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The Marina Village Shopping Center has much less police calls with the recycle center gone.

## Concerned and determined citizens can make a difference

by Victoria Usher

On February 21, a recycle center located at the Vons Marina Village Shopping Center was removed because the Pierpont Community Council and the Keys Homeowner's Association voted in order to seek the removal of it and made it happen.

The 5000 residents in these two wonderful communities desperately wanted this recycle center removed because vagrants would come into their neighborhoods, go through their trash looking for recyclables and then they would turn them in for a voucher to get cash. This became a very disruptive problem for everyone living in the area and everyone trying to shop in the Marina Village Shopping Center. In just one year there have been at least 326 police calls made for this specific location and many of the residents from this area have chosen not to shop there

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A group of volunteer Seabees, including carpenters, electricians, welders, and heavy equipment operators donated their time.

## The Center of a city of volunteers

by Rebecca Wicks

The City Center is exactly that, a place where members of a community have come together to build a central home for its own. With 17 rooms housing the once homeless, The City Center is focused on getting individuals and families back on their feet and

self-sufficient. Now, the Center is adding eight additional rooms, which will house homeless veterans who are working toward that same goal.

The newly constructed eight additional rooms are expected to be finished

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Harbor patrol officer selected as next harbor-master.

## New Ventura harbormaster selected

John C. Higgins, a Ventura Harbor Patrol Officer for nearly 20 years, has been selected as the new harbormaster for the Ventura Port District following the retirement of Scott Miller.

The Harbormaster's job includes supervising the Ventura Harbor Patrol, which provides law enforcement, rescue and emergency services in the Ventura Harbor; and ensuring that the needs of boaters are represented. There are currently eight full-time and five-part-time Ventura Harbor Patrol officers.

Higgins, a Ventura resident who grew up in Oxnard, brings many years of experience in public service to the job. He has previously worked as a fire cadet for the County of Ventura and a firefighter explorer for Los Angeles County; as a paramedic supervisor for Gold Coast Ambulance; a volunteer flight paramedic

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Benches dedicated at Marina Park. Photo by George Robertson.

## Helen Yunker has received acclaim throughout her life

A ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate three benches at Marina Park for honorees John and Evelyn Candianides, Helen Yunker, and Henry and Miriam Schwab...pioneers of Pierpont Beach was held on May 3 at Marina Park. John and Evelyn Candianides owned

Surf and Pierpont Liquor Stores for many years and helped many Pierpont young adults start businesses here in Pierpont.

Helen Yunker has received acclaim throughout her life and career for her

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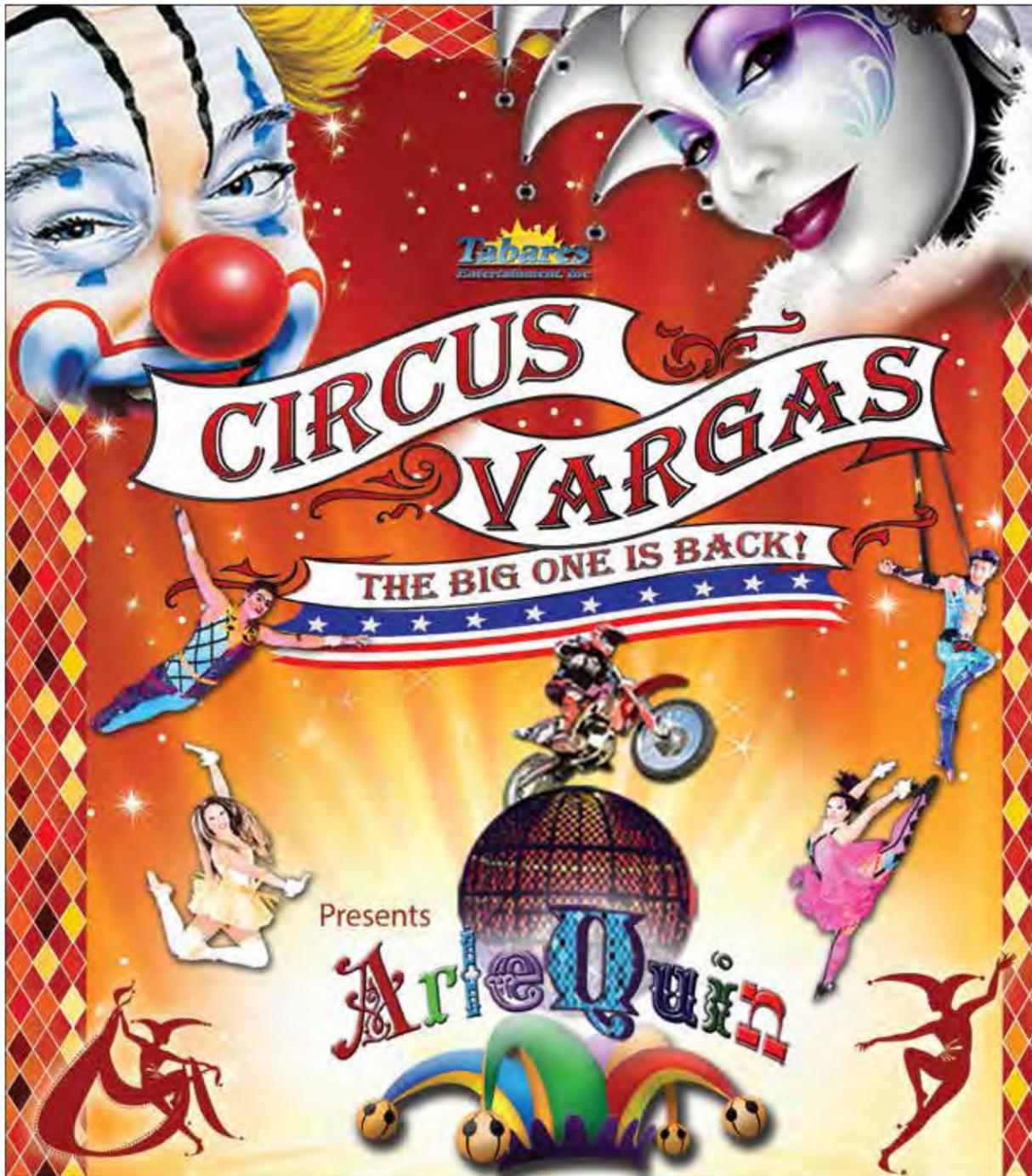
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### Local CEO receives highest honor and award

Jeffrey Rosenthal, joins an elite group of 25 members, having received YPO-WPO's highest honor and most prestigious award, The Hickok Distinguished Service Award, at the recent Global EDGE conference in Melbourne, Australia.

Jeffrey Rosenthal, Chairman and CEO of Southern California-based companies, Rose Investments, Rose Advertising, StarKart, and the NALA, was recently recognized with the highest honor from YPO-WPO, as a member who embodies YPO founder Ray Hickok's dedication to the organization. Jeffrey Rosenthal's passion for the last fourteen years has been the pursuit of cultivating personal relationships and connections globally, by creating a network platform within the organization to help his fellow YPO-WPO members do the same.

Initially Rosenthal's team created sixty networks based on the common interests of their membership: twenty business, twenty personal and twenty social enterprise networks. When Jeffrey left the YPO-WPO International Board as Network's Chair in 2009, there were network officers in seventy-five percent of all YPO chapters, and seventy percent of the members globally who had joined the network platform.

Last year, Jeffrey hosted the largest gathering of YPO-WPO members in history, serving as Host-City Chair for 3500 chief executives from around the world at the Los Angeles Global Leadership Conference "Chief executives and presidents from over 3000 companies throughout 125 countries share experiences," said Rosenthal. "YPO-WPO's mission is, "Better leaders through education and idea exchange," and this is exactly what we hoped to have accomplished at our LA GLC."

Originally, Jeffrey created concepts for local grocery store advertising over thirty years ago, and was instrumental in forging the path of the "local advertising" industry. Rosenthal has always had a unique understanding of the needs of small and medium businesses. He is the CEO of Rose Investments, which invests in private equity and the founder of StarKart and the NALA. StarKart is the largest advertising network for grocery cart advertising and the NALA, is a full-service digital marketing agency for small and medium businesses, both throughout the United States and Canada.

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A good example of a water tolerant yard that is still good looking.

Sheldon:

One Governor Brown stood on a patch of browning turf and declared

# Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher

■ I don't usually comment on emails I receive but this one was too good, so I want to respond. First of all, I do appreciate receiving comments, **especially ones that don't agree with me** or writing my editorial wouldn't be fun. Also see the "guest columnist" article on page 19 and Mailbox below.

"Sheldon:

*Something you said in your opinion/editorial in the 4/29 - 5/12 issue of the Breeze makes you seem like either a racist or just plain ignorant."*

(Here's what I wrote: "I am very concerned about what parts of Ventura will look like because people are not watering their lawns. I have already seen blocks where there are 4-6 homes in a row whose front yards are now dirt and weeds. And shortly, these residents will be parking their cars and trucks on their front lawns.")

*"How did you get from people who are doing their share to conserve water to the same people parking their cars and trucks on their front lawns?"*

*"There is no logic in this, so I have to assume that you think that everyone who has dirt in their front lawn must want to park a car there. Why wouldn't these people want to park their car on the grass before it was left to die? Why would these people wait until their front yard turned to dirt before parking there? Makes no logical sense, unless you use the "I'm an old man who publishes his own paper so I can say anything I want - even if it doesn't make sense-logic."*

*"By the way, our household of 3 adults (my wife, 18-yr old son and I) used 4 HCF units of water last billing cycle. How much did you use?"*

Fred Barnz

Ventura, CA

Fred:

Can't imagine how you interpreted what I said as being racist. I did not have any particular race in mind when I wrote the comment. Unless "inconsiderate people" is a race.

As far as me being "ignorant," that is subjective so maybe you are correct, - who am I to argue with you? And, I did not connect people conserving water to being the same people who have dirt front lawns and who are parking their cars and trucks there. I think it is wonderful that people are doing what they can to conserve water. I am planting succulents to replace plants that need watering in my yard (and I only

shower twice a year).

And, I can say anything I want to in the paper not "because I'm an old man" (did you wish me a happy birthday?) but because the constitution guarantees the right, and also because I have spent almost nine years working seven days a week (and have spent a considerable amount of money) bringing Ventura this wonderful newspaper. And I certainly respect, and encourage others to use their right to speak-up which is why I printed your "logical" letter.

By the way, I have no idea how many **HCF units** we use, which wasn't particularly relevant to what I was writing about anyway. Thanks for mentioning it though - I'll look it up.

You are lucky because you don't have to read my columns, but I don't have the same choice.

Sheldon

■ Speaking of **water use**, the East Ventura Community Council will hear from Shana Epstein, General Manager of Ventura Water, who will address issues related to water conservation, water rates, and the city's ongoing drought issues. The council represents those who live east of Victoria Avenue.

The May 21st meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. The public is encouraged to attend and participate! For more information call 804-7558. All are welcome

■ I would like to inform you that all of the **City Council members** have resolved their pay issues and have gone back to work.

■ An article in the LA Times (regarding a recent shooting there) stated "Pamela Geller is a 56-year old Jewish arch-conservative from New York...". How is it relevant

that she is Jewish? Would this article have stated "Pamela Geller is a 56-year old Presbyterian arch-conservative from New York"? I hardly think so! Talk about racism.

■ The Harbor Views publication will be inserted in to our May 27 issue. Harbor management inserts their publication in the Breeze because they know that it is an effective way to reach involved Venturans.

■ I want to thank all the wonderful people who sent me **birthday (May 5) wishes** and cards, especially the two cards from many city employees. I have extended the deadline for sending me cards until May 25, but that is the absolute deadline (unless you include money). If you go to the Ventura Breeze Facebook page, you will be able to hear the worst rendition of Happy Birthday ever recorded.

■ The new **smoking ban** adopted by the City Council goes much further than just including e-cigarettes (vaping) in the ban. The new ordinance includes no smoking at beaches, parks, outside dining areas, all sports arenas, shopping center common areas and libraries. The Council also approved the spending of \$25,000 to place non-smoking signs at parks and beaches (I would like to have that contract).

It will not be enforced by police but by citizens who can file a complaint with the city. This means that the action is mostly symbolic, but it should reduce some of the smoking in these areas (just hope there aren't any fist fights over this).

It is amazing to see older movies where many of the actors are smoking. The usage decrease has certainly been good for our collective health, and the smoking bans are appreciated by many people as well (I wonder if I will receive some mean letters from smokers who disagree with me).



It's not grass, nor dirt, not weeds,  
But it certainly succeeds.

## Mailbox

that the time has come for Californians to replace 50 million square feet of grass with less thirsty landscaping. The other Governor Brown walked by 4-6 homes in a row (his emphasis) with dirt where grass once grew and called the homeowners a disgrace to Ventura, folks who just don't care what their homes look like, likely to be parking cars and trucks on their property before long.

I voted for the first Governor Brown and support his efforts to deal with California's drought in realistic fashion. The second Governor Brown--whose "governor" title is an affectation self-bestowed--has now decided to appoint himself the city scold.

It's not going to work, Sheldon. Brown is the new green in Southern California. If you can't get used to that, you might be happier in a state like Kentucky where grass is the native ground cover. I can't guarantee your greater happiness. Many times a sourpuss in one place is a sourpuss wherever he lives.

But we certainly would be happier

with one less unrealistic sourpuss and scold in our midst.

Rick Scott

Ventura

Rick:

*Thanks for your comments but I'm really not a sourpuss at all (you should meet me one day) just think that people can conserve water without making Ventura look like dirt city. Didn't call them a disgrace exactly. I'm all for saving water but there are aesthetic ways to do that. And I didn't say that there were likely to be cars on the lawns I said there might be.*

*By the way I'm probably older then you so voted for Brown the first time that he was governor also. In fact the first time that he was he appointed me to be a member of the Citizen's Advisory Council that oversaw the State Department of Mental Health so I'm not*

all bad.

Sheldon

PS: See my column and a Guest Columnist article regarding more about this subject.

Sheldon

Regarding your 4/29, interesting comments. Seems to be a change from the Oct 1, editorial. Mandates amount to more than a slight inconvenience.

For the city to claim a water emergency, and to exempt some (unnecessary) activities seems to be a contradiction. Residents regard water savings as "redistribution" in the absence of a water connection moratorium.

Charles Spraggins

Chair, Save Our Water Ventura

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**There is nothing in the world so admired as a man who knows how to bear unhappiness with courage.**

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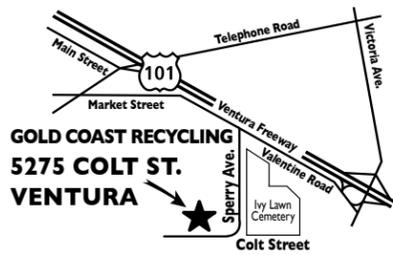


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## Community Events



Hand-selected classical music to accompany youth ballet.

### The classic fairy tale Snow White by the Footworks Youth Ballet

by Elizabeth Manninen

Footworks Youth Ballet is proud to announce a unique production of the classic fairy tale Snow White with performances on May 30 and 31 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Snow White is not known as a traditional classical ballet but is often choreographed in the classical ballet tradition.

Artistic director and choreographer Kirsten Oakley from Oakley Ballet Center (the studio associated with Footworks Youth Ballet) has hand-selected classical music to accompany her original choreography to tell this enduring tale of good overcoming evil.

After spending hours researching and listening to different classical music, Oakley primarily landed upon the Russian composer Alexander Glazunov, a leading composer in the generation after Tchaikovsky (composer of The Nutcracker, Swan Lake and Sleeping Beauty). A Romanticist at heart, Glazunov's music, puzzle-fit together by Oakley, became the inspiration for the characters to develop within the story of Snow White. By hand-selecting the music, Oakley could also create choreography to showcase her young dancers, their personalities and their individual abilities. Snow White is performed by Ariana Castillo (Saturday) and Katelyn Sanchez (Sunday), Mikaela Roth performs the Evil Queen, and the three mirrors—Envy, Vanity and Pride—are performed by Evelyn Augros/Katelyn Sanchez, Ariana Castillo/Grace Story and Maya Holbrook. Snow White's sweet friend, the Bluebird, is performed by Tessa Gallagher and the lead Deer is performed by Grace Story/Evelyn Augros.

The remaining cast of 65 dancers, ranging in age from 6-18 years of age, represent the woodland animals that Snow White encounters and the ever-endearing Seven Dwarfs.

Aside from the usual humor that Oakley injects into her ballets, an aspect of particular interest is the drama of the Queen who, in Oakley's interpretation, is plagued by her character flaws of Envy, Vanity and Pride. She tries to rid herself of these evil traits, but when she goes to the Mirror, they always rise up and take control of her.

True to their mission to provide educational opportunities to young people through the art of ballet, Footworks Youth Ballet employs classical ballet as a teaching tool for their students. Each year they perform two full-scale productions.

Footworks Youth Ballet also continues to reach to the community through Outreach Performance,

providing access to school children who might otherwise not be able to attend. The Snow White Outreach Event is sold out and will reach over 3,000 students on May 29th at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

Family Educational Hour is held one hour prior to each show. Learn about this unique production, the costumes, ballet history and the original score of this enchanting forest fantasy. Snow White, Saturday May 30th and Sunday May 31st 2 p.m.

Tickets at <http://www.footworksyouthballet.org> or 486-2424.

### Citrus Sunday Ventura neighborhood harvest

On May 17th, dozens of volunteers will fan out across Ventura to harvest fresh surplus fruit from backyard fruit trees in the first annual Citrus Sunday, sponsored by Food Forward. All of the harvest will be donated to local food pantries feeding our neighbors in need. Volunteers can either register for a pick organized by Food Forward or harvest their own trees in a Do It Yourself (DIY) pick using boxes and equipment provided by Food Forward. After the event, Food Forward will host a picnic at their office at 77 N. California St. (across from city hall)

"We are seeking fruit trees to harvest, and volunteers to participate," said Jim Mangis, Food Forward's Ventura County Branch Manager. "This will be a great day of food rescue, fellowship, and sharing. Citrus, kumquats, vegetables, are all perfect foods for our program."

Volunteers, and fruit donors can sign up at [foodforward.org](http://foodforward.org) or by calling 630-2728. DIY (Do it Yourself) Pick participants can pick up boxes to fill with fruit prior to the event and then drop off once they have collected fruit. For more information, and pick up and drop off locations contact [jim@foodforward.org](mailto:jim@foodforward.org).

Food Forward is a non-profit organization that organizes volunteers to harvest fresh, local produce that would otherwise go to waste, connecting this abundance with people in need. 3,600 volunteers have harvested over 9,000,000 pounds of fruit since 2009.

# Community Events

## Ventura events

by Ana Baker

**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.

Free admission stage show, 2p.m. to 4p.m. First Sunday of every month. Old Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Assoc. Poinsettia Pavilion. For more Information call 517-1131.

**DBSA Ventura, the local chapter of the Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) hosts two regular, confidential, peer-led, self-help support groups. The evening meeting takes place every Tuesday from 6:30p.m. to 8p.m.** Hope for recovery at Bible Fellowship Church, 6950 Ralston Street in Room 301 of Building 300. Attendees should enter the parking lot off Johnson Drive. Email DBSA\_Ventura@yahoo.com, visit facebook.com/DBSA.Ventura or call 253-3289 for more information.

**The daytime meeting is from 1p.m. to 3p.m. at the New Visions Center on the first and third Saturdays of the month.** Turning Point Foundation's New Vision Center is located at 1065 E. Main Street. Email DBSA\_Ventura@yahoo.com, visit facebook.com/DBSA.Ventura or call 746-3106 for more information.

**May 14: Population changes of seal and sea lion species at the Channel Islands, including the recent high abandonment rate of California sea lion pups, will be discussed by marine biologist Dr. Brent Stewart** during the From Shore to Sea lecture. Stewart is a Senior Research Scientist at Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute. At 7p.m. on the second Thursday of May, September, October, and November at the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, 1901 Spinnaker Dr. The programs are free and open to the public.

**May 16: Families and children invited to free Kids Swap Meet**, at Barranca Vista Park 7050 Ralston St. Shop for gently used games, toys, clothes, bikes and books at the City of Ventura's annual Kids Swap Meet. Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The swap meet "for kids by kids" up to 18 years of age encourages them to clean out their closets or garages of items to sell or trade. Some children, service and church groups have used their booths to raise money for camps, mission trips and charity causes such as breast cancer, MS or disaster victims.

**May 16: A crowd will join hands forming a line across the beach in a local "Hands Across the Sand" gathering.** This is one of hundreds of synchronized events globally to raise awareness about the dangers of dirty fuels and the need to speed the transition to available, affordable clean energy solutions. Citizens from Ventura County will be joined by Surfrider Foundation and Ventura County Climate Hub at noon on Saturday, at Surfers Point Park.

**May 16: Ventura County Genealogical Society Monthly Program**, Saturday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Ventura County Public Health Center, 3147 Loma Vista Rd. The speaker will be Eric Seiss. Topics "Follow the Path to the Old Country with Emigration Records and the GPS (Genealogical Proof Standard)"

**May 17: "A History of A People: The LGBTQ Movement" at noon.** This program will feature Michael Oliveira, archivist at ONE Gay & Lesbian Archives at USC on the history of the LGBTQ movement in the U.S., the role of the Archives, and preserving personal papers

and photographs for research and future generations. Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston St. For more information, call 665-3323 or mcolivei@usc.edu. Presented by Interweave LGBTQ & Friends of Ventura UU Church.

**May 17: The Jimmy McConnell 18 Piece Big Band is the feature band at the Channel Cities Jazz Club.** Bring your dancing shoes, your friends and be a part of the wonderful world of swing. Dancing starts at 1 p.m. to 4:30p.m. Sunday at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club 2600 South Harbor Blvd. Oxnard. The Jazz club audience consists of all classes and ages from mature jazz fans to students, who are discovering this vital American roots music for the first time. Members \$7 and General Public \$10. All meetings and events are open to the public

**May 18: Channel Islands Parliamentarians will feature a lesson, "Let Me Interrupt," presented by Sharon Hillbrant.** The meeting is held at 7p.m. at the Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main. Those wishing to order food should arrive at 6p.m. Non-members are welcome. Membership is \$25 per year. For information call 390-4518.

**May 19: 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.

Steve Treanor, retired Southern California Division Chief of the Calif. State Park System, will tell about the CA State Parks and the Ronald Reagan Ranch. For more information on the Group & future events, visit <http://www.VenturaRetiredMen.org/fp.html> or call Gene Wink at 647-2513.

**May 21: Mark your calendars for the Mayor's reception with readings by the winners of the 2015 Art Tales contest.** Reception and poetry readings will be held at the E.P. Foster Library second floor at 5:30 p.m. A record 104 poets and writers entered the contest. Details will follow when winners are announced here in the next week to ten days. Winners also have the opportunity to participate in the Library's Thursday night poetry series.

**May 21: Circus Vargas, America's favorite traveling Big Top circus** continues to thrill and enchant children of all ages with their new and amazing 2015 edition, Arlequin. Steeped in tradition and devoted to all things magnificent and happy, Circus Vargas presents an array of unparalleled artists and performers dedicated to captivate and astound you. A world of wonder and awe await you under the big top at the Ventura County Fairgrounds May 21 thru 25.

**May 24: The Ventura Tennis Club, in cooperation with the Ventura Recreation and Community Services, is hosting its bi-annual Ventura Tennis Day** on Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held at the Camino Real Tennis Park. The event will include clinics for adults and kids from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. with tennis pro Scott Burton and other staff. Then there will be racquet demos. After the clinics, there will be a barbecue lunch at noon followed by organized doubles play.

The Ventura Tennis Club is a non-profit community based club bringing tennis enthusiasts of all abilities together for social and competitive play. Information: <http://www.venturatennisclub.com>

## Ojai events

**Performances To Grow On will present its final family show for this season, "Thumbelina" from the award winning Oregon Shadow Theatre on Sat., May 23 at 4 pm at the**



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**Kim Maxwell Studio, 226 W. Ojai Ave.** Tickets in advance are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults and are available at Ojai Coffee Roasting, online at [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org), by phone at 646-8907. Tickets at the door are \$5 more, seating is limited.

The Oregon Shadow Theatre is a Portland Oregon based company specializing in the art of shadow puppetry. Their award-winning shadow plays have toured across the United States and in Canada OST productions are noted for exquisite, colorful puppets, live music and sound effects, and lively good humor.

**The Ojai Photography Club welcomes wildlife photographer John Hannah as its May presenter.** The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 pm in Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 Santa Ana Street. Hannah's presentation will be, "Stalking The Wild Yellowthroat - In Your Own Backyard." He will show images and talk about skills and equipment needed to create stunning images of local wild birds. The club, which is devoted to education, inspiration, and camaraderie, meets on the third Tuesday of each month, February - November. Only members may submit images for critique. More information is available at: [www.ojaiphotoclub.com/](http://www.ojaiphotoclub.com/)

**"Dancing at Lughnasa" is a journey back in time and across the sea for a two-day visit with the Mundy sisters of Ireland where dancing at the harvest festival enlightens their hardscrabble existence.** This Tony and Olivier Award winning Best Play runs from May 15 through June 7 at Ojai ACT, 113 S. Montgomery St., 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 seniors, students and Art Center members; call for reservations at 640-8797 or [www.OjaiACT.org](http://www.OjaiACT.org)

**Making Something Out of Nothing, an inspirational exhibit opening May**

**23 at OVA arts is just that--a look at what some very old and very young women have made out of nothing in order to survive.** The public is cordially invited to attend a reception for Making Something Out of Nothing on May 31st at OVA arts from 3-5 pm. Refreshments will be served and there will be a free drawing for a piece from the collection at 4pm. Visit the exhibition, attend the reception and take home a bit of Africa! OVA arts is located at 108B, N. Signal, and is open daily from 10-6.

**Rev. Karen S. Wylie's monthly half-day retreat at Meditation Mount will explore the topic "From darkness into the light" on Saturday, May 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The retreat is by love offering: \$10 is suggested. Meditation Mount is located at 10340 Reeves Road. For more information, contact Rev. Karen at 310-968-8928, or register online at [www.karensywylie.com](http://www.karensywylie.com).

**The Ojai Concert Series continues its summer series at Dancing Oak Ranch on Saturday, May 23rd, with The Leftover Cuties, a playful and energetic quartet with a crowd pleasing timeless folk/jazz fusion sound, combining sultry vocals, pitch-perfect songwriting, and seasoned musicianship.**

Dancing Oak Ranch is located just above Lake Casitas. This event include a delicious potluck, so bring a dish to share and have a picnic with friends, family and the band members and well behaved dogs on a leash. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or at the gate, and kids under 15 years are free. Gates will open at 5:00 PM and the music kicks off at 6:00 PM with an opening act and the Cuties start at 7:00 PM.

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For more information call Shane Butler 665-8852

**The City of Ojai Arts Commission is accepting applications for students who wish to participate in the 2015 Arts/Ojai Artists Mentor Program.** This is the third year for the successful program which pairs working artists with students for a summer internship. The City is looking for students from Ojai public and private schools who will be juniors or seniors in the fall, 2015. Students must be Ojai residents. Each applicant will be asked to choose which artist they wish to work with and why.

Information and the application are available online at [www.artsojai.org](http://www.artsojai.org). The deadline to apply is May 15. Contact Bobbi Balderman at [bbalderman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbalderman@sbcglobal.net) with questions.

**Karen Lehmann reads from her book "Alive a practical guide to get out of your head and into your Heart" on Saturday May 16 at 1:00 P.M.** In her groundbreaking book, *Alive*, transformational leader Karin Lehmann shares the secrets of finding a true calling. She uncovers the reason it is so excruciatingly hard to understand life's meaning.

**The Polar Bears of Churchill, Manitoba, Canada with Professor Tommy Dickey, from UCSB, will give a presentation on Saturday, May 23, from 2:00-3:00 P.M.** Polar bears are the top predators of the Arctic and warning symbols of global warming. In this presentation, Professor Dickey will describe the environments, characteristics, and lives of polar bears.

Both events will be at Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave.

**Korean-born prodigy and winner of the 2012 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, who goes by the single name, Ji, will be the featured artist at Chamber On The Mountain's upcoming concert, Sunday, May 17, at Logan House.** The performance begins at 3:00 p.m., and a meet-the-artist reception will immediately follow. Ji began playing the piano at the age of five. The performance begins at 3:00 p.m. at Logan House, an intimate venue adjacent to the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts, 8585 Ojai-Santa Paula Rd. Reservations are \$25 for general admission and \$15 for students. Recent concerts have sold out, so early reservations are encouraged. Please visit [www.chamberonthe mountain.com/reservations.html](http://www.chamberonthe mountain.com/reservations.html).

**The Ojai Valley Friends and its bookstore, Twice-Sold Tales invites you to the Library bookstore's annual Memorial Day Weekend book sale.** Annual Memorial Day Weekend Library Book Sale, May 23, 24, 25, the fabulous sale offers hundreds of books in an enormous variety of topics at unbelievably low prices! Colorful children's books, tantalizing cook books, reference, self-help and historical volumes as well as popular fiction, religion and gardening in paperback and hardback. Prices will range from 50 cents to \$2.00 with a few individually priced rare books. This extraordinary event is conveniently held in downtown Ojai on the patio and parking lot of the Ojai Library. All proceeds go to the Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation, (OVLFF). For further information visit <http://www.ovlff.org> or check out the OVLFF Facebook page.

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### New harbormaster selected

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for the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Search & Rescue Air Unit; and as a lifeguard for the city of Port Hueneme.

Higgins said, "I feel honored to have this opportunity to work with the public and boaters. I'm most excited because I am invested in the community, growing up in the Silver Strand beach community. We want to offer a high level of service to the public and encourage everyone to enjoy all the recreational opportunities in the harbor."

Higgins became a Ventura Harbor Patrol Officer in 1996 and has been involved in many related efforts since then, including regional ocean rescue response planning, fighting transnational maritime smuggling, homeland security efforts, and statewide tsunami planning. He has training or professional certifications in a variety of areas including marine firefighting, open water rescue, and hazmat first responder/medical response to terrorism. Higgins has also served on the board of the California Boating Safety Officers Association for the last six years, representing Southern California.

The Ventura Port District's mission is to provide a safe and navigable harbor as well as a wonderful seaside destination that benefits residents, visitors, fishermen and boaters who enjoy Ventura Harbor's exceptional facilities, events and services.

Oscar Peña, General Manager of the Ventura Port District, said, "John is fortunate to have so many well qualified Harbor patrol officers by his side. John has many progressive ideas on how to make this great harbor even better. We know he will serve the Ventura Port District well in his capacity of Harbormaster."

Higgins officially began his new job on April 25.

### Helen Yunker has received acclaim

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achievements as a business woman, entertainer, and philanthropist. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors awarded Helen a Certificate of Recognition in 1969 for her role, as president of the Pierpont Bay Association, in championing and leading the formation of the improvement district that brought sewers, underground utilities and overall reconstruction of the beach area, which transformed Pierpont from a badly neglected area to the proud and inviting beach area it is today.

The list of those Helen has helped is long, and her heart big. Throughout her busy life, she maintains a spontaneous sense of humor and has her camera ever ready to preserve happy memories for her friends and associates. Her philosophy is simple and basic: "By helping and sharing with others, you multiply your own happiness and blessings many times over."

The Henry Schwab Ventura County Violin Competition, honors Henry Schwab, who began violin study in New York at a young age. His talent prompted his parents to send him to Europe in 1924 to continue his training. He studied in Vienna, graduating with highest honors. After taking a degree from Normale de Musique, he returned to the United States for a brilliant career as a concert violinist, concertmaster, teacher and collector of instruments.

Maestro Schwab passed away at the age of 100 in 2006, and his wife Miriam has established this competition in his memory.

### Concerned and determined citizens

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simply because it did not feel safe.

This is exactly why these two communities felt very strongly about changing this and making this location safer for families to shop at, whether the time is day or night. They decided that they needed to seek a change in order to help their communities and they also needed to prove a point; that recycle centers such as these really shouldn't be in residential areas or in shopping areas, they should be located in industrial areas.

With both of the communities coming together and being able to see the number of police calls made throughout the year, convincing people and voting were fairly easy. Since the recycle center was removed on February 21 things have gotten much better. The number of vagrants spending time around the Marina Village area has gone down to almost none and the area is much safer.

These two communities are living proof of the huge and positive differences that people can make when they come together to work towards a goal.

A Pierpont resident stated "While we were working with Beverly of Marina Village property management, the City was working behind the scenes to help get the recycle center removed. The important thing is that it was accomplished and the proof is in the pudding. Vagrants going through our trash in Pierpont and the Keys and hanging out at Marina Village have been greatly reduced. My guess would be by at least 90%. Everyone feels a lot safer. I am pretty sure the City like myself wants to remain anonymous related to getting it removed. Recycling can be a sensitive issue."

### Mailbox

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Dear Sheldon:

It pays to advertise. As you stated, two local businesses failed to advertise and get the word out about their establishments, so they closed their doors. One suggestion that may help those on the advertising fence and our faithful readers is to patronize our local advertised businesses and tell them you saw their ads in the Ventura Breeze.

While I was skimming the 4/15/15 issue, I found ads, places that I have visited and had business transactions with.

Page 2: Ventura Fair Grounds  
Page 3: I'm a member of the Friends of the San Buenaventura Library  
Page 9: I took several tours with Island Packers  
Page 11: Sold several of my books at a boutique at The Bonaventure.  
Page 13: My wife recently recovered from surgery at Glenwood Care Center.  
Page 18: Frequenting Cordello's Pizza.  
Page 24: Attended several networking meetings at Stephen's Greek Market & Grill ... good food served too.

So, local entrepreneurs, please put an ad in your local paper, the Ventura Breeze, affordable rates available.

James Francis Gray

Breeze: We didn't even ask for this.



# This 'n' That



“Okay, you can take a picture of the guinea pig, but if you get me in it you know what I’ll do to you.” I did and it turned out to be my favorite picture of her.

## Cathy Willis Farrington, 1956 – 2015

by Alfred J. Lewis

When I was sixteen and just discovering jazz, I read an interview with Charlie Parker in which he referred to Dizzy Gillespie as “the other half of my heartbeat.” I smirked the smirk that sixteen year old idiots have a patent on, thinking “How corny, how hokey, high camp indeed.” The smirk faded sixteen years later when I met the other half of my heartbeat, Cathy Farrington.

She was the complete package, smart, funny and beautiful. The love of my life and my best friend. The kindest person I ever met, she loved animals. She trapped feral kittens, tamed them and found them homes. If she saw a dog in an alley, no matter how dicey the neighborhood, she’d try to get it in the Jeep and take care of it. She was a sucker for any poor dumb stray that needed rescuing, which is probably how I got with her. Exactly what she saw in me I’ll never know, I was a lowly artist type and proud underachiever and she was a degreed accounting professional, but we fell and fell hard. Just six months later she had her first brush with cancer.

I held her while she cried herself to sleep

that first night. The next morning she went on the offensive and stayed on it for the next couple of years. All through the laser treatments, chemo cream, more bad cells, more laser treatments and chemo cream, she was out to kill the cancer. And damned if she didn’t.

In 2007 a routine mammogram revealed a tumor in her left breast. Again she fought hard and long and, five years after the surgery, chemo and radiation, five years of Tamoxifen and five years of sweating out twice-yearly mammograms, she was declared cancer free.

In June of 2014, the cancer was back and this time it brought reinforcements. Six months of chemo kept the breast cancer in check, but caused heart failure. While she was being treated for that, a tumor developed on her spine, which invaded her spinal cord and paralyzed her from the chest down. Then tumors were found in her liver. As always she attacked the cancers with everything she had, but three against one isn’t fair and the other half of my heartbeat was stilled on April 20, 2015.

In closing, Cathy has a message for you. Actually two.

First, there’s a test, the Breast Cancer (BRCA) Gene Test. It’s a simple blood test that looks for specific mutations in genes that help control normal cell growth. Finding changes in these genes (BRCA1 and BRCA2) can help determine your chance of developing breast and ovarian cancer. Yes, it’s scary, but knowledge is power and can mean the difference between life and death. Get it done and take the appropriate action, if not for yourself, for your family, for your husband, for everyone who loves you.

Second, honor Cathy’s memory, not with flowers, but with a contribution to the animal rescue of your choice. Better yet, adopt an animal. You’ll enrich your life and honor Cathy’s at the same time. Win-win.

I had just short of twenty six years with Cathy and I’m grateful for every minute.

I love you, Sweetie. See you soon.

*Breeze: Alfred J. Lewis, of studioNothing, is an integral part of the Ventura Breeze. He makes it look nice and designs many of the ads. We will also miss Cathy.*

the scouts were eager to reciprocate. A church member who manages the church garden, was diagnosed with cancer last year and she has been unable to maintain the garden. The girls decided to help her and the church, through the “Power of the Community Gardening Project.”

The girl scouts were in the process of obtaining a new badge and the last step they had to do was a Power of the Community Project. This step is to teach the girls that when a community works together, anything can happen. Because of this, the girls weren’t the only ones working on the garden. They posted flyers all over town, and spread the word as much as possible. The result was astounding! A multitude of people stopped by to help on the day of the event. People that weren’t able to stay and help dropped off supplies and plants for the girls to use. The scouts also obtained donations from Green Thumb. Additional supplies were purchased with money from girl scout cookie sales – sparing the church any cost.

The scouts were hard at work by 8 o’clock that Saturday morning hauling mulch from trucks to the garden, weeding, trimming, and finally- planting. Between the girls and the volunteers who stopped by, the morning passed by quickly. By the time 12 o’clock rolled around, the garden was as good as new!

The girl scouts learned how valuable it is to work with the community and for



The scouts were hard at work by 8am.

## Girl scout troop is a valuable part of our community

by Amber Hansen

A new girl scout troop in Ventura, Multi Level Troup 61105, has quickly become a valuable part of our community. Since the troop was formed in October, 2014 they have already orchestrated several community service events. All of the events were planned by the girls themselves, from making flyers to deciding which supplies were needed for each project. The projects not only benefit our community, but teach the scouts valuable life lessons as well.

The troop’s most recent event was held on April 18th at First Christian Church. The church had given the new troop a lot of support in the past few months, and



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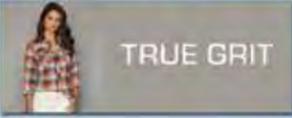
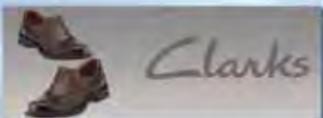
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the community. They were so excited to see the finished product and anyone could tell how happy they were to have made such a difference. As for the rest of Ventura, we are very happy to have Troop 61105 as part of our community.



Congratulations to Diego Kress (Son of Ana Baker, the Assistant to Ventura Breeze publisher) from Boy Scout troop 119, who earned his Eagle Scout award on April 21. Diego is the eleventh and newest eagle scout in the Sespe District. Diego’s Eagle Scout project consisted of raising money and assembling emergency kits for Portola elementary school. He is shown with Chris Houlberg and proud dad Don Kress.



By placing 3rd at their Regionals Championships, which covers 7 states, the Casitas Rowing varsity girls rowing team have secured an invite to the prestigious Rowing Youth Nationals in Sarasota Florida on June 11-14. The girls worked hard all year on their training. Three of the girls are seniors and will receive scholarship money to row next year in college. Casitas Rowing will be offering summer rowing camps for kids 6-12 grade. Go to [www.casitasrowing.org](http://www.casitasrowing.org) for the dates.

Coach Dani Thole, Bailey Greenslit-Foothill High, Mackenzie Sharon-Nordhoof High, Cassidy Bouchard-Foothill High, Daisy Myring-Foothill High and Torie Dawson-Foothill High were all happy with their victory and invitation. Photo by Wendy Gillett.

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Residents ran the carnival booths at the Cypress Place Senior Living Country Fair and K-9 Fundraiser.

## Rain doesn't stop seniors from fundraising for Police K-9 units

A Country Fair celebration & fundraiser to benefit the Ventura Police Department K-9 program exceeded the expectations of the organizers at Cypress Place Senior Living. On April 25, the senior living community raised over \$3000 for the program, which relies on private funds to maintain it.

Ventura Police Chief Ken Corney was on hand as guest speaker and expressed his appreciation to Cypress Place for this fundraiser, and how important the K-9 program is to the community.

Attendees enjoyed live country music by the Old Country Grass Band, dancing, pony rides for the kids, and carnival games manned by residents from the senior community.

"Our residents are still active, vibrant members of society," said Yvonne Knepper, community marketing director at the senior community. "They manned carnival booths with games like ring toss, ping pong toss, and milk bottle knockdown. They were

disappointed when it began to rain, but we just brought the event inside," Knepper said.

A sumptuous picnic lunch, including fried chicken, cole slaw, fresh fruit, and cornbread was served up by the chefs at Cypress Place Senior Living. Panera Bread of Ventura graciously provided desert for the event.

Rain or shine, the highlight of the event was a K-9 demonstration with canines and their handlers from the Ventura Police Department. The canines and their handlers demonstrated how they work together as a team to carry out their duties. They then went out into the crowd for people to meet the canines up close.

"We weren't going to let a little rain slow us down", said Steve Spira, executive director at the senior community. "The event is just too important. Besides, the K-9s didn't seem to mind the rain. It was the rest of us who wanted to get inside."

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### “Grandma is coming home from hospital, now what?”

by Connie De La Rosa

As your parents/grandparents start aging, there is now a high probability that they will be at risk of falling or having an illness that will lead them into some type of hospitalization whether it's a regular hospital or rehabilitation/skilled nursing. Being prepared will help your loved one to a speedy recovery.

Whether they lived alone or with you, circumstances have changed and now there are many things to take into consideration prior to their release. Although the hospital will assist with obtaining a few items, here are some items and things you may want to consider prior to their arrival in your home:

Do they require a hospital bed, walker, wheelchair, canes?

Are they able to ambulate to the nearest bathroom and if not, a bed side commode with a night light to prevent falling while transferring in the middle of the night.

A baby monitor/walkie talkies while they sleep so you are able to hear them if assistance is needed (especially if you live in a two story and they are downstairs).

Make sure all decorative rugs are removed and the rugs in bathrooms are non-slip (you can test by placing foot on top and trying to move).

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## Medicare presentations through-out Ventura County

The County of Ventura Area Agency on Aging's Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) will be giving a series of Medicare presentations in May.

**Friday, May 15 Topics: “Have you had A Benefits Checkup? What is the Benefit Checkup Program and Benefit**

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**Thursday, May 21 Topic: One Stop Shop for Medicare Problems, Retiring, How to Read a Medicare Summary Notice.** Just walk in for your questions and paper work for individual counseling. No appointment necessary. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 22 Topic: “Medicare, VA and Tricare”.** Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 27, Santa Paula Senior Center, 530 West Main St., Santa Paula, Topic: Helping Medicare Beneficiaries Learn about Free Preventive Services.”** Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 29, Topics: “Understanding the Details of Your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)” and “How Does MyMedicare.gov Help you?”** Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All at VCAAA, 646 County Square Dr., Ste. 100, Ventura except as noted. For more information, contact 477-7310.

## VCAAA seeking advisory council members and showing a movie

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on its Advisory Council for a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017. Three seats are currently available, as follows:

A person with disabilities, to represent the interests of persons with disabilities;

A person to represent the interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) seniors

A person to represent the interests of seniors with behavioral health issues.

The full Advisory Council meets the second Wednesday of January, March, May, June, July, September and November in the office of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging in Ventura. Much of the work is done in committees, such as Health Issues, Housing and Transportation, Legislative, Optimal Aging, Outreach, and Senior Nutrition.

To learn more about the Advisory Council, please visit the VCAAA website <http://www.ventura.org/vcaaa/adviso>

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Adults 50 and older are the fastest-growing segment of the Y.

## The Ventura Family YMCA encourages healthy behaviors

May is Older Americans Month and the Ventura Family YMCA encourages all adults 50 years and older to get motivated and develop behaviors that are crucial to healthy aging, including healthy eating, increasing physical activity and social interaction.

Adults 50 years and older currently make up more than 30 percent of the U.S. population, and by the end of this year are expected to represent 45 percent of all Americans. Here in Ventura, adults 50 and older make up 44.8 percent of the population. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that adults 50 and older have a 70 percent chance of developing at least one chronic disease. While these numbers seem daunting, the good news is that making small lifestyle changes that include increasing physical activity, eating healthier and staying active socially can help older adults live better.

"Adults 50 and older are the fastest-growing segment of the Y and their health and wellness needs are different than a generation ago," said Alicia Cattoni, the Marketing & Communications Director at the Ventura Y.

The Y offers many ways for active older adults to live healthier including their annual Senior Day on May 27th from 10am-1:30pm. This free community event features local vendors specializing in senior services, a lunch provided by The Palms at Bonaventure, and guest speaker Dr. Eric Watson who will lecture about osteoarthritis: What Is It and What to Do About It?

Have fun with your food. Eating healthy doesn't have to be boring! Have fun with your fruits and vegetables by trying them fresh or frozen. Find a new recipe that uses a different source of protein or find a way to incorporate fish or beans into an old favorite. Remember as you age, it's important to eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat or fat-free dairy and lean meats to help your body get the necessary nutrients.

Fill up on fiber and potassium, hold the salt. As you age, your body needs more fiber rich foods to help it stay regular. Aim for a variety of colorful foods on your plate (i.e. fruits and veggies) to keep fiber rich foods a part of your diet. Additionally, increasing potassium along with reducing sodium or salt may lower your risk of high blood pressure. Fruits, vegetables and low-fat or fat-free milk and yogurt are good sources of potassium.

Get social. Socialization is an important part of aging. As we get older, it's important to be active socially to stay healthy. Take a walk with a friend or a neighbor, join a book club or volunteer at your local pet shelter or local Y. Social interaction provides meaningful engagement, builds relationships, enhances a sense of belonging and provides opportunities for involvement all resulting in a greater bonds and stronger sense of community. Being connected to the community keeps you healthy!

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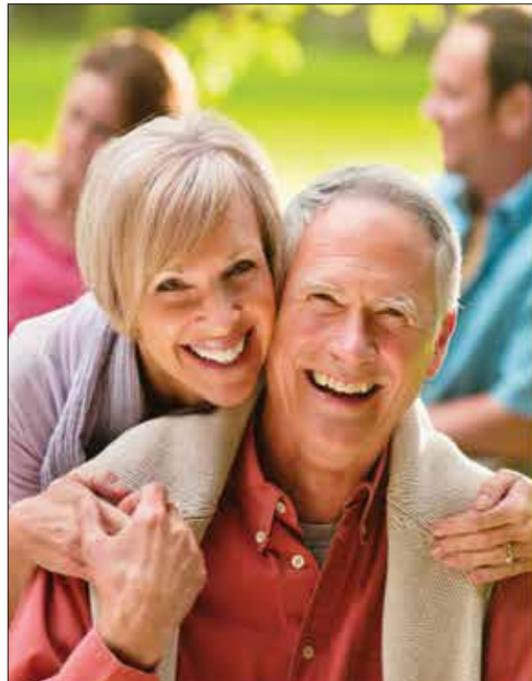
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# News and Notes



What an event, the Ventura Eco Xtreme mud run.

## CAPS Chat

# Movies and Mud

by Elizabeth Rodeno

We had the opportunity to work with the Ventura Police Departments' crew on the Ventura Eco Xtreme mud run. What an event. Over 600 people of all shapes and sizes and levels of fitness participated in this grueling 5k run, all for a good cause of raising money for the Dee Dowell Scholarship fund for college-bound students. Four of the CAPS staff, Patrick, Greg, Manny and myself were out there trying to get in the action without getting covered by the action. The consensus was that the ice pit was the most impressive

element of the race. It was great to see the kids out there slipping and sliding through the course. We'll be out there next year to watch.

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# Professor Scamp, Ph.D



## Stories about my heroes.

■ My tail is wagging for the people of Nepal as they cope with the loved ones lost and lives destroyed by the 7.9 magnitude earthquake that devastated the region.

The United States has sent two Task Forces (California Task Force 2 and Virginia Task Force 1) to assist in rescue and recovery efforts in Nepal in response to a request from their government.

The California contingent includes six Canine-Firefighter Search Teams trained by the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF). They boarded military aircraft bound for Kathmandu as part of a 57-person rescue force that includes struc-

tural engineers, hazmat experts, doctors... and Canine Disaster Search Teams.

Then, while the six Search Dog Foundation teams deployed to Nepal were assisting in humanitarian assistance operations in that country, Brent Koeninger and his SDF-trained Search Dog Moxie were sent out to search for people buried alive in the aftermath of an F3-level tornado that hit Oklahoma City.

Moxie, a beautiful Black Lab recruited from the Ventura County Humane Society, was called into action to make sure no one had been left behind in a mobile home park after the fire department received reports of people missing. Once the mobile home park was cleared, Brent and Moxie headed out to a hotel and RV park to make sure everyone had made it out safely. Moxie was surrendered to the Ventura

County Humane Society in 2011 when her former owner was deployed overseas by the military. Within a day of her arrival there, SDF got word of the spunky, toy-obsessed pup. Moxie passed her Search Dog evaluation with flying colors and entered SDF's canine boot camp. After a year of training, she was partnered with Oklahoma City firefighter Brent Koeninger in October 2012.

The Ventura Police Department's K9 Rover has received a ballistic vest thanks to a nonprofit organization, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., and a generous donation from The Hausman Family Foundation. \$15,000 was donated to the charity to provide bullet and stab protective vests for K9s in the state of California. The following are also recipients of this donation: 1 K9 from Gilroy, 1 K9 from Mill Creek, 3 K9's from Montebello, 4 K9's from Tulare County Sheriff's Office, 1 K9 from Lompoc, 1 K9 from California City, and 1 K9 Alhambra.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA, whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5-year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1387 law enforcement dogs in 49 states with protective vests since 2009 at a cost of over \$1.3 million.

Ventura Police Department K-9 Officer Rodriguez thanked the Hausman

Family Foundation for their donation, and to Vested Interest in K9's for making this type of vest, which will help protect several K-9's throughout the state. He said, "Now that Rover has the vest to use during high-risk situations, I know that he is protected and better suited to protect the public and officers."

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. announces their "Hog Wild for K9s" t-shirt is now available online for a \$15.00 donation at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org). Proceeds will provide bullet and stab protective vests, for police dogs actively working without the potentially lifesaving equipment.

I am grateful to these heroes across the nation who helped make these resources possible especially the amazing dogs.

### By Victoria Usher

A woman from Riverside County was very recently convicted of animal cruelty after her 17 horses were all found thin, weak, and basically starving. According to the county district attorney's office, the jury took about 55 minutes to contemplate everything before Janice Deutsch was found guilty of 17 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty. There were photos that the jurors saw of the starved horses and a distraught neighbor also told them that concerned residents took it upon themselves to throw hay over Deutsch's fence in order to give the horses some sustenance. Deutsch is now looking at anywhere from one to 17 years in prison. It is truly impossible to understand how anyone could do something so horrible to such a wonderful animal. Thankfully officials have said that all 17 horses were put on a nutritional plan and they have all recovered.

I think that she should get 17 years in prison, one for each horse.

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Stella is simply a well-balanced girl. She is pretty as she is sweet and affectionate. She is happy and mellow most of the time, but is also energetic and loves to play! A great personality and balanced pup. She is friendly and well behaved. She just loves life and people. Ventura County Animal Services Camarillo Shelter - 600 Aviation Drive, Camarillo - animal ID: A590406.



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## Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi: I'm Belle, a yellow lab from Santa Paula, where I hang out with my other pack members, Vivian and Chuck Mullett. I also hang out with the Secret Garden Dozen, a group of local musicians that convene weekly at the Secret Garden Florist and Café in Ventura. This photo shows me at one of their recent meetings, with a local pack leader, Breeze Publisher Sheldon Brown, holding a recent issue of the Breeze. I enjoy going to the beach and playing in the surf several times a week.



## Join Scamp Club

Animals of all sorts can join the ScampClub. Email me your picture and a little about yourself, including your address, to [Scampclub@ventura-breeze.com](mailto:Scampclub@ventura-breeze.com). You will be in the Breeze and become world famous.

# 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.

### Resisting Arrest

On Monday, May 4th, at 1:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle in the 3200 block of Channel Drive. As the first officer on scene approached the suspicious vehicle he noticed that Heath Woods and Daniel Godinez were using controlled substances. Woods became immediately verbally and physically uncooperative attempting to get out of the vehicle while refusing the officers commands. As the second officer arrived on scene, Woods forced the car door open and fled on foot. The officer chased Woods. At one point Woods simulated reaching into his waistband for a weapon. The officer was close enough and able to take hold of Woods who continued to violently resist the officer until help arrived.

After Woods was identified he was found to be on parole for Burglary and resisting arrest and had an active

Parole warrant for his arrest. Woods was arrested and booked at the VC Jail. The passenger Godinez was determined to have a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest and was also booked at VC Jail.

### Recovered Stolen Vehicle

On Wednesday, May 6th, at 11:48 a.m., Ventura Street Crimes Unit detectives observed a suspicious occupied vehicle in the area of Victoria Avenue and Telephone Road.

A records check of this vehicle confirmed that it been recently reported stolen out of the city of Garden Grove. The detectives followed this vehicle as patrol units responded to assist.

The patrol units caught up with the stolen vehicle at the intersection of Telephone Road and Kimball Road where they initiated a high-risk traffic stop. The driver, Miguel Diaz, was taken into custody without incident.

The investigation determined that Diaz had been driving the stolen vehicle for several days and he was also found in possession of narcotic paraphernalia and burglary tools.

Diaz was transported and booked into the VC Jail. The stolen vehicle was impounded pending notification of the registered owner.

# Sports



Catching some air. Photos by John Ferritto.

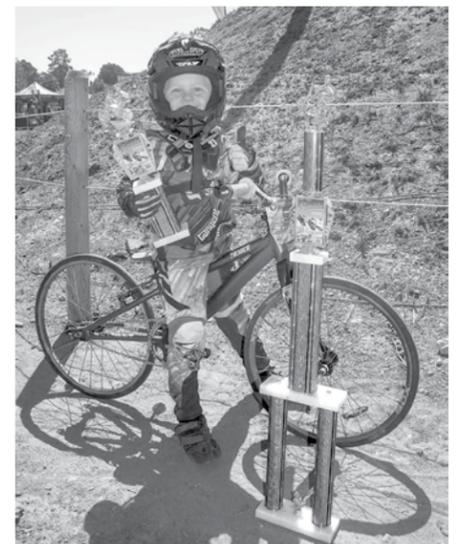
## BMX returned to Ventura

From May 1 thru 3, the USA BMX National Series returned to the Ventura BMX track for Round 11 of the 32-stop series. And this year - the World's fastest professionals and Olympic athletes were there.

The event attracted thousands of BMX racers and their families, along with many of the sport's top Pro racers who are hoping to compete next year in Rio's 2016 Olympic games.

This 11th stop of the USA BMX series also had 1,300 amateur racers from around the country, ranging in ages from 2 to 70-plus, competing for the weekend awards - huge 4 foot tall trophies, and accumulating points for National rankings and championships. USA BMX racing is full of nonstop action - and the Ventura BMX track challenged all competitors. Each race sent bikers speeding down the starting hill, maneuvering and sometimes flying over dirt obstacles, zooming around banked turns in hopes of gaining a spot on the podium. On average, each race was 30 to

35 second sprint, with full contact, close-knit racing and sometimes - thrilling crashes and victories. BMX Racing is exciting to watch for all ages - and spectating was free!



Five year old Tanner Poppert is a winner always.

### Weekly SUDOKU

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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## Health



Have fun while exercising!

### Dance: the exercise that doesn't feel like exercise

A fitness program that is fun and offers so much more than the physical exercise is International folk dancing. Dancing is terrific exercise, and it also brings people together, hearts and minds, into community.

Besides the body conditioning dancing provides, it is also a great workout for our brains! Learning new movement patterns is a great way to engage and exercise that grey matter!

Holding hands, moving together

in a circle, dancing these beautiful dances from all over the world, exercises our hearts, too. Add a splash of anthropology and a dollop of geography, and you have a recipe for a delightful, healthy and hearty activity.

International Folk Dance classes are offered at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center through the City of Ventura Parks and Recreation, and at the Ventura Family YMCA.

### Celebrating physical activity in our youth

by Ed Wehan

Summerfest 3K Race Coordinator

Being and staying physical is extremely important to our general health and well being. Starting lifelong habits of exercise and physical activity among our children needs to be a commitment that begins with parents who model healthy behavior when children are very young. Relying on schools for our children's only source of exercise is simply not enough.

A recent article in the New York Times points out what most of us already know but few of us put into action. Exercise should be a regular part of daily life, which creates lifestyle habits. The result of just 150 minutes a week – that's only 30 minutes a day – of walking, running, swimming, etc. reduces risks for many diseases. The key is to be physically active every day.

In addition to the long-term health benefits for students, exercise also provides educational benefits. Those students with higher levels of cardiovascular fitness do better in subjects such as English, science and math than those who are less active. In fact, Parenting Science magazine says, "when kids have been challenged with cognitive tasks that require lots of concentration and attentional control, individuals with higher aerobic fitness have performed with more accuracy, and sometimes faster reaction times, too

So, how do we get our youth to understand these benefits and incorporate more exercise permanently into their lifestyle? Our community offers many opportunities to get physically active. Summerfest, the free, family-friendly event celebrating our healthy community brings together many organizations that

promote physical activities.

Now in its 10th year, Summerfest, presented by Ventura Education Partnership (VEP) and the Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) in alliance with the City of Ventura will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 9am to 2pm, with the 3K race beginning at 8:00 am. This active day promotes student health, physical activity, nutrition and environmental awareness. Many free physical activities will be available including, sports demonstrations and hands-on instruction. A climbing wall, obstacle course and fun zone keeps the kids active all day. In 2011, Summerfest was named the event of the year by the State of California and remains FREE to the community thanks to partners like, Kaiser Permanente, Community Memorial Health Systems, and Mountain to Beach Marathon, among others.

Mountains to Beach (M2B) Marathon, is so committed to promoting physical activity in our community's youth that it specifically supports Summerfest's 3,000 meter run/walk by helping to ensure entry remains free for youth under 18 (adults are just \$10). Additionally, a 5K is hosted in conjunction with the M2B marathon on Sunday, May 24th with 100% of the net proceeds going to Summerfest. Mountains to Beach has committed, for the second year in a row, \$20,000 to Ventura Education Partnership in support of Summerfest and healthy VUSD activities for our students.

Support and encourage your children to enjoy the benefits of cardiovascular exercise. Research shows that your involvement as your children's role model will encourage their life long participation in physical activities keeping them fit and extending their healthy life. Why not start now? Begin a new tradition in 2015, run or even walk the Summerfest 3,000 meter as a family on May 30th. There's no better way to spend a Saturday then enjoying your family, the fresh air and physical activity.

### HIV/AIDS healing group and testing

On the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, Ventura County Public Health's (VCPH) HIV/AIDS program hosts a POZ Community Healing Group for people infected or affected with HIV / AIDS. The no-fee, drop-in support group meets from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Ventura Public Health Clinic, 3147 Loma Vista Rd. The stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS makes life more difficult for people living with the disease and their families. The healing group was created to provide education, peer support, life strategies and positive acceptance for those impacted with HIV/AIDS.

In addition, VCPH offers free HIV rapid testing. To schedule a confidential or anonymous HIV test at any Public Health Clinic call, call 981-5221 or 652-5780. For more information about VCPH's HIV/AIDS program visit: <http://www.vchca.org/public-health/hiv-aids-center> or contact Craig Webb, VCPH HIV/AIDS program manager at 652-3310.

For more information about the POZ HIV group, contact group facilitator, Giselle Teller- Holt at 208-2074 or [gkteller@yahoo.com](mailto:gkteller@yahoo.com).

First, find out where they are having the most trouble hearing and work on situations one at a time. Show them what they are missing as opposed to mocking or making fun of what you have observed. If the volume of a TV becomes too loud, look into assistive listening devices that can be used with TVs. Find a phone or handset with stronger volume control if they are missing phone calls. Or, if they can't hear the door bell, alarm clock or smoke alarm, look into visual/ vibrating alerting systems. Use safety as the motivator to get them to consider taking that hearing test. These are the first steps to get people to be aware of their hearing loss and of what they can do about it.

As the person who is trying to get a loved one to take a hearing test, it is important for you to know the other reasons for making that happen. Long term unchecked hearing loss can cause auditory deprivation (a condition that results in the brain "forgetting" how to hear and understand speech). 95% of people with hearing loss can be treated with hearing aids. Nine out of ten hearing aid users report improvements in quality of life.

At HearUSA, trained professionals can provide the proper testing to determine hearing loss. Call 855-229-7075 today to find out more.

Joan V. R. Hamill, Licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser #25MG00070100 Matthew L. Christy, Au.D., Licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser #3501003413

### May is "Better Hearing Month"

You can help the ones you love come to terms with their hearing loss.

Acknowledging hearing loss usually begins with complex reactions, but the first and most common one is denial. Although there are many reasons why people go into denial about hearing loss, the bottom line is: taking that first step to get a hearing test may confirm their worst fear – that they do, indeed, have a hearing loss.

There are factors that make denial a logical mind set for many people. For example, hearing loss often progresses slowly. People don't realize what they are missing in conversations and how many everyday sounds from the world around them they no longer hear - they subconsciously adapt to this subtle progression. It is a known fact that it takes about 7 years for someone to acknowledge hearing loss. They may even hear well in some situations – good acoustics, quiet atmosphere without background noise, one-on-one conversations with a familiar person who articulates clearly. This results in the rationalization that their hearing is fine. Denial can even be a tricky thing when that person uses it as a defense mechanism, causing them to point their finger outward: everyone else has the problem – the world "mumbles"! But most of the time the denial goes back to our society's historical "taboo" of aging.

How can we help our loved one move beyond denial? The best advice is - don't push too hard. They will resist even more. After all, if someone is in denial then he/she truly believes nothing is wrong! So, if the idea of possible hearing loss and therefore having to get a hearing test is going down like the Hindenburg, take baby steps.

Tech today with Ken May

### Tesla announces Powerwall

On March 31st, 2015, Southern California based electric automobile maker Tesla announced an interesting new product, named "Powerwall." This is, essentially, a lithium-ion battery that goes on either the inside or outside of your wall. Up to 9 can be connected, and they cost \$3,000 for a 7kWh model, or \$3,500 for a 10kWh model. The idea is that one would use these along with solar panels to either supplement energy during peak times, or replace dependence on the grid altogether. Now, simply in terms of battery costs, these things are a steal for the specs they provide. However, that may not be enough to make the costs worth it. Let's do a little math to find out.

The Powerwall comes with a 10 year warranty, which is extremely good for a battery unit like this. You don't get half that in the computer industry typically, but they have a good track record here. If we assume 10 years use with the 7kWh battery, and only using 50% of the battery's capacity each day, you get about 23-24 cents/kWh. This seems pretty reasonable compared to current energy prices, which average 13-21 cents /kWh, considering you also have a battery backup for your whole home. Of course, you'd need a solar panel solution to go completely off the grid, with SoCal Edison just as a backup, and that really adds to the overall cost.

Should you get on? It depends on your goals. This is a new, disruptive concept, and with time, the costs will go down, just like solar has. They are hoping for a 2x price reduction in 3-5 years, if not sooner. If you live in an area with regular outages, have expensive peak rates, or want to get off the grid, this is a good idea. People recently affected by hurricanes had problems getting gas for

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their generators, and the power was out for weeks. This would have been a very, very good alternative to that. California leads the nation in terms of low energy usage (must be the weather, huh?), and we are not prone to blizzards or hurricanes, so for us SoCal residents, we should probably wait a bit. One really cool thing about the presentation was that the entire press conference was being run off of these units.

I can easily see this as becoming standard on new homes. Apparently, the larger industrial models, called the Powerpack, already has an order from a utility wanting a 250mW installation. Non-utility customers include Wal-Mart, Amazon, and Target. Part of Tesla's overall strategy here is that they are building a huge "gigafactory" to build batteries for their cars. This is a great way to make sure all those batteries get sold. Ultimately, I think many units will be sold to early adopters and the elite fans of Tesla that are out there. Whether this product succeeds or not, it is difficult to say, but it's a strong step in the right direction.



Home Depot donated building materials and labor.

## The Center of a city of Volunteers

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soon, and is on track to have veterans move in as early as the middle of this month. The project is the result of "too many volunteers and organizations to name" according to Jim Duran, executive director of The City Center.

"This project is truly a community effort," said Duran. "It's being done with the help of churches, private industry, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, volunteer Seabees, Home Depot and tons of individuals."

Home Depot donated \$14,000 in building materials, and labor and a group of volunteer Seabees have showed up for the last 10 weekends to take on the majority of the construction work.

Duran estimates the project would have cost the Center \$150,000 in materials and labor to construct the eight rooms and a kitchen on their own. He believes that number will now be in the ballpark of \$20,000 after all the help the Center had been given.

It's mission rang true for many of the volunteers including a group of volunteer Seabees which consists of advanced skill instructors – those who train Navy recruits coming out of boot camp – including carpenters, electricians, welders, and heavy equipment operators.

"What we found so appealing about The City Center was they require residents to meet the Center more than half way – they have to have a job, they have to have a savings account, they have to be committed to turning their life around," said volunteer Brett Renaker, a construction mechanic for the U.S. Navy. "Not everyone was taught how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, and the Center gives people the tools to do this."

Located on Thompson Boulevard,

the site housed the former Kingdom Center – also a transitional living facility – which was run by an organization which vacated the property in November 2013. The property was initially taken over by Project Understanding before a new board could be formed. The group officially became incorporated as The City Center in April, 2014.

New veteran residents will be placed into The City Center by Turning Point Foundation, an organization that works to support the needs of mentally ill adults. The Foundation is currently building rooms on Vince Street in Ventura, but will be renting the rooms from The City Center at least until the Vince Street project is complete which will be somewhere between six months to a year. Located on the north end of the Center, the eight rooms, laundry facilities and kitchen area the Foundation will use have a separate entrance from the rest of the Center. One room will house a 24-hour staff member while the other seven rooms will be home to veterans, two to a room.

The south side of the Center will continue to house individuals and families. According to Duran, the majority of the inhabitants are small families. Last month the Center housed 18 adults and 23 children, with all adults gainfully employed. Individuals apply to live at the Center and must be sober for at least six months and have no recent felony charges. In the past 12 months, the Center has "graduated" nine families into self-sufficiency. According to Duran, three single moms "graduated" and moved out last month into permanent housing, all with full time jobs, a car, and a savings account.

"Kids – and getting them off the street – are a big part of it," said Duran. "If you don't have a job, it's okay, we just want people who want to make a radical change in their life."

Renaker estimates upwards of 70 volunteer Seabees and their family members have participated in the construction of The City Center. He has been impressed with what volunteering has brought out of his own colleagues – a desire to help beyond their technical skills.

"What started as a simple, let's build some stuff has rolled into 'what else can we do?'" said Renaker who has talked with his fellow volunteer Seabees about organizing a toy drive for the holidays.

This is music to Duran's ears who is still in a bit of disbelief at how much help the Center has received and how the project has come together.

"It's amazing what a community can do when they come together and put the time and effort in," said Duran.

## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Will water privilege new developments?

by Robert Chianese

In December 2005, the Ventura Breeze reported on a local developer's plans to acquire 3800 acres in the Ventura Hills to build 23 large ranchos and 120 homes. This plan

was abandoned though it was much smaller than the 1200 homes on 1800 acres earlier proposed by the Lloyd family, which was defeated at the ballot box as Measure A. (See my website at [www.islandviewmedia.com](http://www.islandviewmedia.com) and the "Essay" page for a posted copy of that Breeze story.)

Today a new developer, Regent Properties, wants to build 55 upscale homes on 45 acres also above the city. So why should we object to this scaled-down project, with the possibility of a donation of 170 acres for public use?

The answer, once again, has to do with many factors. Hillside and city residents object to the bulldozing, filling, and leveling of volatile land above existing homes. The grading can destabilize hillside soil, with sliding and drainage issues becoming problematic. (see [www.facebook.com/VenturaHillsideNeighbors](http://www.facebook.com/VenturaHillsideNeighbors))

Such radical reshaping of the hills also violates the city's Hillside Management Plan (HMP), meant to preserve the contours and character of the hills and protect existing and future hillside homeowners.

Further, plans call for only one in and out access road, through Hall Canyon Road. This will impact the intersections of Poli, Hall Canyon and Seward with much more pedestrian- and student-endangering traffic right at the high school.

An emergency-only locked gate at Lincoln that will open remotely for fire evacuation seems fanciful at best and dangerously inadequate at worst. Firetrucks racing up hill and homeowners racing down are a recipe ripe for disaster.

Of course there is the water issue—where to find more of it in our time of severe drought? Gov. Brown's mandatory requirements of a 25% reduction (except for farmers) will put all of California in a crisis mode for water use. Ventura is solely dependent on our local water from wells, the river, and Lake Casitas. All are under severe stress. Ventura has already declared a water emergency in order to pump water from Oxnard Plain wells since our Mound Basin well water does not currently meet potability standards.

This should in itself curb the City's and Regent's enthusiasm for building in our hills-- we don't have additional water for those large homes, even if they do have water saving features, with or without "executive" swimming

pools. But, we must remember that our planning department and some members of the city council hold on to the creed that growth is the key to economic health, even in times of environmental crisis. Required affordable housing seems unimportant to them—it's not being built.

But there is a further problem. Development agreements can privilege new building with water even in severe drought conditions. Such an agreement may exempt a project from a water-connection moratorium, even while the city does not have sufficient water to serve existing customers. Such an agreement would constitute an inducement to build from development-eager members of our city government and business community. To guarantee water to new homeowners while existing residents struggle to cutback would be blatantly unfair.

We need to watch this project's process carefully as it unfolds in the next few months. Residents should make sure their concerns are heard at the "pre-screen" Planning Commission and City Council meeting. The best chance to keep this project from endangering existing neighbors is to bring safety, traffic, water, and environmental issues to the pre-screen meetings.

We have our work cut out for us.

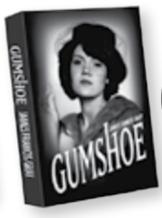
The Ventura County Writers Club will be forming several new writing workshop groups. Interested writers should attend the club's new workshop meeting at Borchard Community Center in Newbury Park, room 16 on May 16, 10:00 AM. Participation in these writing critique groups is free to VCWC members. First year membership fee is \$45. Groups are usually formed based on member location and writing genre. All genres and all levels of writing proficiency are welcome. Contact Sheli Ellsworth (who writes for the Breeze) 499.3490 or go to [venturacountywriters.com](http://venturacountywriters.com) to learn more about the club.

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# Show Time

## The Avengers: Age of Ultron



by Eduardo Victoria  
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Marvel's *The Avengers: Age of Ultron* (let's hope the titles don't have to be any longer than that) is a comic book brought to life. The heroes are larger than life, yet somehow relatable. The villain is a killer robot (voiced by an insane James Spader) hell bent on world destruction. The final result is a set piece as exciting as can be. The film finely balances entertainment and odes to Sci-Fi films that inspired it.

Taking action against the evil HYDRA, Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) discovers technology that can jump-start Ultron: an artificial intelligence that will eliminate threats before they can happen using information that is available on the internet. The tech however, is more powerful than they had imagined and ends up evolving to a point beyond control.

If there is a more comic book-esque plot out there, I dare you to find it. From the very start, writer/director Joss Whedon brings an enormous wink and smile to the plot. No one does comic book characters just like Marvel Studios, but no one knows how to water down a plot like Marvel as well.

A handful of moments in this film do nothing more than set up future solo *Avenger* movies, most obvious in a scene in a cave between Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and Erik Selvig (Stellan Skargård) that gives us our first introduction the upcoming Infinity War. More than anything else, I was particularly impressed at the evolution of Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson) as we see her begin to open up to romance; something the character had implied was not for her in past films. Also expanding their back-story and emotional depth is Jeremy Renner's Hawkeye, who interestingly enough, steals the entire movie.

A scene on a farm proves to be the best portion of the entire movie. It moves slowly, yet never drags. The characters take time to talk, think, and plan out their next assault on Ultron. But for every great moment, there is one of absolute editorial disaster. The film easily has the worst editing of any film released so far this year and at times seems, incomplete.

As fate would have it, there was just

as much conflict between Whedon and Marvel Studios happening behind the camera as there was in front of it. A sequence involving Thor seems incomplete and choppy. The opening battle against HYDRA features today's modern shaky cam that is now a staple of post-*Bourne Supremacy* storytelling. Much of the movie seems as if many ideas were created, destroyed, and then reformed during the editing process.

The character that suffers most this time around is Mark Ruffalo's Bruce Banner. He's been the only cast member to not be prominently featured in either his own character's solo film or that of another (such as Johansson in *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*). At this point, the character is starting to come off as annoying, slowly thinning out whatever development has come from the self-annexed *The Incredible Hulk* (2008).

The main problem with *The Avengers: Age of Ultron* is the weak foundation of the first act. The ground on which the house is built upon is not stable. The rest of the film tries to solidify this foundation as the story progresses, but I was never quite sold to that. The end of the second act brings an eye roll moment that is surprisingly stupid for such a sleek movie.

*Age of Ultron* marks the end of Marvel's "Phase 2" slate of movies. What disappoints me most is that the movie is just okay. It's exciting, urgent, and the most fun I've had at the cinema this year without a doubt. But *The Avengers* should never settle to be just okay or simply a fun ride. They are the ultimate team that sets aside their differences to band together for a greater cause, something that audiences rally and cheer for. We need them now more than ever. Their adventures on screen should represent the best from everyone involved, not the case with *Ultron*.

Now playing at Cinemark Downtown 10. Rated PG-13. Comic-Book/Action. 141 minutes.

### Two on the Aisle

## Body Awareness is revealing at Flying H Theatre

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Ventura's Flying H Group Theatre Company continues to challenge and delight audiences with thought

# VFS 2015 Season 7

## Rosewater

Please join the VFS at 7:15pm on Thursday May 14th at the Century 10 Downtown Ventura to see the powerful 2014 drama, *Rosewater*, written and directed by Jon Stewart. Based on the memoir "Then They Came for Me" by Maziar Bahari and Aimee Molloy, the film recounts the 2009 arrest and imprisonment of Iranian-born Canadian journalist Bahari (Gael Garcia Bernal), who returned to his native country to interview Mir-Hossein Mousavi, the prime challenger to incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. When Mousavi's supporters protested Ahmadinejad's declaration of victory, Bahari smuggled footage of the riots to the BBC. His participation in an interview on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show"

that same year was presented as evidence that Bahari was in communication with an American spy. He was arrested by Iran's Revolutionary Guard and interrogated and tortured for 118 days by an official known only as *Rosewater* (the chilling Kim Bodnia).

The VFS is proud to bring you *Rosewater*, the 4th of 12 films in our 2015 season. Advance tickets strongly suggested, available at [www.venturafilmsociety.com/tickets.html](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com/tickets.html). Visit [www.venturafilmsociety.com](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com) for more screening information, to see the film's trailer, and for VFS 2015 Membership information. Info Line 628-2299. Thanks to the sponsors of this film, Freddie & Al Contarino, and to all of our donors, volunteers, patrons, and supporters, especially the Ventura Breeze. The Ventura Film Society - We bring people together in the dark.

provoking material. Its current production of Annie Baker's *Body Awareness* is solidly directed by Larry Swerdlove and contains myriad points to ponder, plus a cacophony of laughter.

The setting is Shirley, Vermont, where Phyllis, a psychology professor at the local state college, is in charge of coordinating events for a body awareness week program at the school.

Phyllis lives with her lover, Joyce, a high school teacher, and Joyce's 21-year old son, Jared. As a family they are coping with numerous challenges, including the fact Jared's behavior suggests he probably has a form of autism known as Asperger's Syndrome. Jared vehemently denies a problem exists, refuses to seek therapy, hates his job at McDonald's ("everyone there is an imbecile"), and is focused on finding any girl with whom to have sex.

To complicate matters, the trio is assigned a house guest for the week. He's an artist invited to exhibit his photographs as part of the body awareness program at the college. His name is Frank and his specialty is images of nude woman of all shapes and sizes. His very presence is anathema to Phyllis, who dislikes everything he stands for.

The play offers stirring insights, high hilarity, raw emotions and frank talk. As always, the intimate Flying H venue (about 30 seats) makes the audience practically part of the action. This time we are voyeurs in the kitchen and bedroom of Phyllis and Joyce's house. We also look in at the college as circumstances combine to unravel Phyllis' plans for body awareness week.

Cynthia Killion is simply brilliant as Phyllis. Killion displays an uncommon level of skill in the use of subtle inflections and physical nuances as we watch her character slowly wear down as the week's tribulations comically mount. Cindy McKay gives a real and solid performance as Joyce, a mother trying desperately to hold life together in a highly dysfunctional triangle.

As a newcomer to the Flying H Group Nate Budroe is a fascinatingly disheveled Jared, the embodiment of textbook Asperger's. We predict he is an actor to watch.

David Wright appears as Frank, the photographer and self-appointed philosopher. His performance is steady, although we often had trouble hearing him even in the small theater, and hoped for more variation in delivery.

All of the actors handle the sensitive material with honesty and forthrightness, heightening the

comedic effects of the situations. While the ending is somewhat predictable, the play leaves us wondering what life's next chapter holds for this typically atypical family.

*Body Awareness* continues each weekend until May 30. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, with an added 8 p.m. performance on Thursday, May 28. Tickets \$15. Seating is limited, so reservations (901-0005) or on line ticket purchases (<http://body.brownpapertickets.com>) are highly recommended. Payment at the door is by cash or check, only. Flying H Group Theatre Company, between Johnson Dr. and Victoria Ave., 6368 Bristol Road, Ventura.

## Improving Ventura's skate parks

by Amber Hansen

Chris Long, owner of local business Serio Skate, is a strong proponent for improving Ventura's skate parks. Skateboarding has long been a part of local culture and is an asset to the community. Skating promotes both physical activity and critical thinking. It is a beneficial sport that appeals to people of all ages.

However, many consider the skate parks in Ventura to be outdated and unappealing. Because of this, many skateboarders take to skating in the streets and cause drivers to have a negative view on the sport. Chris argues that if we improved our local skate parks, skaters would use them more and leave the sidewalks and streets to pedestrians and drivers.

His first goal is to redo the skate park near the Pacific View Mall, turning it into a street plaza park. This would give skaters the chance to skate street style - without being on the streets. The skating community is asking for the support of Ventura residents as they pursue these changes. If you would like to contribute in any way, contact

Serio is home of the Ventura Skatepark Improvement Committee (VSIC), currently working with the City of Ventura and Spohn Ranch Skateparks to rebuild our skate parks.

For more information on how you can help contact Chris at 402-7278.

**Trash & Recyclables or Green Waste Pick Up Delay Due to the Memorial Day Holiday**

Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 25, trash and recyclables or green waste will be collected one day later than usual the entire week of May 25 - 29 in the Cities of Ventura and Ojai.

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# Lighter Breeze

## Mother Goose and Grimm



## Zits



## Between Friends



## Crock



## Beetle Bailey



## Blondie



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(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to [venturabreeze.com](http://venturabreeze.com))

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 17

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Binge
- 4 Founded (on)
- 9 Stir-fry need
- 12 Eggs
- 13 Scent
- 14 Rage
- 15 Quasi-modo's workplace
- 17 Shelter, at sea
- 18 Flightless bird
- 19 Kevin of "SNL" fame
- 21 They give one pause
- 24 Faucet problem
- 25 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
- 26 Siesta
- 28 Skier's hill
- 31 Protein-rich beans
- 33 Felon's flight
- 35 Move back and forth
- 36 Lifts to test the weight
- 38 Thanksgiving veggie
- 40 Adam's mate
- 41 Meadows
- 43 Went sightseeing
- 45 Ink stain, e.g.

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- 47 "— alter ego
- 5 Stirring
- 6 Boar's mate
- 7 Make corrections
- 8 "— go first"
- 9 Energetic determination
- 10 Sandwich cookie
- 11 Acute
- 16 Moon vehicle
- 20 Has a bug
- 21 Moolah
- 22 Reed instrument
- 23 How pilgrims progressed?
- 27 Remuneration
- 29 Macadamize
- 30 Watched
- 32 Undo a dele
- 34 "The Piano Lesson" painter
- 37 Tribal chief
- 39 Mom
- 42 Coastline
- 44 GIs' entertainment grp.
- 45 Mediocre
- 46 Theater box
- 50 Tit for —
- 51 Puke
- 52 Environmentally friendly
- 53 Stop signal

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The horoscope is on our Facebook page for just this issue. Salome's Stars will be back in the same old location next issue.

## Seminar on Advanced Directives and POLST

Talking about end-of-life decisions is difficult. However, sharing our end-of-life choices with our loved ones, and putting those choices in writing, is one of the most important and loving things one can do. To help the individuals understand the value and importance of having Advanced Directive and POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) documents in place, the Ventura County Coalition for Compassionate Care will present a free seminar on "Advanced Directives and POLST" on Thursday, May 14 from 5:30 to 7 PM. The event will be hosted by Oxnard Family Circle, located at 2100 Outlet Center Dr. Suite 380, Oxnard.

This informative seminar will be presented by Teri Helton, RN, MSN, FCN, Community Program Manager for Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association; Fr. Calin Tamilan, MA, BCC, Manager of Spiritual Care Services at Dignity Health, St. John's Hospitals in Ventura County; and Laura Zempel RN,MSW, Palliative Care Nurse for Los Robles MedicalCenter.

An Advanced Directive is necessary to appoint a legal health care representative and provide instructions for future life-sustaining treatments. The Advanced Directive is recommended for all adults age 18 and older, regardless of their health status. The POLST complements the Advanced Directive.

Seating is limited. To make a reservation, please contact Oxnard Family Circle at 385-4180. Light refreshments will be served.

### VCAAA seeking advisory members

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ry-council or call 477-7300, and a copy of the application will be mailed (or emailed) to your home or business.

The deadline for submitting applications is June 4, 2015.

May is Older Americans' Month (OAM) and the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans' Act enacted in 1965. In celebration, the VCAAA is inviting Ventura County Seniors and their Caregivers to learn more about the services offered at the VCAAA and enjoy a free movie of the 1940's romantic comedy "His Girl Friday" starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. This movie is ranked by AMC's (American Movie Classics) top 100 Greatest Movies of All Time and by AFI's (American Film Institute) top 100 Funniest American Movies of All Time!

This event will be held at the Regency Theatres, 1440 Eastman Avenue, on May 19. The special showing will be a fun and entertaining event. Everyone attending is encouraged to dress in their best retro 40s' outfits, dress-up optional. There will be 40s' music and a live singer at 6:30 p.m. with the movie showing at 7:00 p.m.

This OAM event celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans' Act which provides services for older Americans such as nutritious meals and transportation. Today, the Act extends to their Caregivers making it possible for Seniors be more independent and remain in their homes.



Ventura Music Scene

## Welcome Back Joe!

by Pam Baumgardner  
VenturaRocks.com

I just got wind that the R&B Bombers, one of Ventura's favorite dance party bands, will be welcoming back Joe Wilson to the group; you can catch them on Sunday, May 17, at Bombay's when you know they'll be packing the dance floor from 4 - 7:30 pm.

It looks like the powers that be will pull off another Ventura Music Week with two major events as bookends; first June 21 with the Vans Warped Tour at the Ventura Fairgrounds and then the following weekend with the expanded Roadshow Revival over two days, Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28 at Mission Park Downtown. We're waiting on the announcement for movie night, but the Visual Arts evening is coming along and final details are being ironed out. You can get more information at [www.VenturaMusicWeek.com](http://www.VenturaMusicWeek.com).

The Ventura Harbor has been hopping between Margarita Villa and the new Boatyard Café with music mostly featured Thursday through Sunday. They've been offering acoustic artists such as Dan Grimm, Hawks & Britt, Jodi Farrell & Jim Rankin, but Margarita Villa kicks it up from time to time with such bands lined up this month as GrooveSession, Rising Son and Rock Cats Rock.

San Francisco's doom pop outfit Rich Girls will be touring the California coast this month and will be playing at The Garage on the 29th. Combining west coast garage rock with the polish of British art rock, the band released an EP entitled "Fiver" last year after getting signed to Breakup Records.

Tickets have gone on sale for the Music Under the Stars series which covers nine Saturdays at the historic Olivas Adobe. You can bring your own dinner or enjoy gourmet food trucks and a full beverage service. The venue is intimate with a big dance floor and seating available for family and friends. The popular series kicks off July 11 with Britain's Finest, a Beatles tribute band, followed by July 18 with Porterhouse Bob, and July 25 with The Kings of the 88. Call the City of Ventura for more information and to reserve your tickets at (805) 658-4726.

If punk music is your cup of tea, then be on the watch out for Lucidal

out of Venice, CA. They're looking for gigs up in our neck of the woods; the band features former members of Suicidal Tendencies (Louiche Mayorga and RJ Herrera), and not to worry, they still play tunes off ST's first three albums. If you'd like to get them hooked up with a show you're producing, or you just want to book them, then drop me a line.

Many thanks again to all musicians who create, and to all venues that provide a platform for live music. You make Ventura Rock.

If you have any music related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Send all information short or long to [Pam@VenturaRocks.com](mailto:Pam@VenturaRocks.com), and for updated music listings daily, go to [www.VenturaRocks.com](http://www.VenturaRocks.com).

## Music Calendar

For more events go to [VenturaRocks.com](http://VenturaRocks.com)

VMF Indicates Ventura Music Festival events for complete listing go to [www.VenturaMusicFestival.org](http://www.VenturaMusicFestival.org)

### Amigos Cafe & Cantina 546 E. Main St. 805-874-2232

Mondays: 6 pm Karen Eden; 8:30 pm Joey's Acoustic Blues Jam  
Tuesdays: 6 pm Nathan McEuen; 9 pm Beer Brothers open mic  
Wednesdays: 6 pm Grateful Dead Jam Session; 9 pm Mark Masson and Friends  
Thursdays: 7 pm The Gypsy Blues Band  
Fri 5/15: 6 pm Catfish Fry; 9 pm Dive Bar Messiahs  
Sat 5/16: 6 pm Brandon Ragan; 9 pm Caliente 805  
Sun 5/17: 3 pm Brand New Opry; 6 pm Alastair Greene  
Fri 5/22: 6 pm Downtown All Starz; 9 pm Coso Live  
Sat 5/23: 6 pm Raised on Vinyl; 9 pm Kiss the Salt  
Sun 5/24: 3 pm Brand New Opry; 6 pm Mojo Filter

### Bombay Bar & Grill 143 S. California St. 805-643-4404

Wednesdays - Tommy Marsh Host the Session blues jam  
Thurs 5/14: Green Machine  
Fri 5/15: Sweet N Low, Laura Milhalka, The Real Lifeguards; 10

pm Mandex

Sun 5/16: 4 pm The Bombers  
Thurs 5/21: Soul Majestic  
Fri 5/22: Maclovina; Emy Reynolds  
Sat 5/23: The Collective; Electric Liberace

### Discovery Ventura

1888 Thompson Blvd  
Thurs 5/14: Tribal Theory  
Fri 5/15: Lee Koch  
Sat 5/16: Collie Buddz w/ The Expanders  
Thurs 5/21: The Supervillians  
Fri 5/22: DBS (Don't Stop Believing)  
Sat 5/23: Zion I

### The Garage

1091 Scandia Avenue  
Thurs: Open jam night  
Sat 5/23: The Jelly, Honey Owl  
**Gigi's Cocktails**  
2493 Grand Avenue  
(805) 642-2411  
Mondays: Maggie's Drawers open mic

Thurs & Fri: Karaoke  
Sat 5/16: Grit Harbour  
Sat 5/23: What the Funk

### Golden China

760 S. Seaward  
(805) 652-0688  
Karaoke seven nights a week  
Bluegrass Jam 2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
Swing night Thursdays 6:30 pm  
Cumbia music Fridays with DJ Carlos at 9:30 pm  
Reggae Sundays 8:30 pm

### The Greek Restaurant

Ventura Harbor  
Sat & Sun 7:30 pm  
Belly Dancing, Greek music and show; DJ dancing

### Green Art People

1408 Ventura Avenue  
(805) 729-2361  
Wed 5/13: Fish Fry  
Wed 5/20: Rising Son

### Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd  
Mon - Fri 5-7 pm Kenny Devoe  
Sat - 5/16: 7pm Medicine Hat

### The Keynote Lounge 10245 E. Telephone Road 805-647-9390

Tues, Weds & Suns - Karaoke  
Thurs - Open mic jam  
Fri 5/15: Action Down  
Sat 5/16: What the Funk  
Fri 5/22: Jan Michael and the Vincents  
Sat 5/23: SNAFU

### Majestic Ventura Theater 26 S. Chestnut Street

Thurs 5/14: Kyle  
Fri 5/15: The Green  
Sat 5/16: The Waterboys  
Tues 5/19: Courtney Love  
Sun 5/24: Migos

### Margarita Villa Ventura Harbor

Fri 5/15: 6 pm Lucid Lion  
Sat 5/16: 7 pm Rock Cats Rock  
Sun 5/17: 4 pm Kosso  
Fri 5/22: 6 pm Dan Grimm  
Sat 5/23: 7 pm GrooveSession  
Sun 5/24: 4 pm Rising Son

### The Patio at Player's Casino 6580 Auto Center Drive 805-643-1392

Fri 5/15: 8 pm What the Funk  
Sat 5/16: 8 pm Big Adventure  
Sun 5/17: 3 pm Sean Wiggins  
Fri 5/22: 8 pm Teresa Russell  
Sat 5/23: 8 pm Sound Effect  
Sun 5/24: 3 pm Brandon Ragan

### Peirano's 204 E. Main Street

Fri 5/15: Latin Jazz

Sun 5/17: Colene & Company  
Tues 5/19: Valencia & Friends  
Fri 5/22: the Star Bandit

### Rookees Sports Bar & Grill 419 E. Main Street (805) 648-6862

Friday and Saturdays  
10 pm Rotating DJs

### Sandbox Coffeeshouse 204 E. Thompson Blvd (805) 641-1025

Thurs 6pm: Open mic  
Sat 5/16: noon Walt Dunlap  
Sun 5/17: noon Jessika Unterberger  
Sat 5/23: noon Hip-Hop  
Sun 5/24: noon Nika Washer

### Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut  
(805) 643-4539  
Mondays - Karaoke  
Tuesdays - Twisted Tuesday  
Wednesdays - Open mic w/ Sin Chonies

Thursdays - DJ Spinobi

Sundays - DJ Darko

Fri 5/15: Midnight Callers

Sat 5/16: Bloody Reunion

Sat 5/23: Radio Threat

### Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St.

805-643-7300

Live music 7-10 pm

Wed 5/13: Danny Janklow & the NYC Band

Thurs 5/14: Meridian Trio

Fri 5/15: L.J. & The Boyz

Sat 5/16: Jerry Vivino Quartet

Tues 5/19: Jazz Jam

Wed 5/20: Todd Weldon Group

Thurs 5/21: Innerstate Quartet

Fri 5/22: Mitch Foreman Trio

Sat 5/23: The Barrelhouse

Wailers

### Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

(805) 6438-4709

Fri 5/15: Electricity

Sat 5/16: Arockolypse Now

Fri 5/22: Celebrity Trash

Sat 5/23: Rio Bravo

### The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

Sunday open mics

Karaoke Tuesdays

Metal every Wednesday

DJs every Thursday college night

Fri 5/15: The Caverns

Sat 5/16: Rich Sheldon

Fri 5/22: Rubberneck Lions

Sat 5/23: The Black Hips

### Ventura Beach Club

281 W. Main Street

Hi Hat Entertainment Presents:

Fri 5/15: Igor Prado, Mitch

Kashmar, Carl Sonny Leyland

Fri 5/22: Alastair Greene

### W2O Rooftop Lounge

598 E. Main St. (above

Watermark)

805-643-6800

Thurs 5/14: Musician's Brew

Fri 5/15: Instone

Sat 5/16: The Bomb

Sun 5/17: 3 pm Jan Michael & The

Vincents

Fri 5/22: Drunken Monkeys

Sat 5/23: Hot Roux

Sun 5/24: 3 pm Privateers

### The Wine Rack

14 S. California Street

Music runs 8-11 pm

Tuesdays: Heard of Kats

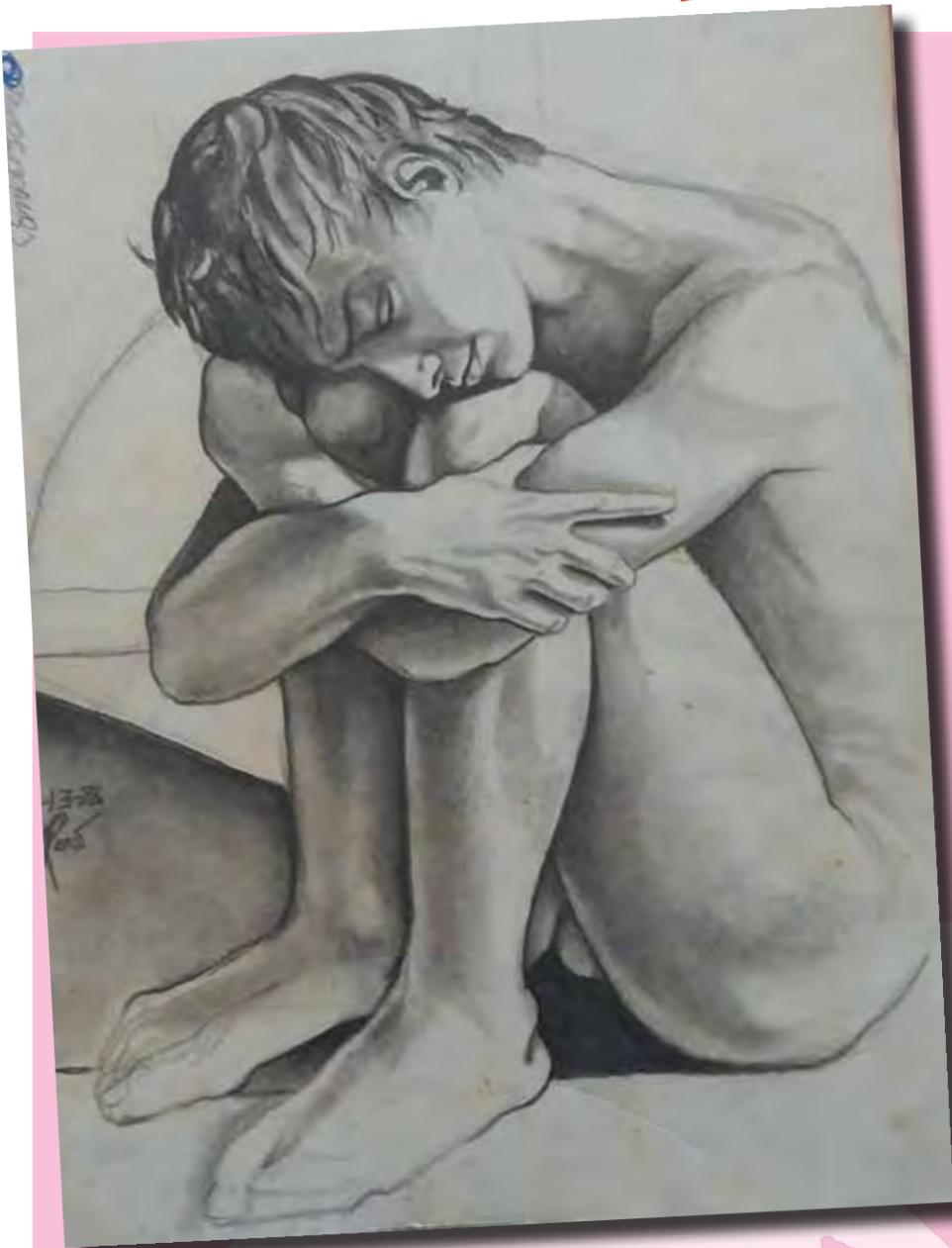
Fri 5/15: JJ Frank

Sat 5/16: Kevin Longden

Fri 5/22: Frank Barajas

Sat 5/23: Mark Heyes & Phil

Salazar



## Art, a la Carte



**Susan Cook and Karin Geiger** will display their art in the show "Pods" at Fox Fine Jewelry from May 14 through July 19. An artists' reception will be Saturday, May 16, from 6 - 9pm.

Susan Cook is a professional artist and arts advocate, with an extensive list of accolades, awards and community service positions. Her work blends colors and shapes into loose figurative work that goes beyond a representation, showing emotion and intent.

Karin Geiger, a native of Germany, graduated from Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich in 1987. There she taught school until she came to the U.S. in 1995.

Fox Fine Jewelry is located at 560 East Main Street, 652-1800. Hours are Monday - Thursday, 10:30 - 7p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 10:30 - 10 p.m., Sunday 12:00 - 6pm.

**An Evening with Susan Cook,** Saturday, May 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Brooks Institute Screening Room, 5301 N. Ventura Ave.

Susan Cook is a contemporary fine artist whose oil paintings are inspired by nature and an interest in experimenting with figuration, color and shapes. Initially, her paintings are quickly drawn, going through many color transformations with her signature brushwork, often destroying entire passages and repainting others to give focus. Josef Woodard wrote in his Los Angeles Times article that "her brusque brushwork leans away from details and edges of things, flirting with abstraction at times". Free to FOTM Members - \$10 General public, \$5 students and seniors.

AfterGLOW Fundraising Event: Join for a celebratory supper immediately following the interview at the Ojai home of Christine & Kevin Beirne. Reserve your seat early! The AfterGLOW dinner is \$20 for FOTM members, \$30 for non-members. Paid reservations are required prior to May 19.

Tickets available [www.FocusOnTheMasters.com](http://www.FocusOnTheMasters.com) or call.653.2501.

A woman full of art and love **Robyn Lynn Kelly** died January of 2014, at 50 years old.

Robyn Lynn Kelly was an extraordinary artist from a very young age. From paint to charcoal to yarn, she was able to create pieces that were both simple and intricate. Her art frequently garnered her recognition at the Ventura County Fair and was also featured in national magazines.

Perhaps the only thing more beautiful than her art was her giving heart. Robyn was known for her generosity and patience. She was a free spirit, full of life and love and passion - a woman who could charm anyone with her sense of humor and sparkling eyes.

Robyn loved her family fiercely and many others as though they were family. There was selflessness in her love that drew people to her and she never turned anyone away. Her greatest dream in life was motherhood, and she found immense joy in raising her adopted daughter Desiree Sky. When Robyn was first diagnosed with terminal ovarian sarcoma, she reminded Desiree that she was her mother's "gift to the world." Robyn's spirit continues to shine through her daughter, reminding her family of the woman whose unfailing grace inspired us all.

Taken too young, Robyn Lynn's beauty lives on in the hearts of those who knew her and in the art she poured her soul into.



**Jillian Nye, Lynn Le Tourneau, Vonder Gray, Jacklyn Wells and Kari Hunt** standing behind Jeanne La Rocco's sculpture "200 Books" at the opening of their show Women in Art: Viewpoints at the WAV. Every woman has a point of view and these women tell theirs' with an elegance and strength, a bit of darkness and a bit of joy...intriguing. Come see art and performance on May 15th and 17th. Call 798 2479 for more information and times.



Red Brick Gallery's Summer Celebration exhibit **A New Chapter** features a wide variety of artists exploring a fresh perspective on their art career.

Each artist's work represent how the elements of nature impact the world around them and their art. "Walking into the gallery is like walking into our thoughts." Old and new art friends include new works by **Patty Van Dyke, Rency Punnoos, Marco Aguilar, Jen Livia, Phyllis Gubins and Debra Hintz.**

Red Brick Gallery's 67th exhibit runs May 19th through July 28th with Artist Reception as a Part of Ventura ArtWalk July 17th 12-8 and 18th 12-5. Stop in to meet the artists and watch them create. Free to the public, all are welcome.



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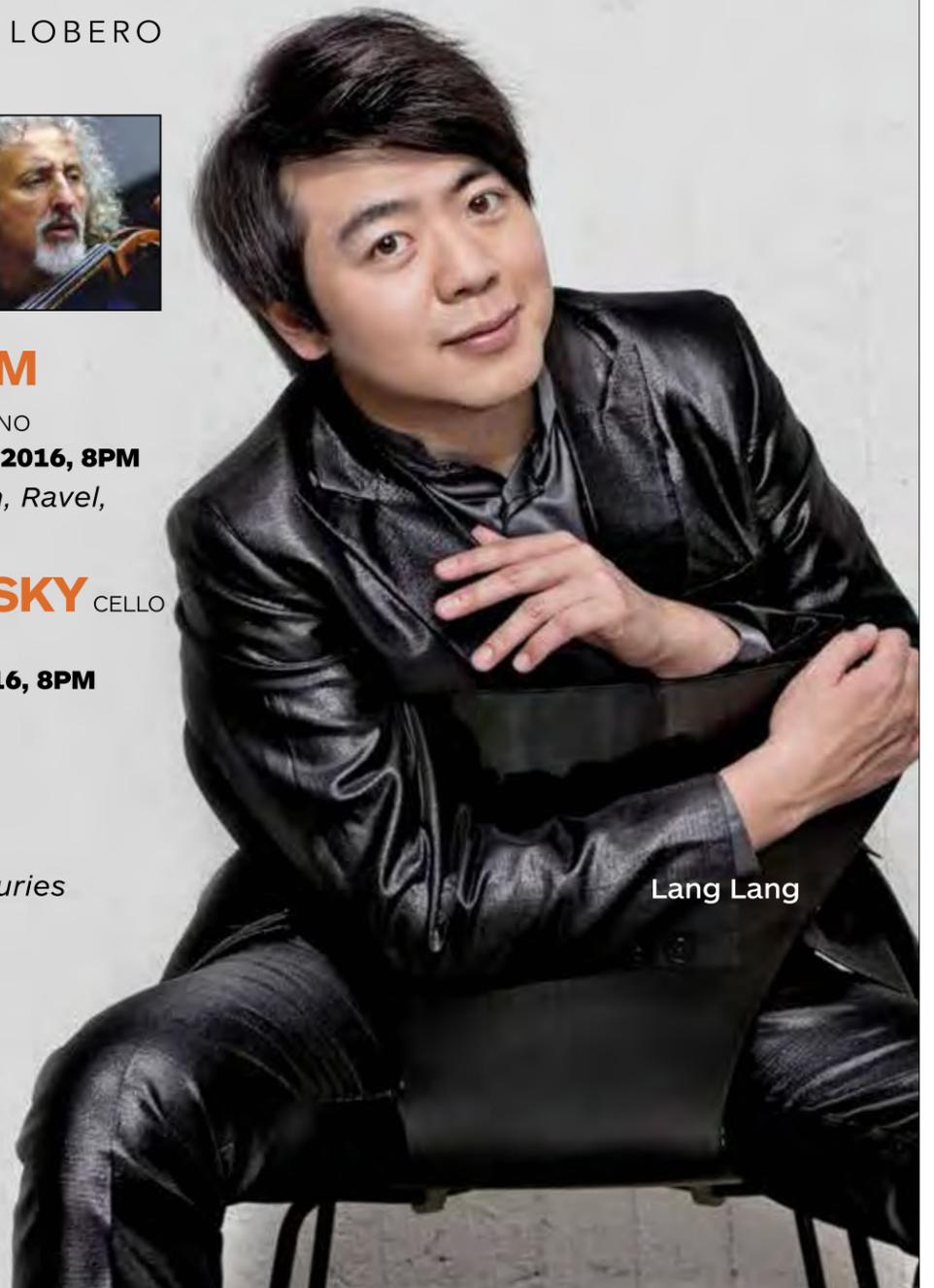
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