during the liberation of Paris during WWII, and their subsequent romance by correspondence was featured as a play at Rubicon Theatre called *Lucky in Love*.

Once their daughter Katherine was "on her way" in school, Micheline finished the university education that had been cut short by the war. She was awarded several UCLA Fellowships and graduated Cum Laude before pursuing her Ph.D. in French from UCLA in 1965. One of her proudest moments was when her thesis "Les Héros, Sa Liberté et son Efficacité de Garnier à Rotrou," published in France by Nizet, was highlighted and quoted at length by literary critic Jacques Scherer.

Micheline taught at Whittier College and California State University Northridge (CSUN). She was loved by her students and even after retiring

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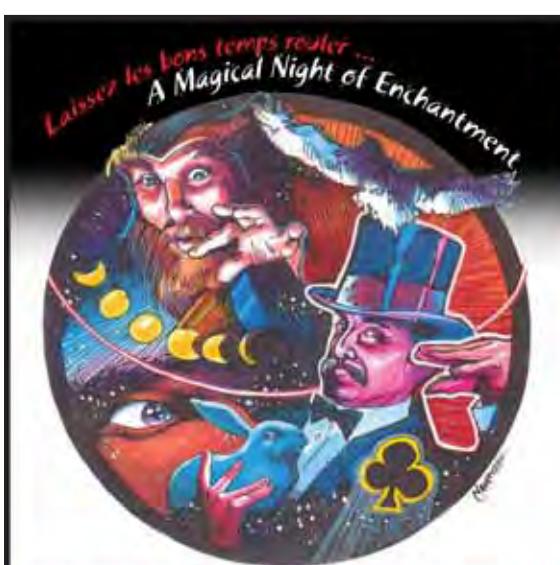
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A photograph of the Uagabond restaurant building, which has a dark, angular roofline. In front of the building, there are several palm trees and a road sign. A large sign above the entrance reads "UAGABOND". Below the building, a black banner with white text says "Feels like home - Come on in!!".

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A cartoon illustration of a man with wild, curly hair wearing a hat and a red patterned shirt. He is reclining on a green surface. A small black bird is perched on his shoulder.

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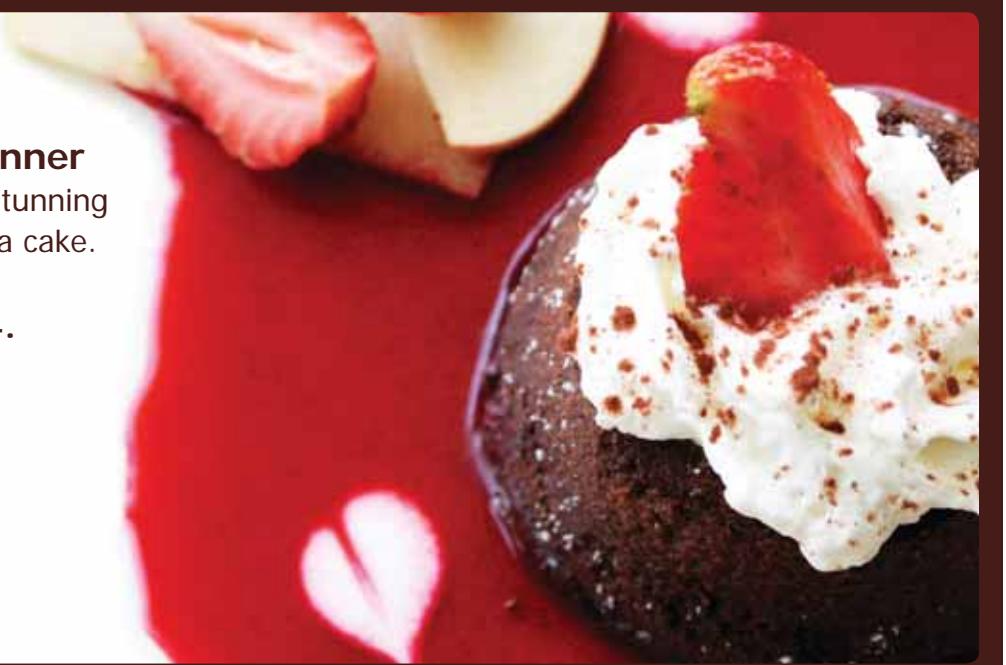
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A photograph showing four people from behind, standing on the deck of a boat. They are looking out over the dark blue ocean. In the distance, a whale is breaching, sending a large plume of white spray into the air. The sky is clear and blue.

The image is a promotional poster for an art show. At the top, the words "FIRST FRIDAY ART SHOW" are written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, a large yellow star is positioned next to the words "IMAGES OF HOLLYWOOD" in white, bold, sans-serif letters. A black banner with white text wraps around the star and the word "IMAGES". To the right of the banner, the text "Presented by Catherine Broger" is written in a cursive font. On the left side of the poster, the text "Friday Feb 6th 6:30 - 9pm" is displayed in a serif font. In the center, there is a photograph of a sign that reads "HOLLYWOOD" in blue letters against a dark background. To the right of this is another smaller photograph showing a city skyline at night. At the bottom left, there is a logo for "Very Ventura" featuring a stylized yellow sun and the word "Ventura" in a script font. Next to this logo, the words "Gift Shop & Gallery" are written in a serif font. The bottom of the poster features a silhouette of a city skyline against a dark background.



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Business



The concept of Chicago's Finest restaurant began at church.

Chicago's Finest

The concept of Chicago's Finest restaurant began when owners Kevin Stevenson and Joel Deuter met in a small group meeting at their church. Joel expressed that he had labored in the restaurant industry for the last 15 years and hoped someday to have ownership in a restaurant instead of always working for someone else. Kevin, having grown up in Chicago, mentioned that he had always had a dream to open a Chicago Deep Dish Pizza restaurant which could be the gathering place for the transplanted "Greater Chicago Nation" here on the Central Coast. And so it began. After raising capital from a group of individuals, mostly Christian businessmen from the Ventura community, Chicago's Finest opened on December 14, 2014.

Chicago's Finest, located at 1782 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite C, in the Montalvo Square, boasts true Chicago Deep Dish Pizza. Kevin is no more thrilled than when a customer, who is actually from Chicago and knows Chicago pizza says that it's the best pizza they've ever had – even in Chicago! The restaurant is truly the "finest" of Chicago's foods serving both deep dish and thin crust pizza. They also have authentic Vienna Beef hot dogs, bratwurst and polish dogs. A favorite on the menu is the "Ditka Polish" approved by the big guy himself, Mike Ditka. It's a 1/3 pound all beef polish dog with spices to meet da Coach's discerning taste and approval. The Chicago Hot Dogs are all beef, served on a poppy seed bun with mustard, onions, tomato wedges, neon green relish, pickle spear and sprinkled with celery salt – it's the real deal. Be sure to try their Italian Beef sandwich served on a French Roll with sautéed green peppers and au jus.

Also on the menu is appetizers including potato skins, mozzarella sticks, garlic sticks and toasted ravioli. Salads and desserts including root beer floats, gelato, pizza cookie and cheese are also served. For your drink, be sure to check out their Coke machine – the new "Free Style" machine with over 180 different combinations of drinks. They also serve beer on draft including 805, Stella, Goose Island IPA, Shock Top and Fireman's Brew. They also offer several beers by the bottle. They also have six different offerings of wine.

The location is easy to get to with plenty of parking. The atmosphere is cozy with hardwood floors, brick wall, stained wainscot and frosted glass. It truly seems like you're in a downtown

pub / pizza restaurant in Chicago when you're there. Three TV's with the ball games are on all the time and it's just a place where you'd love to hang out with your friends and family.

Stated right on the menu, the proprietors share that a full 10% of their profits go to charities both local and around the world. Chicago's Finest proudly supports Compassion International's Water of Life program with provide clean drinking water to households in under developed countries. Their owners are involved in the community and the restaurant is a part of the Better Business Bureau.

tion of the Wyndham Garden Pierpont Inn in Ventura, located at 550 Sanjor Rd. The 77 room property changed ownership for an undisclosed sum from selling company Brighton Management and marks DKN Hotels' 12th property in a quickly growing portfolio.

The hotel is located within walking distance of San Buenaventura State Beach and features over 6,000 square feet of flexible meeting and banquet space, making it a popular destination for weddings and other social events.

The historic property, nicknamed "The Lovely Lady by the Sea", was built in 1910 and has seen multiple additions to its initial structure throughout the years. Catering to both leisure and business travelers, the Pierpont Inn offers modern conveniences like complimentary high-speed wireless Internet, ample free parking, and an outdoor heated pool in a timeless setting with breathtaking ocean views. On-site Austen's restaurant and bar serves exquisite American cuisine for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Following the change of ownership, the hotel will continue to be marketed as the Pierpont Inn under the umbrella of the Wyndham Garden flag. The property will undergo significant renovations in the upcoming years that will ensure the hotel's continued relevance in the Ventura travel market as well as preserving its historic charm and reputation.

"We are excited to increase our exposure in Southern California with our first acquisition in the dynamic Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, Ventura market," says Steve Gomez, Vice President of Business Development at DKN Hotels. "The Pierpont Inn shows tremendous



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DKN Hotels acquires Pierpont Inn

Irvine-based DKN Hotels, one of Southern California's leading hotel management, development and ownership companies, has announced the acquisi-

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Sheldon -

For 100 days we have been hearing multiple daily noises that sound like a cross between a power saw and a drywall screw being installed - really irritating - Yest'y I found out it was the grower (see below) hiring a guy to constantly walk around the strawberry field (between 101 Fwy. and Harbor Bl.) making noise to keep the birds away - I spoke with the guy doing it.

I wrote to and spoke with the parent company, who sell strawberries under the name Driscoll.
John H. Stewart

Opinion/Editorial

Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ Over the last several weeks, Ventura has lost too many great people who have made wonderful contributions to our community.

Sam Povar, whose spirit and fortitude made many lasting monuments happen in Ventura (the discussion group he started still meets, - see "Ventura Events").

Micheline Sakharoff, a huge contributor to the arts and culture in Ventura.

William (Bill) McEnroe, was an instrumental figure in helping to shape the Ventura County art community and beyond.

Missy Phelan, a beloved Buena High School teacher who connected with students by just being herself. Perhaps the saddest of all because of her age, Phelan, 39, had Type 1 diabetes and anorexia. She died January 10 at her home in Ventura.

■ I was really proud of the Camarillo City Council for not bringing **prayer** back to their meetings until I found out it was for the wrong reason. Their reason was that they felt it would be too difficult to find someone to lead the prayer at every meeting and not because prayer just doesn't belong at government meetings (do they guarantee that council members will always tell the truth)?

And speaking of religion, a recent study shows that only less than ½ of one percent of prisoners are **atheists**, or put a different way 99.95%+ of those in prison believe in God. So, apparently a belief in God doesn't necessarily create moral people. Now if this statement doesn't get a response from readers nothing ever will.

■ My one-man crusade against **E-cigs** is catching on. California health officials, joining many other state and health officials across the U.S., have declared that electronic cigarettes are a health threat that should be strictly regulated like tobacco. People who say that e-cigarettes will help them stop smoking is like someone saying the way to stop drinking gin is to only drink beer for lunch.

The LA Times stated, "As more information begins to emerge about E-cigarettes, they are looking less and less like a benign alternative to traditional smoking."

Camarillo (they got this one right) gave final approval to an ordinance regulating the sale of electronic

smoking devices in the same manner as tobacco products.

■ The City Council has made the decision that an RV dealer (owned by Martin Ramirez) located in the Ventura Auto Center can sell only new and used RV's but not other types of vehicles (used vehicles) at his particular location.

Councilmember Mike Tracy commented, "This meets our goal of providing a high-end auto mall."

■ A huge change in the way that California receives its oil might occur if a proposed expansion of the **Phillips 66** refinery near Santa Maria is approved. Currently, most oil now comes here by rail car, instead of pipelines and trucks and ocean tankers. If approved, this could send a large amount of tankers through Ventura instead of the few that we now have. There is great opposition to this extension project which could potentially expose the city to fire or explosion risk from the rail tanker cars.

The Moorpark City Council agreed to send a letter to the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission opposing the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension project. The Ventura City Council (on a close 4-3 vote) did the same thing opposing the Rail Spur Extension. Council Members voting no said that the possibility of a derailment and fire was so remote that it did not impose a hazard or consideration.

Local opposition, including mine is not only because of the possible derailment, but also noise and the ground shaking created by what could be mile long heavy trains passing through Ventura many times per week. This would especially be the

case on Vista Del Mar where people live directly across from the tracks.

The San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission will be hearing the issue in February.

■ Sorry to see that **Ventura College** was not selected by the community college officials to be one of the 15 community colleges to offer 4-year degrees. There will be future opportunities for VC to seek such approval.

■ Oh boy, California has finally broken ground on our bullet train that will go 25 miles through Fresno.

I've always thought that it took much too long to get through Fresno.

■ Professional athletes are always attributed to the college they attended (even though very few graduate). A member of the Lakers had this to say after a recent game, "We didn't have no fight. They were doing whatever they wanted to. They was dunking and joking around. It was embarrassing." Not as embarrassing as it is to the school that he attended (come to think of it I attended there also).

■ It's amazing what crooks will think of stealing to make their income. High priced scissors are being stolen from local beauty salons. They can cost up to \$450 and, apparently are easily sold. So beauticians are taking them home with them when closing. A tough world it is.

■ A new study has shown that people notice more as they get older but lots of the visual information that us seniors gather in isn't important and might be replacing stuff that is more relevant. Like where did I place the car keys?

Apparently seniors can learn visual information just as easily as younger ones but a lot of it isn't really necessary in life.



Could this be in Ventura's future?

Mailbox

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Referenced site: growing area between 101 Freeway and Harbor Blvd., Ventura

Hello Epifanio -

We spoke today concerning the noise for the last 100 days on Harbor Blvd., caused by your staff shooting loud guns to scare the birds away from the strawberries - across the street from our homes. I spoke with the man making the noise this morning after you informed you knew nothing of this, saw his noise-making device, his whistle, he explained it was to keep the birds off of the strawberries. Very nice guy. You are his boss. You informed me there was nothing going on which caused noise.

I have contacted your parent company, Driscoll's, and spoke with their office today.

This noise will have to stop. Your motto is 'honesty, fairness and respect'. I expect you to adhere to that motto

Regards -

John H. Stewart

John Stewart Design Associates

They were all very polite and nice. The mayor was also contacted.

Bring Me A Rock

The ridiculous Bus Home structure in Ventura is a perfect example of the waste that results from "bring me a rock" design. What were the design requirements for the project? What other projects have been contracted without a good set of design requirements? Next time, let's hope they at least Google "mcclinton unwritten laws" first, learn a little about engineering management

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Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.

- Helen Keller



City News

City of Ventura making news

In November 2014 the City of Ventura conducted a citizen survey to measure resident satisfaction. Research firm Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) developed the survey in consultation with city staff, and interviews were made by telephone with a sample of 400 city of Ventura registered voters. Complete survey results are available online at www.cityofventura.net/involved/engagement.

The survey posed questions about the quality of life in Ventura, the effectiveness of local government, the city's customer service, how residents get their information about the city, and the relative importance and satisfaction of select city-provided services.

Survey results showed that Ventura residents are generally happy with the direction the city is taking, feel that the quality of life in Ventura is excellent, support city government, and feel that the city provides good customer service. Most respondents said they trust the city to use their tax dollars wisely and rate the overall job the city government does in providing services to Ventura's residents as excellent or good.

However, the results also reflect that Ventura residents are interested in increased levels of service in specific areas, such as programs to prevent homelessness, crime prevention, water conservation, jobs creation, and street maintenance.

Mayor Cheryl Heitmann said, "This resident survey allows us to hear what community members identify as city priorities, and gives us another tool to measure the level of importance and satisfaction in our delivery of city services. The results of the survey will help us as we start our budgeting process for next year and ensure that our council goals

are meeting the needs of our residents."

City of Ventura residents who would like to participate in a brief, online version of the citizens' survey may access it at www.cityofventura.net/involved/engagement before March 2, 2015

Ventura City Manager Mark Watkins announced during a City Council meeting that he has appointed Gilbert Garcia as the city's new Finance and Technology Director.

Mr. Garcia brings more than 17 years of experience in municipal budgeting and finance and has managed Information Technology. He has worked with full service cities and is currently the Administrative Services Director for the City of Lincoln, California, where he oversees Budget, Finance, Information Technology, and Central Services.

Mr. Garcia's prior experience includes working with the City of Oakland for eight years where he moved through progressively responsible positions including: Deputy Director in the Police Department and Assistant Budget Director in the Budget Office. He also spent nine years with the City of Stockton, again rising from Senior Accounting Office Assistant to Program Manager in the Budget Office.

Mr. Garcia earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fresno and is a member of the Government Finance Officers' Association.

"I look forward to joining Ventura's energized management team, making a positive difference, and being part of such a beautiful and family-oriented community," said Garcia.

Mr. Garcia was selected through an open, competitive recruitment process and will assume this position on February 17, 2015.

look at relevant artists and their styles. Instructor Catherine Broger. Course #39308.

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What happened when the volcano

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Line Dance with a Twist

18 years-Adult

2/11-3/18 M/W 1-2 pm \$60

Line dance with a twist of salsa, ballroom and jazz. Great exercise, great fun. Some dance experience recommended. No class 1/19. Instructor Jackie Ringhof. Course# 39344

The Colorful Phantoms of the Olivas Adobe

Teens-Adults

2/13 Fridays 9:30-11:30 pm \$25

Is Don Raymundo's 1847 home really haunted by its former residents? Meet onsite at 4200 Olivas Park Drive to explore its haunted heritage with Paranormal expert Richard Senate. Course #39898.

Card Making

16 years-Adult

2/17 Tuesdays 6-8:30 pm \$10 + \$20

Supply fee

Learn various embellishing, distressing and layering techniques to make fun, unique cards using pop-ups, swings and pockets for any occasion. Students bring their own basic toolkit of scissors, journaling pen, 12" paper trimmer and adhesives of their choice. Instructor Ella Conner. Course #39278.

Celebrate Valentine's Day by cruising with Island Packers

Island Packers is offering a unique and special way to celebrate this Valentine's Day. Enjoy a Valentine's Day Evening Harbor Cruise around Ventura Harbor and the Ventura Keys on their 64-foot catamaran.

This special cruise is from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Saturday, February. 14. Enjoy live music by local guitarist Steven Sunnarborg. Snack on cheese, crackers and enjoy one complimentary beverage of choice. A no-host beer and wine bar will be available for purchase. Guests should dress casually in warm layers for the trip.

The Valentine's Day Evening Harbor Cruise is \$24 for adults and \$21 for kids 12 and under. Advance reservations are recommended. Call 642-1393 or book the cruise online at www.islandpackers.com.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Would you like to meet new friends? Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right place for you. This eclectic group **meets Wednesdays** from 4p.m. to 5:45p.m. at Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant at 2753 Main St. Several people usually stay for a drink and a bite to eat afterward. Be sure to bring an interesting topic to discuss.

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club **meets every Monday** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill. Ballroom, swing, Latin, mixers and line dancing. Members \$9, non-members \$11, first time dancers are free. Call 407-9971 for more information.

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Assoc. Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. For more Information call 517-1131.

Ventura Audubon Society's February events

February 7: Saturday at 8a.m. Work Day Hedrick Ranch. Leader: Sandy Hedrick 340-0478.

February 10: at 7:30 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura, the Ventura Audubon Society will present the program: Why We Bird with David Rice. David Rice has a junior member National Audubon Society pin on his bulletin board but did not start actively birding until his mid-twenties.

February 14: 8:30 a.m. Beginner's Bird Walk/Great Backyard Bird Count - Lake Casitas. Leader: Allen Bertke 640-9037 The Beginners' Walk will be combined with the Great Backyard Bird Count sponsored by the National Audubon Society & Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

February 28: 9 a.m. to noon. Surfrider Ormond Beach Cleanup. Leader: cynthi-hartley@gmail.com. Please come and help the Surfrider Foundation clean up the beach in preparation for the 2015 breeding season at Ormond Beach. To car pool, meet at the parking lot behind Carrows at the Vons Shopping Center at Harbor and Seaward at 8:30 a.m. Rain policy: heavy rain or winds cancel.

February 7: La Estrella Dance Club dinner dances at Poinsettia Pavilion at 3451 Foothill Road on the first Saturday of the month, October through June. Scofield Catering provides buffet dinners. The Harry Selvin Big Band, featuring a 17 piece band and vocalists, will be performing. Charges for the dinner dance are \$130 per couple for guests. A champagne welcome reception, buffet dinner, wine, dessert, coffee, and the cost of the band are included. The dress is black tie preferred, but a dark suit and tie is acceptable for the men. For the ladies, floor or tea length dresses are required. Please contact Presidents, Doug and Julie Hahn 659-4542 or email at julie.hahn@att.net. Reservations are required.

February 6, 7: The First United Methodist Church at 1338 S. Santa Clara St. will be having a rummage sale on Friday, from 9a.m. to 4p.m. and Saturday, 9a.m. to noon. Rummage sales offer collectables, clothing, housewares, linens, toys and tools. All proceeds go to the United Methodist Women's yearly pledge to missions. The Saturday sale is their famous \$5 bag day, everything that fits in a grocery bag is only \$5. Prices for all other items are reduced.

February 8: Join a "Great Decisions" discussion group and learn more about current global issues. An 8-session "Great Decisions" group will **meet Sunday afternoons**. "Great Decisions", is a program of the Foreign Policy Association. The group will use a "Great Decisions" briefing book and a DVD featuring analyses by foreign policy experts. Briefing books cost \$21. The group will meet from 4p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1338 East Santa Clara St. Please call 643-8621 to sign up or for more information about the discussion group. Information about the "Great Decisions" program can be found at www.fpa.org/great_decisions.

February 10: The Ventura County Professional Women's Network (VCPWN) is a long standing organization that supports the interests of professional women will hold its **monthly network dinner meeting**. The event will take place at the Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Drive. Networking begins at 5:30p.m.



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Community Events

and dinner begins at 6p.m. This month's speaker will be Suzy Prudden, suzypadden.com/Money Mind Mastery

February 11: The Ventura County Camera Club will hold a critique meeting on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion. A professional photographer from the area will critique members' prints and digital images. Each month a special topic is chosen which features some interesting aspect of photography. Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome and admission is free. See the club's web site for more information about the club and examples of member's work or call 908-5663. WWW.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com

February 11: The Ventura Parkinson's Support Group is holding a meeting from 1p.m. to 3p.m. at The Lexington Assisted Living at 5440 Ralston St. Speaking at this meeting on the latest Parkinson's Disease research, and both current and trial medications, will be Wayne Pickerell, Vice President and Clinical Research Manager of Neurosearch Inc. Call 766-6070 for further information.

February 13: Performances To Grow On will present Junie B. Jones at Ventura High Auditorium at noon. Produced by Theatreworks USA, one of America's best known companies for children's theatre, the play has garnered many awards including the Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Musical and Outstanding Choreography. The musical is based on the books by Barbara Park and features a cast of equity actors. Tickets are \$9 for groups of 10 or more or \$14 for individuals. Tickets are available by phone at 646-8907 or online at www.

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February 13: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution February luncheon meeting will feature the program Estate Planning and California Law, presented by Dan Sword, Esq. The luncheon event will take place at 11:30a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant at 1295 S. Victoria Ave. All SAR & DAR Companiots, friends, and visitors are welcome to join us. The self-pay luncheon cost is \$20 per person, and includes a slice of Marie Callender's pie. For additional information please call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter activities, visit the chapter website at <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

February 15: The Channel Cities Jazz Club announces that the Lauren Donahue Swing Quartet will perform at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. Lauren (violin and vocals) is no stranger to playing for swing dancers as she is a member of the Red Skunk Ban, a favorite at traditional jazz festivals all over the west coast. So Bring your dancing shoes, your friends and be a part of the wonderful world of swing. Qualified musicians who love jazz are invited to jam with the house band from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. prior to the feature band. Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, 2600 South Harbor Blvd. Oxnard.

February 17: Ventura Retired Men's Group will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ventura Elks Lodge, 2126 Knoll Drive. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Bonnie Wiley, CEO of Primrose Excursions,

(<http://www.primroseexcursions.com/>) will present "Building a Business - Tours and Travel". For more information on future events, visit <http://www.VenturaRetiredMen.org/fp.html> or call Gene Wink at 647-2513.

February 21: The Ventura County Genealogical Society DNA Special Interest Group will meet at the LDS Church, 3501 Loma Vista Rd. from 10:30 am to 11:00 am. VCGS DNA Group holds monthly programs in 2015, times and locations will vary. Check website www.VenturaCoGenSoc.org for upcoming programs.

Ojai events

by Veronica Johnson

A hearing loop system was recently added to the Council Chambers at City Hall to make it easier for persons with hearing aids to hear discussions in the chamber.

A hearing loop is an assistive listening system that sends clear, pure sound directly to hearing aids that are equipped with an enabled t-coil. Users must visit their hearing professional (where they purchased the hearing aid) for a free of charge, t-coil activation. For those who don't have hearing aids, there are headset receivers available.

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officials said.

All the user needs to do is switch his or her hearing aid to the "T", telephone, or hearing loop program. Again, to activate the program, only the press of a button on the hearing aid or cochlear implant is needed.

Please note: if you are unsure if your hearing aid has a t-coil or if it has been enabled, you should see your hearing professional to find out. Your hearing aid needs to be programmed to access this technology.

For more information on how to use the technology or general access to City of Ojai public meetings, please contact City Clerk Rhonda Basore at 646-5581, extension 120 or via email at: basore@ojacity.org

The City of Ojai is pleased to announce it has awarded seven art grants for 2015, totaling \$15,200 given to citizens and nonprofit organizations to mount local performances and art projects in the year ahead.

"There were again such great applicants this year that it made one of our favorite jobs even more incredibly rewarding," said Arts Commission Chair Christine Golden. "We were especially pleased to consider proposals from artists who applied for a City grant for the first time."

New grant applicants included grant awardees Rebecca Comerford for the Ojai Youth Opera, Julija Zonic for the Ojai Community Children's Choir, and Nannette Brodie Dance Theatre for their Celebrate Dance project.

The Commission also approved additional 2015 grants for Mary Ham-
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News and Notes



Tiana Bender selected as 2015 Irish Belle.

Jeff Gorell to serve as Grand Marshal of St. Patrick's Day Parade

Former assemblyman and Afghanistan War veteran Jeff Gorell will serve as Grand Marshal when the annual Ventura County St. Patrick's Day Parade marches down Main Street for the 27th time in downtown Ventura on Saturday, March 14.

The theme of this year's parade, which begins in front of Mission San Buenaventura at 10 a.m., is "Honoring Our Troops."

Gorell represented the 37th District in the California Assembly from 2010 to 2012, and after the decennial redistricting, the 44th District from 2012-2014. Just before the Nov. 2, 2010 general election, Gorell announced that he was being deployed to Afghanistan on March 18, 2011 as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. It marked Gorell's second year-long tour of duty in Afghanistan; his first started three weeks after 9/11 in 2001.

Upon winning, Gorell spent less than three months in office before becoming the first sitting California lawmaker since World War II to be called into active military duty overseas.

Tiana Bender of Ventura has been selected to serve as this year's Irish Belle for the 2015 County Ventura St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Bender is a junior at El Camino High school on the campus of Ventura College and has dual enrollments in both schools. She has earned a year of college credits at the college and is scheduled to graduate from high school in June of 2016. Bender is also a second degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do and is a specialty trainer at Ventura ATA Martial Arts.

When growing up in Phoenix, at age 13 Bender was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, a bone cancer. She underwent an intense year of chemotherapy and radiation and her cancer has been declared in remission for three years.

Bender's duties as the parade's 4th Irish Belle are to attend promotional activities supporting the Parade and to ride in the convertible that leads the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Entry. Tim O'Neil, a committee member and

parade announcer, said, "We are proud to have Tiana as our Irish Belle this year. Her courage and commitment to community service go hand in hand with our 2015 Parade theme to "Honor Our Troops."

The Ventura County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is accepting entries for the parade. For entry forms or more information about the parade, visit www.venturastpatricksdayparade.com, or call 643-4275.

The Ventura County St. Patrick's Day Parade, which ends at Laurel Street, is presented by the Ventura Elks Lodge #1430. The event's committee is accepting entries for the parade. For entry forms or more information about the parade, visit www.venturastpatricksdayparade.com, or call 643-4275.

Micheline Denise Sakharoff

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continued to receive letters, phone calls and visits from them through the years. During her 25 years at CSUN, Micheline served as Chair of the Foreign Languages Department and Dean of Students. She remained to education throughout her life. She endowed scholarships at Ventura College and supported the New West Symphony Harmony Project, which encourages music education through the schools.

Supporting the arts and music in the Ventura community was a passion for her and she was active with organizations including Ventura County Ballet Company, Ventura Music Festival, Focus on the Masters, New West Symphony and Rubicon Theatre Company. Her philanthropy, generosity, and engagement in the cultural life of the community were recognized through the Philanthropist of the Year Ventura County Award and the City of Ventura Mayor's Arts Award. In 2012, she established "The Micheline Sakharoff Fund for Women Artists" at Rubicon Theatre Company.

Micheline is survived by her daughter Katherine Reid; grandchildren Alison Plante, Matthew Reid and Cameron Reid; great-grandchildren Sophia Micheline Reid and Roland Anthony Plante; by her sister, Marie-Therese; and by her "son" Jordan Laby and his wife Sandra.

Micheline was preceded in death by

her husband Albert in 2009. Following Micheline's wishes, her ashes will be combined with those of her husband's and scattered at sea in a private family ceremony.

A memorial service and celebration of her life will take place at Rubicon Theatre Company on Sunday evening, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. Those who wish to attend or participate should RSVP to 667-2912, ext. 225 or e-mail scoltrin@rubicontheatre.org. The event is free and open to the public.

Micheline will also be honored by The Ventura Music Festival at a pre-planned special fundraising event entitled "Two Ladies of Note: Micheline Sakharoff and Freddie Contarino" on Saturday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pierpont Inn. Please call 648-3146 for more information.

Community members wishing to remember Micheline are invited to make a contribution in her honor to one of the organizations above.

Jim Duran named Executive Director

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forward in our new joint venture offering housing to veterans on the TCC campus, we recognize both the community need and the goal of our mayor that there be no homeless child or veteran in Ventura."

TCC currently has sixteen rooms available that are occupied by 18 adults and 27 children. Via the recently launched Andrew project, where a monthly donation of \$19 is received as well as telling of the need to 10 others, TCC will continue to provide services currently with no government funding. "Currently all residents are gainfully employed" says Jim, noting the success of the TCC program.

"Please join us on February 10 at 6:30 pm at The River Community at 889 E. Santa Clara for our next quarterly information meeting," says Jim. The meeting is open to all members of the Ventura community.

The City Center (TCC) is a 501(c)3 non profit corporation. TCC provides a transitional living center for homeless individuals and families in Ventura, equipping them to rebuild their lives for self-sufficiency. For more information, visit www.TheCityCenter.org or info@TheCityCenter.org or call 628-9035.

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Marianne Coffey went with two of her grandchildren, Peter and Nathanael, and daughter, Wendy, to Disney World, Orlando. Her grandson, Nathanael, is a special needs child in a wheelchair and they were super nice to him. He was able to join in on all the rides in the Magic Kingdom. He even got his picture with Mickey!

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Senior Living

Pull Out Section



Local fitness celebrity Sheila Cluff speaks at a previous Health & Wealth Expo at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura.

Life coach and author to speak at Senior Health Expo

When the managers at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura were considering different guest speakers to headline their upcoming Health & Wealth Expo, one name quickly rose to the top – nationally-touring solo artist, in-demand life coach and author, Oya Thomas. Thomas will be the keynote speaker at the senior expo on February 18, from 11a.m. to 2p.m.

Thomas' book, "The 5 Star Points for Success: Manifest Your Dreams, Live Your Life's Purpose", is a practical guide designed to help anyone with a creative dream build a rock-solid foundation for living a life with purpose, no matter what their age.

"We are thrilled to have Oya as our guest speaker," said Steve Spira,

executive director at Cypress Place. "She has helped so many people grab a hold of their purpose in life and reach for their dreams. Her story is amazing and is truly an inspiration to anyone who hears it."

In addition to her keynote presentation, Thomas will be signing copies of her book. Copies will be available for purchase as well. Her presentation begins at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Along with Thomas' presentation, this year's Health & Wealth Expo at the senior community will include over 30 vendors offering everything from free blood pressure and mini stroke screenings, free balance and hearing tests, free wealth management consultations,

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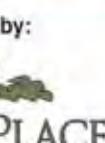
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Senior Living

Experience boosts decision-making

by Matilda Charles

At some point in our lives as seniors, someone is going to want to step in and help us with decisions, some of them financial. Perhaps we arrive at a magic number in age, and based on that number, it's assumed we need help, especially if there's been some cognitive decline.

But it's not necessarily so.

Researchers at the Columbia Business School looked at how cognitive decline and age pair with making sound decisions. They wondered whether dealing with complex decisions for retirement plans, pensions and wealth would be difficult past a certain age.

One of the measurements they used, along with tests on decision-making and cognitive ability, was the everyday credit score to determine whether age alone had a bearing on it. Credit scores are one form of proof of a long period of responsible financial decisions, as well as an understanding of the benefits that come from having a high score.

A Tender Touch Senior Placement

Recycled computers to benefit elders

by Connie De La Rosa

Many elders living alone or in a care home cannot afford to purchase a computer which offers many benefits such as free memory games or connecting to others through AARP in addition to many other ways to benefit by owning a computer. Of course, there are elders who do not care to use or learn how to use a computer but there are many who wish to keep up with technology and want to keep learning.

Paying It Forward is a mission for some people who have never had to worry about the next meal, or how to pay the bills. Mr. Ira Sorkin, who is a retired electro-mechanical assembler, thought Paying It Forward in Ventura, and other cities in the County of Ventura, would definitely be another way to benefit elders in the community. He found his mission when in a trip to a yard sale he purchased a \$5.00 computer that needed

One test given to the participants involved the question of whether to first pay off credit cards with higher interest rates or cards with lower balances.

Another test involved selecting health-care plans from a list of choices.

The end result was that accumulated lifetime knowledge and experience (crystallized intelligence) has more weight than the ability to process new information and to think logically (fluid intelligence). A co-author of the study said, "An alternative route to making sound financial decisions comes from experience -- and that improves with age." At the same time, they propose that policymakers or those who serve seniors allow fewer choices that rely on fluid (new) information and lean more heavily toward the intelligence gained over a lifetime.

The bottom line for us is not to give up control too quickly. The age-related lack of decision-making ability that's expected might never come.

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some repairs.

Mr. Sorkin has donated computers and other electronic devices to others who could not afford to pay for repairs. Ira funds his philanthropy mostly himself and only requests that people donate their old machines so that he can fix up machines and electronics and give to the people in need. If people are able to pay with some funds, Mr. Sorkin will charge them less than \$70.00 for a full desktop system or a reworked laptop.

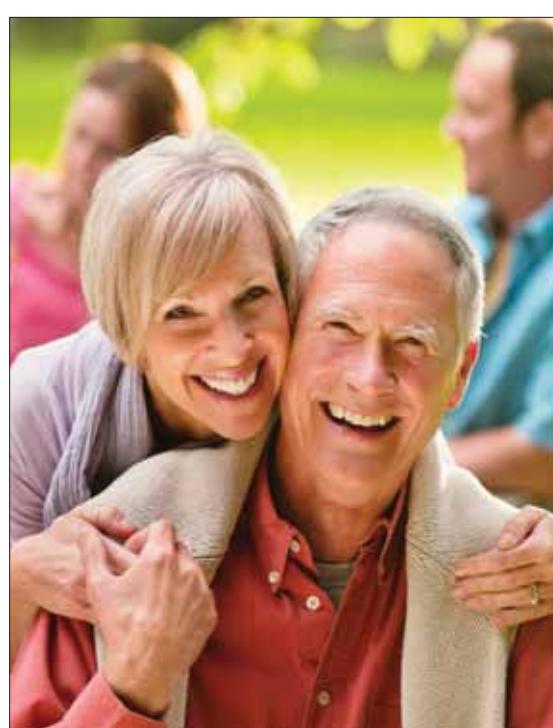
He not only provides computers but also flat screen monitors, cables, adaptors, phones, and installation. There is an exceptional need for working laptops for seniors.

All payments received by him are placed into a fund to purchase more parts to continue his charitable work.

For more information contact www.attendertouchseniorplacement.com to contact Mr. Sorkin.

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Ventura County," a program being held at the SCAN Health Education Center on Tuesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 26th at 10 a.m. This program, funded by a grant through the Ventura County Transportation Commission and Mobility Management Partners, reimburses mileage related to medical and other trips. The SCAN Health Education Center is located at 6633 Telephone Road in Ventura. To learn more details about this program and attend one of the upcoming workshops, please RSVP to 658-0365 as space is limited.

Also as part of the IAH (Independence At Home) expansion, the SCAN Health Education Center in Ventura will be renamed the SCAN Health & Wellness Center. The center, which opened its doors in 2006, has become a social hub for SCAN members and non-members alike. In addition to hosting virtual bowling, movie screenings and lifestyle lectures, the center offers innovative health education and exercise programs, all of which are designed to increase senior health and independence and most of which are offered at no charge.

In 2014 IAH hired Karen Markle to serve as volunteer coordinator overseeing the launch of its Volunteer Action for Aging (VAA) program in Ventura County. VAA is a volunteer service program designed to reduce loneliness and isolation among seniors and disabled adults so they experience a higher level of safety, security and well-being. More than 200 local volunteers contributed to these events, held at various locations throughout the county.

Programs managed under IAH include community giving, which includes grants and scholarship contributions to community-based organizations, and Trading Ages™, SCAN's aging-sensitivity program. Trading Ages provides the opportunity to "walk in the shoes" of an older adult through sensory perception education and hands-on exercises.

SCAN Health Plan has reinforced its commitment to the health and wellness of seniors in Ventura County with the expansion of Independence at Home (IAH), SCAN's community service program that has been successfully serving the greater Long Beach community for more than 30 years. IAH offers a range of programs focused on keeping seniors healthy in their homes.

"SCAN began serving Medicare beneficiaries in Ventura County 10 years ago and over that time has earned a strong reputation as community

partner and advocate for aging adults," said Chris Wing, president and CEO of SCAN.

Life coach and author at Senior Expo *Continued from page 9*

to veteran benefit information. A free healthy gourmet lunch will also be provided. Raffle prizes will be given away throughout the event including one grand prize; a 50" HD flat screen TV.

"We could not put on this event without the support of all the participating vendors, particularly the wonderful corporate sponsors who have partnered with us this year," said Matthew Hathaway, assisted living director at Cypress Place.

Corporate sponsors for the event are Shoreline Care Center, Assisted Home Care & Home Hospice, Victoria Care Center, Glenwood Care Center, and Coastal View Healthcare Center.

Past health expos have proven popular at the senior community, and sometimes even life changing. "We actually had an attendee from one of our past health expos tell us that Cypress Place Senior Living saved her life thanks to the event," said Mike Macke, one of the marketing directors at Cypress Place.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Free shuttle parking will be available at Ventura Baptist church.

To RSVP for the Health & Wealth Expo, please call 650-8000. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200/1220 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information about the senior community, visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.



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Senior Living



CAREGIVERS, Volunteers Assisting the Elderly entertained special guests in celebration of the 2015 McGrath Family Wearin' o' the Green at Vom Fass Liqueurs & Spirits in Ventura. Owner Eric Alcorn provided a personal tour of his Cognac and Whiskey Casques to guests that included Husam Hishmeh, Hishmeh Enterprises; Lu Tingstrom; Anthony Romero, City National Bank; Former Ventura Mayor Jack Tingstrom and Gary Erickson of the Martin V. Smith Foundation (luckily they all just made it past 21). The 23rd Annual McGrath Family Wearin' o' the Green Weekend is scheduled for March 13-16, kicks off following the Downtown Ventura St. Patty's Day Parade with the Celtic Faire at Constitution Park in Camarillo. This Celtic weekend is free for the whole family and includes music, food, Celtic food and dancers—and an outdoor film on Friday evening, March 13. The Irish Feast continues with a Scramble & Gamble on Sunday, March 15 at The Players Casino, and the Norm Weitzel Open at Buenaventura on Monday, March 16. For more information or to join CAREGIVERS' distinguished list of sponsors, visit www.vccaregivers.org/wotg.php or call 658-8530. Individual player spots start at \$75 and tee signs sponsorships are available for as little as \$100. Don't miss this annual tradition in Ventura County!

VCAAA is seeking volunteers

Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) announces free training to individuals to become certified trainers in the Evidence-Based courses "A Matter of Balance." The free two day 8 hour course will certify individuals to become trainers to teach older adults on how to reduce the fear of falling and get active.

The "A Matter of Balance" training is specifically designed to reduce fear of falling, stop the fear of falling cycle, and improve activity levels among community-dwelling older adults. The attendees will view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risk at home, exercise to increase strength and balance. Training for volunteer leaders will take place at the VCAAA on February 23, and February 24. Spanish speaking leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. The

VCAAA is also interested in locating other language community volunteers and leaders! For detailed information please call 477-7314.

To learn more about the VCAAA, find out how you can volunteer or to donate funds, please logon to www.ventura.org/vcaaa.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Renteria, Public Outreach Coordinator at 477-7306.

Ventura Beginners PC Users Group

"Word Ribbon Features" will be the 9:15 workshop topic for the Ventura Beginners PC Users Group on Saturday, February 14. Q&A will follow. At 11:00 Toby Scott will talk on "Current Trends in Computing". Everyone is welcome. 3rd floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place. Phone 648-1368 for more information.



City of Ventura Parks and Recreation Adult Speed Scrabble. Test your vocabulary skills in our first ever speed Scrabble competitions. Games will be tournament style lasting 20 minutes. Players will have two minutes to spell their word. Winners advance and play again. Games will be Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the City Hall Atrium. Three opportunities to play: February 25, March 11 and March 25. \$10 each or all three dates for \$25. 658-4743 for more information.

News and Notes



Several years ago, in an issue of the Breeze a reader sent a photo of this rail (this is a new photo taken this week) with the following comment.

"When I take my kids to Foster Library I am shocked to see this very open guardrail. Any child (and adult) could easily fall through it and down 10 feet to concrete. This would certainly result in serious injury if not death."

"Who would they sue, the city, the county and the library system? This must be corrected before this happens."

At the time we sent a photo of this to our then city attorney who said that he would look into it.

Now, several years later this very dangerous situation remains. Maybe publishing this again will get the attention of the proper city, and county officials before someone does fall through it.

Star Soto retires

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Teens Teaching Technology and TAG.

Star thanked all attending for touching her heart and introduced 8 of 10 grandkids(two are in college).

She told the Breeze that she wants to do more traveling and learn to ride a horse on the beach.

One of the highlights of the evening was when some of the TAG kids thanked her for the contribution that she has made to their lives. TAG stands for Teen Activity Group. Founded in 2011 and sponsored by the Friends of the Library they are facilitated by Jane Middleton, and supervised by Star Soto.

Star Soto was born in Queens, New York, and traveled to the west coast as a young mother in the '70's. After first settling in Santa Barbara, she and her family soon decided that they would be happier in Ventura. She's been here ever since. Star has a daughter and two sons, and sent all three on to college. After that, she herself went back to school, earning a degree from the University of California, Northridge in Early Childhood Education. Her work in local preschools lead to her job at the Ventura County Library, where she headed the highly popular Books To Grow On Project. Also during this time, she was working with the library's Children's Services Division, designing and presenting summer reading programs, puppet shows, and sto-

rytelling workshops among other things.

In 2001, she was transferred to the now closed H.P. Wright Library and promoted to Children's Librarian. It is there Star started the popular Paws for Reading Program.

In 2009 she transferred to the E. P. Foster Library where she began to revitalize the children's collection and the second floor Children's Department. In a little over a year, she managed to double the juvenile circulation with her story times and other programs. She has made learning and reading an enjoyable experience with creativity and fun.

Star is greeted with squeals of joy and hugs by many children who recognize her from her work at the library all over Ventura. She loves seeing "her" kids growing up and introducing them to new authors and books in the juvenile and young adult collections in the library. Constantly roaming the 2nd floor of the E. P. Foster library, she isn't hard to spot. Just listen for the booming laugh, and look for a crowd of children, she'll probably be right in the middle of them.

Star's greatest loves are family, children, books and traveling. Her three children, who all attended Ventura High School, have blessed her with 10 grandchildren. Star loves to travel and collect music boxes from the places she visits. She was presented a music box at the event.



On Thursday, January 29 a large gathering was held at the steps at Ventura City Hall. Led by religious leaders the group called on religious, business and community leaders to help end homelessness.

Holding signs, some that read "Ending homelessness is good for everyone" and "Let's come together to end homelessness" they were greeted by honks from passing cars.



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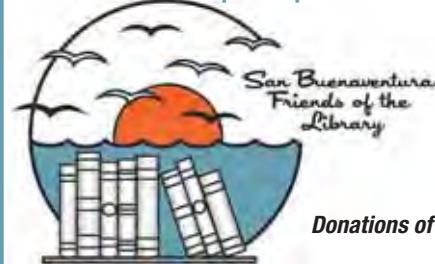
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Lauren Carrillo thinks that her granddaughter, 3-year old Natalie Carrillo, is as cute as they get. Do you have a grandkid that you think is even cuter? If so send their photo to editor@venturabreeze.com



Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)



I have a few guest columnists today so that I could take a few days off.

Therapy on Four Legs

by Es Cole

"Fwonsa will see you now." Fwonsa is a Doxie mix and has ruled our household for five years. Les Cole, my husband, aka Big Dog, is her slave. She barks, and Les opens the back door. She barks, and Les lets her back in. She barks, and Les comes up with treats. Then Manny was added to the household. He gets the same treatment as Fwonsa, but has to wait his turn.

Les is now at Victoria Care Center and misses the dogs like crazy. We brought Fwonsa to see him today, and, I swear, the entire establishment



Fwonsa and Manny made the entire establishment look healthier.

looked healthier when she walked through the front door. As she strolled into Les' room, I could feel Les' blood pressure dropping.

After checking out the kind personnel looking after Les, Fwonsa decided she wanted a second opinion from her colleague Manny.

Manny is a cuddly, curly-haired poodle mix. He marched through the hallways, tried to peek into every room, acknowledged the oohs and ahs and allowed all the attractive and gentle nursing people to pet him. He and Fwonsa conferred at home and voted a four-paws up approval of Victoria Care.

Nursing facilities that allow animal visits are smart and foresighted. They are getting effective, curative nursing procedures at no extra cost. You don't even have to buy extra insurance coverage to take advantage of their healing skills.

Both Fwonsa and Manny had waved a happy wagging tail salute to

John Gardner, Executive Director of Victoria Care, as they walked past his office. I know they were thanking him and his entire staff for looking after their favorite "Big Dog" while he was recuperating.

Thousand Oaks dog parks

by Victoria Usher

All dog caregivers living in the Thousand Oaks area should be as excited about this news as Scamp and I are! The Conejo Recreation and Park District board voted 4-0 recently to go ahead with a program that will provide temporary fenced areas at three different neighborhood parks where dogs can be taken off of their leashes and run around safely. The three parks that have been specifically chosen for your pups are Estella in downtown Thousand Oaks, Walnut Grove, and Kimber in Newbury Park. About 10 years ago the district did open a 3.5-acre dog park at Conejo Creek Park. This specific dog park was very popular, however people from other parts of the city definitely complained often about how they would very much like to have somewhere closer to where they lived where they could take their dogs. I have personally always thought that places such as these where dogs can run around freely are positively wonderful. It is a safe environment for the pups to run around and of course fun for them and even their caregivers as well. Ventura has a few such parks.

■ Winter City of Ventura Classes to train your dogs. Call 658-4726 or 654-7552 to register, if you already have an account online, visit www.cityofventura.net. Classes held at the Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston Street in Ventura.
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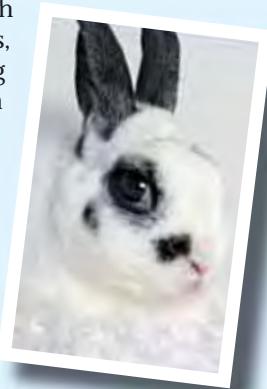
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I don't mind being in a crate if you give me a toy. I'm friendly with other dogs so if you already have a fur baby in the home, please bring him/her along so we can do a meet and greet. I sleep in my own bed next to my foster's bed and I tend to snore, but a cute snore of course. Since I'm just a puppy, children in the home must be 6 years or older. Stop by and meet me, you're sure to fall in love and want to take me home! C.A.R.L. Adoption Center, 644-PETS(7387).

Who doesn't love Oreos? Especially when they come with two ears and a fluffy tail. Our boy Oreo is a curious, frisky bunny who delights in hopping and playing around the house. He enjoys attention and purrs when being petted! Oreo has great litter box habits and craves his daily serving of greens, especially parsley. At age seven, Oreo still has lots of years left in him and would love to find a safe and caring home where he can live indoors. You can adopt Oreo, A607409, at Ventura County Animal Services, 600 Aviation Drive in Camarillo. The shelter is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Call 388-4341 or visit www.vcas.us for more information.



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Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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.

Violent Suspect

On Monday, January 19th, at 9:20 p.m., the VPD received a call from victims stating that their neighbor was intoxicated and at their front door. The victims identified the suspect as Michael Crosby.

Police contacted Crosby at his residence. Officers recognized Crosby from prior contacts and knew him to be on probation with search terms. Crosby denied the officer's request to step outside. After being placed under arrest, the officer attempted to handcuff Crosby when he became violent. A K9 was deployed and Crosby was also tasered at different times. Crosby was finally taken into custody. It was later learned that Crosby was under the influence of alcohol and pain pills.

The victims had been previously vandalized and had hung several signs in the area to warn people. Crosby told them he was going to kick down their front door and hurt them.

Sexual Assault Arrest

In October of 2014, the VPD received a report of a sexual assault. The victim reported that in 2013, she was sexually assaulted by a staff member at Vista Del Mar Hospital, located at 801 Seneca Street. The victim was a patient confined to the hospital for psychiatric reasons at the time. A staff member began to pursue her sexually while she was confined to the hospital and then continued a sexual relationship with her immediately following her release from the hospital.

The VPD was able to determine the identity of the Vista Del Mar staff member as Juan Pablo Valencia and obtained his personnel records.

On Wednesday, January 21st, Valencia was arrested in the 2600 Block of North Ventura Avenue. He was later booked at the VC Jail.

Resisting Arrest

On Friday, January 23rd, at 7:35 a.m., a citizen reported a suspicious subject entering several invalid number codes into an ATM at the Chase Bank in the 2400 block of Harbor Boulevard. An officer contacted the suspicious subject, who he identified as Armando Gabriel Mendoza. Mendoza was attempting to withdraw money from the ATM using an inactive bank card.

Mendoza resisted the officer's efforts to search him and fled. Mendoza fled out of the parking lot and into the traffic lanes on Harbor Boulevard where he was struck by a vehicle. Mendoza managed to get back up onto his feet and continued to flee. The officer was able to catch up to Mendoza and apprehend him.

Mendoza sustained moderate injuries as a result of the collision and was transported to VCMC where he was admitted for treatment (And for being really stupid).

Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

On Friday, January 23rd, at 9:56 p.m., an officer on patrol saw a silver Chrysler traveling at a high rate of speed on Harbor Boulevard. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the driver, Fernando Suarez. Suarez stopped in the Chevron gas station at the corner of Seaward Avenue and Thompson Boulevard.

As the officer was exiting his patrol unit to make contact with Suarez, he ac-

celerated and fled from the traffic stop. The officer pursued Suarez who traveled eastbound onto Main Street. Suarez turned southbound onto Hartman Drive and abandoned the vehicle. He then fled and gained access into a business at the corner of Borchard Drive and Thompson Boulevard. Officers followed Suarez and after a brief struggle inside the business, he was taken into custody. A taser was deployed to assist officers in taking Suarez into custody.

Robbery

On Saturday, January 24th, at 2:16 p.m., VPD officers responded to the Target store located at 4200 East Main Street regarding a robbery.

Uniformed loss prevention officers for Target reported a male suspect, later identified as Lejon Peterson, was seen concealing merchandise in his backpack prior to leaving the store without paying for the items. One of the loss prevention officers attempted to contact and detain Peterson outside of the store and have him return to their office until the police could arrive. As the loss prevention officer attempted to detain Peterson, he ignored his commands and kept walking away from him. When the loss prevention officer tried to grab Peterson and stop him from leaving with the stolen merchandise, Peterson turned around and raised a metal rod over his head in a threatening manner. The loss prevention officer immediately backed away from Peterson.

Peterson was later located by VPD patrol officers. Peterson was still in possession of the stolen merchandise and the metal rod when he was arrested. Peterson was later booked at the VC Jail.

Sexual Assault



David Sanchez as a person of interest in a sexual assault.

On January 25th, at 3:40pm an adult female called 911 and reported to the Ventura Police Communication Center that she was running on the Botanical Garden trails at Grant Park, near Brakey Rd. and was slapped on the buttocks by an unknown suspect. Officer's arrived on scene within minutes and attempted to locate the suspect but were unsuccessful.

During the investigation the victim said she was running near on the Botanical Garden trails near Brakey Road and ran past the suspect who was seated next to the path. The suspect reached out and slapped the victim on the buttocks. The victim quickly turned around and faced the suspect and took a fighting stance when the suspect grabbed her wrists and held her and would not let her go. It was not until she tried to kick the suspect that the suspect let go of the victim and ran off towards the cross area.

It was later learned during the investigation that the same suspect, 3 months prior, had confronted this same victim. During that incident the suspect followed the victim for about a quarter mile on the Botanical Garden Trails and made several vulgar comments about the victim. The victim yelled at the suspect and he fled the area. This incident went unreported to the Ventura Police Department at that time.

The Victim also told officers she saw

the suspect again 3 weeks ago but was able to avoid him and there was no communication or confrontation between the victim and suspect.

The Ventura Police Department Detectives continued their investigation into this crime and were able to identify David Sanchez as a person of interest. The victim positively identified Sanchez as the suspect. Ventura Police patrol officers conducted a search warrant at Sanchez's residence in the 200 Block of Rosewood Ave. Sanchez was taken into custody after he attempted to flee from the residence. He was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for sexual battery.

Detectives are continuing to investigate this incident and believe there are possibly other victims that have not come forward. If you have been a victim of a crime and recognize Sanchez, please contact Detective Corporal Sutherland at 339-4467.

Hit and Run

On Tuesday, January 27th, at 10:50 p.m., VPD officers responded to a hit and run traffic collision that had just occurred in the 3400 block of Main Street.

Kieran Brown was driving his vehicle east on Main Street when he collided into the rear of a slower moving vehicle. Brown failed to stop at the scene of the collision and fled into the industrial area near Donlon Road and eventually onto the southbound 101 Freeway. The victim attempted to follow Brown but eventually had to stop due to injuries sustained as a result of the collision.

At 11:25 p.m., a CHP officer was informed of a possible DUI driver who was operating a vehicle while missing a front tire in the area of Johnson Drive and Crescent Street. VPD officers learned that Brown had just been involved in a second hit and run collision on Auto Center Drive.

Brown was placed under arrest and was later booked into the VCJail. The occupants in the victim vehicle were transported to the VCMC where they were treated for moderate, non-life threatening injuries.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Wednesday, January 28th, at 1:52 p.m., the VPD received a call of a stabbing that just occurred inside the La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant, located on 100 North Ashwood Avenue. Callers reported seeing Cameron Calabrese fleeing the restaurant. As officers were driving to scene, they saw Calabrese running. He was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit.

Officers learned that Calabrese and Jacob Rogers were inside the restaurant, and for unknown reasons got into a verbal altercation. Calabrese and Rogers knew each other prior to the altercation, but the relationship between them is not known. During the argument, Calabrese used a small knife and stabbed Rogers in the shoulder.

The victim was transported to VCMC with non-life threatening injuries. After being identified by witnesses, Calabrese was arrested and later booked into VC Jail.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

1-20 8:20 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Ventura Marina Community. Upon arrival, Patrol offered a "lift assist". No other assistance was necessary.

11:35 a.m. Patrol observed a vessel disabled in the Main Channel and received a radio call from the same vessel requesting assistance. Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow, and released it at the Launch Ramp.

1-22 7:10 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and other agencies to a fall victim at Spinnaker and Harbor Blvd. Patrol responded. FD requested Patrol's assistance searching for a patient in River Haven. Patrol cleared when the patient was located near the Santa Clara Bridge.

1-24 1:12 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and other units to a medical assist at Milano's. Patrol responded and assessed the patient. Friends transferred the patient to the hospital.

11:58 a.m. The Dockmaster reports a fall victim at Harbor Village and that FCC has been notified. Patrol responded and provided minor first aid. The patient declined transportation to the hospital.

8:35 p.m. The Dockmaster reports a medical assist at The Greek. FCC had been notified. Patrol responded and assessed the patient. The patient was released AMA.

1-25 4:25 p.m. Patrol received a request for assistance from a boater requesting assistance getting to his dock. Patrol responded, escorted the vessel and then towed it to its slip in the Keys.

Marine Mammal Sightings January 2015

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17th:	31 Gray Whales
	4800 Common Dolphin
18th:	31 Gray Whales
	2120 Common Dolphin
	103 Bottlenose Dolphin
19th:	19 Gray Whales
	1 Fin Whale
	1 Humpback Whale
	4450 Common Dolphin
	15 Dahl's Porpoise
	1 Mako Shark
20th:	6 Gray Whales
	1000 Common Dolphin
21st:	8 Gray Whales
	1 Elephant Seal and Pup

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Show Time

Selma



by Eduardo Victoria
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Everyone recognizes the image of Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial, delivering the legacy defining "I Have A Dream" speech or the photos of him standing at the front of a church delivering a sermon. History has given us an almost god-like figure in the way that he is spoken of in schools and countless other memorials in his dedication.

The greatest accomplishment of Ava DuVernay's powerful film *Selma* is not its triumphant acting, cinematography or heart felt score – but the "deconstruction" of the saint-like image of Dr. King. What makes him like you or I? The answer has been right in front of us all along. He was a man. And just like any other man, he felt fear, anxiety, and great passion for assembling what eventually became the Selma Marches.

David Oyelowo delivers the performance of his career as Martin Luther King, already having received the Nobel Peace Prize, yet coming back to a racially divided Southern America shows his work is far from over. DuVernay often times places Oyelowo right in the center of the frame, drawing the eye straight to him, whether it be from directly above looking down at his head or from the point of view of people sitting in church pews. The film also places acts of violence and hatred, front and center in an unflinching manner, a parallel that initially went unnoticed.

The film's strong suit is its cast. *Selma* has the best ensemble performance from any movie made in the last year. Tom Wilkinson paints President Lyndon Johnson not as a hero or as a villain, but as a man caught in the middle of a great struggle who is trying to be a good diplomat for what he believes to be the US Government's best interests. Tim

Roth's take on Alabama Governor George Wallace is slimy and every bit unlikable as he came across in reality.

The daily struggle that comes with Dr. King's work takes its toll on his marriage with Coretta (played by Carmen Ejogo), showing us a side of the man, not often discussed publicly. Paul Webb's script does an incredible job of publicly showing us a man, who was as strong as a rock, but would turn right around and take frantic action as people coming from all over the country to participate in the Selma protests were targeted by attackers of the opposing side.

Without a doubt, this year's Academy Award nominations were full of surprises, but *Selma*'s overall lack of presence among the nominees is downright shocking. Its serious subject matter begins to feel like "too much" for a film with little to no comedy by its third act. It is possible for a script to be too rich in its subject matter and as the film draws to a close, it shows.

It is perhaps the most important film made this side of the year 2010, *Selma* looks past the glorified images of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and examines what makes him like you and I: his humanity and the triumph, pain and passion that came with it.

Rated PG-13. 128 Minutes. Biopic. Seen at the Cinemark Downtown 10.

Two on the Aisle

Stellar Last Five Years at Rubicon

by Jim Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

Venturans are accustomed to enjoying remarkable productions of plays and musicals at the Rubicon Theatre Company, the region's singular professional theater company with an international reputation.

But the Rubicon's current production of *The Last Five Years*, exquisitely directed by the Rubicon's Resident Artist, Stephanie A. Coltrin, shoots beyond remarkable to Stellar - with a capital S.

The show chronicles the blossoming and demise of the five year relationship

between a burgeoning novelist, Jamie, and a struggling actress, Cathy. As most everyone has experienced the feelings of angst inherent in any relationship, the material is highly identifiable. Both characters strive to maintain their own careers and identities while still trying to be part of a couple. Since each travels extensively for professional reasons, this proves to offer more challenges than they can ultimately cope with effectively.

There are two hooks associated with the tale. First, the story is told almost entirely in song. Although billed as a musical, technically it is an opera that features various musical styles, like rock, pop and Broadway. Second, the action is presented in opposite directions. Jamie tells his story from beginning to end, while Cathy's side is presented in song from its end to its beginning.



Louis Pardo and Ashley Fox Linton star in the Rubicon Theatre Company production of Jason Robert Brown's The Last Five Years.
Photo by Jeanne Tanner.

There are three things that elevate this show to the Stellar level. Number one is Coltrin's already mentioned notable direction.

Next, there is the outstanding two person cast. Ashley Fox Linton has a vividly vibrant voice perfectly suited for musical theater. She uses her pristine vocal quality to share all the emotional nuances experienced by her character, Cathy.

Louis Pardo embodies the role of Jamie, the free-wheeling novelist who gets caught up in his own fame. Most of his character's songs are rock style, to which his voice is well suited. Pardo is adept at adding the emotional and physical elements needed to bring Jamie fully to life.

The third element of this stellar experience is the set, lighting design, and use of videographic projection created especially for this production by Mike and Jeff Billings (they're twins). Mike is the show's Scenic, Lighting and Production Designer. Jeff is the Cinematographer and Visual Effects Supervisor. The result of their efforts is the addition of an amazing range of custom, live action video backgrounds for each scene, including Central Park at night, an active subway platform, moving background for an auto trip, whole apartment interiors, and raindrops sliding down a window. Their creative contributions add subtle and profound dimensions to the mood of each scene and the tone of the entire piece.

The Last Five Years continues Wednesdays to Sundays until February 15, at the Rubicon Theatre Company, corner of Main and Laurel Streets in downtown Ventura. Matinees: 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Evenings: 8 p.m., except 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Tickets: \$34-\$64 at the box office that is open 7 days a week. There is 24-hour ticketing and seat selection online at www.rubicontheatre.org. 667-2900.

Ojai events

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ilton's "Memoir: Write the Story Only

You Can Tell" project, Scott Smith's "Rockin' it Old School" senior choir, Ojai Community Chorus for their Spring Concert, and Ojai WordFest's fifth annual "WordFest Literary Festival and Writer's Workshop. All these artists and organizations have received previous grants.

The City of Ojai Arts Commission is accepting applications for artists who wish to participate in the 2015 Artists Mentor Program. This is the third year for the successful program, which pairs working artists with students for a summer internship.

According to Ojai Arts Commissioner Michael Addison, the Commission will have an informational meeting for all interested artists on Monday, April 7 at 4 p.m. at Ojai City Hall. Artist Mentor applications will be available at the meeting and online at [www.artsojai.org](http://artsojai.org) and due on April 18.

In addition to City funds allocated for the project, additional funds will again be granted by the Ojai Education Foundation. "The applicants were wonderful last year," said Commission Chair Christine Golden. "And as always it took some serious work to narrow it down to those accepted."

Each mentor commits to a minimum of 50 hours of one-on-one instruction during the internship, and helps their student prepare work for an exhibit or performance held at City Hall in the fall.

After selecting the artists to participate in this year's program, the City will contact Ojai public and private schools and hand out applications to interested students.

Each applicant will be asked to choose which artist they wish to work with and why. The students will again be chosen on the basis of their application and recommendations of their instructors.

Look for more upcoming events in Ojai's summer education campaign at www.artsojai.org.

After six years of awesome and inspirational leadership for the Ojai Photo Club, Dean Zatkowsky has hung up his president's hat, but will continue as a club member.

The first meeting of 2015 will kick off with David Baker, Ojai Images photographer and website architect, who will present the "ins and outs" of the new Ojai Photo Club website. The talk will include highlights of the amazingly easy way for members to submit images for review by the invited guest presenters. His presentation will be followed by a "Free for All" evening of self-review. The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 Santa Ana Street.

Full details on the club are available at our new website: <http://www.ojaiphotoclub.com>. The website includes information on membership, newsletters, submission guidelines, a tribute video to Zatkowsky and more.

Villanova's Athletic department fundraiser is set for Feb. 13th, at Soule Park Golf Course with a Mardi Gras theme.

For those playing golf, registration starts at 9 a.m., and golfers will enjoy a Cajun mufulette sandwich and an Aunt Sally's praline on the cart while playing.

Craft beer tasting will be enjoyed along the course featuring MadeWest Brewing Company and Topa Topa Brewing Company.

Individual golfers pay \$150, which includes a Nike sleeve of balls, tees and a golf towel and the dinner.

A pre-paid foursome is \$550.

The celebration dinner and raffle takes place at 4 p.m. featuring jambalaya, king cake and powerful "hurricane" cocktails.

Register now to purchase a tee sign, become a sponsor to play or to buy a ticket just for dinner.

Go to www.villanovaprep.org/golf

No Delay in Trash & Recyclables or Green Waste Pick Up Due to the Presidents' Day Holiday

Presidents' Day will be celebrated on Monday, February 16. We will have regularly scheduled trash and recyclables or green waste collection the week of February 16-20 in the Cities of Ventura and Ojai.

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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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Solutions on page 15

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Intelligent
- 6 Haunt
- 12 Kid's injury
- 13 Quick look
- 14 Donkey, often
- 15 Vacationer's car, possibly
- 16 Eliot-based musical
- 17 Haberdasher's rackful
- 19 "Believer"
- 20 Pornography
- 22 Perched
- 24 Pair with an air
- 27 Lobs' paths
- 29 "Galloping dominoes"
- 32 In people?
- 35 "Ice Loves —"
- 36 Eat
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- 40 In the offing
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- 44 Autograph
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- 50 Smack, so to speak
- 52 Basic drive

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- 59 Eat
- 60 Bribe
- 61 Yoko of music
- 62 In the offing
- 63 Core of a PC
- 64 Autograph
- 65 — soul (person with angst)
- 66 Smack, so to speak
- 67 Basic drive

DOWN

- 10 Con game
- 11 Actress Ward
- 12 Telly option
- 13 Pruritic
- 14 Buddy
- 15 Do sum work?
- 16 Medico
- 17 Faraway transport?
- 18 "Certainly"
- 19 Marc Mezvinsky, to Bill and Hillary
- 20 — -Magnon
- 21 Sixth sense
- 22 Charged bit
- 23 Journey
- 24 Race place
- 25 Atomizer output
- 26 Date of destiny
- 27 Dress in
- 28 Chic no more
- 29 Playwright Levin

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praise from impressed colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Whether it's for business purposes or just for leisure, a trip might be just what you need right now. You would benefit both from a change of scenery and from meeting new people.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While things generally go well this week, a romantic situation seems to have stalled. But you can restart it if you want to. Then again, maybe this is a chance to reassess the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A meeting that was promised quite a while back could finally happen. So be sure you're prepared with everything you'll need to make your case sound convincing and doable.

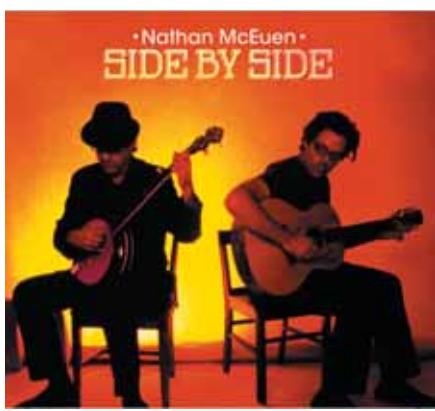
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace blunder could create a problem down the line unless you deal with it right now to see how and why it happened. Don't be surprised at what you might learn.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as you decide what to keep, what to discard and what to change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Letting yourself be bathed in the outpouring of love and support from those who care for you will help you get through a difficult period sooner rather than later. Good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an uncanny gift for reaching out to all people and creating bridges of understanding among them.

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Ventura Music Scene

New music abounds!

by Pam Baumgardner

VenturaRocks.com

Let's talk new music, local bands with new records include The Barrellhouse Wailers, Night Demon, and Nathan McEuen who just got distribution through Fontana (Universal) and will be under the Mesa Blue Moon record label this spring. Nathan just hit the road for his Rocky Mountain Tour through March.

If you were smart, you caught the Global Guitar Greats showcase last year during Ventura Music Week at the W Gallery. These three amazing guitarists (Stephen Inglis, Thomas Leeb and our very own Shawn Jones) have gotten together to produce an EP called "Common Ground." These guys are truly masters at their craft.

Records darn close to being released, "Butterflys and Snakes" from Crooked-Eye Tommy (Tommy Marsh) and "The Ballad of Johnny and June" from the Mighty Cash Cats. Michael Jay tells me the CD has several duets and originals on it; they're in the processing of mixing it now, they'll also be touring soon leaving for Ireland in March. A hip hop release from Double Dragon is in the works featuring Ronnie Rivera and Joaquin Cortez. Kyle Hunt is back on the scene and back in the studio with a new project called Brothers Fortune. Phil Tibbs from Curtsy told me they're in the mixing phase of their first release and they're looking for an early summer release. Rene Ponce let us know that the Stoneflys are working out of Colourbox Studios recording their second release; Jeff Evans producer. And it looks like KC Mobley (Nylus, Catwalk) has been working with Armand John Anthony (New Liberty) in the studio; that should be interesting!

I also got wind that Peter DiStefano (Porno for Pyros) has a new project; he confirmed yes he's working on a new EP out of Camarillo. Jessie Rhoads (Stegosaurus) who's also done a ton of songwriting and composing for film and TV has been working on his latest the past couple of years but he's pretty close to releasing it; he's also looking to perform locally here in Ventura.

And finally, what's up with the new TOOL record? Well you can personally ask Danny Carey, drummer, next time he plays with Doug Webb at Squashed Grapes which is Friday, February 13.

Just so you know, the good folks behind the Open Jam Night at Billy O's have moved their jam night from Tuesday to Thursdays starting

February 5 to The Garage on the east end of town and will continue marketing it as "Music Club". The first rule of music club: No pre-existing bands. The second rule of music club: No Douche Bags. Sounds right to me.

And finally, Riot Act Records gave me the head's up that they booked a last minute show at Bombay's on Thursday, February 5, with one of their acts out of Portland, Grand Lake Islands. She said to think "Radiohead with a slide guitar." Touring with them is Robin Bacioc whose new record "Water Dreams" was just premiered on CMJ (College Media Journal, THE indie bible).

If you have any music related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Send all information short or long to Pam@VenturaRocks.com.

Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

546 E. Main St.

805-874-2232

Mondays: 6 pm Karen and Joe; 8:30 pm Joey's Blues Jam
 Tuesdays: 6 pm Nathan McEuen; 8:30 Beers Brothers open mic
 Wednesdays: 6 pm Jazz on Main Street; 9 pm Mark Masson and Friends
 Thursday: 7 pm The Gypsy Blues Band
 Fri 2/6: 6pm Catfish Fry; 9 pm Crooked-Eyed Tommy
 Sat 2/7: 6 pm The Mighty Cash Cats; 9 pm The Vinyl Gypsies
 Sun 2/8: 6 pm The Robert Heft Blues Band
 Fri 2/13: 6 pm Bobby & Hector; 9 pm The Bandeleros
 Sat 2/14: 6 pm Debra Jensen; 9 pm The Sheiks
 Sun 2/15: 6 pm Trecoustics with Jodi Farrell

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California St.

805-643-4404

Live Music every Wed thru Sun
 Wednesdays - Tommy Marsh Host the Session blues jam
 Thursdays - Musician's Brew with Coso
 Thurs 2/5: Grand Lake Islands, Robin Bacioc
 Fri 2/6: Three Bad Jacks, Cursed Bastards, Radio Threat
 Fri 2/13: The Velvetene Band CD release party w/ Cirque Noir

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street

805-653-1266

Wed 2/4: Bryan McCann
 Thurs 2/5: Rick Whitfield
 Fri 2/6: Sound Effect
 Sat 2/7: Soul Infusion
 Tues 2/10: Dani Stella
 Wed 2/11: Big Adventure
 Thurs 2/12: Big Adventure
 Fri 2/13: Sound Effect
 Sat 2/14: InStone

The Cave

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Thurs 2/5: Warren Takashaki
 Sat 2/7: Warren Takashaki
 Thurs 2/12: Warren Takashi
 Sat 2/14: Varon Thomas

Discover Ventura

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Sat 2/7: Pinback

El Rey Cantina

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Thurs: Open Jam Night

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Mondays: Maggie's Drawers open mic

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Sat 2/14: Blue Vice Band

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Reggae Sundays 8:30 pm

The Greek Restaurant

Ventura Harbor

Sat & Sun 7:30 pm

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Green Art People

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Wednesday 6:30 pm

Wed 2/4: Jaime Wyatt; Matt Bednarsky to open

Wed 1/28: Curtsy; Mitchel Blake to open

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Thursday: Roots Revolution Reggae show

Fri & Sat 7:30 Polynesian Show, live music 9:30 pm

Fri 2/6: Bob Marley Birthday

Sat 2/7: Jodi Farrell and TreCoustics

Sun 2/8: 5 pm Chris Golden & Meridian

The Keynote Lounge

10245 E. Telephone Road

805-647-9390

Tues & Weds - Karaoke

Thurs - Open mic jam

Fri 2/6: Sean Wiggins

Sat 2/7: Action Down

Fri 2/13: UnUsual Suspects

Sat 2/14: DJ Luis Chilangs

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Wed 2/4: Willie Nelson & Family

Sat 2/14: Pacific Mambo Orchestra

Milano's Italian Restaurant

Ventura Harbor

(805) 658-0388

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Tues 2/10: Bluesgrass jam

Paddy's

2 W. Main Street

(805) 652-1071

Fri & Sats DJs

The Patio at Player's Casino

6580 Auto Center Drive

805-643-1392

8:00 - 11:00 PM

Fri 2/6: Bill & Karen

Sat 2/7: Brandon Ragan Project

Sun 2/8: 3 pm Jonathan Kent

Fri 2/13: Sean Wiggins

Sat 2/14: Kelly's Lot with Francois Thomas

Sun 2/15: 3 pm Steve and Sally Williams

Peirano's

204 E. Main Street

Fri 2/6: Frank Barajas

Sun 2/8: JJ Frank Duo

Fri 2/13: Lola Jazz

Sat 2/14: Ruben Estrada Latin Jazz

Pierpont Inn

550 San Jon Road

(805) 643-6144

Fridays 7-9 pm: Ken Minardi
 Saturdays 6-9 pm: Mark Anthony

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419 E. Main Street

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Friday and Saturdays

10 pm Rotating DJs

Saloon BBQ

456 E. Main Street

Thurs 2/5: Ventucky String Band

Fri 2/6: Big Tweed

Sat 2/7: About Time

Sun 2/8: Rich Sheldon

Fri 2/13: Brandon Ragan

Sat 2/14: Mojo Filter

Sun 2/15: Downtown Allstars

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

(805) 643-4539

Mondays - Karaoke

Tuesdays - Twisted Tuesday

Thursdays - DJ Spinobi

Sundays - DJ Darko

Wed 2/4: Jonathan McEuen

Fri 2/6: Dark Side of the Hand

Sat 2/7: Focke Wolves

Wed 2/11: open mic w/ Sin Chonies

Fri 2/13: King's Ransom

Sat 2/14: DJ Pistolero

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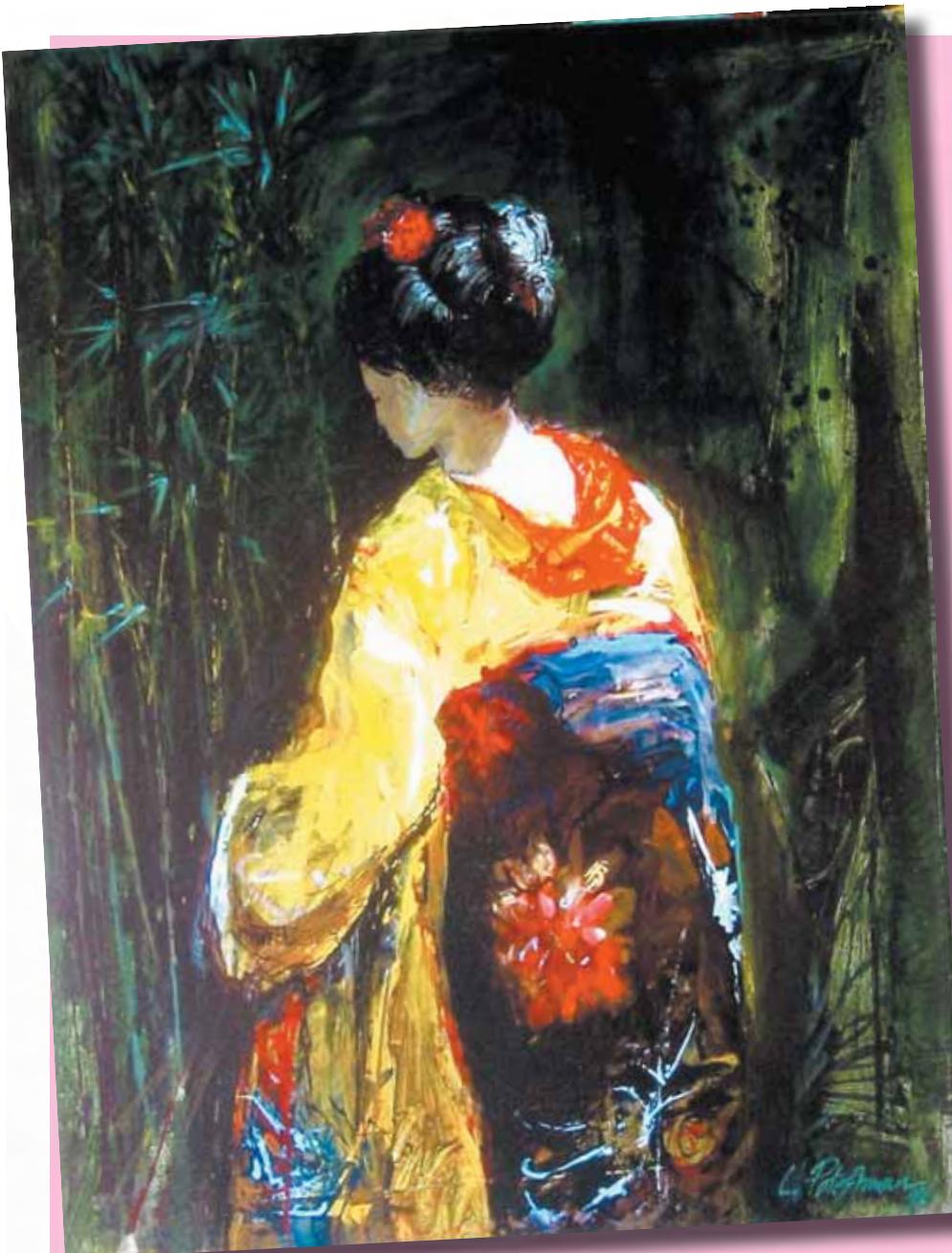
Live Jazz 7-10 pm

Wed 2/4: Donna Butler Band special guest Doug Webb

Thurs 2/5: Segue

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Ventura Art Scene



Buenaventura Art Association will present a selection of works by the late Len Potesman in a Feb. 10-March 7 exhibition at the Buenaventura Gallery in downtown Ventura.

A prolific Ventura artist for more than a decade, Potesman was 88 at the time of his death of brain cancer in August 2014. His longtime life partner and studio mate, sculptor Linda Carson, is curating the show from the collection of Potesman's daughters, Neila and Mica, who inherited his paintings and sculptures. There will be a reception in connection with the show from 5-7 p.m. February 21.

Potesman aspired to be a concert violinist, but broke both hands badly in an airplane accident after being drafted during World War II. So he pursued an art career instead, studying at the Chicago Art Institute, American Academy of Arts and Chouinard Art Institute before earning his Master of Fine Art degree at the University of Guadalajara under the G.I. Bill.

After retiring from law enforcement, Potesman taught art in Los Angeles until relocating in 2001 to Ventura. Figures remained a frequent theme in his paintings, and he often used acrylics and epoxy to create sculptural canvases.

The posthumous exhibition of Potesman's art will be at the Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St., which is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more about BAA shows, art opportunities and joining the nonprofit artists' cooperative, visit www.buenaventuragallery.org.



A Night of Healing event

Over the past twenty years, the rate of domestic violence reports in Ventura County has more than doubled (Ventura County Human Health Care Agency, November 2013). This increase is espe-

cially grave considering that the shame and stigma of domestic violence abuse often prevent it from being reported. The Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force under the Partnership for Safe Families and Communities is endeavoring to change this stigma. The Task Force is a work group of nonprofits and government agencies throughout Ventura County dedicated to ending family violence and other forms of abuse.

On February 13, the Task Force will be hosting a free "Night of Healing" art show event highlighting the hope and healing available to domestic violence victims. The event will feature an art show and sale, interactive art activities, a poetry reading, live music, and door prizes. More than six organizations will be present to educate the community and offer services. This event will also raise awareness of the pain and struggle of domestic violence and the need to support survivors. The event runs from 6pm to 8:30pm at Bell Arts Factory, 432 N. Ventura Avenue.

Art, a la Carte



The Agriculture Museum of Ventura County presents Contemporary Impressions: The Artwork of Kate Hoffman at its opening February 7, and remaining on view through May 31. The opening reception will be held Saturday, February 7, from 4-7 pm. Award-winning artist Kate Hoffman is familiar to many people in Ventura County for her paintings of horses and other animals, as well as for the fluid blue and green water of her seascapes.

The Museum of Ventura County's Agriculture Museum is located at 926 Railroad Avenue, Santa Paula.

The first Sundays of every month is free to the public. For more information, go to www.venturamuseum.org or call 525-3100.



Take Me For Granted; an exhibition of photography by Lisa Ohlweile at the Museum's Tool Room Gallery at the Bell Arts Factory, 432 N. Ventura Ave.

Opening reception: Friday, February 6, 6-9 pm. Exhibition dates: February 6 through February 28.

Lisa Ohlweiler is an artist who received her BA from the University of California, Los Angeles and an MFA from the University of Southern California. Living and working in Los Angeles, her photographs reflect the influences of southern California culture, the film industry, landscape, and quality of light. Her images slip between casual observation and self-conscious construction, making deliberate gestures between photographs that demand consideration beyond the frame.



Red Brick Gallery is hosting a free Valentine Card Making Mini Class.

Drop in anytime from 2-5pm on Friday, February 13, and Jen will teach you how to paint your own Valentine. Make something special for the one you love. RSVP on-line www.redbrickart.com or just stop by, limited space available.

Just a little way we can help spread the love.



Painting the Light: California Landscapes of Richard Schloss, the landscape oil painting exhibition at the Museum of Ventura County in Downtown Ventura has been extended to March 22.



Friday, February 6 at 6:30pm Very Ventura Gift Shop and Gallery in Downtown Ventura presents Images of Hollywood by Catherine Broger. Born in Los Angeles, Catherine Broger is a professionally trained and skilled artist in all mediums.



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Ventura Chamber installs new board

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Board, and staff for their support and contributions. During the year, the Chamber increased its value in the business community through focus on specific industry segments, increased and improved communication with the membership, and enhancing the visibility of the Chamber in the business community. The Chamber became more proactive in advocacy to business and an economic-friendly public policy, and expanded the educational opportunities and seminars for members. Education partnerships continued to be a source of pride with the Chamber's Teacher of the Month and Principal for a Day programs, and Leadership Ventura celebrated a milestone year with its 20th anniversary. Jarvis also highlighted increased participation and attendance for Chamber events and programs and an increase in membership.

During Jarvis' term, the Chamber also experienced a leadership transition when former CEO Ed Summers resigned. She thanked Board Member, Matthew Graczyk, for stepping in as Interim CEO until a permanent replacement is hired. Jarvis updated the attendees that a recruitment committee has conducted a search for a new CEO, narrowing down the list of 17 applicants to a handful of strong candidates and plans to announce the new CEO by early to mid-March.

Saurabh Bajaj, incoming Board Chair, presented his vision and the Chamber's theme for 2015 – "Progress through Partnerships."

Outgoing Chamber Senior Director, Ted Cook, installed the new Chamber Board Directors. Among the newly installed Directors were Greg Van Ness (Tolman & Wiker Insurance Services), Alice Love (Pacific View Mall), Charnell Smith (Aloha Steakhouse), Pattie Braga (Ventura County

Youth Soroptimist Ventura extends deadline for Scholarship Applications

Soroptimist International of Ventura (SI Ventura) has extended the deadline for applications for the Violet Richardson Scholarship to February 15. This award is given to girls ages 14-17, who are active in volunteer community service and who reside in the city of Ventura. The minimum award from SI Ventura is \$1,500. This award is shared between the recipient and her service activity.

Applications may be obtained at Buena High School, Foothill Technological High School, St. Bonaventure High School, El Camino High School, Ventura High School and at the SI Ventura website www.soroptimistventura.org.

You may also call Kay Armstrong at 656 5218.

Completed applications can be emailed to siventura@soroptimist.net or mailed to Kay Armstrong at P.O. Box 6133, Ventura, CA 93006.

Soroptimist International is a local, national and international organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. Local Soroptimist clubs fundraise to provide scholarships and grants to local women and girls and the organizations that serve them.

Credit Union), and Oscar Pena (Ventura Port District).

Some Ventura Chamber businesses also were recognized for being long-time members, including 50-year Members: Robert L. Pazen, O.D.; Ventura County Credit Union; Ivy Lawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home; Marina Village Shopping Center; and Wolfe, Emch, Crowley, CPAs; and 25-year members: Ventura Family YMCA; West Coast Sash and Door; and Tri County GLAD.

DKN Hotels acquires Pierpont Inn

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potential for growth, particularly in the group and event business, and will be a strong addition to our portfolio. We believe DKN's signature style of warm and welcoming hospitality will be a great fit for the market, and upcoming physical improvements will position the hotel to reap the benefits of increasing local demand while preserving its historic authenticity. We are looking forward to a strong and mutually beneficial partnership with local businesses and the city of Ventura."

DKN Hotels is a full-service hotel management company founded in 1984 and based in Irvine, California. Guided by its Passion to Make a Difference philosophy, DKN Hotels strives to bring value to guests, stakeholders, and team members alike. DKN Hotels' owned and managed portfolio includes select- and full-service hotels strategically positioned in Southern California and Arizona markets that cater to both business and leisure travelers. DKN Hotels is a preferred partner of major hotel brands like Marriott, InterContinental Hotel Group, Hilton, Hyatt, and Choice.

Dear, parents, teachers, musicians and band followers

by Dean Adams
Director Ventura Jazz Orchestra Groups

Every time I turn around, I hear about the schools performing arts being down sized.

We, the Ventura Jazz Orchestra (VJO), would be honored do our part to help. For more information about the band, visit our website: <http://www.theventurajazzorchestra.com>. A packet will be e-mailed with instructions, sheet music and mp3's to prepare for auditions.

The Ventura Jazz Orchestra (a private, professional Jazz Orchestra) will be offering a Mentor Protégé program beginning in February. Ending at the end of March with a grand performance/dance.

There are fourteen Protégé (student) chairs open to audition. If you know of any high school age student musician that would like to benefit from this program, have their parent visit our website:

Apply by going to the contact button and send contact information. If this program we propose is a success, we would do it once a year.

The VJO has been blessed with a fantastic rehearsal room along with a great venue for performances at the Poinsettia Pavilion. The way we would like to help is to establish a Mentor/Protégé Program to incorporate students into the band, and after a few rehearsals, perform with the VJO in a show at the Poinsettia Pavilion.

We are looking to audition many instruments and singers.

For more information on DKN Hotels, visit www.dknhotels.com.

For more information or reservations, contact the Wyndham Garden Ventura Pierpont Inn directly at 643.6144 , or visit www.pierpontinn.com.

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from the Evans engineering site.
Regards,
Nelson



Editor:

With the clearing of the illegal camps from the Ventura Riverbed by the Hillside Conservancy and the Police now patrolling it, it would be great if the area were started to be used for mountain biking, hiking, etc. – fill the open spaces with activity and the transients will go someplace else. Also, it would be great if the City in conjunction with Caltrans used the freeway supports under the 101 as an art platform for murals about the Ventura, nature or the history of the riverbed or just plain art by local artists...maybe artists on the Avenue. Maybe the taggers would not tag this if they were part of it.

Greg Berston
Ventura