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Baby Aurora Paskin wasn't going to wait even another block.

A good news story

by Karen Helen Szatkowski

Stopping at the red light at Main and Mills on the way to Community Memorial Hospital on February 4th it became evident that baby Aurora Paskin wasn't going to wait even another block. Dad, who is now fully informed of the immediacy of the birth, jumped out of the stopped vehicle and began waving his arms and calling through to 911. Panic would not be too strong a word for

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Lease for the Ventura Botanical Gardens signed at Grant Park.

The light drizzle added to the ceremony

On May 14, a ceremonial signing of the lease between the City of Ventura and the Ventura Botanical Gardens (VBG) was held in the BBQ area of Grant

Park under a light drizzle. The light drizzle added to the signing as if nature was thanking the signees for bringing

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The winning poster by Annie Sun.

Fair selects poster winners

The Ventura County Fair has announced the winners of the 6th annual Children's Poster Contest. 57 entries from every city in the County competed in this contest. Judges were Fairgrounds CEO Barbara Quaid,, Ventura County Fair Director, Jim Salzer, Ventura County Fair Youth Expo Superintendent Peggy Kroener, Ventura County Fair Midway Coordinator Terry Grace and City of Ventura Mayor Cheryl Heitmann. All entries will be exhibited in the Youth Expo at the Ventura County Fair August 5-16.

First place winner Annie Sun is 14 years old and lives in Newbury Park. She attends Newbury Park High school as a freshman. Annie has been drawing since the age of four, taking classes from many teachers and institutes.

Second place Anna Sorensen is 11-years-old, and loves drawing, writing

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Summerfest is quickly approaching

Summerfest, the free, family-friendly, healthy living event, is returning for its tenth season on Saturday, May 30th, from 9am to 2pm at Ventura Unified School District's Education Service

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"I'm sorry but I think that you may have lost."

The Corporate Games have no losers

The 2015 Corporate Games ended with a festive Harbor Cove Beach party on Saturday, May 9, under cool blue skies as teams competed for Overall and Unity points in Tug-O-War and Sandcastles.

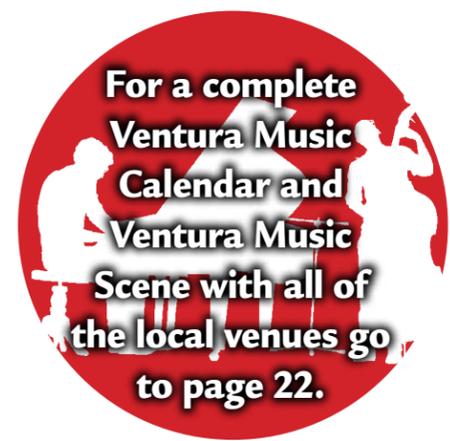
Corporate Games Director Eric Burton stated "We often measure

success by the number of medals won, or points achieved, but the real measure of the Corporate Games is the development of friendships and the strengthening of the winning culture within your company. Companies that participate

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While dunking to your heart's content on National Doughnut Day (June 5), you can always catch up with the Breeze at venturabreeze.com



For a complete Ventura Music Calendar and Ventura Music Scene with all of the local venues go to page 22.

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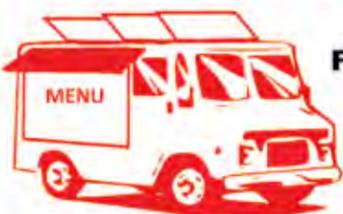
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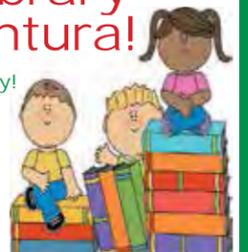
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Business



Three hundred women and men attended non-profit Women's Economic Ventures' (WEV) annual Empowerment is Priceless event held on May 13th at the Fess Parker Resort in Santa Barbara. The breakfast fundraiser recognized WEV's 2015 Trailblazer, Business of the Year and Volunteers of the Year. WEV clients also shared stories of their personal experience with WEV's continuum of programs and discussed where their businesses are today.

After the 14 week course, WEV SET graduates emerge with a completed business plan and the most important tools and resources they need to start a new business or grow their current business.



Ventura native and Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director Marlyss Auster was the commencement speaker at the Brooks Institute spring graduation ceremony on Saturday, April 25 at the Santa Barbara campus.

Auster has worked closely with Brooks Institute, creating a position on the bureau's team for a Brooks student to assist in capturing photos and video to help market the beautiful city of Ventura. Her years of experience in the hospitality industry working to join the business and art worlds positioned her to impart words of wisdom to the Brooks' graduates.

A good news story

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the father's emotions at this moment.

Amazingly, the driver from the car behind the Paskins came to the window introducing himself as Dr. Matt Cameron and that he was on his way to attend another birth at the hospital but could spare a few minutes to bring Rory (as she is nicknamed) into the world. The front seat was the only space available since two car seats filled the back seat of the Paskin's car – one for their three year old toddler and one for the new addition. Although a bit cramped, the delivery was pronounced a "rorying" success even before the paramedics arrived.

Dr. Cameron is a resident

physician at Community Memorial Hospital and he explained that he actually noticed the Paskins appearing distressed while negotiating the off-ramp from the freeway but pulling up behind them was, he said, serendipitous at the least. He was happy to help in the birth and one might suspect that he will be encountering such emergencies from time to time as most doctors do.

This is the tale of Rory's dramatic entry and, by the way, she went to the hospital wrapped in a sweater offered by a passerby. One might suggest this was quite a community effort, right on the corner of Mills and Main. Lastly, as is frequently reported in such cases, mother and child are doing well.

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To The Editor:

I am shocked to learn that the famous white "V" on the hillside above our beautiful city of Ventura will be destroyed by a planned 55 mansion development.

The 55 mansions Regent Properties development proposal will destroy our majestic hillsides which are a source of pride to Ventura citizens and all who visit our beautiful city and will take away a iconic and historical symbol of our city.

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ Be sure to visit the Very Ventura store at 79 S. California Street on First Friday, June 5th to see their June art exhibit featuring the photographs from **Ventura Breeze staff** (see ad on page 24). There will be a reception as well, so come on over and say hello to me and the staff, - we would love to meet you.

■ I realize now that people just read headlines (our **April Fool's cover** proved that). It seems many of our readers make conclusions based upon what they think an article is saying without really diving in deeper. I didn't know that I was that subtle.

So, for the record I don't believe that folks should have large lawns, but I think that there is a compromise between lawns and dirt. Okay I'm done with this subject. Yell at me about something else.

It seems that I get less comments about religion and politics. Apparently water is our new God.

■ I had a gut feeling (maybe he didn't keep it a secret) that Councilmember, (and current Deputy Mayor,) **Erik Nasarenko** had higher political ambitions, but I didn't think that they would begin this early. Maybe it is just the timing of an opportunity becoming available.

He announced that he will be a candidate for next year's 37th Assembly District seat to replace Das Williams who can't run again.

I have mixed feelings about this. I think that he has been a good council member and look forward to him becoming our next mayor.

Steve Bennett went on to become a Ventura County Supervisor, so it might also work for Erik.

■ Longtime local educator and Mesa Union School District Superintendent **Michael Babb** has been selected to lead the Ventura Unified School District. The Ventura District's board recently named Babb as the new Superintendent in a 5-0 vote after interviewing six candidates for the job. He will be returning to Ventura Unified after serving as an elementary school Principal here earlier in his career.

I initially found his starting annual salary of \$201,500 to be shocking, even though the salary of retiring supervisor

Dr. Trudy Arriaga is \$202,750. But, upon further research, the Superintendent of the Conejo School District (Thousand Oaks-Westlake) earns \$196,305 (population 125,000 - a little bigger than ours), so this seems to be the going rate.

In comparison, the salary of California Governor Jerry Brown is \$177,467 and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction receives a salary of \$154,150. So it is better to be a school superintendent rather than a Governor if salary is what you are after.

■ The City Council has clarified what they want the newly formed 11-member **Charter Review Committee** to consider. These are just a few things that they will present to the council for consideration.

Should council members be elected at-large or by districts? I don't have a strong position on this yet.

Can the city require a council candidate to have lived in the city a year before running for council? I think at least a year as law permits.

Council member's salary. I think they should be raised so that we don't get mostly retired people on the council.

Term limits. I am definitely for term limits.

A direct election of mayor. Very much for this even though it would put a strain on our budget.

The first Charter of the City was prepared and proposed by a Board of Freeholders elected October 13, 1931. The Charter was approved by the voters on January 7, 1932, certified by the City Council on January 11, 1932, and approved by the State Legislature on January 22, 1932.

Since approval of the original Charter, the voters have approved many amendments over the years.

The City is governed by a Charter that constitutes the organic law of the City under the Constitution of the State of California. Under the Charter, the City of San Buenaventura has the power to make and enforce all laws and regulations with respect to municipal affairs, subject only to such restrictions and limitations as may be provided in this Charter and in the Constitution of the State of California.

The City is under the City Council/City Manager form of government. The City Council hires two of the principal

officials of the City, the City Manager and the City Attorney. The City Manager is the administrative head of the City government. The City Attorney is the legal advisor of the Council and all other City officials, boards and departments.

In case you read it (**you are allowed to read other papers**), another local paper had included this statement in an article about Ventura: "Now is the time for the City Council to consider allowing voters to elect their Mayor."

This is not a final decision of the City Council. If the Charter Committee recommends this as one of their proposed charter amendments this, and other charter amendments, must be placed on a ballot by the City Council and approved by a vote just as changing our elections to even years was recently done.

With our current system the only difference between the Mayor and other City Council members is about \$100 per month in salary (plus the Mayor attends a lot of functions, participates in a lot of photo-ops and makes more speeches. Which, by the way, **Mayor Heitmann** does a wonderful job of doing.

■ The homeless population in both the city and county of Los Angeles has increased by over 12% in the last two years, so homelessness is just not our problem. Criticism of the problem is very easy but solutions are extremely difficult.

■ Wow, has the state made it difficult for high school students to get into college because of "rigorous" new college prep class requirements. Students in the class of 2017 must earn a grade of C or better in a set of courses to be eligible to apply to the University of California and California State systems. Yes, I'm being facetious.

■ In a 6-1 vote the city of Huntington Beach has voted to finalize its repeal of the cities ban on plastic bags and the 10-cent fee markets can charge for paper bags. So their residents will soon be able to choose plastic bags if they wish.

■ Scientists have created an atomic clock that is so precise that it won't lose, or gain a second in 15 billion years and my car radio clock loses 10 minutes every week. Can't they do something about that?

Mailbox

Who among us has not been welcomed home to Ventura after a trip away by our famous hillside "V". And visitors from all over instantly recognize Ventura by our hillside "V".

Please lets stop this nonsense of destroying everything which is important to the citizens of the city of Ventura.

Save the "V".

Jim Hines
Board member, Ventura Citizens for Hillside Preservation

Sheldon

In your reply to my turf-removal comments you say the following: "And I didn't say there were likely to be cars on the lawns. I said there might be." No, Sheldon, that's not what you said. There was no "might happen" about it in your earlier remark.

What you said - and I quote from your own editorial repeating the statement on the same page - was this:

"And shortly, these residents will be parking their cars and trucks on their front lawns." You do see the difference between saying that something "will be occurring" and something "might occur," don't you? I certainly hope so.

Next time you want to take back a remark but don't want to suffer the embarrassment of admitting to it, just say you had your fingers crossed when you said it. We'll understand and let you off easy.

Rick Scott

Scott:

You are probably right, will keep my fingers crossed. Enough about this subject, what else would you like to talk about?

Sheldon



Drought choices

Governor Brown has asked us to reduce our water consumption by 20
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Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor.

— Sholom Aleichem



City News



Mayor Cheryl Heitmann honored, and introduced writing contest winners.

Creative writers honored at Foster Library

City of Ventura Mayor Cheryl Heitmann honored, and introduced all participants and artists of the seventh annual Art Tales creative writing contest during a special reception and reading held at E.P. Foster Library on Thursday, May 21. The public, family and friends were all there to hear winners read their entries and receive cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place, journals for 3rd place plus certificates and bound editions for all top entries.

The 2015 winners are:
Youth (6-12) Poetry: Alina Reitz, Eleanor Pickrel, Vivian Gaggia
Youth (6-12) Fiction: Juliet Ward, Nadia Connelly, Quinn Clow

Teen (13-17) Poetry: Lindsay Emi, Tanner Klein, Autumn Detmer
Teen (13-17) Fiction: Alexandria Dresbach, Kienna Kulzer, Sam Bova
Adult (18+) Poetry: Donna Prather, Joe Amaral, Tie: Kristine Lewis / Yvonna Carnieri
Adult (18+) Fiction: Joseph Valderama, Robert McBurney, Deborah Killgore

For the contest "open to writers everywhere" youth, teen and adult writers submitted 105 works of fiction and poems inspired by City of Ventura Municipal Art Collection works of art on loan at the library and created by artists Jacquelyn Cavish, Sally Miller, Richard Phelps and Helle Sharling-

Todd. Contestants ranged in age from 6 to 79 or older with submissions from San Francisco to Los Angeles and a few from the Midwest; but most entries came from Ventura County, almost half were by adults, 26 by teenagers and 30 by youths 12 or under.

The five contest judges were Sara Roberts, Deputy Director for the Ventura County Library, Ventura County Poet Laureate Mary Kaye Rummel, Ventura Public Art Chair Claudia Pardo, Ventura Library Advisory Commissioner Dolly Moehrle and City of Ventura Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar.

Public Art Project Manager Tobie Roach said. "During this year of extreme drought I selected works that 'call for rain' or evoke water as the Art Tales theme. I am thrilled so many entries lived up to Serbian poet Dejan Stojanovic's remarks that 'Nothing reminds us of an awakening more than rain.'" (Whatever that is.)

City of Ventura Classes & Camps

Call 658-4726 or 654-7552 to register, or if you already have an account online, visit www.cityofventura.net. Check out hundreds more on web-site. Classes/Events held the Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston Street, in Ventura unless otherwise noted.

Beach Yoga for Everyone

12 years-adult
5/26-6/18 Tu/Th 8-8:45 am
\$80 for 8 classes
Course #40324
5/26-6/4 Tu/Th 8-8:45 am
\$50 for 4 classes
Course #40325

Create union between your mind and body for better balance, ease of movement, strength and emotional stability and clarity of mind. Meet Mary Lincoln at Marina Park Ventura on grassy area next to Leo Robbins Community Sailing Center and bring yoga mat, towel, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses, dressed to relax and stretch.

Santa Clara River Estuary Bird Walk

5 years-adult
5/30 Saturday 10 am-12 pm
\$12

Take a short beach walk with naturalist Kyle TePoel through this estuary that draws a great variety of birds. Use their binoculars and spotting scope or bring your own. Meet at Ventura Harbor/Surfers Knoll parking lot, Spinnaker Dr. Course# 40906

Ballet While Wearing Baby

Moms with children 0-2 years
6/1-6/29 M 10:30-11:45 am
\$75
 No ballet experience needed. Bring your little one in a carrier (no cradle holds or forward facing) as you get a movement workout covering basic ballet positions and steps while you gain strength in your core, back and legs. Class held at 1932 Eastman Ave. #105. Course #41210.

Teen/Adult All American Ballet

15 years-Adult
6/1-6/29 M 7:30-8:45 pm
\$70
 Required: basic understanding of ballet steps. Learn correct body alignment, gain strength and flexibility and increase your coordination. Class held at 1932 Eastman Ave. #105. Course #41212.

Line Dance with a Twist

18 years-Adult
6/3-7/6 M/W 1-2 pm
\$60
 Line dance with a twist of salsa, ballroom and jazz. Great exercise, great fun. Some dance experience recommended. Instructor Jackie Ringhof. No class 5/25. Course# 40268

Explore with Me

1.5-5 years
6/3-7/8 W 5:30-6:15 pm
\$60 for 1 adult & 1 child
 Discover the world of art through the eyes of your child with such hands-on activities as sculpture, painting, collage, drawing, dramatic play with stories, gardening even a little cooking. Instructor Jennifer Benitez. Class# 40257

Afternoon Delight Ballroom Dancing

50 years+
6/4-7/9 Th 1-2 pm
\$69 per person
 Don't like to drive at night? Retired and always wanted to learn to ballroom dance? This is the class for you. Couples and singles welcome. Explore three new dances every six weeks. Classes held at House of Dance, 3007 Bunsen Ave. Course #40276.

Pets to Pals Dog Training Classes

14 years-Adult
Puppy Pre-School, Puppies 12 weeks -1 year:
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6/6-6/27 Leash Walking
Saturdays 12-12:50 pm \$70
Course #40857

Learn the do's and don'ts of positive reinforcement training using a clicker and treats. Find out how being a good pack leader will help your dog thrive with the mental stimulation it craves. An adult must accompany all owners under 18. Required proof of all vaccinations. No retractable leashes. Instructor Catherine Gould. \$5 materials fee due at first class.

Ballroom Dancing

13 years-Adult
6/9-7/14 Tuesdays 7:15-8:15 pm
\$45
 Put your shoes on and dance to mad hot ballroom. Learn waltz, fox trot, swing, and rumba! No partner needed. Instructor Ed Gafford. Course #40356.

Heat Up the Night Latin Workshops

13 years-Adult
6/9-7/14 Tuesdays 8:15-9:15 pm
\$45
 Learn sensuous and steamy Latin dances in six weeks. Instructor Ed Gafford. Course #40361.

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 stories and poetry, swimming, boogie boarding, and 4-H. She has won many awards for her artwork, including at the Ventura County Fair.

Third place Emma Fong is 11-years-old. She lives in Newbury Park with dad, mom and a big sister who is a sophomore in college. Emma is a 5th grade student at Sycamore Canyon School in Newbury Park.

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Foster Library – where you can play the ukulele

All events are free and open to the public. For more information please contact the library at 648-2716.

6/1 Film Discussion Group 6 p.m. A contemporary cult classic. Set in a 1960s East Coast city, high school teens come to terms with changing pop culture, race relations, bigotry, and music and decide to take a stand... all with a tongue-in-cheek spirit.

6/3 California Native Plants 7 p.m. A presentation on the plants of the Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge. Bring your unidentified plants and enjoy an informative and educational presentation by David L. Magney of the California Native Plant Society.

6/9 Library LAB Makeshop: Wind Power 3 p.m. A special STEM class for elementary and middle school students on the second floor of the library. Learn about wind power and potential energy by building a flying helicopter.

6/13 Beginning Meditation 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stop by the Topping Room for this free beginner meditation workshop. People of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to stop by! Presenter John Landa has 20 years of meditative experience. Bring a comfortable cushion to sit on!

6/17 Summer Reading Kickoff Event 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the second floor of the library. This event will feature a musical performance by Craig Newton. There will be two shows, first at 11 a.m. and then again at 3 p.m.

6/23 Library LAB Makeshop:

Ethanol Fuel 3 p.m. A special STEM class for elementary and middle school students on the second floor of the library. Explore ethanol fuel and design a working circuit with conductive ink.

6/24 Magic with Shawn McMasters 3 p.m. Enjoy magic with audience participation! Come prepared to laugh and be amazed!

Recurring Events

6/3, 6/10, 6/17 & 6/24 Library LAB 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come by the library on Wednesday evenings to learn more about our 3D printer and laser cutter—or to use them yourself! Ask the library staff about what you need to bring to print or engrave an item of your own, or just drop in to see what we're up to in our library makerspace.

6/4, 6/11, 6/18 & 6/25 Open Mic Night 7:30-9 p.m. On these Thursday nights, come join this group of writers as they meet in the Topping Room to present their work.

6/8 & 6/22 Ukulele Jam Session 7-10 p.m. Come play the ukulele with other local musicians in the Topping room! This event is free and open to the public. All skill levels are welcome to join in the fun!

6/12 & 6/26 Lego Play 10:30 a.m. – noon. Building fun at the library! Children of all ages welcome.

6/16 & 6/30 Lego LAB: Build, Learn, and Play! 3 p.m. New, exciting challenges every meeting. Bring your imagination and experiment with creative designs. Children of all ages welcome!

Other Desert Cities opening at the Rubicon

Rubicon Theatre Company Producing Artistic Director Karyl Lynn Burns has announced the director and cast for Other Desert Cities, Jon Robin Baitz's highly lauded story about a family in the public eye whose members must find a new way forward when each person's beliefs and illusions related to a pivotal family event are called into question. Filled with richly drawn characters, dramatic plot elements, and witty social commentary, Other Desert Cities garnered five Tony nominations and was awarded Outstanding Play by the Outer Critics Circle.

Returning Rubicon artist Granville Van Dusen plays the character of Lyman Wyeth, the conservative patriarch of the family – a former film-actor-turned-political-lion.

"Jon Robin Baitz has created a brilliant family drama told with equal parts wit and wisdom," says director Brian McDonald. "The characters in the play may be perceived at various moments as self-absorbed, frustrating, irritating, loving, tender and heroic."

The Rubicon production of Other Desert Cities opens Saturday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. Performances are at Rubicon Theatre Company.

Tickets for Other Desert Cities may be purchased in person through the Rubicon Theatre Company Box Office at the corner of Main and Laurel. To charge by phone, call 667.2900 or visit Rubicon online at www.rubicontheatre.org.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

May 28: Martha Jaffe "Traveling with the Bag Lady" will offer travel tips at the Friendship Connection's monthly luncheon at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at 11:30 a.m. The Friendship Connection is a group of retired ladies who will always welcome new members. For more information, call 654-8388.

May 28: The 13th annual Central Coast Quilt Shop Hop, welcomes hoppers to enjoy an early evening of demonstrations and local wine tasting discounts in advance of the tri-county event. Quilt Ventura, located at 4572 Telephone Road, #908, will be open from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for an informal demonstration of quilting techniques. Panaro Brothers Winery will also be open to offer a special evening of tasting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The preview evening and wine tasting will allow 'hoppers' to relax before starting the three day tour of 11 shops in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Details of the route, information on passports, free patterns and prize drawings are available at www.quiltshopsofthecentralcoast.com

May 28: Portuguese Fraternal Society of America Council #128, will hold its monthly meeting at Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. for a 12p.m. no host luncheon. This meeting is open to any person of Portuguese descent or interested in the Portuguese culture. For more information and reservation, please call Cora



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Corella 483-6285, or, Yvonne Westervelt at 483-4168.

May 30: Footworks Youth Ballet announces its premier production of the classic fairy tale Snow White.

A free family educational lecture and story time will begin one hour prior to the performances in the Oxnard Performing Arts Center Lobby. Located 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, on Saturday May 30, 2p.m. and Sunday May 31, 2p.m. Outreach Performance is on Friday May 29, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

May 31: Free Murals & Roses Exhibit. View 15 murals depicting four centuries of Ventura history by renowned California muralist Marguerite Hardeman on display in the courtyard of the Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, 11 a.m. to

3 p.m., as well as the adobe's spectacular Ray & Jessie Monk Rose Garden bloom with over 130 hybrid teas, grandifloras, cascades and tree roses and the oldest living fuchsia in the world.

June 2: 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. Elena M. Brokaw, Ventura Parks, Recreation and Community Partnerships Director will tell us "What the Future Holds". For more information on VRMG and its future events, visit <http://www.VenturaRetiredMen.org/fp.html> or call Gene Wink at 647-2513. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

June 1, 15: The Ventura County
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Forty years after the fall of Saigon, the Museum of Ventura County presents an exhibition that pays tribute to the 113 young men from Ventura County who were killed in action, and recognizes the region's veterans by telling their stories. We Remember illustrates the Vietnam conflict through artifacts, documentary photographs, personal effects and audio and video recordings. Curated by Anna Bermudez with documentary filmmaker George J. Sandoval, the exhibit features an original film on Ventura County Vietnam veterans, incorporating first-hand accounts of their experiences created solely for this exhibit. Until July 5.



Community Events

Ventura events

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

June 3: The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club, (BCNN) is a group of active women of all ages who live in Ventura, Oxnard, or Port Hueneme and enjoy activities such as hiking, bridge, dining. Meeting will be held at the Ventura Museum Pavilion from 9:30 a.m. to 11a.m. No charge for meeting and no reservation is required. Coffee or Tea is available at a nominal charge of \$1.00. Elayssa Thompson, Esthetician, will be discussing how to take the guess work out of skin care and useful professional tips to keep your skin healthy and looking its best. For additional information bcnnwomensclub.org

June 5, 6: The 1st United Methodist Church at 1338 E. Santa Clara St., is having an all church rummage sale on Friday, June 5, 9a.m. to 3p.m. and Saturday, June 6, 9a.m. to 12p.m. There is kitchen ware, collectables, jewelry, linens, bedding, clothing, and toys. Saturday is \$5 Bag Day, everything you can get in a grocery bag is only \$5.

June 7: Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions are holding their monthly meeting from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at E.P. Foster Library's Topping Room. Participants will learn how the process of participatory budgeting empowers members of a community to make real decisions on how part of their public budget will be spent including the basic outlines of how the process works. The program will be presented by Janette Daniel-Whitney. Admission is free.

June 7: The 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum will be open for docent-led tours from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. accompanied by period music in the parlor and upstairs library landing. Admission is free. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood streets. For information please call 642-3345 or visit the website at www.dudleyhouse.org.

June 12: The Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club and the Ventura Jazz Orchestra Invites you to a special event, Summer Swing Big Band Dance. Featuring the vocal styling of Donna Greene, Smitty West and Remington Graham. The VJO plays arrangements of great songs from all eras. The powerful horns and authentic vocal styling's bring this timeless music alive. Event is at the Poinsettia Pavilion from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. \$15 admission at the door. Free refreshments and parking. Call for more information 648-1143.

June 10: The Ventura Parkinson's Support Group is delighted to be hosting Jocelyn Scherr, Advancement Officer of the Michael J. Fox Foundation from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Jocelyn will present an overview of the Michael J. Fox Foundation, an update on some promising Parkinson's Disease Research in the pipeline, and information on how people can get involved through "Fox Trial Finder" and "Fox Insight". The meeting is held at The Lexington Assisted Living at 5440 Ralston St. Please check in at the front desk for directions and sign-in. Extra parking is graciously available

across the street from the Lexington in the Baptist Church parking lot. Call 766-6070 for further information.

June 12: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution June luncheon meeting will feature the program "Adventures in Genealogy," presented by former California State SAR President Mr. J. Stephen Hurst. The luncheon event will take place at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's. All SAR & DAR Compatriots, friends, and visitors are welcome to join us. The cost for lunch is \$20 per person. For additional information or for assistance in determining your possible Revolutionary War genealogical roots, call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992.

June 13: "Dividing the hard drive of your computer and installing Linux", given by Craig Ladd, will be the 11a.m. program for the Ventura Beginners PC Users Group on Saturday. The 9:15 a.m. workshop continues understanding Word's ribbon commands, followed by Q&A for those with computer questions. Meetings are held at Cypress Place, 1220 Cypress Place. It is open to all beginning and intermediate PC users. Call 648-1368 for further information.

June 13: The public is welcome to attend the Oxnard LWVVC Annual Meeting. Come and learn about the League of Women Voters. Meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 600 E. Esplanade Drive, Oxnard from 9 a.m. to 12:45p.m. Speaker will be Dr. Richard Rush, President, CSU Channel Islands who will discuss the challenges and opportunities for public higher education in Ventura County. The public is welcome and encouraged to come and learn more about the future of public higher education in Ventura County. RSVP for lunch with entrée choice and \$30 per person by June 8. See their ad in this issue of the Breeze.

Ojai events

Artists working in two dimensions are invited to submit their work for a juried competition in conjunction with the Ojai Valley Lavender Festival, held this year on Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Libbey Park. Selected artists will have their work displayed and available for sale in the Art Pavilion at the Festival. In addition, participating artworks will be on view at OVA Gallery in Ojai from June 17-26, with an artists' reception on Friday, June 19 from 6-8 p.m.

Artists must submit their work in person on Sunday, June 14, or Monday, June 15, from 4-6 p.m. at OVA Gallery, 108 N. Signal Avenue, in downtown Ojai. Artists will be notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance on June 16, and work not accepted must be picked up on June 17 at OVA Gallery.

Competition awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given, along with three honorable mention awards.

Artwork sold before the Libbey Park event should remain in the show, but marked with an orange "sold" sticker. For work sold, a 20% commission will be taken by OVA Gallery or the Lavender Festival Association.

For further information about this juried competition, please contact

Patty Van Dyke at pattyvandyke11@gmail.com, or Nancy Horwick at nhorwick@sbcglobal.net.

Making Something From Nothing, an inspirational exhibit 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 show will also include the work of impoverished women from Uganda who make scarves, and jewelry from paper, and from the teens of Tupendane, a cottage industry, who have learned to sew on foot treadle machines. These teens are mostly orphans who care for younger brothers and sisters and make aprons, placemats, cards, bags and table runners from African fabric.

"I get so inspired by the creativity, generosity and never-give-up attitude of these hard working women," says Williamson. "They have found a way to survive in this very harsh reality where people are living on \$2 a day and dying from malnutrition, malaria, AIDS and diphtheria.

The public is cordially invited to attend a reception for Making Something From 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 St. and is open daily from 10-6.

Thursday, June 4 the Ojai Valley Green Coalition, in collaboration with Santa Barbara based Community Environmental Council, is offering a Solar group-purchasing program designed to make it easier and more affordable for Ojai Valley homeowners to add solar electricity to their homes.

To learn more about 'Solarize Ojai Valley' available through July 18, attend for an introductory workshop Thursday, June 4 at the Chaparral Auditorium, 414 E Ojai Avenue, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Can't make the workshop? Visit SolarizeOjai.org for next workshop date and details.

The Ojai City Council has selected Matthew Summers of the municipal law firm Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC, to serve as City Attorney after a five-month search to replace Joseph Fletcher, who announced his resignation last November.

Summers has been serving as the Interim Assistant City Attorney since February. He was involved in the drafting of the recently adopted Wireless Facilities Ordinance, and has worked with the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and City Council since that time.

Holly Whatley will serve as Assistant City Attorney and current Interim City Attorney Scott Howard will be a primary resource attorney and will continue to litigate code enforcement cases. Howard has been the Assistant City Attorney since 2011, and has served as Interim City Attorney since February.

Mr. Summers is currently the Assistant City Attorney and Planning Commission Counsel for the City of Calabasas. He previously served as the Assistant City Attorney for La Habra Heights. He is also one of the firm's experts in telecommunications

law. Summers received his J.D. cum laude from University of California, Hastings in 2011. He graduated from Reed College with a B. A. in Economics, Phi Beta Kappa.

Light drizzle added to the ceremony
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this portion of nature to Ventura and beyond.

At the signing were representatives of the City and of the Gardens, including staff and many of the volunteers who have made this possible and interested city folk.

VBG past president and an original founder Doug Halter, VBG Board President Joe Cahill PhD, Mayor Cheryl Heitmann and City Manager Mark Watkins all gave welcoming speeches and thanked the many people who have made this a reality.

In 2010, the City Council approved an Option to Lease with an accompanying "form of lease" for the botanical gardens project. The Option to Lease structure was derived in recognition that the non-profit could not lease and develop such a large property as Grant Park at one time; the option arrangement secures the property (which consists of all of Grant Park except Serra Cross Park, the gun range, the city-owned reservoir and 5 tank, and the communication towers sites), for potential development of the botanical gardens and allows the VBG to develop the gardens in phases.

Before a lease for the first phase could be initiated, the Option to Lease stipulated that the VBG fulfill seven specific steps, all of which have been completed.

The Lease Agreement includes the central conceptual agreement points that had been negotiated in 2009, but also includes some refinements and clarifications.

The wonderful walking trail has been completed and is being used every day both by locals and those that come here to enjoy the trail and magnificent views of the city and the ocean. If nothing else was ever built the trail makes the VBG a huge success.

Corporate Games have no losers

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in the Corporate Games are winners already, because they recognize the importance of maintaining a happy and healthy workforce. If someone in your company participated in a team event and developed a new relationship, or decided to live a healthier lifestyle, then the Corporate Games is a success. If an event made your players laugh or smile, the Games were successful."

The JD Probasco Team Unity Award recognizes companies that exemplify the true spirit of the Corporate Games. Their teams may or may not have the strongest athletes, but they do all the little things that make a company great, including at least three of the following: Community Service, Corn Hole Fund-raiser, Office Olympics, Photo Contest, Run/Walk/Jog, Sandcastle Contest, and T-Shirt Contest, and "No Whining."

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Congratulations to all companies participating in the 2015 Corporate Games.



News and Notes



Ventura College's President Dr. Greg Gillespie stressed the importance of strategic goals.

State of Education for Ventura Unified School District and Ventura College in 2015

by Carol Leish

The "State of Education" was presented by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce at the Wright Event Center in Ventura on May 12.

Speaker Dr. Trudy Arriaga, who has been the Superintendent of Ventura Unified School District since 2001 said that "I am most proud of the culture in the Ventura Unified School District. It is one of pride and collaboration. We have been working together for the benefit of our students. It has been an honor and privilege to serve over these past fourteen years."

In 2001, Dr. Arriaga started the, "Principal for the Day," through the Ventura Chamber. In 2007, she started programs to help the hungry and to help the elderly. She also implemented haircuts to raise money for people with cancer. Through Ventura Adult Education she started the Ventura County Concert Band for Seniors. Ventura Adult Education had its 14th Annual Festival of Talent thanks to her.

She said that "I have been impressed with the academic performance of the students and our outstanding teachers. I see exciting times ahead. Thank you for the privilege of serving and for your love and support. I will watch with incredible pride as Ventura Unified moves forward."

Dr. Arriaga was glad the VUSD acquired the Education Service Center, which is the former Kinko's headquarters several years ago. The site will be named in her honor, since she is retiring in June of this year. Her retirement party, which is open to the public, will be June 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bob Tuttle Gym (named in honor of her father, who was a basketball coach), at Ventura High. She said that Dr. Michael Babb will be the new superintendent.

California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA will have Dr. Arriaga as a Distinguished Educator in Residence. She will be also teaching in the Educational Leadership Master's Program.

Ventura College's President since the summer of 2013 has been Dr. Greg Gillespie, who said that, "Ventura College has the quality of educational recognition of community college at the national level by President Obama. This emphasizes the role we have to train people for the work force, as well as to prepare those to transfer to a 4 year college; or, directly go to work."

According to Dr. Gillespie, "I've felt the best about being able to really recognize and develop our commitment to helping students to be successful."

"By focusing on the community,

according to Dr. Gillespie "the areas of importance include: Ventura College Innovates through Career Pathways; Adult Education; educational services in Santa Paula and the Santa Clara River Valley; dual enrollment; agriculture; and, law enforcement."

He also stressed the importance of strategic goals of "Increasing access and student fees; increasing partnerships to meet community need; and, promoting and seeking out ways for more effective use of organizational resources."

"Thus," according to Dr. Gillespie, "The Ventura College Vision is that we will continue to be a beacon of learning; a source of inspiration; and guidance for our students and community."

Health Celebrating our county's public healthcare system

by Sheila Murphy

Public Information Officer, Ventura County Health Care Agency

With the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, your county's Health Care Agency is in the throes of an amazing time in history with regard to health care. The agency's mission has always been: "To provide comprehensive, cost-effective, compassionate health care for our diverse community, especially those facing barriers." This has been accomplished through the efforts of an exceptional workforce, education and forward-thinking leadership.

The Health Care Agency oversees a large health care system which consists of two hospitals, Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) and Santa Paula Hospital, the Public Health Department, Behavioral Health, an Ambulatory and Specialty Care Clinic System, a Health Care Plan, Emergency Medical Services, Animal Services, Medical Examiner's Office, and four Mobile Units, Health Access and Education Center, Mobile Medical Clinic and Mobile Mammography Program and a Tobacco Education Bus.

There has been much activity in the past year. The ground-breaking on the hospital replacement wing at VCMC kicked off what will be an exceptional addition to Ventura County. State of the art equipment as well as a Ronald McDonald House for parents of sick children, are just a few of the exciting additions.

The Ambulatory Care department continues to thrive and new providers and specialties are being added to an already impressive array of services. Behavioral Health enjoys an enhanced system of care thanks to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Public Health, taking the next step in providing top-level programs and services to improve the overall health of the community, has become the only public health department in the state to receive accreditation.

These wonderful services are not just accessible exclusively at numerous locations around the county; mobile services units take unique services directly into the community.

The Health Access and Education Center has been helping to enroll indi-

viduals and families into the Affordable Care Act (Covered California and Medi-Cal), as well as serve as a wonderful resource for general health topics. The Mobile Mammography unit provides Cancer Prevention Education, and for certain events performs screening mammograms.

Your county public healthcare system is pleased to be taking part in this year's 10th annual Summerfest event that celebrates healthy living.

Ventura County Health Care Agency has a wonderful, capable and dedicated roster of physicians and nurses, administrative and therapeutic staff, all who proudly carry out the Health Care Agency's mission of "providing comprehensive, cost-effective, health-care for our diverse community" every single day. Learn more about Ventura County's public healthcare system at www.vchca.org.

CMH hosts celebration for cancer survivors

On Saturday, June 6 Community Memorial Hospital will be holding a Cancer Survivors Day celebration to honor cancer survivors.

A "cancer survivor" is anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life, according to the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, which reports that an estimated 12 million Americans are cancer survivors.

The celebration includes lunch, program, entertainment, raffles and more. The event is a celebration of life and hope. The celebration will begin at

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CMH hosts celebration

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11:30 AM at the Ventura Beach Marriott.

The Cancer Resource Center, in conjunction with Community Memorial Hospital personnel and the American Cancer Society offers a variety of services designed to meet the needs of individuals faced with a diagnosis of cancer, as well as providing programs for family members, friends and the community-at large. These services are offered free of charge in a comfortable, non-hospital setting.

Cancer Survivors Day celebration is a collaborative effort of Community Memorial Hospital and the American Cancer Society. For more information or to make reservations call 652-5459.

Summerfest is quickly approaching

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Center, 255 Stanley Ave. The first 1,000 guests will receive a beautiful reusable Summerfest grocery bag!

Presented by Ventura Education Partnership (VEP) and the Ventura Unified School District (VUSD), Summerfest 2015 is sure to be an eventful day. Over 90 free community, sports and health organizations will have booths offering fun, hands-on activities, demonstrations and information, all with

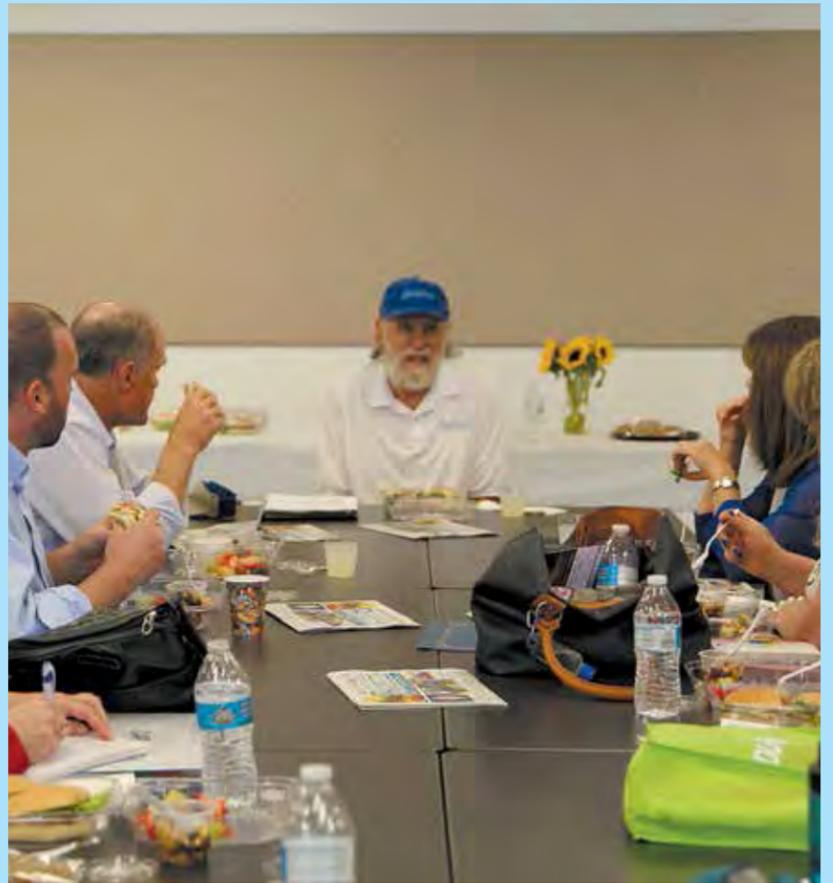
a focus on living a healthy and active lifestyle.

Summerfest will once again include a 3,000-meter run/walk (on Sunday May 30), and free reusable grocery bags to the first 1,000 entrants (limit 1 per family). Other popular activities are the rock-climbing wall, kids fun zone, and free sports physicals. Live entertainment will be provided on the main stage by local youth groups.

Pre-registration for the 3,000 Meter Run/Walk is highly suggested www.vendurance.com/summerfest. The race is free for children who register before May 28th. It is also open to the public, school staff and parents for just \$10 (pre-registered).

All proceeds from Summerfest support healthy VUSD activities including, nutrition and physical activity programs in the schools.

The mission of the Ventura Education Partnership (VEP), a community-based, non-profit, non-political association, is to support and enrich education in the Ventura Unified School District through community partnerships. This all-volunteer group fosters community recognition of the work of district teachers and staff and enlists the participation of parents, businesses and community members in the education of our district's children.



Ventura Breeze publisher Sheldon Brown was a recent presenter at Leadership Ventura. Employers and individuals alike reap the benefits of Leadership Ventura; a leadership development course led by Relly Nadler. A licensed psychologist and Master Executive Coach, Dr. Nadler has been working for more than 30 years with top executives and their teams to become star performers.

Through their first year, the class hears from key community leaders as they share the latest plans, developments, and decision-making processes affecting the community.

Leadership Ventura meets once a month. The second year, participants lead the activities and planning for the subsequent class, offering the opportunity to test the skills learned year one.

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Like the last 5-years Suz Montgomery will be presenting the Knowledge Bowl.

Knowledge Bowl, where the seniors challenge the young 'uns

by John Hankins

Who would you bet on to win in the Knowledge Bowl contest: seniors over age 60 with their lifelong experience and book learning or a team of teenagers weaned on the world-wide web and texting with their opposable thumbs?

Be part of the fun at 2 p.m. Monday, June 1 at the Ventura TowneHouse when the annual Knowledge Bowl continues into its successful sixth year in a Jeopardy-like match. Sponsored by the Coastal View Healthcare Center, it features four seasoned seniors against four high school students, some with Academic Decathlon and Bowl experience

The Knowledge Bowl was created by Suz Montgomery - a teacher with the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education division of the Ventura Unified School District - whose class is appropriately called the Extended

Learning Academy. She teamed up with Ventura High School teacher Linda Brug, who crafts the questions, and Cabrillo Middle School Principal Lorelle Dawes, who acts as the moderator. Also featured as a speaker is retiring Superintendent Trudy Arrellaga.

"The audience has as much fun as the contestants," Montgomery said, adding "we're all here to celebrate education."

The free public event will again be filmed by CAPS-TV and rebroadcast, but part of the fun is seeing it live and trying to beat the teams to the answers, so there's always some whispering and note-taking among the spectators. But last year someone in the audience got so excited he blurted out an answer out loud.

The score is seniors 3, teenagers 2
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6th Annual Knowledge Bowl

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Household items can be used for exercise

by Connie De La Rosa

After many home visits with seniors who have limited means of transportation and still need to get some exercise with little to no gym equipment, here are a few helpful tips in using household items to help you get the exercise you need—so let's get moving!! Do 12-15 reps in a set, increasing to 2 or 3 sets (once consulted with your physician)

Before starting any kind of exercise, please seek authorization from your physician

Bungee Cord Bicep Curl: This makes an excellent resistance band. First step on the center of the cord, holding an end in each hand. With palms facing up, raise your arms for a bicep curl.

Step Stool Step Ups: Looking to get your rear in gear? Step Up, balance on the step, then step down. Do lunges with your back foot raised on stool.

Broomstick Curls: Used as barbells—add weighted bags or even bags of rice (laying bags on top and end of the broomstick) use for a set or two of bicep curls.

Towel Stretches: Stretching is key

before and after a workout. Lye on the floor, loop a towel behind your knee or ankle. Holding at both ends, slowly stretch the leg towards your chest. Hold 10 seconds and repeat.

Soup Can Arm Raises: Grab 2 cans from your pantry and holding one in each hand, perform lateral raises. Feel the need to add more weight, place 2 cans in one tube sock for added resistance.

Milk Jug Dumbbells: Fill a jug with water for the equivalent of an 8-pound dumbbell. Filling it with sand equals 13 pounds. Complete any exercise you would typically do with a dumbbell. Just remember to secure the lid before you begin.

Counter Top Push Ups: Push Ups can be done anytime and anywhere. Try a few every morning using your bathroom or kitchen counter.

Stair Sprints: If you have them, make use of them. Walk up and down every step, then alternate going up every step and skipping a step. Your heart and legs will get a nice workout



Bocce Ball is a good social low impact fun sport.

City of Ventura Adult & Senior Services for June 2015

by Carol Leish

There are many tours; grandparent and grandchild opportunities; arts activities; exercise classes; and services offered to people who live in Ventura.

The tours by bus and on foot that are offered include: High Tower and the Hollywood Bowl on June 11; the Wild West Ventura Tour on June 13; and, the Movies Come to Ventura Tour on June 20.

The grandparents and grandchild opportunities include: Hands in the Sand on June 30 at the play ship at Marina Park; and the Ladybug & Her Buggy Buddies on June 15 at the Arroyo Verde Center.

Arts activities include: Cinema Time (free movie showings vary) on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. during June at 12:30 p.m. at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center; and Dancing in the A.M. on Tuesdays 10:30-11:30a.m. in June at the VAAC.

Exercise classes include: Gentle Yoga on Mondays: June 1-July 13, 6:00-7:20p.m.; and, Bocce Ball League on Thursdays, 5:30-7:30p.m. from June 11-July 16. "Bocce Ball, which is similar to lawn bowling with a ball similar to a soft ball, is a good social low impact fun sport according to coordinator of the VACC, Hans Hormann. "You do not need to be on a team. You can be a free agent, if you do not have a team. The game is made up of individuals with up to ten people being on each side. Come join the newest sport in which all ages are welcome to play outdoors."

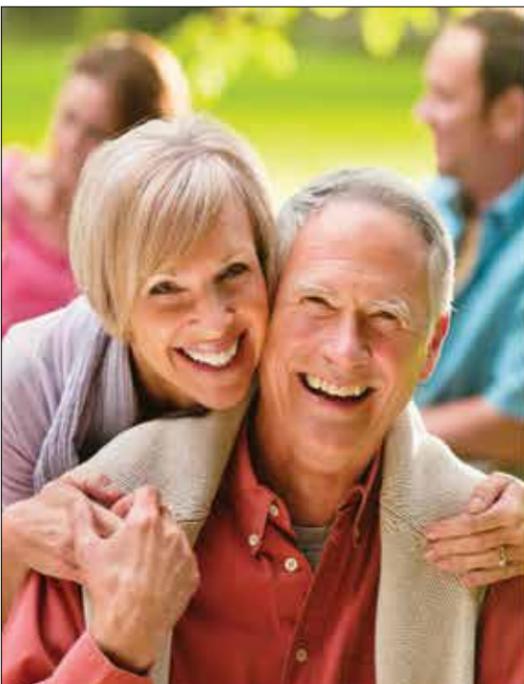
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Senior Living

at the VACC. Become involved with community issues affecting seniors that are discussed by this council by attending the meetings.

For further information about what's available call the Ventura Adult Center at 648-2829.

Knowledge Bowl

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over the last five games, but in this sixth year some of the teens are returning and the seniors have a new contestant. Three of the four seniors have been on the panel before. They are: Don Haskell (who taught at Ventura High for 36 years), and former teachers Ethel Johnduff and

Mary Ayers. Newcomer Bob Rafferty, a software designer and entrepreneur, is ready to share his expertise.

Three of the four teens are coming back and have seasoning of their own. They are Abraham Goldstein and Genae Matthews, both of whom are seniors who were members of Academic Decathlon and Knowledge Bowl, and junior Nick Schwartz who competed last year. The fourth is Dayna Matthews, a senior. Madison Carieri is an alternate who was also a member of Academic Decathlon and Knowledge Bowl.

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Social Services/Bereavement Groups
Adult Bereavement Support Group
Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, and 24 from

6:30-8:00pm These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are no-charge. Call 642-0239 for more information or email griefinfo@livingstonvna.org.

Newly Bereaved Support Group
Thursday, June 11th from 6-7:30pm. This monthly group is designed for adults who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and is free. Call 642-0239 for more information or email griefinfo@livingstonvna.org. These groups meet every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Diabetes Classes
Tuesday, June 2nd from 1-2:30pm. These meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of each month. General information is provided about Type 2 Diabetes with

emphasis on the development of an individualized plan of care that includes diet, medication, exercise and blood sugar monitoring. Call 642-0239 for more information.

Joint Replacement Classes
Thursday, June 4th from 1:00-2:00pm.

You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care. These meetings are 1st Thursday of each month. Dr. Hofer, Orthopedic Surgeon will be presenting. For information or to RSVP call Dinah Davis at 642-0239 ext. 739.

Monday, June 8th for both English and Spanish speaking. English 4:00-

5:00pm and Spanish 5:30-6:30pm. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care. For information or to RSVP call Dinah Davis at 642-0239 ext. 739.

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Meditation can be used to improve memory and concentration while reducing the effects of stress on the immune system. The SCAN Health and Wellness Center is hosting "Guided Mindfulness Meditation" classes for seniors 55 and older and their caregivers. Led by Kathleen Linthicum, a public health nurse, the class is scheduled for four Mondays in June, starting June 1 from 9 - 9:50 a.m. at SCAN. The cost for all four sessions is \$20.

AAA's Roadwise Review is a computerized assessment tool to help seniors drive safely longer. This specialized program allows participating seniors to privately measure their driving abilities, including mobility, visual acuity and memory. Roadwise Review is a free public service scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th.

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The Government Center parking lot was filled with display booths. Photos by Michael Gordon.

National Public Works Awareness Day

Ventura County Public Works Agency's (VCPWA) National Public Works Awareness Day event was held on May 19. About 465 Ventura County students, spanning from grades preschool to high school, were in attendance for the educational public event that taught the community about all the ways our local public works agency services the community through its five departments.

VCPWA professionals lead tours of the displays booths, which included invasive plant demonstrations, arts

and crafts station, the storm operations center and more.

The Government Center parking lot was filled with VCPWA Department display booths, including 25 heavy equipment machines for demonstrations and invasive plant presentations. VCPWA staff also lead activities and hands-on demonstration stations. The event has grown exponentially since it VCPWA first hosted and public event last year, growing from 50 students in 2014, to 465 students.

New recording studio at Boys & Girls Club

On Thursday, June 4, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Notes for Notes® will hold an open house at its recording studio at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura's Robert Addison Center on Olive Street.

Notes For Notes will honor designers, contractors, engineers, craftsmen, tradesmen and sponsors who provided money, labor or equipment to build the studio. Guests can participate in a walk-through of the new studio facilities, enjoy free refreshments, watch youth demonstrating use of the recording equipment and instruments and enjoy a musical performance by a Notes for

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Jim Rushing and his wife Theresa from Topa Topa Flywheelers explain corn grinding to the students at Junipero Serra Elementary School when The California Women in Agriculture, Ventura Chapter hosted its 13th annual Farm Day on Tuesday, May 12. At Farm Day, representatives of local agriculture companies and members of farming families addressed about 800 students, teaching them how food reaches their table and the role of the farmer. This is always a fun-filled day and a real hands-on opportunity for students to learn about agriculture and its many facets. Photo by John Ferritto.

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■ In a hundred years, it won't matter what kind of car you drove or how much money you had.

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- Author Unknown (but it could have been me)

■ For wonderful Pets to Pals Dog Training Classes see "City classes" in this issue.

■ I want to thank Victoria Usher for helping me write some of my column. I just turned 13 and have a little bursitis in my paws so can't type as well as I used to.

By Victoria Usher

A police dog from Riverside County's Sheriff Department was fatally shot recently. According to the Sheriff's Department, the dog, whose name was Sultan, was shot after bravely tracking an armed felon near the intersection of San Jacinto Street and Mayberry Avenue. Sultan was a Belgian Malinois and German Shepard mix from Slovakia and he was trained to apprehend suspects. Stories such as these are never easy to hear; in fact they are heartbreaking. Sultan will be remembered as an incredibly brave dog protecting the people.

Currently Canine Adoption and Rescue League (C.A.R.L.) senior dog program is offerin care, comfort, and security to 33 canines. Despite offering their owners everything they had to

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Four years ago, a group of 12 dogs, mostly Catahoulas, were seized in a legal raid. They were rescued by C.A.R.L. With patience and time our "evidence dogs" were socialized. Several are able to come to our adoption center on weekends, but sadly, not Bob. At our sanctuary we've recently instituted "play groups." These groups promote socialization and "play off" the excess energy these dogs experience due to their kennel habitation. We were given the opportunity to place Bob at a ranch, where many heretofore problem dogs cohabit peaceably. Initially, he was muzzled but gradually the muzzle was removed; he gained confidence, and now runs freely with his canine buddies.

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■ I have been forgetting things a little lately and barking at windmills so I asked my friend Debbie Gadbois for advice.

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There could be various reasons why you're forgetting why you bark. Like when people walk into a room then forget why they went to that room, for you it could be you started barking because you heard a strange noise, then got distracted by something else and are still barking. Or, also like some people simply enjoy talking, it could be that sometimes you enjoy barking for the joy of barking.

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Warmly,
Debbie Gadbois

Rising Star Practitioner
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Debbie:

Thanks for helping me understand that even people go through this. I have seen my house buddy walk into the

kitchen and say "Why did I come into the kitchen?"

I would never forget why I was in the kitchen: "Feed me."

■ For the millions of dog lovers understanding the health issues associated with their dog's breed can be critical for the nutrition, training and overall healthcare of furry family members from Family Features.

For mixed-breed dog access to reliable ancestry information can be crucial. Understanding the breeds that make up their dog enables much more targeted care and in some cases, provides life-saving information. Mars Veterinary, the industry leader in canine genetic testing, is offering the next evolution of the canine DNA test, the Wisdom Panel 3.0. With expanded breed screening coverage of more than 250 breeds, types and varieties, the test also includes potentially life-saving medical information with a new MDR1 Genetic Mutation screening.

MDR1 or Multi-Drug Resistance 1 is a genetic mutation found in some herding and sighthound breeds, as well as many mixed-breed dogs. The gene is responsible for production of a protein called P-glycoprotein, a drug transport pump that plays an important role in limiting drug absorption and distribution (particularly to the brain) and enhancing the excretion or elimination of many drugs used in dogs. Dogs with the MDR1-mutation may have severe adverse reactions to some common drugs, so it is important to test mixed-breed (and purebreds with the high-pendency breeds) dogs and for owners to share results with their veterinarian so they can provide the dog with the best possible care.

From the tiny Chihuahua to the giant Great Dane, the number of recognized dog breeds is vast. But just as varied are the ailments and health issues commonly associated to each breed.

Only your professional veterinarian will be able to assess the health of your dog. Prevention is essential for finding hidden diseases and illnesses in animals. Also, ask your vet for a body condition evaluation to check if your dog is at a healthy weight for its age and breed.

Get some exercise. Be sure to get your pet outside and active to keep muscles and joints healthy. Gauge the amount of exercise based on pet size and age.

Know your pet's food. Based on age, size and breed, your dog will have different dietary needs. Speak with your vet about a proper nutrition plan to support your dog's overall health and keep its weight in check. (Especially important for me because I will eat anything but lettuce and my vet says I should lose a few pounds, but I think that I am just big boned).

By understanding more about the breeds in your furry friend, you can make a focused plan for their best nutrition, health and overall wellbeing. For more information about the Wisdom Panel 3.0 test, visit www.WisdomPanel.com.

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I'm well socialized with other dogs and people. I'm also house trained and know how to use a doggie door. If you're looking for a buddy to run on the

beach with, I may be the one for you as I love running on the beach and playing. C.A.R.L. Adoption Center, 644-PETS(7387).

Penny is a darling girl with a sleek black coat and the loveliest of green eyes. She is shy but really wants to be friendly. Money Penny is 2-years-old and already spayed. Her former owners were, perhaps, James Bond fans? Miss Money Penny was the Bond girl in "Skyfall." So our Money Penny carries a famous name! However, our girl is a bit more retiring, and doesn't want to give autographs. She just wants a home and family where she can feel safe and secure, and know that she is wanted and loved. Money Penny hopes her new family finds her soon. VCAS - Simi Valley - 670 W. Los Angeles Ave. ID A616729



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Scamp Club

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Hi: I'm Dori a 3-year-old bichon frise and Lhasa apso mix, aren't I adorable? I was named after Doris Day. I don't know who that is, but must be a famous person. I am a spunky office dog spoiled by the employees at Wheel Fun Rentals. I love chasing toys, having my ears scratched and making sure all of our products pass my standards.



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Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

Stolen Vehicle

On Tuesday, May 12th, at 6:51 a.m., the VPD received a call referencing a suspicious occupied vehicle parked on Thille Street, east of Holmes Avenue. Officers contacted the two occupants of the vehicle. The driver, Kelly Smith, accelerated, nearly striking one of the officers. Smith continued in a northwest direction driving over the center median, striking a parked vehicle and Edison light pole, where the vehicle came to rest. Smith and another suspect, Michael Leake, were taken into custody.

The vehicle was stolen and had been outfitted with an unreported stolen license plate. A search of the vehicle revealed several guns, several thousand rounds of ammunition, explosives, drugs, drug paraphernalia and forged checks.

Child Endangerment

On Thursday, May 14th, at 8:51 p.m., a concerned citizen in the 100 block of South Chestnut Street called the VPD to report an extremely intoxicated male, Diego Montano, who was carrying a small child with him. As officers were responding to check on the child, two parking cadets, who were working in the area, were contacted by a citizen regarding the same suspect. The cadets then saw Montano walking up to a vehicle in the nearby parking structure and possibly attempt to get into a vehicle with the child.

As Montano was at the vehicle, he saw the parking cadets watching him, and ran while still carrying the child. As he was running, he hit the child's head on a metal light pole causing minor injuries. Officers contacted Montano at Santa Clara and Chestnut Street. As they attempted to detain him for the investigation, he violently fought with officers. Montano was taken into custody. The child was not harmed during the fight.

Montano sustained minor injuries from the fight and was later booked at VC Jail for being a terrible father. Child and Family Services was contacted and coordinated care for the child.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery

On Sunday, May 17th, at 11:45 a.m., a Ventura police officer picked up a homing signal from a stolen vehicle. The officer learned that the vehicle was a Blue 1998 Honda Civic that had been stolen from Oxnard.

Officers tracked the vehicle's signal to the area of Peking Street and Main Street in Ventura. As officers approached the vehicle, Cherish Rogers attempted to flee but was quickly taken into custody by responding officers.

Rogers admitted to officers that she stole the vehicle. Rogers was arrested and booked at the VC Jail. She also had outstanding warrants out of Santa Barbara County.

Elder Abuse

In March of this year, a 66-year old-Ventura resident discovered that a substantial amount of cash was

missing from his safe deposit box at his bank. The victim notified the VPD and a patrol officer responded to file a crime report. Shortly thereafter, a Major Crimes Detective was assigned to the case and began investigating. The detective discovered that around the time of the theft, a family member of the victim, Nancy Gordon, illegally gained access to the victim's safe deposit box and possibly had possession of the victim's money.

Detectives executed search warrants in Oxnard and Camarillo and recovered a large amount of the victim's money and evidence that linked Gordon to the crime. On Monday, May 11th, Gordon was booked at the VC Jail. Moral never trust your relatives.

Train vs. Pedestrian

On Wednesday, May 20th, at 8:10 p.m., the VPD received a call from Union Pacific Railroad, referencing a pedestrian that was walking along the tracks and had been struck by a passing train. Officers found the victim lying next to the tracks, and a train stopped a short distance away. Ventura Fire and AMR arrived on scene and administered aid to the victim, who was suffering from serious injuries, and was ultimately transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries.

The victim was walking eastbound along the railroad tracks and the train was also traveling eastbound on the tracks. The conductor of the train saw the victim and attempted to warn him using the train's horn. The victim did not respond and appeared not to hear the train approaching. The train was unable to stop in time and the victim was struck by the train and thrown 30 feet, where he came to rest on a small bridge over a drainage culvert.

Child Sexual Abuse

On Wednesday, April 29th, the VPD received a report of lewd conduct with a child. A juvenile victim reported to a patrol officer that William Miller had touched her in a sexual manner.

Ventura police detectives began a follow up investigation and learned that Miller had been accused of child molestation by another female juvenile in 2011. They also discovered that a female juvenile had accused Miller of child molestation in 1995.

On Thursday, May 21st, William Charles Miller was arrested in the 200 Block of Regis Avenue and booked at the VC Jail.

Strong Arm Robbery

On Thursday, May 21st, at 5:19 p.m., a white male and a white female, in their twenties, entered Lux Baby, located at 1790 East Main Street, and began looking at items inside the store. As the clerk approached them to offer assistance, the male suspect shoved the employee and grabbed an Orbit stroller, car seat and stroller seat and fled from the business on foot with the items. The female suspect grabbed additional items and also fled from the business. Both suspects entered a pewter colored BMW, which was parked nearby, and fled the area with the stolen items.

Officers responded to the area but did not locate the suspects. The employee was not injured during the robbery. Some wonderful parents to be.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Youth

YMCA is trying to keep our children in better physical shape

Although most parents consider their children's habits related to exercise and healthy eating to be high priorities, most may need additional information to help their kids reach these goals. This gap may help explain why kids' activity and eating behaviors don't meet current recommendations. Achieving a healthy lifestyle is particularly important during the summer months, when kids are vulnerable to not only forgetting what they've learned during the school year but also to excessive weight gain.

More than 70 percent of parents were unaware of the recommended standards for healthy eating and physical activity for children according to the YMCA's Family Health Snapshot survey, conducted in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight. For example, only 29 percent of parents surveyed knew that half of their child's plate at meals should consist of fruits and vegetables as recommended by USDA's My Plate.

Results of the Family Health Snapshot survey, based on responses of nearly 1,200 parents of kids ages 5 to 12, underscore the challenges parents face

in ensuring that their kids maintain a healthy lifestyle, especially during the summer.

Only about half of kids get at least 60 minutes of daily physical activity during the summer.

While produce consumption rises during the summer months, many kids still don't eat the recommended amount of vegetables.

The Y (www.ymca.net) and the AAP's Institute (www.ihcw.aap.org) recommend families follow the Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) Standards for afterschool, summer and preschool programs, which emphasize the importance of fruits, veggies, water and low- or non-fat beverages, as well as limiting screen time and being physically active.

Locally, the Ventura Family YMCA help kids hop the gap through summer camps, day camps, swimming classes, youth sports, Kid's Cardio Club, Adventure Guides, 3rd Grade Learn to Swim, Operation Ventura, and family programs such as the World's Largest Swimming Lesson on June 18, 2015. Please visit ciymca.org/ventura for more details.

Extraordinary educators will be recognized

The Ventura County Educators' Hall of Fame will be holding their annual Induction Dinner on the evening of Saturday, June 6th. The dinner will be held at the Four Points By Sheraton in Ventura.

Six extraordinary educators will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. To purchase tickets visit the Hall of Fame website at www.vceh.com

The six educators are:

Cecilia Coe began her career teaching at Saint Patrick Day School in 1975, moved on to teach at Colina Middle School in the Conejo Valley Unified School District, but spent most of her career at La Reina High School in Thousand Oaks. Cecilia Coe's efforts as a dedicated educator and administrator led to La Reina High School receiving the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award in 2013.

Dr. Bruce Colell has directed music students throughout his career around Ventura County and around the world since 1962. His group "California Swing Kids" received high marks in many compe-

titions and were able to perform for many service organizations. Dr. Colell served as a conductor and music director for various parishes and has prepared liturgical compositions.

Patricia Craig was a dedicated teacher for the Pleasant Valley School district from 1973 - 2003. She promoted the talents of her students in her theatre arts and speech classes and through her guidance, many rose to receive awards for their speaking talents.

Jeanne Davis has been a teacher, administrator, and a Board of Trustees member for the Simi Valley Unified School District. She is a compassionate educator who serves students, parents, and staff members with equal dedication.

Raelene Manzer successfully accomplished many years as a kindergarten teacher for the Rio District and the Pleasant Valley School District. She nurtured her students to be successful throughout their elementary and secondary years and to become life-long learners. She has served on the Camarillo Arts Council and the Pleasant Valley Historical Society.

Anna Merriman began her career in education teaching at Fountain Valley High School before moving to the Conejo Valley Unified School District to teach, be a counselor and administrator, then becoming an administrator for the Simi Valley Unified School District and the Moorpark Unified School District.

public safety, yet to invest in growing fewer criminals we need to be sure children love to read, possess the tools to succeed academically, gain employment, and become productive members of our community.

Our budget priorities here in Ventura seem at odds with our goal of a prosperous and educated community. We need to reorder priorities and budget resources to be certain we help our law enforcement by growing literate, educated, productive young people.

Growing a reader starts in infancy. Children need access to books, with parents reading to them each day. In addition, a weekly visit to the library for books and story time builds a foundation for academic success long before school days begin.

Kathy Thomson, the President of the Ventura Friends of the Library, spoke to our City Council recently. She outlined all the volunteer hours the Friends expend to enrich our libraries. While I feel hopeful Council Member Morehouse had the best of intentions, when he asked Kathy if she could find a way to make libraries "sexier."

This question exemplifies two fundamental problems in our city:

The first is the need for Council to recognize that our libraries are part of our city's core services. Would we ask the police or fire if they could find a way to be "sexier?" They are providing a vital public service and so are our libraries.

The second problem is expecting a city volunteer organization to be responsible for improving library services.

I believe if our Council prioritized, funded and enriched our libraries we would avoid many troubling social issues on the back end. New budget discussions should reexamine our core library services.

Our city is long and narrow and the public has repeatedly requested neighborhood libraries. it is time to fully fund our libraries to the state average and restore east side library services.

I urge you to write our Council and affirm the value libraries bring to our children and the future of our community. Growing readers is our top priority.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Growing Readers: A Budget Priority

by Marianne Coffey

A recent discussion of troubling social issues caught my attention with the comment, "What bothers me is some kid heisting my car because no one taught him to read."

A poignant observation. We value



In the recent Beyond Dairy, Omega Creamery Earth Day Ecco-contest First Place in Division 1 went to Mrs. Contreras' second grade class from Rio Lindo Elementary School in Oxnard. The contest encouraged local parents and children to create a re-usable (or "Upcycled") project from throw away items. Mrs. Contreras stated "My class has been collecting and reusing paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, and discarded cardboard. We tie in instruction with art projects and reuse the rolls. Currently, in science we are studying about the life cycle of the butterfly. The students are reusing the rolls and cardboard to make butterflies. So we tie in instruction with art projects."



Cheryl Brogdin is the new owner of Blazing Scissors beauty salon located at 104 N. Ashwood. Cheryl will maintain the same quality service that Venturan's has come to count on at the salon. She will be giving back to the community by presenting fund raisers for local schools and charities. Blazing Scissors has a completely new look that she wants to share. She stated "We have always offered the best to our clients. We provide affordable beauty to the whole family men, women and children of all ages. So stop by and say hi."

This 'n' That

New recording studio

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Notes musician.

Notes for Notes hopes that youth, parents, music teachers and interested community members will attend. For more information, contact Ashley Lyden at ashleyl@bgclubventura.org.

Founded in 2006, Notes for Notes is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing youth with free access to musical instruments, instruction and recording studio environments, so that music may become a profoundly positive influence their lives.

Co-Founder and CEO, Philip Gilley says, "Notes for Notes was founded on the core belief that music is the universal language of humankind, and has the power to transcend virtually any barrier - economic, cultural, racial, or societal. At the heart of the organization is a dedication to the relationships formed through music."

Boys & Girls Club President Paul Newman says "We are excited to be working with Notes for Notes. This is a truly innovative organization that, through the power of music, has found an effective way to reach young people at a critical stage in their development."

(1-minute) to complete. It must be filed prior to the City's Public Hearing regarding the matter on June 8, 2015, 6:00 P.M. Faxes, emails, or photo copies protests WILL NOT be counted.

Thanks for your continued efforts to keep the citizens of Ventura informed of local news and happenings, It is much appreciated.
Mike Pitts

Breeze

Excellent article on the front page of the Ventura Breeze about the Recycle Center Removal...emphasis on the two community councils getting this done in conjunction with the City and Marina Village's property management is exactly the way this project should be portrayed.

Also the statement that recycle centers should be located in industrial parks and not in neighborhoods or where we shop will encourage the City to actually make this happen.

Murray Robertson
A Very Concerned Pierpont Resident



Breeze:

Tuesday May 5th 2015 at 11:45 am, does anyone else see something wrong with this picture? At Ventura Community Park, Kimball and Telephone.

Did we need another Baseball field at this time when everyone is asked to conserve water? If we really needed it, why not wait until you collected enough money from the public to construct it with artificial grass? All around the park there are signs that there is a drought and that is why it is looking so dry.

I am sure if questioned about watering at 11:45 am they will say they are testing the system. I walk my dogs there often and know for a fact that they are watering this newly planted area constantly often resulting in puddling of water.

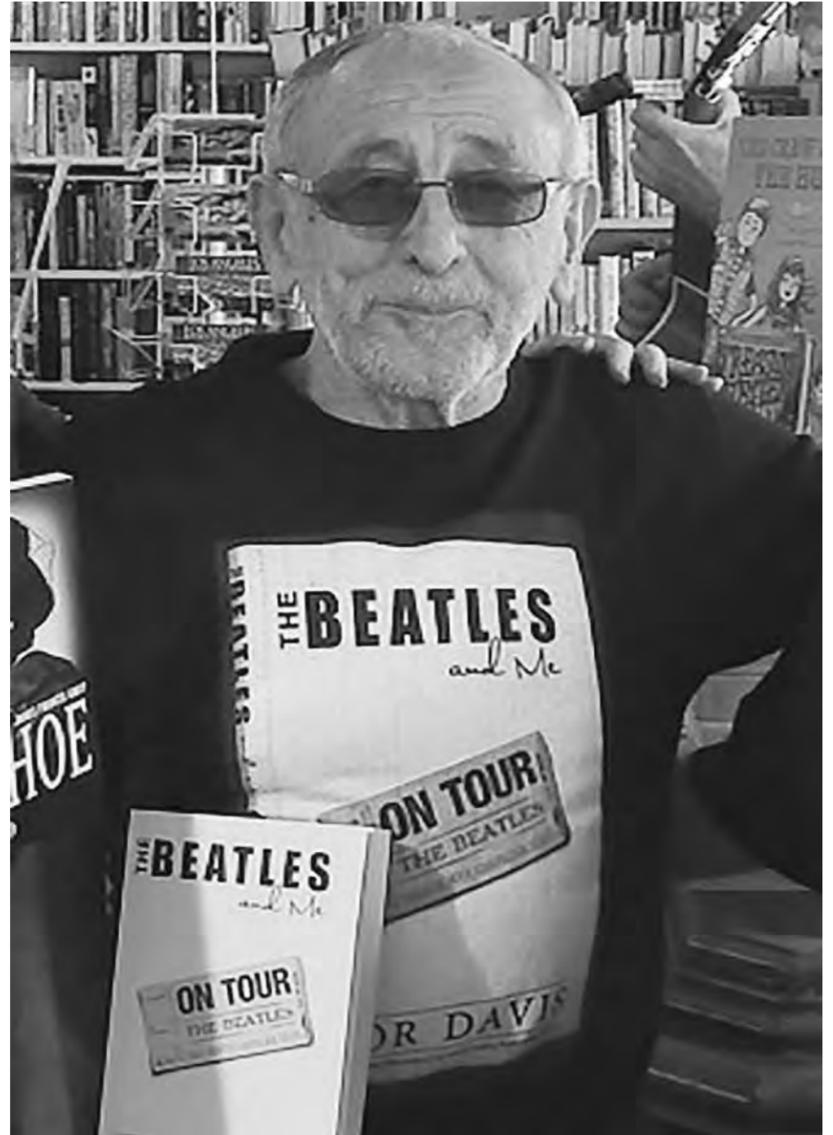
Another beef of mine, look at all the grass at the Government Center, nice and green. Laws and rules only seem to be applying to the general tax paying public. Disgusting!

Marion Taber
Ventura
Marion:

The Government Center uses reclaimed water, this is what we were told by a Ventura Water person.

"Currently, Marina Park, Olivas Links and Buena Golf Courses use reclaimed water. All other parks within the City of Ventura have cut potable water use by a minimum of 20%. I don't know specifics, but I do know the schools do not use City of Ventura reclaimed water. I also know that they too have cut their watering at least by 20%."

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Ventura author Ivor Davis book, "The Beatles and Me On Tour," was awarded the Independent Publisher Book Awards' gold medal in the autobiography and memoir category. Nearly 6,000 entries came in from all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, eight Canadian provinces, and 34 other countries around the globe. The award ceremony is May 27 in New York City during BookExpoAmerica (BEA). Mr. Davis is attending BEA and will be present to accept his award.

"I'm delighted and thrilled to win this award," said Davis. "Waiting 50 years to write the book, I wasn't sure who might still be interested. But I've discovered there's a huge world of Beatle fans - 3 generations long - who are passionate about the band and its music. I've had fun meeting hundreds of them on the road while promoting the book."



On Saturday, May 9 the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura held a "Picnic In The Park" at the Olivas Adobe. It was a "Lend A Hand" culture and community celebration acknowledging the people of Ventura County who have embraced their passion for children and who have supported the Club. It featured a BBQ lunch and live entertainment by the Sgt. Pepper Band.

Mailbox

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percent which I fully support. At the same time, he has not asked for any reduction from California agribusiness which consumes 80 percent of California's water. The photograph illustrates an example of overwatering of crops to such an extent as to produce runoff which is wasted. Interestingly, California is the nation's leading producer of almonds, avocados, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, grapes, lettuce, onions, peppers, spinach, tomatoes, and walnuts, according to a 2012 Department of Agriculture report. While the state produces one-third of the nation's vegetables and two-thirds of the nuts and fruits, agribusiness contributes only 2 percent to the state's GDP. California continues to plant high water demand crops like almonds because it is highly lucrative. Why do we continue to support such crops in a state undergoing drought? If California agribusiness were to reduce water consumption by half of what is being asked of the populous (10 percent), we could triple the total water savings. I doubt this will happen because agribusiness continues to spend \$95 million dollars nationally on lobbying efforts. It would seem that this is the time to reevaluate the types of produce we plant in California. Clearly the Governor chooses almonds over people.

John Ferritto
Ventura

Dear Sheldon,

In the event that the citizens of the City of Ventura are not aware of it, there is a printed form available at Rm.107, Ventura City Hall, to protest the increases in the City of Ventura water rates. The form is THE WATER SHORTAGE RATE PROTEST FORM. I believe the form is also available on-line at www.cityofventura.net/water/rates.

The form is one page and simple

Show Time

Mad Max: Fury Road



by Eduardo Victoria
eduardovictory@yahoo.com

The latest *Mad Max* sequel in 30 years brings director George Miller back to the franchise that launched his career. An extremely economic script makes the film work as both a sequel to the original film and a complete reboot of the series. From the very opening, we get hardly any time to breathe. *Fury Road* is the definition of the saying "go big or go home." How no one died during the production is astonishing and a testament to the sheer technical skill of everyone involved.

Max Rockatansky (Tom Hardy) is taken captive by a group known as the War Boys, lead by Immortan Citadel (Hugh Keays-Byrne) who turn him into a blood pack for War Boy Nux (Nicholas Hoult). All characters' paths collide when Imperator Furiosa (Charlize Theron) turns a routine supply run into an escape attempt, bringing with her the "many mothers," women who are used strictly for the purposes of breeding more War Boys by Citadel.

This brief synopsis is ridiculous and the filmmakers knew the plot is preposterous. What is essentially a giant chase sequence drawn out for two hours makes for easily the most exciting film of the year. Hardy and Theron deliver exceptional performances that elevate this \$100 million "b" movie to a work that transcends the genre.

Director George Miller throws us head first into the post-apocalypse of Australia. There is no back-story, not very much exposition, and certainly no shame in depicting the crazy world these characters inhabit. First and foremost, the film's tight plot don't allow for anything more than what is shown on screen. We forced into this world, as is Max. The ideals and events behind the escape attempt are slowly revealed, making him the proxy for the audience.

The stunt team behind the work must be praised for their audacity to go above and beyond anything that's been done anything in recent memory. Hot rods race past each other as people cling to the sides of vehicles. War Boys pole-vault from vehicle to vehicle and a 78 year old rides a motorcycle like no one's business (yes, she did her own stunts).

Further adding to the chaos is composer Tom Holkenborg, aka Junkie

XL's musical score. Bass trombones blast the senses, while Wagnerian string melodies encapsulate the raw emotion of ecstasy, failure, and reward brought on by Imperator Furiosa. Enhancing the sound of XL's work is cinematographer John Seale who takes a dry landscape and turns it into a bright, vibrant, wasteland. The nighttime sequences have a blue hue to them while bleak landscapes are characterized with bright orange auras.

Writing this review almost won't do it justice. Some will see the film and call me crazy for rating it so highly, but simply put, *Mad Max: Fury Road* is an experience and films of this nature keep me coming back to the cinema day after day, week after week. The film taps into the very heart of what makes movies so exciting and will certainly divide those with opposing viewpoints on feminism, action movies, how much Max is actually a supporting character and how powerful the idea of go-big-or-go-home filmmaking can actually be. Now playing at Cinemark Downtown 10. Rated R. Action/Thriller. 120 minutes.

Two on the Aisle

Delightful Drowsy Chaperone debuts in Camarillo

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

What could be more entertaining than an uplifting Broadway musical? One meant simply to engage the audience without straining the brain? The Camarillo Skyway Playhouse's current production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* fulfills that requirement admirably, featuring laughs aplenty, engaging music, excellent choreography and quirky characters.

The plot is simple. While sitting in his apartment an aficionado of Broadway musicals puts on the sound track to his favorite show. The Man in the Chair (Paul Duffy) then becomes an enthusiastic narrator, recounting for the audience the plot of a fictional rollicking 1920s musical called *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

As the Man in the Chair narrates, the musical's various characters come to life, transforming his small apartment into a theater stage as they act out the story of the Prohibition era piece. Along the way,

the Man offers the audience pithy and timely reminders of acceptable theater etiquette, as well as character insights.

The focus of the musical-within-the-play centers around a wedding that is set to occur between Robert Martin (smooth and suave Patrick Beckstead) and stage siren Janet van de Graaff (a polished and beguiling Annie Sherman). Janet is loosely watched over by The Chaperone (L.J. Stevens) who is more intent on seeking alcoholic refreshment ("it makes me drowsy"), than she is in corralling her charge.

Along the way we meet a Broadway producer (Jeff Berg) and his talent-challenged chorine (Lauren Moore), Aldolpho (David Colville), an aging ego-centric lothario, a duo of gangsters posing as pastry chefs, and numerous minor but integral characters, all of whom add to the fun.

The spoof was originally conceived as a wedding gift for the real-life Bob Martin and Janet van de Graaf. After being so well received it was further refined and in 2006 won numerous Tony Awards when it hit Broadway.

The Camarillo Skyway Playhouse production is directed by local award

winning veteran Dean Johnson and gives the show the spotlight it deserves. Talent abounds on the stage in many forms. We delighted in the tight-laced demeanor of Marc Goldenstein as Underling, the butler, and the sheer vocal power of Felicia Hall as Trix, the Aviatrix. Of particular note is a high energy tap dance number (not seen nearly enough on VC stages!) featuring Beckstead and his best man, George, played by Abel Alderete. Even the set itself becomes part of the imaginary action.

A nice change of pace from the current trend of rock/angst musicals, Chaperone offers hummable tunes, an infusion of unabashed and uninhibited "let's just have fun" mentality, just the right amount of silliness and it is suitable for all ages.

The Drowsy Chaperone continues weekends until June 28 at the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse, 330 Skyway Drive, Camarillo airport. Performances, which are presented without an intermission, are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday afternoons. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$14 for students, seniors and military and \$10 for children under 10. Tickets and information 388-5716, www.skywayplayhouse.org.



Ric serves on many boards serving Ventura.

New board member Ricci (Ric) Ruffinelli

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association is pleased to welcome new Board Member, Ricci (Ric) Ruffinelli, president of ZestNet, Inc. Ric founded the computer service company in 1971. Mr. Ruffinelli spent nearly eighteen years in the healthcare industry as a chief financial officer and later as a hospital administrator.

In addition to serving on the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association Board of Directors, Mr. Ruffinelli serves as board chair of the Channel Islands YMCA, member of the Ventura YMCA board of managers and treasurer for the Search Dog Foundation Board of Directors.

He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting from Loyola Marymount University, College of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Southern California.

He has been involved in athletics as an official and public address announcer for over 38 years. Currently, he announces football for St. Bonaventure High School and football and basketball for Ventura College.

Mr. Ruffinelli and his wife, Penny, have been married for 45 years and have

2 adult children.

As a fourth generation Venturan, Ric is committed to the health and success of our community; a commitment that he shares with Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association.



Who will need to prepare and serve dinner?

Sock it to 'em

Back in March, the Ventura Chamber Ambassadors issued a challenge to the Ventura Young Professionals (YPG) that the groups would spend two months collecting new socks, at the end of the challenge, the team that collected fewer socks would have to cook and serve dinner at the City Center for the other. Both teams agreed to donate the socks to the various non-profits in the Chamber that serve the homeless.

Both teams started off strong and were extremely passionate about collecting as many socks as possible. The competition came to a close on Thursday April 30th where both teams had a 7:00 p.m. deadline to turn in their socks. Socks were counted several times throughout the day by Chamber staff and members of both teams.

On Friday, May 1st at the Connection Breakfast, the Chamber's new CEO Stephanie Caldwell called up both teams to announce the winner. Combined, the two teams collected 1,862 pairs of socks, but it was team YPG that came out on top as the winner of the challenge.

The City Center dinner is tentatively scheduled to occur in the summer where both teams will be present to serve food and spend time with the families that reside there.

The YPG and the Ambassadors both enjoyed this fun competition and look forward to more competitions in the future, especially the ones that benefit the community.

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Lighter Breeze

Mutts



Shoe



Hagar the Horrible



Crock



Beetle Bailey



Blondie



Solutions on page 17

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

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 17

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Talk show host Kelly
- 5 Urban transport
- 8 Bridge coup
- 12 "American —"
- 13 Tramcar fill
- 14 Blood (Pref.)
- 15 Cat call?
- 16 "Gosh!"
- 17 State with conviction
- 18 Hero meat
- 20 Dervishes
- 22 Still
- 23 Profit
- 24 Intends
- 27 Butt holders
- 32 "The Raven" writer
- 33 Placekicker's pride
- 34 Ball-bearing item
- 35 Discourtesy
- 38 With 3-Down, info for interbreeding
- 39 Rage
- 40 Altar affirmative
- 42 Canada's capital
- 45 Rang out
- 49 Bygone flock

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- 52 Irritating vapor
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- 54 Last (Abbr.)
- 55 Great Lake
- 56 Clarinetist's need
- 57 Storm center
- 58 On pension (Abbr.)
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- 4 Nonstop
- 5 Think deeply
- 6 Exist
- 7 Vegan's no-no
- 8 Half a dinner-table pair
- 9 Rise
- 10 Cupid's specialty
- 11 Takes blades to blades
- 19 Yours truly
- 21 Pismire
- 24 Spring mo.
- 25 Chit
- 26 Ponder
- 28 "Help!"
- 29 Be indecisive
- 30 Longing
- 31 Witness
- 36 Got the lead out?
- 37 Fresh
- 38 Happy Gilmore, e.g.
- 41 Accomplish
- 42 Mr. Sharif
- 43 Color quality
- 44 Malaria symptom
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries self-esteem level is high, as is your impatience to see more action come your way in the workplace. Good news, Lamb: It could start to happen sooner than you think.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Changing things now could upset a lot of people. But if you feel you're acting because you believe it's the right thing to do, others will understand and even come to support you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A change of mind might not necessarily be a change of heart. You still want to go ahead with your plans, but you might see a better way to make them happen. So go for it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An old business dispute could re-emerge and possibly affect upcoming negotiations. Consider opening up the situation to include suggestions from others on both sides of the issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some Leos and Leonas might find it somewhat difficult to get their ideas accepted or even considered. But that's only for a while. Things will soon return to the way you like them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The pace seems to be slowing down from the hectic on-the-job run you recently enjoyed. But be assured that you're still in the race to pick up new workplace-related goodies.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Seasonal changes create opportunities for busy Librans. However, be sure to balance your workload with your personal life so that you don't overdo it on one end or the other.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A former critic could make a surprise turnaround and become a supporter. But if your Scorpion sense suspects a questionable motive, who are the rest of us to doubt it?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Data on a new project seems less than dependable. But it might turn out to be just the opposite. Consult with someone who knows how you might best be able to check it out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Capricorneans face many decisions this week, with the Sea Goat's kids rating high on the consideration scale, especially regarding vacations and upcoming school matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Showing that you care is what Aquarians do so well. It's your very special skill. And this week, you'll have several chances to show off that gift for a very special person. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) That streak of Piscean wariness should serve you well this week should you be among those who come up against a slippery character offering a fishy deal with nothing to back it up.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an artist's sense of how to help others see, as you do, the beautiful things about the world.

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Jerry Vivino Quartet at Squashed Grapes with Bernie Dresel on drums, John Leftwich on bass, Jerry Vivino on sax and Mitch Forman on piano.

Ventura Music Scene

Geared up for Summer

by Pam Baumgardner

With the end of the school year, summer vacations planned and the outdoor music season quickly approaching, there is much to cover on Ventura's music scene. Let's start with the Pierpont Inn's 2015 Summer BBQ and Concert Series which kicks off on Thursday, June 4, featuring Fish Fry and the Vonettes. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean with a BBQ dinner that can't be beat, the series will run the first and third Thursday of the month from 5-9 pm. No admission either!

Squashed Grapes had yet another hot night of jazz recently when Jerry Vivino (Conan O'Brien orchestra leader) came to town and brought with him monster players including Bernie Dresel whose work on the movie *Whiplash* is becoming more known. It's so very cool, to be so close and intimate with such amazing jazz players. Don't forget Doug Webb returns with Danny Carey of Tool on Saturday May 30.

Jackie Greene plays Discovery on Friday, May 29. Jackie is out promoting his first studio album in five years with "Back to Birth." The album was recorded in Portland and produced by Los Lobos member, Steve Berlin. "Musically, this record is kind of a return to the simplicity that I started with, although I feel like I have a much better idea of what I'm doing now," Greene observes. "I think the lyrics are the part that's really evolved." Tickets are on sale at www.DiscoveryVentura.com.

Tickets for the third annual Nardfest have gone on sale for the two-day event at the Ventura Theater August 29 and 30 with all the usual suspects including Ill Repute, Dr. Know, Stalag 13 and dozens of local punk favorite bands.

The final concert of the Ventura County Concert Band's 51st season will be held at the Ventura High School auditorium on Sunday, June 7. Doors open at 2:30, it's free to the public and the final program, "As Summer Was Just Beginning" will be full of cool musical favorites including marches and musicals along with big band and hot popular hits.

And finally, on any given day of the week, you'll find amazing live music downtown Ventura and

all within 4-5 blocks, yes people, that's walking distance for most. It's not easy running a business and then on top of that booking bands and ensuring quality entertainment for patrons. But kudos go out to Amigos, Bombay's, W20 at the Watermark, Sans Souci, Café Fiore, Grapes and Hops, The Wine Rack, Saloon BBQ, The Tavern, Peirano's, The Star Lounge, Hong Kong Inn as well as El Rey, Rookies, Dargan's, Padrino's, the Sandbox Coffeehouse and Shanghai Beer Gardens for stepping up from time to time. These venues are responsible for making our Downtown vibrant. Keep up the good work!!

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

Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

546 E. Main St.
805-874-2232

Mondays: 6 pm Karen Eden; 8 pm Joey's Acoustic Blues Jam
Tuesdays: 6 pm Nathan McEuen; 8 pm Beer Brothers open mic
Wednesdays: 6 pm Grateful Jams; 9 pm Mark Masson and Friends
Sundays: 3 pm The Brand New Opry
Thursdays: 7:30 pm The Gypsy Blues Band

Fri 5/29: 6 pm Medicine Hat; 9 pm Fifth & Birmingham
Sat 5/30: 6 pm Camp Franco; 9 pm Fish Fry
Sun 5/31: 6 pm Pull the Trigger
Fri 6/5: 6 pm Jazzy Jill Jacobs; 9 pm Electricity
Sat 6/6: 6 pm Jon Gindick; 9 pm Jerry McWorter
Sun 6/7: 6 pm The Tossers

Beach House Tacos

Ventura Pier

Sat 5/30: 1 pm Afishnsea the Moon
Sun 5/31: 1 pm Pacific Haze

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California St.
805-643-4404

Wednesdays - Tommy Marsh Host the Session blues jam
Thursdays - Reggae Night
Fri 5/29: Spartacus, Electric Church, Grizzly Buddah
Sat 5/30: Highway Starr

Sat 6/6: Two Sheds

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street
805-653-1266

Wed 5/27: Tony Ybarra
Thurs 5/28: Cosolive
Fri 5/29: Big Adventure
Sat 5/30: Soul Infusion

Discovery Ventura

1888 Thompson Blvd

Thurs 5/28: Seedless w/ Tatanka and Tunnel Vision
Fri 5/29: Jackie Greene
Sat 5/30: Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad
Sun 5/31: 40oz to Freedom (Sublime Tribute Band)

Thurs 6/4: Stranger Band w/ Pasadena

Fri 6/5: The London Souls

Sat 6/6: Wanted (Bon Jovi Tribute Band)

The Garage

1091 Scandia Avenue

Fri 5/29: Rich Girls

Gigi's Cocktails

2493 Grand Avenue

(805) 642-2411

Mondays: Maggie's Drawers open mic

Thurs & Fri: Karaoke

Wed 5/27: Ghosts of Glaciers,

Hessian Wolf Children

Sat 5/30: Jane's Dough

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

Sat 5/30: 8 pm The Blasters, Raging

Arb and the Redheads

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 5/27: Shaky Feelin'

Wed 6/3: Keith Erickson and Rich

Sheldon

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mon - Fri 5-7 pm Kenny Devoe

The Keynote Lounge

10245 E. Telephone Road

805-647-9390

Tues, Weds & Suns - Karaoke

Thurs - Open mic jam

Fri 5/29: Rick Miller Band

Sat 5/30: Glorious Bastards

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Sun 5/31: Neutral Milk Hotel

Sat 6/6: Zoso

Mon 6/8: Yelawolf, Hillbilly Casino

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor

Fri 5/29: Natural Incense (acoustic)

Sat 5/30: Natural Incense

Sun 5/31: After the Smoke

The Patio at Player's Casino

6580 Auto Center Drive

805-643-1392

Fri 5/29: The Bomb

Sat 5/30: Action Down

Sun 5/31: 3 pm Teresa Russell

Fri 6/5: Jeanne Tatum

Sat 6/6: Sound Effect

Sun 6/7: 3 pm Tim Buley Band

Peirano's

204 E. Main Street

Fri 5/29: Ruben Estrada

Pierpont Inn

550 San Jon Road

805-643-6144

Thurs 6/4: Fish Fry & The Vonettes

Plan B Wine Cellars

3520 Arundell Circle

805-233-1453

Sat 6/6: 3:30 pm Crooked Eye Tommy

Rookees Sports Bar & Grill

419 E. Main Street

(805) 648-6862

Friday and Saturdays

10 pm Rotating DJs

Saloon BBQ

456 E. Main Street

Thurs 5/28: Matt Sayles

Fri 5/29: Skin and Bones

Sat 5/30: Solimar

Sun 5/31: Beach Bums

Thurs 6/4: Ventucky String Band

Fri 6/5: Brandon Ragan Project

Sat 6/6: Barrelhouse Wailers

Sun 6/7: Charlie Baker

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd

(805) 641-1025

Thurs 6pm: Open mic; Weekends noon

Sat 5/30: Russell & Cassie

Sun 5/31: Licity Collins

Sat 6/6: Michael Baggs

Sun 6/7: Noa Thomas

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 5/29: Riding Shotgun

Sat 6/6: My Modern Valentine, The

Dramedy

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St.

805-643-7300

Live music 7-10 pm

Wed 5/27: Jazz Police

Thurs 5/28: Ventura Jazz Collective

Fri 5/29: Rick Jarrett Group

Sat 5/30: Doug Webb featuring

Danny Carey (TOOL)

Tues 6/2: Jazz Jam

Wed 6/3: Tony Ybarra

Thurs 6/4: Hans Ottsen Trio

Fri 6/5: Karl Hunter Quartet

Sat 6/6: Haakon Graf Quartet

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

(805) 6438-4709

Fri 5/29: The Sheiks

Sat 5/30: Crosscut

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

805-644-2739

Sat 5/30: 6 pm Hard Times Band

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

Sunday open mics

Karaoke Tuesdays

Metal every Wednesday

DJs every Thursday college night

Fri 5/29: 6 pm Chris Chalk & John

Owens; 10 pm Beach Buzz, Die Evil Die

Sat 5/30: Steezy Steve

Fri 6/5: 6 pm Tommy & Paddy Marsh

Ventura Beach Club

281 W. Main Street

Hi Hat Entertainment Presents:

Fri 5/29: Rob Stone

Fri 6/5: BB Chung King

The Wine Rack

14 S. California Street

Music runs 8-11 pm

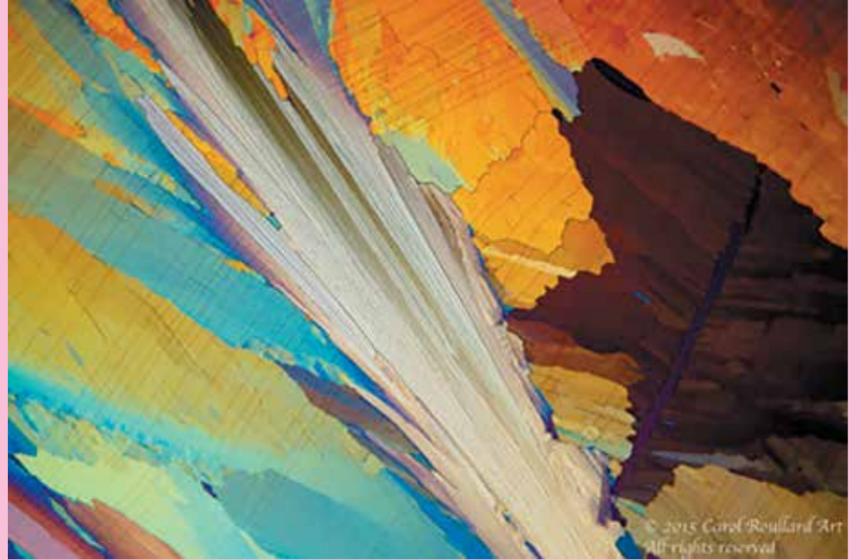
Tuesdays: Heard of Kats

Fri 5/29: Ventucky String Band

Sun 6/7: Ashford Gordon



Art, a la Carte



Artist **Carol Roullard**, a Moorpark resident, will be participating in the HUD Gallery's June Group Exhibition Show. Several of Carol Roullard's micro-crystal fine art will be on display. The show begins Friday, June 5th and concludes Saturday, June 27th. The HUD Gallery's (1793 E. Main Street) opening reception coordinates with the First Friday Ventura monthly event on Friday, June 5th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. The Exhibition will be Ms. Roullard's third time showing her work at the gallery.

On occasion we will be featuring the art work of Breeze staff, this memorial day celebration drawing is by **Jaime Baker**. You have seen his work in previous issues.

A Focus on the Masters Benefit Event creating **Buddhas: The Making and Meaning of Fabric Thangkas**. Film screening followed by a Q & A with artist **Leslie Rinchen-Wongmo**. Tuesday, June 2, 7pm
Cinemark's Century Theaters
555 E. Main St.
FOTM members \$10
non-members \$15

Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or by calling 653.2501.

Creating Buddhas features recently documented FOTM artist Leslie Rinchen-Wongmo who practices the ancient craft of fabric thangka considered to be among the most precious and rarest art forms from Tibet.



Brandon Newcomer knows how his art career started, but doesn't remember it: A traumatic brain injury sustained in an off-road vehicle accident several years ago at age 17 put him in a three-month coma, then a year in rehabilitation. Art became his route back.

His exhibition, June 2-27 at the Buenaventura Gallery in downtown Ventura is titled *Pathways to Recovery*. The Simi Valley artist will exhibit nine of his abstract illusionistic paintings, in acrylics and oils on both canvas and Masonite, and attend an opening reception 5-7 p.m. June 6 at the gallery.

"After waking up, every sense was turned on at full volume, every light and sound was a total assault" on his senses, Newcomer said.

Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St., is open 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more about the show or the nonprofit Buenaventura Art Association and its programs, visit www.buenaventuragallery.org or phone 648-1235 during gallery hours.



Local award winning artist **Shannon Celia** will have a June solo show at Buenaventura Art Association's Harbor Village Gallery from June 2-June 29 entitled *Captivating Coastal*. The 20 plus pieces will feature seascapes, area fishing vessels and local scenes. For more information please visit www.shannonceliafineart.com



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**Luncheon with Speaker on
The Challenges and Opportunities for
Higher Education in Ventura County**
given by

Dr. Richard Rush,
President of CSUCI
Saturday, June 13
Noon



Courtyard by Marriott,
600 E. Esplanade Drive, Oxnard

Dr. Richard Rush, President of California State University Channel Islands, will speak and take questions about issues facing public higher education in Ventura County at a luncheon hosted by the League of Women Voters, the Civic Alliance of Ventura County and AAUW of Thousand Oaks. The public is welcome and encouraged to come and learn more about the future of public higher education in Ventura County.

The League of Women Voters of California is initiating a study of the issues facing public higher education as our members become more and more concerned about the access and affordability of higher education in California for students and their families. The quality of preparation for today's workplaces is another concern of course, for those making this increasing "investment" of time and money. Dr. Rush's address is an important part of understanding these issues in Ventura County. As head of the newest campus in the California State University system, he has faced these issues since he became President in 2001.

- ◆ **RSVP for lunch with entrée choice and \$30 per person by June 8**
Lunch choice includes a Cobb salad with smoked turkey, a Club Croissant turkey sandwich or a Veggie Sandwich.
- ◆ **There is no cost to attend just the speech at 12:45 p.m.**
- ◆ **Reserve for lunch at <http://tinyurl.com/p7mx8xg> or by check to LWVVC, P.O. Box 787, Ventura, CA 93002 with a notation on entrée choice.**
- ◆ **For more information or late reservation, contact Pam Pecarich, ppecar@aol.com, 805-797-4757.**

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Strider® Sports International, Inc. hosted the second leg of the Strider Championship Series race, sponsored by CycleTrader.com, on Saturday, May 9 in Ventura. More than 100 racers toed the starting line, including 20 athletes with special needs participating in the Special Needs Races, which are new to this year's Championship Series. In its continued commitment to pay it forward, Strider Sports created the Strider Rider Fund in 2014 to facilitate providing balance bikes to non-profit organizations serving individuals in need. To date, the Rider Fund has donated more than \$300,000 in bikes and accessories. Photo by Eddie Bengston - Ocean Spirit Designs/Spirit of Ventura.

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