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# VENTURA BREEZE

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## Former Mayor and current City Councilmember Heitmann has announced she will run for reelection

During her first term in office, Cheryl was elected by her fellow Councilmembers to the post of Deputy Mayor and two years later was elected Mayor for 2013-15. In those posts, Cheryl initiated numerous programs that emphasized her commitment to listening to residents' needs and implementing policy to achieve community-wide goals.

Cheryl ensured that residents had greater access to decision-making through programs like the off-site Council meetings and "coffee with the mayor" gatherings, where she met with individuals to hear about their personal concerns.

She serves as Chair of the Economic Development Committee and steered the five-year Economic Development Strategy. Several key projects have begun during the last 5 years, including Kaiser Permanente's decision to build a 55,000 square foot office building (now under construction), Brooks Institute moving to downtown Ventura and a proposed four Star Hilton Hotel on Harbor Blvd.

She proposed and advocated for the Downtown Ambassadors Program, to keep our downtown clean and safe for residents and. She had a key role in

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A formal presentation was made to the Ventura County Fair Poster Contest winners at the Fair offices. The contest was open to County youth in grades 5 - 12.

Pictured are first place winner Madison Lomis, 16 years old Ventura, Barbara Quaid CEO Ventura County Fairgrounds, second place winner Anna Sorensen, 12 years old Simi Valley, James Lockwood Fairgrounds Public Relations and Marketing Director and third place winner Carys Garvey, 13 years old Ventura.

The Contest was held in the spring and the winners were chosen from an entry pool of 38 works of art. All of the Poster Contest entries will be displayed in the Youth Expo at the 2016 Ventura County Fair. All of the children who entered the contest received 2 tickets to the fair and will be invited to ride on a float in the Ventura County Fair Parade on Saturday, August 6.

*Photo by John Ferritto*



Harbor Church will be leaving this location after one year.

## City buys Harbor Community Church for \$2.3 million

Quoting from a previous article in the Ventura Breeze written by Rebecca Wicks:

"Harbor Community Church has filed a lawsuit against the City of Ventura signaling the start of the next round in the fight over the church's controversial homeless program. The program, which provides meals, showers and religious worship to a primarily homeless population, has been accused of being the source of a significant uprising in criminal activity in a once quiet residential neighborhood."

"The City's Planning Commission denied the church a conditional-use permit citing the program, called Operation Embrace, was not appropriate for its location next to an elementary school, park and day care facility. The City Council deadlocked in a 2-2 vote with Mayor Christy Weir on medical leave and councilmembers Eric Nasarenko and Jim Monahan recusing themselves because of statements they made previously in opposition of the program during their election campaigns for city council. The church needed an overriding vote, leaving the denial of permit intact."

"On May 14, two days after the City Council meeting, the church closed Operation Embrace. On May 15, temporary City Attorney Juli Scott reported Harbor Church pastor Sam Gallucci sent her an email stating he was going to consult with church elders to decide whether the church would sue. The following day the church filed a lawsuit and restarted its services."

"The suit argues the church's First Amendment freedom of religion rights

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The construction for the Brooks Institute location behind City Hall is progressing nicely.

## Brooks Institute moving to Downtown Ventura

From their current campus location on Ventura Ave. Brooks Institute is becoming an integral part of Ventura with several planned locations in the downtown area.

Brooks has several locations that are now being renovated spread out Downtown that will be their classrooms,

studios and offices.

In February the City Council approved a five-year lease for the for-profit school to move into the top two floors of 505 Poli St. located being City Hall. The 20,000 square feet will house offices, a conference room, student

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# Business



Greg Glass formed a deep interest in the connection between the mind and the body.

## Greg's Thai massage sessions promote the flow of energy throughout the body

by Jenny Guy

After earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, Greg Ryan Glass

decided to explore the world. He spent months backpacking through Australia, New Zealand and Eastern Asia. Observing the practices and traditions of different cultures, a 20-something Glass discovered his true calling. It came in the form of holistic healing practices, integrating Asian and Western modalities.

Glass, originally a New Jersey native, had a "typical suburban" upbringing - completely unexposed to alternative medicines. While in Amherst, Massachusetts, pursuing a degree in psychology, Glass formed a deep interest in the connection between the mind and the body. Through his education, he developed an appreciation for spiritual teachings, Eastern medicine, yoga, tai chi and the practice of Somatics, movements based on internal awareness.

At the university, Glass completed a rigorous certification course, the Five College Program in Culture, Health and Science (CHS), which provided him with a theoretical framework of human health, disease and healing. Simultaneously, Glass apprenticed with a local herbalist, where he gained an understanding of extracts, herbal remedies as well as the landscape of the natural products industry.

A strong thirst for education pushed Glass to study at 15 different schools of natural medicine. He performed

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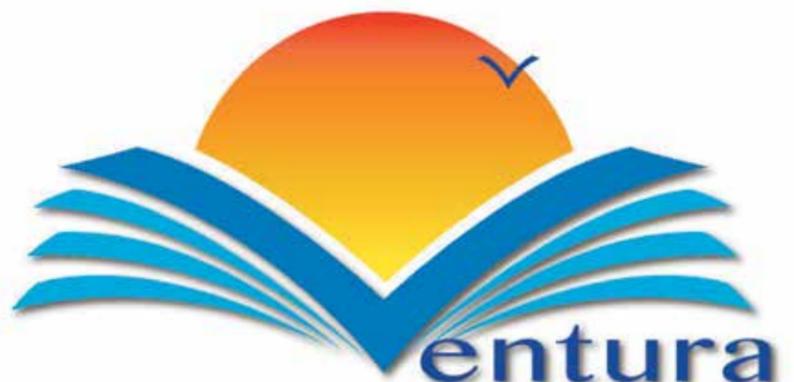
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## Dedicated local funding for Ventura residents

Written by Mayor Erik Nasarenko and Councilmember Mike Tracy

The City Council has placed a half-cent sales tax measure on the November 8 ballot for voter consideration. While this would add just 50 cents to a purchase of \$100, it would bring new local resources to address the needs of our community.

Our 150-year-old city unfortunately suffers from crumbling streets and sidewalks, aging bridges that don't meet today's seismic standards, and deteriorating storm drains that can lead to pollution and debris on the beaches and in the ocean. We must address these urgent repair needs to maintain our high quality of life and protect what makes Ventura special.

Through surveys and community input meetings, Ventura citizens have expressed their support for investing in our city's infrastructure and the need for more services. Having conducted a full needs assessment, the City has a comprehensive understanding of our community needs for the next two decades.

Maintaining fire, police and paramedic emergency response is also vital to protecting residents of Ventura. Nearly 85% of all calls to the Ventura City Fire Department's communications center require emergency medical attention. Keeping all six of the City's fire stations open is important to maintaining quick response times. One of our local fire stations currently relies on temporary funding to remain open.

With the second highest number of homeless people in Ventura County, additional resources would help individuals, veterans and families transition away from or stay off the streets and ensure our parks and public areas are safe for everyone.

Additionally, Ventura's existing senior resources and services are not keeping up with the growing senior population. Programs for this population help maintain their health and well-being, allowing them to continue to be productive citizens and engaged with their community. At the other end of the age spectrum, city-funded after-school and summer recreational programs protect our children and teens and keep them safe and supervised.

With the local funding measure, tourists who visit our city will share in the cost of its maintenance, while essential items like groceries and medicine would be exempt. All funds would remain here and could not be taken by the state.

These resources would be available for vital city services and programs, such as repairing streets, sidewalks and bridges, protecting our coastline, public safety, addressing homelessness and other vital city services to meet needs of residents.

While state funding to cities has sharply declined, maintenance costs have grown. The City has only been able to live within its means by deferring projects and cutting back on services and costs wherever possible.

For continued accountability, the ballot measure includes creation of a citizens oversight committee which would become law should it be approved by the voters. The measure states the committee must include seven individuals who must be Ventura residents and elected officials are excluded.

To ensure transparency, registered voters in Ventura received a notice in the mail to provide education on the local measure. On November 8, it will be up to voters to decide if the city should make the investment to protect our infrastructure, our coastline and our quality of life into the future.

For more information visit [cityofventura.net/ballotmeasure](http://cityofventura.net/ballotmeasure)

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## City News



Map illustrates where a permitted overnight shelter with daytime services might be allowed and where shelters are currently permitted.

## City Council shows concerns for the homeless and residents

More than 250 people gathered for the City Council's Community Homeless Workshop at the Derby Club on April 18, 2016. Attendees worked in groups to complete exercises designed to define, understand and help the homeless community.

Several attendees commented that increased coordination between the different agencies, to which would include all private and faith-based organizations, might improve the distribution of homeless services.

One problem with providing Ventura's homeless with overnight accommodations is that zoning does not allow overnight sheltering and other services at the same location. Time consuming and costly city permits also slow the availability of shelters.

At the conclusion of the Workshop, Mayor Erik Nasarenko made a motion that would allow the city to forgo some of the zoning/permitting process. The motion passed 5-2. City Attorney Gregory Diaz said the motion does not change zoning, but allows the city staff to examine the issue further.

At the City Council meeting held on July 11 - in a victory for advocates of the homeless - the City Council voted 7-0 to take the first step toward allowing homeless facilities in Ventura.

They also agreed to continue to work closely with Ventura County on a coordinated effort to help the homeless.

After the final vote, the large crowd at the council meeting erupted into applause (instead of the usual waiving of hands which is the Council protocol).

The vote was mostly symbolic because city staff will now reach out to Venturans, the business community, police and others as the city develops the required zoning to implement the council's wishes. They directed staff to return to City Council with an ordinance amendment to allow sheltering and services in a new zone or overlay with a targeted timeline to return to City Council by March 2017.

Councilmember Mike Tracy stated that other cities and the county must be involved in the effort so the burden of serving the area's homeless population wouldn't fall only on Ventura.

"We need a regional approach," he said.

The entire council expressed great concern for both the homeless and Ventura residents and asked important questions of the staff and Community Development Director Jeff Lambert and Community Services Manager Peter Brown.

The Ventura Chamber participated in the council meeting and spoke on behalf of the City staff recommendation to change the zoning to allow emergency shelter and day services in the same area. Earlier this year, the Chamber declared homelessness as one of their four key areas of focus.

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Dear Editor,

With regard to the news report of July 5, 2016 in the Ventura County Star, the Ventura voting public needs to keep this news in perspective with how it relates to the citizens of Ventura. This is a City Council that is asking for another \$270,000,000 in new taxes to spend anyway they wish.

The City Council approved a 4.50% raise, plus a \$1,500 bonus, for police. The City Council also approved a 4.50% raise, plus a \$1,500 bonus, for police management. Furthermore, they also approved a 5.25% raise, plus

## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher-Editor

I want to thank the Ventura County Fair for placing their flyer in this issue of the Breeze. Always a great event and very fun and rewarding way to spend a day, or two.

We are pleased to introduce our new "Real Estate Showcase" page in this issue featuring property listings from local Realtors. We hope you enjoy this new service.

One of Ventura's finest evenings is undoubtedly the summer outdoor concerts at Olivas Adobe. Ventura's coolest "Music Under The Stars" summer nightclub offers a great mix of high quality bands including a large dance floor, full beverage service, a gourmet food truck and fine coffee, espresso and smoothies from the Javacat truck at all of the events. Or, you can bring your own food and drinks.

Seating is limited and concerts regularly sell out, so avoid disappointment at the door by buying tickets early at the City's Web site, [www.cityofventura.net/mus](http://www.cityofventura.net/mus). There are 7 concerts remaining.

Olivas Adobe is located near the Harbor, at 4200 Olivas Park Dr. Tickets are \$20 and are available at 658.4726 or at door for not sold out concerts. [www.cityofventura.net/mus](http://www.cityofventura.net/mus) for more information. Come say hi because I regularly attend all the concerts.

In this issue, we include an article regarding the City Council meeting to address homeless living conditions. I want to complement the City Council for the manner in which they dealt with his sensitive situation.

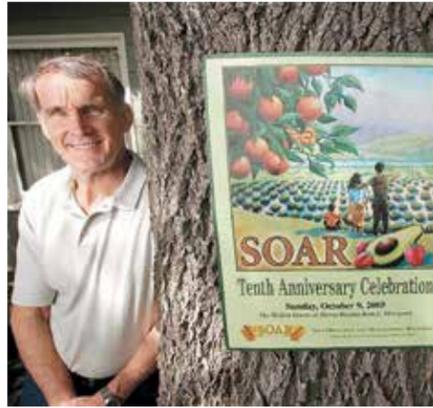
Council members showed concern for both the homeless and for Venturans who might be impacted by the placement of homeless facilities in, or close to, residential areas. In my opinion it was one of the best run and articulated City Council meetings ever.

Even with new zoning, their vote was mostly symbolic due to lack of funds to build new facilities. Ventura doesn't have the money, so it would require private enterprises or non-profits to build facilities.

In a very controversial agreement, the City has agreed to pay \$2.3 million to buy the Harbor Community Church property at 3100

Preble Ave. With the church agreeing to leave Ventura and drop their lawsuit against the City (see article in this issue). This seems like an excessive amount to pay, but apparently our City Attorney felt that the church had a good case against the City if their lawsuit were to make it to court. For \$2.3 million, I'm willing to sell the City my house and agree to leave Ventura. Hmm, better not give them any ideas maybe they want to get rid of me.

The City Council recently passed a \$265 million operating budget. Some Council members took the opportunity to mention



Former Ventura city council member, and current Ventura County Supervisor, Steve Bennett was a co-founder of SOAR, Ventura County's aggressive growth-control movement. He is shown with an October 2005 poster recognizing the tenth anniversary of SOAR.

the need for additional revenue to provide residents the services needed. Residents will decide in November whether they want to help pay for more with a 1/2 cent sales-tax increase. Much more about that as elections get closer. Read some "Mailbox" comments and an article by City Staff regarding the proposed increase.

The 2016-17 fiscal year budget is roughly \$8 million less than the 2015-2016 budget because of fewer capital projects being initiated.

The budget includes \$205,000 to have security ambassadors at Mission and Plaza parks and, starting soon, along the Promenade. I think that this is extremely important, especially on the Promenade where many tourists congregate and are offended by the gathering of the homeless.

Even though the City Attorney's office expressed concerns that the Save Our Agricultural Resources (SOAR) initiative might expose the City to litigation and legal challenges, the City Council voted 5-2 to place the measure on the November ballot.

The majority of the council felt it important to respect the desires of the more than 10,000 residents who signed the initiative's petition. Council member Cheryl Heitmann said, "It isn't a perfect initiative and the initiative process isn't perfect but it is a democratic process. I think it's important to honor that process."

Council member's Neal Andrews and Jim Monahan voted no, and I agree with them. We have an existing SOAR in Ventura now, and it will last for many years, so I think that we should have waited to put a new revised SOAR initiative on the ballot in 2018.

The City Council has reached new labor agreements with its police and service unions. All three contracts, approved in May, run through June 30, 2018. The contracts cost the City \$787,370 in the fiscal year that ended June 30. It will cost another \$1.6 million in 2016-17 and another \$1.1 million in 2017-18, according to Assistant City Manager Dan Paranick.

The average pay in 2015 for those covered under the police contract, which includes officers, sergeants and corporals was roughly \$105,000, and retirement and health benefits averaged around \$50,000. The average pay in 2015 for management, assistant police chiefs and commanders was around \$145,000, and health and retirement costs were \$62,000.

Besides offering you the opportunity to become rich, the California Lottery's sole mandate is to raise supplemental funds for all California public schools. They send about \$1 billion a year to public education. That means K-12, Community Colleges, CSU and UC campuses and several specialized schools. Now this may sound like a lot, but it is approximately only \$166 per student per year.

\$166 is better than nothing but not much when you think of all the fuss made about the Lottery solving our schools' financial problems and the quantity of paid employees needed to operate.

If only the police officers who have recently been killed were carrying firearms this would never have happened. Yes, I'm being facetious.

## Mailbox

an \$800 bonus, for non-public safety employees.

In the private sector, the general public is lucky to receive half this amount as an increase. Raises in the private sector are still running at about 3% or less. If you consider inflation as a baseline, in 2015 inflation was .12% and for 5 months in 2016, inflation is 1.078%.

The City Council is totally out of touch with economic reality and the voters need to relate this to the fact that the City Council is proposing a new 25-year tax. If the City Council cannot say no to spending, the voters in Ventura need to say no to this irresponsible spending. Vote no to an increase in sales taxes.  
Robert Alviani-Ventura

Editor:

Today I received my first mailer from the City of Ventura about the 1/2 cent sales tax they want. This mailer was paid for with our tax dollars, an irony since the city claims we don't have enough money, which is why they want the sales tax. Of course those who oppose more taxes don't have a pot of money for fancy mailers (wonder how many potholes could have been fixed for the cost of this one mailer?). We get

to write letters to the editor!

Venturans should know that this tax would last for 25 years! 25 YEARS! And while the city has a list of things it says it would spend the money on, there is NO assurance the money would be spent on these things. The annual financial audit and the public review of expenditures would happen AFTER the money is spent. There is no requirement that the city seek approval from anyone before spending the money.

And the "citizens' oversight committee" will be selected by the city council, so they can stack it with "friendlies" who won't question their expenditures. The committee would have no authority to assure that the money is spent on the items listed in the city's mailer. The committee could only make recommendations, which the council can then accept or not. The committee's lack of power was specifically confirmed at the council meeting where the council voted to put the

sales tax measure on the ballot.

I am sure we will be getting more mailers about this. When you get those, think about how much money the city is spending on mailers that could instead be spent on the things we need. And think about whether you want to lock yourself into this tax for the next 25 years.

Alison Carlson-Ventura

Alison and Robert: We asked the City for a few responses to this see article on page 4. There will be much more said about this before the November elections for both sides to be heard.

Editor:

Breaking Bad? Only time will tell on Brexit. I had just spent a couple of weeks in the U.K. and the whole place was abuzz with would Brexit happen or wouldn't it? Panic. Fear. My daughter has lived in the UK for five years now and she was furious and sad at the results. I felt on the fence a bit but sad that the vote was so close.

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No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

—Mark Twain (1866)



## Community Events



Alison Bagli and Lawrence Cummings star in *The Little Mermaid*.

### *The Little Mermaid* Makes a Splash

by Sheli Ellsworth

Once again, the Cabrillo Music Theatre brings brilliance and beauty to the stage with the production of *The Little Mermaid*. The Hans Christian Anderson story that became a Disney classic is the ultimate undersea adventure. The Broadway musical will be playing at the Kavli Theatre in Thousand Oaks until Sunday, July 24.

The story of Ariel, a disenchanted mermaid who wants to become human, is set against a sea of blues, greens and

purples that move and change with the undulating characters who swim though its depths suspended on wires. The staging for this musical is superb. The music and lighting move in a sublime harmony that actually lulls the audience to a place under the sea. Opening night's enthusiastic crowd confirmed that director Larry Raben has hit the magic seashell out of the park and gave the production a standing ovation.

Lawrence Cummings as Sebastian the crab brings a fun quirky energy to the part as well as a skilled voice that quickly makes him an audience favorite. Debbie Prutsman as Ursula the undersea witch is convincingly disgusting. When the slimy Ursula starts to wrap her tentacles around Ariel, everyone in the audience scoots back in their seat a little—glancing toward the theatre's exits.

Alison Bagli has performed the role of Ariel before and was a natural choice for the redheaded mermaid. Bagli's mermaid moves with grace and her clear voice keeps the part fresh throughout the lengthy performance. Handsome New Yorker, Conor Guzman, who plays Prince Eric, is also a writer and director as well as a convincing prince.

The Cabillo's *Little Mermaid* has something for everyone: Flotsam and Jetsam, electrified sea snakes on hover scooters; Chef Louis, a big man in the seafood industry; Flounder in yellow knee-high Converse shoes who has a secret crush; Scuttle the slightly scattered seagull and many other sea creatures, maids and ladies in waiting.

*The Little Mermaid* runs through Sunday July 24 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. Call 800.745.3000 or go to [www.cabrillomusictheatre.com](http://www.cabrillomusictheatre.com) for ticket info.

### Foster Library – August Events

#### Adult Programs & Special Events

8/2 Tuesday @ 6:30-7:30pm Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation

In our hectic 24/7 world, managing stress is the new necessity. Find out more about this non-religious stress reduction practice for everyone.

8/3 Wednesday @ 6pm Altered Book Workshop

Repurpose an old book into a new piece of art. Bring an old book and your imagination.

8/12 Friday @ 12pm Storytime: Short Stories

Storytime? For grownups? That's right! Bring a brown bag lunch and have someone read to you just like old times! Stories will be read from the Saturday Evening Post.

8/10 & 24 Wednesdays @ 6:30pm Spoken Word

This poetry performance and writing workshop with an open mic is geared towards high school and college students but all are welcome.

8/16 Tuesday @ 7pm Flora of Ventura: A California Native Plant Society Lecture

David Magney is a Certified Consulting Botanist. He will discuss the process of becoming a Certified Botanist in addition to rare flora of Ventura County. Presented by the California Native Plant Society, Channel Islands Chapter.

8/19 Friday @ 12pm Santa Barbara Museum of Art

Art Floats My Boat: A History of Boats Depicted in Art

Presented by the Docent Council of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, the Community Speakers program features lectures written and delivered by docents. Enjoy some art on your lunch break!

8/27 Saturday @ 10:30am in the Rentfrow Room Spanish Conversation Group

Are you learning Spanish but need some practice speaking? Join this informal group to chat and practice your Español! Bring your own coffee!

8/3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 Wednesdays @ 12-2pm Adult Coloring Book Break

Join us in the library for some stress relieving coloring. Coloring sheets and pencils provided. Available from 12pm to 2pm so stop by for a minute or ten!

8/3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 Wednesdays @ 4:30-6:30pm Library LAB Open Workshop

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"Ladies' Night" will be at the Topping Room at the EP Foster Library. The event is on Saturday, August 6th from 8-11pm. "Ladies' Night" will be a night of celebrating femininity in whatever form that takes whether gendered or non-binary. This will be a space for all. These terms, ladies and femininity are completely open to your interpretation. The festivities will include an awesome lineup of female fronted bands, an array of artists who identify as female, sweet treats to keep you going through the night and temporary tattoos designed by local artists. And there will be some face painting. Painting by Izzy Morones.



## Community Events

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.

8/4, 11, 18, & 25 Thursdays @ 7:30-9pm  
Poetry Open Mic Night

On these Thursday nights, come join this group of writers as they meet in the Topping Room to share their work. Featured readers change weekly.

8/6, 13, 20, & 27 Saturday @ 1pm Spontaneous Chess

Keep your skills sharp with this one-hour, drop-in session of free play. Boards will be set up and ready to go.

### Children's Events

8/2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, & 31 Early Literacy Class

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:30am  
A great way to introduce your child to early literacy and the library for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft, and fun!

8/4, 11, & 18

Thursdays 3:30 pm Crafternoon

Get your craft on in the afternoon. This summer's crafternoons are themed to this year's Summer Reading theme: Read for the Win!

8/6, 13, 20, & 27 Saturdays Noon- 1 pm Paws for Reading

Read aloud to a registered service dog (sign-up required)

### Teen Happenings

8/5 & 19 Gaming Day Every other Friday 2:30 pm

We'll fire up the Wii U for some competitive and cooperative game play.

8/1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mondays 3 pm Youth Chess Club

Learn to play chess or improve your current ability! Assisted by Class A tournament player Jack Cashman.

Wednesdays 3 pm Summer Reading Shows

8/3, Jessica Vang: Enjoy the song and dance of Jessica Vang.

## Ventura Events

by Ana Baker

**Free admission stage show, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. First Sunday of every month. Old Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Assoc. Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.** For more Information call 517-1131.

**Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club meets every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill. Ballroom, swing, Latin, mixers and line dancing.** Members \$10, non-members \$12, first time dancers are free. Call Rick at 415-8842 for more information.

**DBSA Ventura, the local chapter of the Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) hosts two regular, confidential, peer-led, self-help support groups in the County. Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bible Fellowship Church at 6950 Ralston Street in Room 301 of Building 300.** Email DBSA\_Ventura@yahoo.com, visit facebook.com/DBSA.Ventura or call 253-3289 for more information. 1p.m. to 3p.m. at the New Visions Center on the first and third Saturdays of the month. At 1065 E. Main. Email DBSA\_Ventura@yahoo.com, visit facebook.com/DBSA.Ventura or 746-3106 for more information.

**July 20, 21: Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop is having a fun sale from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Look for all the jewelry items, accessories and eclectic items located in

CMH front Lobby 147 North Brent St. While shopping, consider filling out an application to become a volunteer. There are many Auxiliary services look for volunteers. Weekdays (daytime and evening) and Saturday (daytime) opportunities.

**July 21: East Ventura Community Council.** A representative from the Ventura Police Department will present an update on crime and safety in the area. Darren Kettle of the Ventura County Transportation Commission will talk about the state of our transportation system and the mobility challenges the county faces. The council represents residents who live east of Victoria Avenue. Books in good condition are always accepted by San Buenaventura Friends of the Library, and are very much appreciated. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. Ask questions! Voice concerns! Help our community keep improving! For more information call 804-7558.

**July 27: An afternoon of jazz and Broadway at the Oxnard Public Library, 251 S. A Street at 1 p.m.** featuring the singing of Vivien Mason accompanied by piano, bass and drums. You'll enjoy the old beautiful melodies from composers such as George Gershwin and Richard Rogers and her special composition "At the Library". Free admission.

**August 1, 15: The Ventura County Philatelic Society will have their Stamp trading and camaraderie.** Admission and parking are free. Located at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come for a great evening. Contact: vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 805-320-1601

**August 2: Mended Hearts of Ventura Group meets the first Tuesday each month at the Community Memorial Hospital - 8th floor from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Come share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant. They have excellent speakers, leading Cardiologists, Nutritionists, Dietitians, etc. from our area who give excellent information. Contact: Richard Hatcher 644-2733

**August 7: The 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum will be open for docent-led tours from 1 p.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 in Ventura. For information please call 642-3345 or visit the website at www.dudleyhouse.org.

**August 12: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution August luncheon meeting will feature the program "Colonial Pewter", presented by Chapter member Eric Stassforth.** Will take place at 11:30 am in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant. All SAR & DAR Compatriots, friends, and visitors are welcome to join us. The cost for lunch is \$20. For additional information or for assistance in determining your possible Revolutionary War genealogical roots, please call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter activities, please visit <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

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## Ojai news and events

Every summer, theatre professionals and enthusiastic audiences from Southern California converge in Ojai Valley to participate in the development of new plays for the American theatre. Under the direction of Artistic Director/Producer Robert Egan, carefully selected playwrights from all over the world join together for an intensive two-week, in-residence workshop program that culminates in OPC's popular public workshop series - known as the "OPC Summer New Works Festival."

In addition to the presentation of new play workshops, prominent artists from the theatre community appear in engaging public forums for an exchange of ideas on a range of cultural and artistic subjects in the "Intersections Series." The Ojai Playwrights Conference is also committed to nurturing the writing talents of Southern California youth.

The Ojai Playwrights Conference (OPC), one of the most acclaimed new play developmental programs in the country, announces its 19th season with an exceptional program of playwrights, new play workshops and special performance events from August 7 through 14.

The OPC Summer New Works Festival will feature eleven events over five days with established and up-and-coming playwrights. Seating is limited for the OPC Summer New Works Festival, and tickets (\$30) may be purchased online at [www.ojaiplays.org](http://www.ojaiplays.org).

The Ojai Art Center Literary Branch and Ojai International City of Peace Founders Group invite you to write and submit your Dream for Peace. This is the second annual 75-word Peace Essay Contest, open to all ages. Each essay - prose or poem - will be read and judged for originality and clarity. The deadline for submission is August 10th. On September 17th, in the Ojai Art Center's Gallery Room, 13 essayists will be honored to read their selected essays at a reception open to the public. Copies of the essays will be displayed in the Art Center's lobby for International Peace Day (September 21st). Send your essay with \$5 and your contact information to: Ojai Art Center Essay Contest, 113 S Montgomery, Ojai

Explore fascinating private collections in the Ojai Valley Museum's newest exhibition. From Italian

motorcycles to vintage bicycles and skateboards, ViewMaster reels to mid-century souvenir paintings, you are invited to view an eclectic group of collections. Why does one person collect insecticide sprayers and another decorative eggs? Beer steins, movie costumes, Depression glass, Caucasian Mountain rugs, and Frank Sinatra memorabilia round out the treasures on display. The exhibit will be on view through September 25

The Ojai Valley Museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Avenue in Ojai. Free parking is available behind the museum, off Blanche Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday noon to 4 pm. Group or school tours available by appointment.

For more information, call the museum at 640-1390, ext. 201, email [ojaimumuseum@gmail.com](mailto:ojaimumuseum@gmail.com), or visit the museum website at [OjaiValleyMuseum.org](http://OjaiValleyMuseum.org).

### City buys church

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have been violated and also cites the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act."

In a very controversial agreement, the City has agreed to pay \$2.3 million to buy the property at 3100 Preble Ave. with Harbor Community Church agreeing to leave Ventura.

Resolving this controversy took almost two years of intense negotiations between the City and the church.

Both parties agreed that the property's value is only \$ 1.6 million but the \$2.3 million includes the costs of moving the church.

Harbor Church pastor Sam Gallucci stated that he was pleased with the settlement and agreed to drop the lawsuit against the City.

The agreement won't settle whether the church was within its legal rights under religious freedom laws to run their homeless program in a residential neighborhood. Many nearby residents complained that the program brought in crime to the neighborhood and to the nearby school and city park.

In the meantime, the church will lease back the property for a year at \$3,000 per month while it looks for a new location in a different city. It may continue to hold its church services there.

The money to buy the building is coming from the city's public liability fund. The city will eventually sell the property to a developer to recoup some of the expense.



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Grace Johnson-Glick and Ethan Messecar working in the control room at CAPS Media.

## Kudos to the ECTV crew

by Elizabeth Rodeno

Congratulations to the ECTV Crew from El Camino High School and their mentor/guru Phil Taggart and Assistant Manny Reynoso, whose program ECTV has won a national award for Best Informational Talk Show Series in the Student Category at the Alliance for Community Media National Conference. The award will be presented at the ACM conference in Boston in August.

The ECTV students, Sumaya, Ethan, Grace, Zayan, Josh, Katerina, Gabriella, Cherika, Kianah, Jade, Fernando, Kali, Kalin and Nathan worked diligently, learning the ropes of video journalism. Instructor Phil Taggart said "the students are a delight to work with. Their enthusiasm, intelligence and desire makes this class what it is." This program offers "a way to present the world, their world, and all the joy and sadness that is a part of it." Phil is looking forward to the start of the new year when last year's students return to share their talents with new ones.

Grace Johnson-Glick took last year's class to gain experience and she embraced the opportunity to learn. "I got to meet a lot of like-minded people that helped me become a better filmmaker, to be honest, it helped me become a better everything-maker because of all the skills I learned." Ethan Messecar shares that he has always loved filmmaking but "I lacked the knowledge of how to actually make films. Now through my training I have improved on my technical know-how.

Most of all, I appreciate the people I now call my friends".

Grace's mom says "the internship program was an eye and mind opening experience for Grace. Her participation allowed her to merge her love of storytelling and film with her abilities in organization and leadership." The program has inspired her to continue filmmaking in college.

It is not just about the filmmaking and storytelling skills that the students acquire but, as Grace and her mom share, their organization and leadership skills are honed as well.

The program has been so successful that, with the help of a grant, El Camino and CAPS Media will again work together to share knowledge and encourage ideas to be spread through visual media. It's really wonderful when the students work together and realize that their voices matter. The ECTV series is currently broadcast on channel 15, CAPS educational and government channel, Sunday & Saturday at 9:30AM. Sunday & Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

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## Have a National Night Out at home with a police officer

Registration is now open for National Night Out. Your neighborhood is invited to participate with many other neighborhoods across the country in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday evening, August 2. Deadline

for registration by phone at 339-4317 or email [aboutista@venturapd.org](mailto:aboutista@venturapd.org) is July 27.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Ventura Police Department. This year is the 33rd anniversary of National Night Out with over 38 million people across the country expected to participate. The evening provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together.

National Night Out is designed to:

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Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and watching out for one another.

From 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on August 2 residents in neighborhoods throughout Ventura and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors and police. Neighborhoods, Community Groups and/or Community Councils are encouraged to come together to host a variety of events ranging from simple front yard neighborhood chats, small potlucks and BBQs to large neighborhood gatherings. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues or setting neighborhood goals, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day, beautify a common area, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

The Ventura Police Department is a nationally registered participant of National Night Out. Registration is free and gives the police department an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. For more information and to register contact Civic Engagement Specialist Ashley Bautista at 339-4317 or [aboutista@venturapd.org](mailto:aboutista@venturapd.org).



She was a tremendous advocate for affordable housing.

## Lynn Jacobs passes on

Lynn Jacobs, 69, passed away recently at Community Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks. Her husband Gary and kids were at her side.

The amazing Ventura affordable housing advocate resident had been diagnosed with leukemia earlier this year.

Her career started in international banking and evolved into building farmworker and other affordable housing projects which eventually took her to Sacramento to serve all of California from 2006-2011 when she headed the state Department of Housing and Community Development,

Included among her wonderful life accomplishments she was a member of Ventura's Planning Commission, Design Review and Charter Review Committee. Was on the board of the California Building Industry Association and helped young women by working with the Soroptimist International of Ventura and the Ventura Affordable Homes, an organization that she

founded.

In remembering her Ventura Councilmember Cheryl Heitmann stated. "Lynn was truly one of the most interesting people I have ever known she was smart, thoughtful, caring, funny and a very good friend. She was a mentor to many of us and a true leader. Lynn was very involved in our community, serving on the planning commission and DRC and most recently on our Charter Committee. She was an advocate for and an expert in Affordable Housing. She has left a lasting mark on our city and we will miss her wise counsel and friendship."

Councilmember Neal Andrews told the Breeze "She was a tremendous advocate for affordable housing. She provided invaluable service both to the City and the State. After her stint with the Governor in Sacramento, she jumped right back into her volunteer work in the City and her experience and knowledge made a significant difference."

Lynn Jacobs was raised in Los Angeles and after high school graduation attended Harvard University.



The Bargain Box will be in the old post office building.

## The Bargain Box is moving---up!

by Karen Helen Szatkowski

Ventura's Assistance League's Bargain Box thrift store that supports many programs benefiting Ventura County's children will be moving into the Goodwill and old post office building at 3351 Telegraph Rd. Their last day on Main Street will be in late July and opening at the new store is estimated for early to mid-August. The building will be able to support many more collections and vintage items for sale. Volunteers are abuzz brainstorming on how to best use the increased space.

The Assistance League's Ventura chapter was founded in 1950, fifty years following the Los Angeles philanthropic organization's beginning. The unique mission of our Ventura chapter is that it provides funding to identify and assess the particular needs of children in Ventura County and has developed programs to fit precisely those needs.

Their six programs are:

Girls Club/Teen Club  
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B.U.F.F.Y. Bear  
Assault Survivor Kits®  
Assisteens

Operation School Bell has received recognition and many thanks from school districts, children and parents in our county. It provides new school clothing to children in need from the Oxnard, Hueneme, Ventura and Ocean View Elementary School Districts. Initiated in 1993 by the League, the children receive a sweatshirt, six pairs of socks, underwear, tops and a gift card for pants, shorts, skirts and shoes as well as a personal hygiene kit, school supplies and a book. Since the program



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began over 20,000 kids have been able to go to school with new clothes that fit, maybe for the first time. Teachers and parents agree that the program increases students' self-esteem and a sense of belonging with their peers--better academic performance almost always follows.

There are 400 active Assistance League member volunteers that are dedicated to the mission of the League for the, "enrichment of the lives of children in Ventura County and the betterment of their future" and because of their efforts 89% of all money raised through fundraising activities goes directly to supporting chapter programs. Over 30,000 children have received benefits from one or more of the programs since 1950.

There are several different options for membership in the League. Most members are active members and serve one shift (four hours) per month in the Bargain Box and one shift (four hours) in the program of their choice, attend monthly chapter meetings, serve on at least one committee, and have voting privileges. Dues are \$60 per year.

There is always another person out there in our communities that needs help, can assist in giving help or wants to donate for others to help. Anyone interested can check out the website at <http://assistanceleagueventuracounty.org> or email [alvconline@hotmail.com](mailto:alvconline@hotmail.com) or 643-245 for more information.

The details of the other programs can be found on their website.

## Safe email practices-part one

By Ken May-Swift Chip

Why? Unsafe computing can corrupt your files, expose the contents of your internal drive to strangers, cause other computers to become compromised, and even allow your computer to be used by spammers to send millions of unsolicited emails.

Using safe email practices helps you:

- Protect your inbox
- Protect your computer
- Protect your privacy
- Protect your friends and neighbors

Here are recommendations you should follow to protect yourself when using email.

1. Screen messages before viewing them, and delete anything that appears suspicious. Carefully examine your list of unopened messages.

Do any of them come from people or addresses you don't recognize? Do the subject lines have words with too many spaces, or long random numbers? Do they seem too good to be true, or somehow odd? If so, it's probably best to just delete the message along with any attachments.

Wait! Don't open that email yet...

If a message has attachments don't open it unless you know the sender and are expecting the attachment. If you're not sure what it is, contact the sender before opening the message and ask exactly what the message and attachment is.

Don't be fooled by Dirty Tricks.

Most computer worms (a kind of malicious program) spread themselves via email by spoofing addresses found in the infected computer's address

book and sending copies of itself to other addresses in the address book, so it's very likely that an infected message can appear to come from someone you know. Many of these messages will use vague or generic subject lines like "Re:" or "Hi." Others will try to look like they come from a technical support service, or even from Microsoft. Be careful about opening these.

Always confirm a Wire Transfer.

An extremely common attack we are seeing is for an email to come in that appears to be from a user in the company. If the email address matches exactly, this is called "spoofing." Also check to see if the domain name is slightly off. For instance, instead of "gmail.com" it says "gmaii.com." These emails often request a wire transfer, and are targeting accountants and CFOs. Please verify with the person directly.

2. Open your messages, but beware the Next and Previous buttons.

Using the Next and Previous buttons to open and move from message to message is convenient but dangerous, especially if you don't screen messages thoroughly, or if new messages come in while you're reading other screened messages.

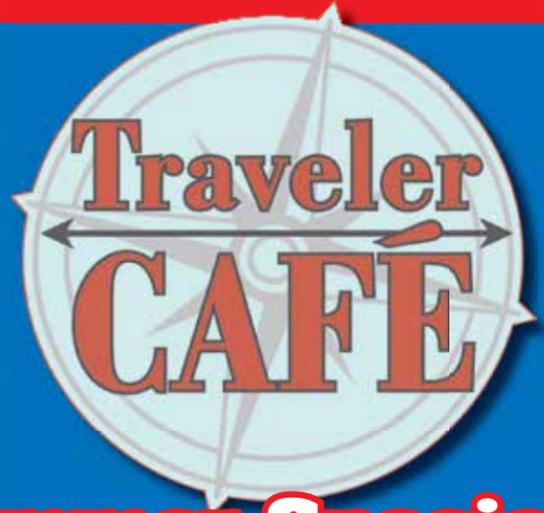


## H2O Repurpose

Local Ventura resident Roy Brown has designed a system that saves water from private soft-water systems and sinks that can be stored and used for outdoor chores and filling of toilets. He stated "With a soft water unit you are literally flushing water down the drain. We have figured out a way to repurpose this water and save you water at the same time. We take back flush water from your soft water unit and send it to a reservoir which can be hooked up to your toilet system or used as irrigation water." He calls his system H2O Repurpose. To learn more contact Roy at 766-3935 or [thorrb@msn.com](mailto:thorrb@msn.com).

## Consortium Media expands its foster care recruitment campaign

Consortium Media, an award-winning brand development agency for local, regional and nationally-recognized businesses, non-profits and government agencies, has expanded its innovative foster care recruitment campaign to Santa Barbara County with the launch of Our County, Our Kids, a program of Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services.



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This summer will see new play equipment in many of our city parks. Many of our city play structures are very old (up to 30 years) and even dangerous for kids to play on, or don't meet new State requirements that require soft rubberized areas under some equipment (monkey bars and jungle gyms for instance). So some will be eliminated and not replaced because of the cost of installing "fall zones" under them. Plans to replace many of the structures has been in the works for 10 years. The new equipment has bright primary colors that appeal to little kids.

The total cost of the equipment and installation at the eight parks to be improved is approximately \$575,000.00. The contractor is playground specialist Dave Bang & Associates who was chosen through a competitive bidding process.

The parks that will be receiving new play equipment are Arroyo Verde Park, Juanamaria Park, Camino Real Park, Chumash Park, Marion Cannon Park, Blanche Reynolds Park and Belaire Linear Park.

Photos of Arroyo Verde Park by Bernie Goldstein.

The campaign includes a refreshed communication strategy, new logo, website, and inspiring visual components such as commercials, video, and print advertisements. Each element of the campaign aims to recruit families who can meet the needs of the more than 425 children, youth, and teens in Santa Barbara County who need the support of stable households while separated from their families of origin.

"We're excited to use our nine years of national and regional experience in the foster care and adoption industries to develop the Our County, Our Kids brand and see it come to life in Santa Barbara County," said Consortium President and CEO, Denise Bean White. "This campaign is exactly what the county needs to raise awareness and recruit more supportive homes for its foster youth."

# News & Notes



Project Understanding celebrates with ribbon cutting at their new location. Photo by Charleen Morla.

## Project Understanding functions primarily on donations and volunteers

Project Understanding is a nonprofit social service center serving clients in the Ventura County area. With a variety of programs they are able to serve a wide range of community needs. They firmly stand behind the “A Hand up Not a Handout” model.

On July 7 a ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the opening of their new location at 2734 Johnson Dr. in Ventura. The new location is centrally located between downtown Ventura, Oxnard and Camarillo to better serve their clients.

Helping celebrate were the Ventura and Camarilla Chambers of Commerce, volunteers, Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko, a representative from the office of County Supervisor Steve Bennett, Ventura Chamber CEO & President Stephanie Caldwell and well-wishers. Ample food, welcoming speeches and drinks were offered to the many guests in attendance.

Project Understanding provides many levels of care and help.

They currently have 13 tutoring sites in Ventura, Oxnard and Santa Paula. These sites enable them to connect with over 400 children a week with homework assistance and mentoring.

The Food Pantry (located at their new location) serves approximately 1,000 people per month with food, including fresh organic fruits and vegetables, frozen proteins, low-sodium and glute-free items and dairy products such as milk, eggs and cheese. Clients are greeted as customers and served with dignity and respect.

The Homeless2Home Street Outreach Program is a hands-on approach to homelessness. Each worker takes the time to reach out to the clients and build a rapport with them. They meet them where they are in their life’s journey. The “Housing First” model has made it possible for over 400 homeless individuals to become permanently housed since the program started in 2012. This has reduced the number of chronically homeless in Ventura by over half.

Tender Life Maternity Home accommodates up to six pregnant women and their newborn babies for approximately 3 months after their babies are born. Once they have successfully completed the program, they are eligible to apply to the transitional housing programs in Ventura County.

By providing case management at the Shore for previously homeless families, individuals and adult foster youth, residents are guided to successfully

obtain the necessary tools and eventually move forward to self-sufficient housing.

Project Understanding provides a 5-unit apartment building in Oxnard. In collaboration with Behavior Health and the Veterans Administration, they can offer low rent housing to previously homeless clients.

In collaboration with other county agencies, they are able to operate a number of community programs. The School Outreach Program, families are chosen in collaboration with the Ventura Unified School District and provided with a complete Thanksgiving meal. Adopt-A-Family pairs donors with qualified families in need to provide gifts for the holiday season. The Senior Nutrition Program delivers food twice a month to at-risk seniors and disabled adults who cannot otherwise access pantry benefits. Homeless Court program provides clients the opportunity to volunteer their time for a credit of \$10 per hour. Their fines are forgiven and eliminated from their credit report.

With only 12 paid staff members, and countless volunteers the work they do is immeasurable. Their function in the community is vital and the need is rapidly expanding. To learn more, donate, or to get involved, you can visit their website at [projectunderstanding.org](http://projectunderstanding.org) or call 652-1326.



The 100th Solarize Ventura customer, Cathy Mims-Keyser is very happy with her new solar installation.

## Solarize Ventura pricing extended

The 100th household in Ventura “solarized” through The Solarize Ventura program this week. The discounted solar installation program offered in partnership with the City of Ventura and The

Community Environmental Council has been extended through August 7th, providing the opportunity for more Ventura home owners to save money on their electric bills, and generate clean electricity on their roofs.

“With discounted, fixed pricing from vetted installers and free solar education through workshops and independent consultation, we are looking to make the whole process streamlined and easier on the customer,” explained Jefferson Litten, CEC’s Director of Energy Programs.

Solarize Ventura features two local solar installers, California Solar Electric and Coastal Solar, who are both offering special discounted pricing for Ventura residents. The firms were selected for Solarize Ventura after careful evaluation and vetting by a committee of local experts.

A large component of the Solarize Ventura Program is the education that the program provides for homeowners that are considering going solar. Cathy Mims-Keyser attended a Solarize workshop before purchasing her system and explained, “The workshop that the city of Ventura had convinced us to go ahead and do solar. We were impressed with what we learned that night.”

With the program extension, Solarize Ventura is offering one final free home-owner workshop to teach Ventura residents the ins and outs of going solar. Homeowners are invited to attend the final workshop on Thursday, July 21st at The Ventura City Hall Community Meeting Room. The workshop will address the benefits of solar energy, and experts will be available to answer solar pricing, financing, and



Members of the Seabees, Catherine Meek, Executive Director, Lisa Olmstead, Office Manager and Bookkeeper and Sinead Chilton, Marketing Director helped to move School on Wheels.

## Ventura nonprofit happy to find new home on the avenue with Catholic Charities

School on Wheels is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1993 by a retired teacher, who saw firsthand how homeless children struggled to stay focused in school.

In 2008, School on Wheels was looking for an administrative office in Ventura and local developer Jim Dearkland, heard about the nonprofit and their mission to help children and offered them space in the recently purchased American Legion Building on the corner of Santa Clara and Palm.

The building is being taken over

by Brooks Institute as part of its new ‘Urban Campus’ and although School on Wheels is sad to leave they are very grateful to Jim and OFI Property Management for all that they have done for them.

For the last eight years School on Wheels had been operating from his building rent free! In that time, the organization has grown to 2,223 volunteers strong and in 2015 alone, provided one on one tutoring to 3,491 homeless students throughout Southern California.

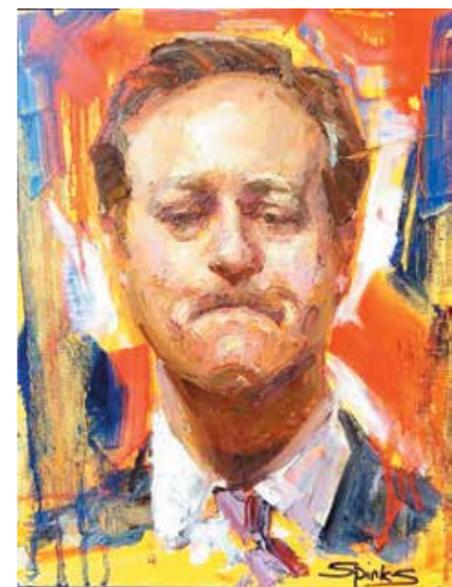
On Friday, June 9, with the help of its many friends School on Wheels moved to its new location at 303 N Ventura Ave. which is part of the Catholic Charities suite of buildings.

“School on Wheels is very lucky to have found a new friend in Catholic Charities and we are looking forward to a closer partnership. It’s such a great feeling when nonprofits work together. Being neighbors means we will be able to provide the homeless families they serve with a ‘one stop shop’ when it comes to school supplies and tutoring services.” said Sinead Chilton, Marketing Director.

For more information about School on Wheels you can visit their website [www.schoolonwheels.org](http://www.schoolonwheels.org) or call 641 1678.



Our Park Ambassadors are now also patrolling the Promenade. Hopefully this will help reduce the amount of the homeless that hang out on the Promenade. Photo by Murray Robertson



**Mailbox**  
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So like all artists, my inner thoughts suddenly found themselves going on to canvas. I chose to paint Prime Minister David Cameron’s expression just after he announced that he would step down. Johanna Spinks

# Senior Living

Pull Out Section

## VCAAA award-winning Fall Prevention Program opens course registration

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging's award-winning Fall Prevention Program has opened registration for A Matter of Balance, a series of evidence-based classes that focus on increased mobility and balance. The course is free to all participants.

A Matter of Balance emphasizes practical strategies to manage and prevent falls. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable; set goals for increasing activity; make changes to reduce fall risks at home; and exercise to increase balance and strength.

Nationally recognized research shows that one in three adults over the age of 65, and half of the population over the age of 75, fall each year. Of those individuals, half will die within a year from complications and injuries sustained from the fall.

A Matter of Balance welcomes all individuals concerned about falls, as well as those who are interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength. Individuals who have recently experienced a fall, or who have restricted activity due to the fear of falling, are encouraged to participate.

The eight-week course will begin on July 29th, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the VCAAA headquarters located at 646 County Square Dr. To learn more about the program, or to register, please contact the VCAAA Fall Prevention Coordinator, Dina Ontiveras, at 477-7343.

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, an agency of the County of Ventura, is the principal agency in Ventura County charged with the responsibility to promote the development

and implementation of a comprehensive coordinated system of care that enables older individuals and their caregivers to live in a community-based setting and to advocate for the needs of those 60 years of age and older in the county, providing leadership and promoting citizen involvement in the planning process as well as in the delivery of services.

## Supporting the well-being of Ventura

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association supports the total well-being of our community. As part of their services, they host free monthly education classes throughout the county which include the following:

Adult Bereavement Support Group Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 6:30-8:00 pm. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge.

Newly Bereaved Support Group Thursday, August 11th from 6-7:30 pm. This monthly group is designed for adults who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and is free. These groups meet every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Tuesday, August 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 in-

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dividualized plan of care that includes diet, medication, exercise and blood sugar monitoring.

Thursday, August 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

Monday, August 8th for both English and Spanish speaking. English 4:00-5:00 pm and Spanish 5:30-6:30 pm. 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.

All classes given at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association office, 1996 Eastman Ave., Suite 109. Call 642-0239 for more information or email [griefinfo@livingstonvna.org](mailto:griefinfo@livingstonvna.org).

## Soil & Succulents with The Landscaping Lady

On Thursday, July 21, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m learn succulent potting from Andrea Fields. It all started with transforming the exterior of her home into a beautiful drought tolerant garden last year. Experiencing a life changing moment, Andrea Fields, aka The Landscaping Lady, will show you how to plant a succulent pots for your home. You won't believe how simple it is! Everyone in attendance will get to plant their own pot to take home.

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**Ventura Council for Seniors**

The Ventura Council for Seniors (VCS) will present a free educational

forum "Workforce Re-Entry for Seniors" on Thursday, July 28, 10 am to 12 pm at Ventura Adult and Continuing Education (VACE), 5200 Valentine Rd.

Four speakers will discuss tools, tips and strategies for older adults wishing to rejoin the workforce. Speakers include Marleen Canniff with Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, Cathie Jimenez from the Employment Development Department, and Kay Miller and Suz Montgomery with VACE.

RSVP to 658-4742 to reserve a free lunch following the forum from noon to 1 pm compliments of the Downtown Ventura Rotary.

VCS meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11 am at alternating locations: Ventura Avenue Adult Center (VAAC), 550 N. Ventura

**Senior Living**



The Classic Car Show was held Saturday, July 16th at The Palms at Bonaventure, featuring classic cars and beautiful designs to take in throughout the hot summer morning. More than 30 unique classic cars from Classic Novas of Ventura Car Club came for the event. The Palms provided continental breakfast and entertainment as well. The stunning 1962 and 1967 Chevy Novas belong to Lyndon Benson, the president of the club and Jeffrey Martin, the vice president. Other cars included a 1955 Chevy Bel Air, 1973 Chevy Camaro, 1965 VW bug, 1950 Ford, Douce Coupe, Chevy pick-up, and many many others.

The People's Choice Award was decided by vote of the people attending the event. The winner was Ron Madsen who has a pink color 1969 convertible Cadillac.

All of the residents and guests had a wonderful time dancing, eating, and enjoying all the beautiful classic cars.

Photos by Michael Gordon

Ave. and Silvercrest Senior Residence, 750 S. Petit Avenue:

At VAAC September 21 and November 16

AT Silvercrest: August 17 and October 19 - there are no VCS meetings in December.

VCS Ventura City Council Candidates Forum on September 20 Mark your calendar for the VCS Ventura City Council Candidates Forum to be held on Tuesday, September 20, from 10:15 am to 12 noon, hosted at Ventura Missionary Church, 500 High Point Dr.

To find out more, obtain agendas or get involved go to: <http://www.cityofventura.net/adult> where you may also subscribe to the monthly Silver Tsunami newsletter published by the city to publicize events and services for adults or request it by calling 648-3035. Or contact VCS liaison and PRCP Supervisor Cary Glenn at 658-4732 or [cglenn@](mailto:cglenn@)

**Blessing of the Marriages at Ventura County Fair**

For the past 10 years, the Ventura County Fair has promoted an event on Seniors Day (when all seniors 65 and older can get in free) that honors the commitment of spouses who have been married 30 years or longer. Last year the oldest married couple in the County - Jesus and Soledad Hernandez - 78 years married - highlighted the event. Learn the secret of the successes of these couples and enjoy the admiration of those who hope to join this worthy group of partners who take the vow seriously - "Til death do us part." Family and friends invited. Wedding cake will be served! To be held on August 9, 11:00-noon, sponsored by MarriageWell.

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The French connection back in Ventura: Jean Francois with Kelly Zirbes and Perry Robertson of Kelly's Lot.

### Ventura Music Scene

## Spicy summer tunes!

by Pam Baumgardner  
VenturaRocks.com

The good folks that bring you Ventura's Wine Walk, Champagne on Main and Tequila and Taco Music Festival have moved the latter from the Collection to Ventura's Plaza Park! The event will run over two days July 23 and 24th with music from Adelaide, Patron Latin Rhythms, Instone, SambaDa and Metalachi. More ticket information can be found at [tequilaandtacomusicfestival.com/ventura](http://tequilaandtacomusicfestival.com/ventura).

Nashville singer-songwriter Don Gallardo will be performing at Saloon BBQ on Friday, July 29. Gallardo, who's just recently back from another successful UK tour, will be playing select shows outside of his home base of Nashville to celebrate his summer US release of his acclaimed album, "Hickory" (four stars from MOJO Magazine and named one of the best albums of 2015 by The Telegraph).

It's the final dates of the Ventura Music Festival with Sergio Mendes, a Celebration of 50 years of Brazil 66 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on Friday July 22, and the last two dates will be held at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center with Ventura Music Festival's musical director, Nuvi Mehta & Friends on Saturday, July 23 and wrapping it up will be a program entitled "Composers and the Movies" on Sunday July 24.

Music Under the Stars continues Saturday nights throughout the summer at the historic Olivas Adobe with New Orleans style boogie and blues from Porterhouse Bob on July 23 and Queen Nation's tribute to the rock band Queen on July 30.

And finally, I caught up with the dynamic Kelly Zirbes of Kelly's Lot who is super jazzed that their good friend Jean Francois will be back visiting this summer. I asked her about how their friendship between she, her husband Perry (Kelly's Lot guitarist) and Francois began and Kelly told me, "I met Jean Francois in 2010 during a tour in France. We became instant friends and we decided it would be fun to share our love of music and community with each other. Perry and I have traveled to France three times since then to play shows that Jean Francois organized and promoted in the Auvergne region in France. The French community embraced our band so last year I invited eight friends from Ventura to join the band in France and the bonding of Auvergne and Ventura

began. A couple band members and I even played on Jean's new CD, "Death Valley Blues" which was inspired by his first trip to Southern California in 2015."

At the end of July, Kelly's Lot will host Jean Francois for 6 shows here in Southern California; two of which are in Ventura County. The first one is on July 29th at Four Brix Winery in Ventura and then on July 30 at The Maritime Museum in Channel Islands for the annual Oxnard event, Chowder Feat.

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

## Music Calendar

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

### Amigos Cafe & Cantina

546 E. Main St.

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Mondays: Open mic  
Wed 7/20: Patience Grey  
Thurs 7/21: Lamour & the Mystiks  
Fri 7/22: The Right Amount of Wrong  
Sat 7/23: DJ Rococo  
Sun 7/24: 5 pm The Swilys; 9 pm Karaoke  
Tues 7/26: Shure Thing  
Thurs 7/28: Synrgy  
Fri 7/29: Wax Off  
Sat 7/30: DJ Cue  
Sun 7/31: 5 pm Jade Hendrix; 9 pm Karaoke

### Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street

Thurs 7/21: Sparrows Gate, Ezza Rose, Honey Owl  
Fri 7/22: 7 pm The Real Lifeguards

### Café Fiore & Treehouse

66 S. California Street

Wed 7/20: Donna Butler  
Thurs 7/21: Jade Hendrix  
Fri 7/22: Boogie Wonderland  
Sat 7/23: Soul Infusion  
Sun 7/24: Jahmark & the Soul Shakers  
Tues 7/26: Jerry & Colette Duo  
Wed 7/27: Big Adventure  
Thurs 7/28: Cosolive  
Fri 7/29: Soul Infusion  
Sat 7/30: Instone  
Sun 7/31: Babylon Rockers

### The Cave

4435 McGrath Street

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

### Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village

Tuesdays: RJ Mischo & the Down Home Trio  
Wednesdays: Rare Jazz Well Done  
Thurs 7/21: Brandon Ragan

Fri 7/22: Lorenzo Martinez  
Sat 7/23: Live Band Karaoke  
Sun 7/24: "Spicco" Kenny's Jazz  
Thurs 7/28: Toni Jannota  
Fri 7/29: Brandon Ragan  
Sun 7/31: Laura Cozzi Soul Machine

### Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Thurs 7/21: Leilani Wolfgramm  
Fri 7/22: Heavy Petty; Flashback Friday w/ DJ Xist  
T 7/23: Bar-B and the Ranch Hands  
Thurs 7/28: After the Smoke  
Fri 7/29: Crosscut 805; Flashback Friday w/ DJ Defcon  
Sat 7/30: DJ Honey

### El Rey Cantina

294 E. Main Street

Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and Friends; 9:30 DJ/  
Karaoke by DJ Gold Dust  
Saturdays: DJ Erock

### Four Brix

2290 Eastman Ave #109

Fri 7/29: Kelly's Lot

### Gone West Cellars

5963 Olivas park Drive

Music Fridays 6-8 pm  
Fri 7/22: Double Trouble  
Fri 7/29: Unkle Monkey

### Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Fri 7/22: Rent Party Blues Band  
Sat 7/30: Shelby Figueroa, Lainey Taylor

### Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mondays Karaoke  
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band swing night  
Fri 7/22: Hi Hat Entertainment - The Forty Fours  
Sun 7/24: John Hendrickson  
Fri 7/29: Hi Hat Entertainment - Billy Vera & the Beaters  
Sat 7/30: Dee Dee's Aloha Island Dolls

### Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke  
Thursday: Open Mic  
Sunday: Karaoke

### Red Rhythm

Sat 7/23: Rick Miller Band

Fri 7/29: What the Funk

Sat 7/30: Vital Itch

### Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Fri 7/22: Panteon Rococo  
Mon 8/1: Anderson . Park & the Free Nationals

### Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Fri & Sat at 5; Sundays at 3

Tuesdays: 6-9: Dave Rae

Fri 7/22: Luna Crave, Stellaruins, Cooper N Queen,

Galatic Polecats

Sat 7/23: Herbal Rootz

Sun 7/24: Unkle Monkey

Fri 7/29: Catifsh Fry

Sat 7/30: Jon Francis

Sun 7/31: Greasy Kids Stuff

### Montalvo Square Shopping Center

1746 S. Victoria Avenue

Music 6-8 pm

Sat 7/23: The Mighty Cash Cats

Sat 7/30: Acadiana

### O'Leary's

6555 Telephone Road

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 7/22: Live Band Karaoke

Sat 7/23: Wishbone

Fri 7/29: Ben Garcia

### Olivas Adobe

4200 Olivas Park Drive

Music Under the Stars

Sat 7/23: Porterhouse Bob

Sat 7/30: Queen Nation

### Poinsettia Pavillion

3451 Foothill Road

(805) 648-1143

Mon 8/1: Monday Night Dance Club with Dick

Parent Band

### Prime

2209 E. Thompson Blvd

Tuesdays: Danny D

Fridays: Encore

Saturdays: Beach City Sound Club

### Red Cove

1809 E. Main Street

Thursdays: Music Club Open Jam Night

### Rookees Sports Bar & Grill

419 E. Main Street

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### Saloon BBQ Co.

456 E. Main Street

Fri 7/22: The Seaside Band

Fri 7/29: The Battlefield, Don Gallardo

### Sandbox Coffeehouse

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Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 7/23: Ted West

Sun 7/24: Walt Dunlap

Sat 7/30: Patrick Gillham

Sun 7/31: Salvador Magallon Calderon

### Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: Twisted Tuesday w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 7/22: DJ Pistolero

Sat 7/23: DJ Pistolero

Fri 7/29: Moonridge, Rick Miller Band

Sat 7/30: Don't Trust Whitey

### Squashed Grapes

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Wed 7/20: CODA

Thurs 7/21: Hans Ottsen Trio

Fri 7/22: O'Toole Quartet

Sat 7/23: Fair Parade Band

Thurs 7/28: Ventura Jazz Collective

Fri 7/29: Equinox

Sat 7/30: Tom Buckner & Friends

Tues 8/2: Jazz Jam

### Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Fri 7/22: Big Adventure

Sat 7/23: Arockolypse Now

Fri 7/29: 80/80 Vision

Sat 7/30: Time Bomb

### Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

Sat 7/23: Southside Richie

Sat 7/30: Soul Purpose

### The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

Sunday open mics

Karaoke Tuesdays

Metal Music Wednesdays

DJs every Thursday college night

Wed 7/20: Iconoclasm, Toxin, Hellfunk, Ubiquity

Fri 7/22: The Black Hips

Sat 7/23: Blues Bullet

Sat 7/30: Rubberneck Lions

### Tequila & Taco Music Festival

Plaza Park - Santa Clara & Chestnut

Sat 7/24: Adelaide, SambaDa, Patron Latin

Rhythms

Sun 7/25: Instone, Metalachi Band, SambaDa

### Ventura College Performing Arts Center

Ventura Music Festival

Sat 7/23: Nuvi Mehta & Friends

Sun 7/24: Composers & the Movies

### Ventura Harbor Carousel Stage

Wednesdays Noon - 1 pm: Steel Drum

Saturdays 1 - 4 pm: Steel Drum

Sun 7/24 1-4 pm: Smokey & Friends

Sun 7/31 1-4 pm: Acousticats

### W20 at the Watermark

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Thurs 7 pm, Fri & Sat 9 pm, Sun 3 pm

Thurs 7/21: Karen Eden Trio

Fri 7/22: Instone

Sat 7/23: The Bomb

Sun 7/24: Alastair Greene

Thurs 7/28: Jade Hendrix

Fri 7/29: Rick Whitfield

Sat 7/30: The Bomb

Sun 7/31 11 am David Patt; 3 pm CRV Band

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Wednesday: Danielle Stacy

Thurs 7/21: Jon Gindick

Fri 7/22: B&V Acoustic

Sat 7/23: Road Brothers

Fri 7/29: Danielle Stacy

Sat 7/30: Rare Jazz Well Done



Compelling photos are a convergence of location and timing. Artfully frame an intriguing subject in your viewfinder, then trip the shutter at exactly the right moment. **Tom Murphy** does both challenging tasks very well. Havana, Cuba is the subject and title of the Oxnard photographer's July 26-Aug. 20 solo exhibition at the Buena Ventura Gallery in downtown Ventura, featuring images from a 2012 visit. She will attend an opening reception 5-7 p.m. July 30. She will be at the gallery every Saturday and a few other days during the week.

And on Saturday, July 30th from 5 to 7pm. Cuban food, at Copa Cubana in the Ventura Harbor. To hear Andy Fernandez talk about Cuba and his family tie to Cuba around 6pm and to see my photographs.

"My photographs do not take critical views of things or people. They just capture images that make life a little bit more pleasant and more hopeful, a bit sweeter and more peaceful. I enjoy finding the beauty and interest of unexpected places and things," she said.

Examples of her fine art photos can be found online at [tomimurphy.com](http://tomimurphy.com).



This surfboard was painted by the young artists from "Kids' Art (Growing Young Artists Since 1992). Kids' Art offers a free, comprehensive art program for children ages 5-14 taught by local artists. Located in the Arc of Ventura's Art Room. 295 S. Arcade Dr., Ventura. 628-9150. This surfboard was raffled off at Surf Rodeo to raise money for Kids' Art.

The City of Ventura's Public Art Program invites community members to a free art reception on Wednesday, July 27, from 5:30 to 7 pm, at the Coastal Communities Cancer Center, 2900 Loma Vista Road to celebrate three Project Healing Space mixed media public art installations. Free parking is available in the center's lot and on streets nearby. The installations will remain in place for at least three months.

Dominga Opazo's Healing Symbols, Carol Colin's Aquaria and James Dinh's Mountains of Hope and Change are the latest examples of immersive art sponsored by the City of Ventura Public Art Program through its periodic P.L.A.C.E. (Public & Local Artists Creating Environments) projects. Since 2003, P.L.A.C.E. commissions for temporary public art projects have enhanced public spaces, stimulated cultural vitality and encouraged area artists to engage in dialogue with city residents about the role of art in their community.

The primary goal of the Coastal Communities Cancer Center's Project Healing Space is to display artworks that inspire passersby, residents and visiting patients alike with the inspirational qualities of art. Its gallery spaces are lighted glass windows on the facility's three exterior walls that face outwards to the street for walk-by viewing.

## Art, a la Carte



Ojai artist **Uta Coleman** is a resident artist at the HUD Gallery located at 1793 E. Main in Midtown. The gallery presents progressive exhibitions focusing on contemporary artists, while promoting a wide spectrum of genres and mediums in solo, group and juried exhibitions. Their resident artists range from photography, mixed media, abstract to realism, oil paintings to pencil drawings. Come for the art. Stay and meet the artist.

The Museum of Ventura County is proud to present an exhibition of twelve oil paintings by Carpinteria-based artist **Whitney Brooks Abbott** from July 22 through September 5. These lush landscapes feature local rural scenes with barns, trees and farm equipment that many will find familiar and pleasing, with names like "Open Barn", "January's Harvest" and "Hoops and Hives". Whitney Abbott was born in 1972 in San Francisco, CA. At the age of three, she and her family moved to Carpinteria where she spent much of her childhood drawing the life she found around her on her family's avocado and lemon ranch. Ag Museum at 926 Railroad Avenue in Santa Paula.



The Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts is pleased to present Iridescence: The Art of Ira Winarsky, an exhibition that shares the artist's reinvention of ceramic sculpture as a means of exploring abstraction, light and reflection. The exhibition will be presented until August 13.

Sculptor and artist **Ira Winarsky** (1942-2015) spent the last 25 years of his life entirely focused on exploring the potential of the ceramic medium. The artist explored bold new approaches by utilizing clay as a fine art medium



The beautiful pastels by **Sandy Robertson** can only be seen at her house by special invitation.

# Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp Ph.D

I received this from a reader that I want to share.

“On page 6 (last issue) you mention the Paws For Reading program.

Would appreciate it if you would issue a correction in the next issue that the dogs are Certified Therapy Dogs, not Service Dogs. Service Dogs are trained to serve one person and their specific needs.”

“Certified Therapy Dogs are all AKC Canine Good Citizens, and have been certified as Therapy Dogs by passing a fairly rigorous evaluation with lots of training. Love On A Leash, for example, recertifies its animals and handlers every year. Many of our therapy dogs have advanced degrees to work with young children and seniors.”

Buddy Nation helps homeless dogs! Fabulous, fantastic, fun yard sale benefiting and helping homeless pets and their human companions will be held Saturday, July 30th from 8am-4pm. 545 San Clemente (between Ocean & Channel) Come and shop and help a Buddy!

A fundraiser will be held on July 24th, 6:30-9:30 at the Ventura Improv Company 34 N. Palm for the All For Love Animal (AFLAR) rescue group. A fun evening at a fun venue. serving Santa Barbara and Eberle Wines for a small price. Desserts and tasty tidbits will be complementary!

\$25 per ticket and it helps animals that are rescued, cared for and fed. Volunteers take them to vets for care, back and forth to foster homes and to the weekend animal adoptions all over the

county, not to mention all the walking and loving these special animals get. Contact 445-3535 for reservations

Canine Adoption and Rescue League (C.A.R.L.) has announced its new “CARL’s Golden Oldies” program. CARL’s Golden Oldies is funded in part by a grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization. The program focuses specifically on the unique needs of dogs aged 10 years or older (I guess I’m a senior citizen but don’t look it). The program was designed to save the lives of senior dogs who might otherwise be overlooked by potential adopters in the overcrowded shelters.

CARL’s Golden Oldies is a partnership between them and The Grey Muzzle Organization, in close cooperation with Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) and Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center (SPARC).

Senior dogs are historically considered difficult to adopt, with most families gravitating towards younger animals. Under the new program, VCAS and SPARC identify these less-adoptable senior dogs. C.A.R.L. will then either place the dogs in pre-approved foster homes, or board them at CARL’s Pet Care Center, a public boarding facility that doubles as the temporary home for a number of rescue dogs.

The funds provided by The Grey Muzzle Organization are used solely for the medical and dental care of Golden Oldies dogs. Food and board is \$10 per day per dog, and is paid by tax-deductible donations from the community. To learn more about C.A.R.L. and how to volunteer or donate towards CARL’s Golden Oldies, visit <http://www.carldogs.org>.

carldogs.org.

VCAS is hosting its annual blockbuster Adopt-A-Thon and it’s going to be bigger and better than ever! This year they have merged this event with the nationwide Clear the Shelters event sponsored by NBC4, Telemundo52 and the Petco Foundation.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 11:00am – 4:00pm at

VCAS

at 600 Aviation Drive, Camarillo. All dog and cat adoption fees will be fee-waived (\$20 license fee if applicable). VCAS operates two shelters within the county. The shelter in Camarillo houses over 400 pets and the administrative offices. Their smaller facility in Simi Valley houses nearly 40 pets at a time.

LostCatVentura.com and LostDogVentura.com are free resources for finding lost pets in Ventura County, and where you can post a notice to find your lost pet.

## Forever homes wanted



Hi: I’m Taz a wonderful 2 year old Australian Cattle Dog / American Staffordshire Terrier X. I’m a little shy when I first meet new people, but once I get to know you I’m super playful, very polite and sweet. I’ll even be a lap dog if you let me. I love the water so I might make a good beach buddy. I’m great with other dogs and older children (I’ve never been around younger ones), but no cats please. Stop by and meet me, I’ll be listening for you. CARL

Hello all you chi-chi lovers out there! Sure, at 6 years old I may be close to being a senior, but dog experts everywhere tell me that 6 is the new 4! What do I love, you ask? Well, pretty much everything. I love doggie playgroups, I love your lap. I am a social butterfly with humans. Touch me, leash me, walk me, I love it all! I am a confident little fella and if you want me to learn new things, all you gotta do is bring on the treats! I’ve been here at VCAS about 2 months and the only reason the volunteers and staff can figure out why I am still here is that maybe I am too small to see! Camarillo location 600 Aviation Drive- Glenn Cocoa A639726



## Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi: I’m Bruizer a 6 year old English bulldog. I like to sunbath, get treats and love to sit on feet (I have a foot fetish)



## Join Scamp Club

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

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# Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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

## Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Arrests

On July 1, at approximately 2pm, patrol officers responded to a call for service regarding a fight involving three males involving possible baseball bats. When officers arrived on scene they found the victim suffering from non-life threatening injuries he sustained after being struck multiple times by a pipe and metal chair. The suspects had fled the scene in their vehicle prior to our arrival, however other responding officers located them on Telephone Road near Main Street.

The investigation revealed the suspects, 43 year old Ventura resident Brian Smith and 21 year old Ventura resident Brian Smith, who are father and son, were involved in a physical fight with each other when the victim, who was not known by the suspects, attempted to intervene. One suspect picked up a metal pipe and began striking the victim multiple times and the other suspect then used a metal chair and struck the victim. At the conclusion of the investigation, both suspects were booked into Ventura County Jail on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The victim was treated and released by Ventura Fire and AMR for his injuries.

## Bank ATM Skimmer Investigation

On July 8, from approximately 8:40am - 9:15am, VPD patrol officers responded to two separate incidents involving "skimming" devices located attached to ATMs at the Rabobank on E Main St and the Montecito Bank & Trust on Telephone Rd.

These devices can be used to monitor and record personal information such as account numbers and PIN numbers that the suspects will retrieve at a later date. Information obtained is then used to commit identity theft through unlawful access of bank accounts at ATMs.

The two devices were attached by adhesive tape to the outside of the card insert slot. They were removed and will be examined by detectives for any stored information.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind citizens to report any suspicious persons loitering near or tampering with any ATMs, any suspicious devices attached to an ATM, and to carefully check bank statements for any unusual charges or activity.

It is not known if these two crimes are related and there are no suspect descriptions available at this time.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this crime is urged to call the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit at 339-4325, or make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

## Felony Resisting Arrest

On July 9, at 3:30am, two Ventura Police patrol officers responded to a report of a male subject causing a disturbance within the apartment complex located at 6073 Woodland Street.

Officers arrived on scene and

contacted the suspect, 25 year old Oxnard resident Luis Reyes in the center courtyard. Officers determined Reyes had been arguing with his girlfriend, to the front of her apartment, and was now refusing to leave. As officers were attempting to communicate with Reyes, he became further agitated and violently attacked one of the officers. After a brief struggle, the officers were able to take Reyes into custody.

Both officers received minor injuries as a result of the altercation. Both officers were treated at VCMC and several hours later were cleared to return to work. Reyes was also taken to VCMC where he was medically cleared and later booked into Ventura County Jail for violently resisting arrest.

## Attempted Murder and Felony Resisting Arrest

On July 9, at approximately 5:15pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received several 911 calls of two males physically fighting near the corner of Marthas Vineyard Ct. and Pierpont Blvd. While officers were responding it was reported the suspect, later identified as 25 year old Ventura resident Christopher Dolan, got into an awaiting vehicle and fled the scene. Officers arrived on scene and found the victim, a 23-year-old male, lying unconscious on the sidewalk and suffering from several head injuries.

An officer responding to the call saw the suspect vehicle pull into the Vons shopping center parking lot on Harbor Blvd. As the vehicle came to a stop, Dolan exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The officer pursued Dolan on foot, who during the chase turned on the officer and challenged him to fight. When Dolan began charging towards the officer, the officer deployed a taser device. This allowed officers to take him into custody without further incident.

During the investigation, officers learned from witnesses that Dolan was heard in a verbal argument with the victim. Dolan was then seen punching the victim, who fell to the ground. While on the ground, Dolan repeatedly punched and kicked the victim in the head.

The victim was treated at the scene by Ventura City Fire personnel and transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries. He is currently in critical condition. After being medically cleared at VCMC, Dolan was booked into the Ventura County Jail for attempted murder and felony resisting arrest.

## Stabbing

On July 10, at approximately 10pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of a stabbing victim of the address listed above. Officers, along with Ventura City Fire and AMR personnel, responded to the call and found the victim, later identified as Shianna Larios, suffering from a single non-life threatening stab wound in the abdomen. She was immediately transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries. The suspect, 21 year old Faith Komar, was detained at the scene.

During the investigation, officers learned that prior to the stabbing, Larios and Komar got into a verbal altercation over parking in front of Larios's residence. The argument became physical and during the fight

Larios was stabbed by Komar.

Komar was booked at the Ventura County Jail for 245(a)(1) PC Assault with a deadly weapon. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488.

## Armed Robbery with Arrest

On July 13, at approximately 8:30am, the suspect, 27 year old Ventura resident Shaun Talbutt, entered the business, selected items and concealed them under his jacket. A store employee confronted him, and the suspect pulled out a pocket knife, brandishing it at the employee, and then walked out of the store with the items. Responding patrol officers located the suspect, and he initially ran away from the officer. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect stopped and was taken into custody by officers. At the conclusion of the investigation, the suspect was booked into Ventura County Jail for armed robbery and resisting arrest. No one was injured during this incident.

## Vehicle Pursuit

On July 17, at 1:33pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the California Highway Patrol requesting assistance on a vehicle pursuit that entered onto the city streets. The CHP had initiated the pursuit several minutes earlier near the intersection of Telephone Rd. and Highway 101 off-ramp, when officers attempted to stop the vehicle to investigate a possible DUI driver. The driver, later identified as Dante Payne (30 years, Ventura Resident) was failing to stop.

Ventura Police officers took over the pursuit from the California Highway Patrol in the area of Telephone Rd. and Ramelli Ave., as Payne continued to evade officers reaching speeds of approximately 60 MPH. Prior to taking over the pursuit, Payne had driven over a center median, which caused him to lose the right front tire of his Ford pickup. He continued, driving eastbound on Bristol Rd. to northbound Petit Ave. Payne drove to the intersection of Petit Ave. and Petit Ci., where he stopped and exited his vehicle. He was taken into custody without incident.

Officers later learned that Payne discarded a loaded and stolen shotgun out of his vehicle during the pursuit. The shotgun was found by a citizen near the intersection of Ramelli Ave. and Raccoon Ct.

The California Highway Patrol took custody of Payne. He was later booked at the Ventura County Jail for felony evading arrest, felon in possession of a loaded and stolen firearm, possession of an altered weapon and a parole violation.

# Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

7-7 1:45pm, received a report of two persons in the water in the A-Basin. Officers responded and assisted two persons back onto their kayaks.

6:34pm, received a report of a sting ray strike from State Parks Lifeguard at Surfers Knoll. Officers responded, contacted fire dispatch and prepped hot water to treat the injury. Patient was eventually transported to hospital.

7-8 4:15pm, received a dispatch to an unconscious person at 1050 Schooner drive. Officers responded and assisted Ventura fire and AMR with the patient who was eventually transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

7-10 7:20am-3:30pm, observed a 55 gallon barrel with an unknown substance inside. Officers contacted Ventura fire and eventually the Hazmat team was summoned to help determine what was inside the barrel. After an investigation the barrel was determined 99% water but to be safe was taken to a hazardous material deposit at the city yard.

1:43pm, received a report of a stingray strike at Surfers Knoll. Officers responded with hot water to treat the injury. The patient was transported to their local hospital for further evaluation.

7-15 2:30pm, received a report that a fishing vessel was requesting a tow relief and about to enter the harbor. Officers responded and towed the vessel to its slip in Ventura Harbor Village.

5:05pm, received report of a disabled electric boat near the patrol dock. Officers responded and towed the vessel to dreamer rentals.

5:50pm, received a report of a fuel spill near VWM D-dock. Officers responded and found the source of the spill. The owner of the 52ft vessel was contacted and advised he would mitigate the problem.

7:09pm, received a dispatch to a water rescue at the South jetty. Officers responded and searched by boat but were unable to locate the victim. Later, Ventura fire ascertained that the victim had exited the water before our arrival.

10:15pm, received a report of an overdue boater. After a brief investigation the overdue boaters were safely located.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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# News & Notes



Paul Meehan, gives his kids Claire and John a lift at the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy's Big Rock Nature Preserve. Photo by Kyle Sparks.

## Explore nature with the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy at Family Fun Day

On Saturday, August 6, the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy (VHC) will host Family Fun Day at their Big Rock Nature Preserve from 10 a.m. - 12. This free, family-friendly, open-to-the-public outdoor event will include nature-themed crafts, an environmental scavenger hunt and a biologist-led hike along the banks of the Ventura River.

"It has been several months since our generous volunteers helped us plant the 500 trees that are taking root at our Big Rock Preserve and we are eager to show off our work," said Derek Poultney, VHC Executive Director.

Family Fun Day is appropriate for

people of all ages but children must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees should wear long pants, sturdy closed-toe shoes, sunscreen and bring a water bottle. Please note that the trails at Big Rock Preserve are not stroller friendly. There is no cost to attend but reservations are strongly encouraged. To RSVP, visit [www.venturahillsides.org](http://www.venturahillsides.org) and click on the Events tab.

VHC is seeking support for future outdoor educational programming. For more information, contact VHC Development Director, Adrienne Stephens at 643-8044 or [adrienne@venturahillsides.org](mailto:adrienne@venturahillsides.org).

## Eighteen-year financial professional to lead account management team

BBM&D Strategic Branding, a leading Ventura-based branding agency, announced the promotion

of Venturan Paul Sullivan as Vice President of Business Development. Sullivan joined BBM&D in 2015 and has provided significant contributions in both strategy and business development.

With over 18 years' experience in the financial and wealth management industry, Sullivan serves as the foundation and strategic arm of the business development team, overseeing BBM&D Strategic Branding's growing accounts. Sullivan's contributions marks the beginning of an era of expansion in both the depth and scope of the agency's efforts.



Sherri Tarpchinoff Bennett, President Elect; Trevor Summerlin, 1 year Director; Kellye Edwards Patterson, Recording Secretary; Shirley Lorraine, Vice President (And Breeze contributing writer); Ann Hewitt, President; Kay Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary; Pamela Pecarich, Treasurer; Cindy Daly, 1 year Director. Not shown Cyndi Damron, 2 Year Director and Sandra Masiel, 2 Year Director.

## Soroptimist International of Ventura installs officers and directors for 2016-2017 Club Year

The Soroptimist Club of Ventura installed new officers and directors in June. The incoming President Ann Hewitt, thanked outgoing President Kay Armstrong for her service this past year. She welcomed the incoming officers and directors and expressed her appreciation for their willingness to serve. She announced a club theme for the year of "It starts with us!"

The installation of the new officers and directors was conducted by Sherry Cash, District 1 Director of the Camino

Real Region of Soroptimist International.

Soroptimist International is a part of the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women. SI has more than 100,000 members in 1,500 clubs in 21 countries. For more information about Soroptimist of Ventura go to [www.soroptimist-ventura.org](http://www.soroptimist-ventura.org). To find out how you can become a member, please call Sandra Masiel at 278-3607 or email [siventura@soroptimist.net](mailto:siventura@soroptimist.net).

Sullivan came to BBM&D Strategic Branding by way of Farmers Insurance Group, TD Ameritrade, and Merrill Lynch where he worked for a combined 18 years. Born in England, Sullivan moved to the U.S. where he earned his bachelor's degree at Kentucky Wesleyan University, his masters from Cal State Northridge, and a Law Degree from Ventura College of Law.

## One Community, One Pulse, One Pride

Diversity Collective's annual Ventura County Pride is proud to bring you yet another fun-filled weekend of events celebrating the diversity of our community. This is a weekend you won't want to miss! The Pride festivities kick off on Friday, August 19th, followed by three days of events and excitement, so mark your calendars now.

The Pride Opening Party will begin at 9 P.M. on Friday, hosted by Paddy's Bar & Lounge, at 2 W. Main St.

The Pride Festival, will be held on Saturday August 20th, from 11am to 6pm at Promenade Park which will feature a food truck show, expanded beer garden, 70+ vendors, and a full day of exciting entertainment. General admission is \$7 per person, with discounted prices for those with disabilities, seniors, and military service members.

This year's Pride entertainment lineup will include performances by world renowned Celebrity Imperson-

ator Michael Walters as Dame Edna, RuPaul's Drag Race superstar and season three winner, Raja Gemini, a full drag revue, bands, and great local artists. All new this year, the Pride Festival will include the ProudArt exhibit, which will feature a curated display of donated queer art from local LGBTQ+ and allied artists.

The Grapes & Hops VIPride Area will be centrally located between the stage and beer garden, and will include an exclusive meet and greet and photo op with entertainers, a bar, separate restroom facilities, a complimentary cocktail, all-day Pride Festival pass, and a Pride swag bag. Limited tickets are on sale now for \$25.

The Official Pride After Party will be the Caliente Party, which will take place at Now Ventura, located at 185 E Santa Clara St. Doors will open at 9:30pm. Pride sponsors, such as Paddy's Bar & Lounge and The Tavern will also be hosting parties to celebrate Diversity Collective's Ventura County Pride.

The fun doesn't stop there; rounding out the weekend is our Pride Brunch at The Tavern on Sunday. Your \$35 ticket includes bottomless mimosas, omelet and pancake bar, hot and cold brunch bar, Pride Awards show, and music by DJ Joseph from

All money raised from the Ventura County Pride Festival and sponsored events will be used for education, community outreach, advocacy, and Diversity's Collective continued efforts to open an LGBTQ2 Community Resource Center in the fall for Ventura County.

All donations are tax-deductible. Please join and follow at [www.facebook.com/VenturaCountyPride](http://www.facebook.com/VenturaCountyPride). To become a vendor, sponsor or a volunteer please direct inquiries to [info@diversitycollective.org](mailto:info@diversitycollective.org) or call 648-LGBT (5428).

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## News & Notes

### Reprinted from a previous issue of the Ventura Breeze

#### Grand Theft Investigation and Arrest

In May the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit began an investigation into reports that two victims' diamonds had been switched for fake stones by the suspect at his jewelry store. The suspect, identified as 54 year old West Hills resident Ara Ghazarian, is the owner operator of Jewelry Unlimited in 4700 block of Telephone Rd.

One victim noticed something was wrong with her wedding ring after she had a new setting made by Ghazarian. The victim had this ring inspected at a different jewelry store and discovered that the original diamond from her wedding had been replaced with a "Moissanite" stone. The second victim took a family heirloom ring with a unique style of diamond into Ghazarian's business to have minor repair performed. She also discovered that the diamond from her ring had been switched out with a Moissanite stone.

Based on Ghazarian's actions and additional evidence discovered during this investigation detectives determined that he intentionally switched the victims' real diamonds with fake stones with an estimated total loss of over \$8,000.00.

On June 16, 2016 Ventura Police Department Street Crimes detectives served a search warrant at Ghazarian's business and took him into custody on two counts of Grand Theft.

On June 28 Ghazarian committed suicide in a home owned by a relative in Tarzana by hanging himself.

### Foster kids received their own laptop computer and printer

On July 15 and 16 twenty local transitional-aged foster youth participated in a digital literacy computer training seminar, held at the County of Ventura Human Services Agency.

A powerful collaboration between the Ventura County Office of Education, Children's Services Auxiliary, and Foster VC Kids made this once in a lifetime opportunity available for foster youth as they prepare to transition to college life and adulthood.

The hands-on workshop introduced foster youth to the skills necessary to use computer technology in everyday life to enhance their educational, social, and employment oriented opportunities. Many foster youth lack the financial resources and support necessary to develop in this area on their own.

"We are so excited to see the community come together to provide this opportunity to our transitional-aged foster youth," says Angelina McCormick Soll, Resource Family Recruitment, Development, & Support Coordinator with Foster VC Kids, a program of Ventura County Children and Family Services.

While 90% of United States teens and 79% of low-income U.S. teens have access to computer technology in their homes, only

20% of foster youth have comparable access. A recent study by the iFoster network reports that foster youth who received laptops improved their grades, missed less time in school, maintained better contact with supportive friends and family, and experienced enhanced levels of self-esteem.

In addition to invaluable digital literacy skills such as social media safety, connectivity and integration knowledge, and software training, each of the 20 participating foster youth received their own laptop computer, printer, and suite of Microsoft programs.

Ventura County Human Services Agency (VCHSA) strengthens families, supports self-sufficiency and promotes safety, health, and well-being. All of their service areas operate and perform at the highest level to meet the needs of individuals, families, and the community by providing assistance, aid, and protection for foster youth and beyond. VCHSA demonstrates the ability to work in multicultural environments and ensures that policies, programs, and actions communicate respect for the dignity of all people. Visit [www.fostervckids.org](http://www.fostervckids.org) for more information.

If you are interested in partnering with Foster VC Kids to provide support for youth in care, please call 654-3220.

#### Heitmann will run for reelection

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numerous public/private partnerships like the development of Kellogg Park. As a council member she has advocated for a number of community improvements like new play equipment in parks, street improvements and a moratorium on additional massage parlors. She is proud of the balanced budget the city has been able to deliver in spite of lean economic times and has served on the finance subcommittee all 5 years. She chaired the city's 150th birthday celebration and established Ventura's first Sister City relationship with Loreto, Mexico.

In her next term, Cheryl aims to continue to bolster Ventura's economic base, provide more services for our community's senior population, boost public safety including sustainable funding for all fire stations, develop a safe and sustainable water supply, work on protecting our beaches for the enjoyment of our residents and tourists, continue to establish a supported housing opportunity for veterans, and ensure that the City's infrastructure is maintained and improved.

Cheryl is currently a board member on the Ventura Visitors and Convention bureau, Downtown Ventura Organization and the Vice Chair of the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDCVC). She is also a member of the Rotary club of Ventura and the Pierpont Community Council. In addition, Heitmann serves as a board member on the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, is the alternate member to the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board and is the city council liaison to the Ventura Port District.

She is presently the Vice Chair of the Women's Caucus of the California League of Cities. Her work has led to numerous honors: Top 50 Women in Business (Pacific Coast Business Times), 2008; Top Non-profit Leaders, Pacific Coast Business Times, 2010; and Outstanding Citizen Gold Award from the California Teachers' Association, among others.

Ms. Heitmann is married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren. A licensed clinical social worker, she served as the executive director of the Ventura Music



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#### Greg Glass

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apprenticeships in Ayurveda, an Indian system of medicine and one of the world's oldest holistic healing practices, as well as Chinese healing arts and Thai massage. Glass also spent several months in Thailand receiving one-on-one training under several world-renowned teachers of Thai massage.

Today, a licensed massage therapist with nearly two decades of experience in naturopathic health care, Glass has achieved more than 3,000 hours of practical and clinical education in holistic healing. His Thai massage sessions are conducted fully clothed, combining yoga therapy stretches with slow, deep, rhythmic compressions to promote the flow of energy throughout the body. His clients have experienced benefits including improvements in muscular pain and tightness as well as increased range of motion. His massages seek to reduce stress and address poor circulation, respiratory problems, sleep issues, anxiety and adrenal fatigue.

As an Ayurvedic naturopath, Glass focuses on comprehensive wellness, working to heal the mind, body and spirit. He personalizes programs to fit each individual's needs.

"Through all of my years of research and experience, I've found that every individual's journey to health is unique," said Glass. "Regardless of who they are -- their age, body type or flexibility -- my goal is to have them leave here feeling better than they came."

After traveling the world, Glass found the City of Ventura -- with its the beaches, mountains and a growing communal interest in natural healing arts -- to itself be an environment of healing. He recently opened Thai Massage Ventura, located at 2021 Sperry Avenue in A Place of Peace Sanctuary & Wellness Center. Glass is currently one of the few clinically trained practitioners of therapeutic Thai massage in the Ventura County region.

He is available by appointment only for 90-minute to two-hour sessions in Thai massage, therapeutic bodywork or Ayurvedic wellness consultations. For more information on Thai Massage Ventura, visit [www.thaimassageventura.com](http://www.thaimassageventura.com).

Jenny Guy is the director of communications for Mustang Marketing and a resident of the City of Ventura.

#### Brooks Institute moving to Downtown

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services and photography studios.

Among their other locations will be the Erle Stanley Gardner Building and a portion of the downtown building that houses Pacific Western Bank.

These locations will allow students, instructors and staff to eat, drink and purchase merchandise downtown or take a casual walk to the beach or grab the trolley to the Harbor from their urban campus. And some will be living in Ventura.

The move has already sparked new interest in attending Brooks. Approximately 175 new students have enrolled to start in September which will bring their student count to about 350.

Parking will become an issue at all of their new locations and the City is working with them for ways to mitigate the parking situation.

"We want to thank the City of Ventura for offering a new home to Brooks Institute," said Edward Clift, President of Brooks Institute. "We are excited about the many possibilities this relocation will bring, including partnering with Ventura to become an increasingly vibrant arts and media hub in the region. It is a bold step and true testament to the innovative spirit of this city. We are looking forward to a long, mutually beneficial relationship."

Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko stated "We welcome Brooks to Downtown Ventura and recognize the value that this move will have in stimulating the local economy of our historic downtown. Not only is this a unique collaboration between public and private institutions, it also marks a significant accomplishment for the City of Ventura in terms of business attraction. Bringing more than 340 students and 80 faculty members into Downtown Ventura on a daily basis will stimulate the local economy and our city as a whole."

Brooks Institute is celebrates 70 years of educating students in the visual and media arts. Brooks offers bachelor's degrees in fields including Professional Photography, Graphic Design, Film and Visual Journalism, a Master of Science in Scientific and Technological Imaging and a Master of Fine Arts in Photography. The school is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). ACICS is a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. For more information about Brooks Institute and the school's programs, visit [www.brooks.edu](http://www.brooks.edu) or call 585-8000.

# Show Time

## Ghostbusters



by Eduardo Victoria  
eduardovictory@yahoo.com

A vicious ghost attack? Check. 3 really nerdy scientists ready to do battle with the supernatural (and make some money from it)? Check. Sony and Columbia pictures continue to prove that nothing is sacred with their reboot of the comedy classic from the 80s, this time gender-swapping the cast to 4 women doing battle with the supernatural, a stroke of genius if there ever was one during this long and troubled production.

The film follows Erin Gilbert (Kristen Wiig), a professor of Physics who finds herself unemployed, is reconnected with former collaborator Amy Yates (Melissa McCarthy) and engineer Jillian Holtzmann (Kate McKinnon). After discovering their theories regarding the supernatural may have more truth to them than expected, they're finally pushed to start chasing ghosts after being approached by MTA attendant Patty Tolan (Leslie Jones).

Taking a page from its predecessors all of the major marks from the first two films are here, making for a story that is unfortunately predictable given the fact that this script was put together rather quickly (at least two prior scripts for a third Ghostbusters film existed and were passed on). The

villain (Neil Casey) doesn't particularly make sense or have a well thought out evil plan – a point that brings the film down with it.

The saving grace of this new GB team are its four leads. McKinnon steals the show as the gear head behind all of the ghostbusting equipment. Her fingers and words tremble with excitement as she explains that they're wearing nuclear accelerators that can destroy anything and everything on their backs. None of the women here are made to look particularly attractive, show skin, or wear tight clothing, as are the tropes in modern blockbusters – a fact that is so important in the state of modern filmmaking that note must be taken and internalized.

Most of the character moments are much more exciting than any of the massive CGI fest that takes over the senses. None of the effects are particularly good, but ultimately both and detract to the overall experience. The crazy neon effects create an insanely vivid world where none of this could actually happen and at the same time gives us what are clearly actors running around on a green screen.

But with truly funny dialogue, great character interactions (particularly Andy Garcia as the Mayor of New York), and Chris Hemsworth's Kevin, a guy with a pretty face and no brains, there is a lot of fun to be had in *Ghostbusters*. The film is arguably a cultural landmark more so than an amazing film, a rare thing that doesn't happen very often but should be celebrated.

116 minutes. Rated PG-13. Now playing at Downtown Cinemark 10.

### Two on the Aisle

## Midsummer Night's Dream sparkles under the stars

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

The Kingsmen Shakespeare Company is celebrating its twentieth anniversary of presenting quality productions on the main lawn of California Lutheran University. The final show of the 2016 season takes the professional company full circle with a re-staging its inaugural production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

This time the comedy is under the skillful and creative direction of Brett Elliot, one the original lead actors in the first production. In fact, both the cast and crew boast other numerous long-time and returning Kingsmen players, as well as welcoming new actors and workers.

Shakespeare's classic romantic tale about of four sets of lovers is brought to full-figured life with abundant visual appeal, strong characterizations and both high and low comedy.

The Kingsmen Company delights in treating audiences to Shakespeare's poetry by setting the productions in other eras or genres, displaying to good measure the full genius of the text. For this production director Elliot has chosen India as the background for the action, which works exceptionally well.

Bathed in the light of a full moon on opening night, the lush scenery, the rich and colorful costumes and the mystical qualities of the whimsical story are entrancing throughout.

There is a bit of action for everyone – swooning maidens, handsome men, sprites, goblins and a cadre of fanciful, flighty fairies flitting about a man turned into an ass fill the stage. Oh, and to fill out the story there are some regular people, too.

The professional players in the key roles are all outstanding – Ross Hellwig as Demetrius, Angela Gulner as Hermia, Samantha Eggers as Helena and Seta Wainigolo as Lysander all turn in superb performances.

They are easily matched by Nawal Bengholam as the Fairy Queen Titania, Ty Mayberry as the commanding Oberon, Jason Rennie as the mischievous Puck, and Kingsmen veteran Marc Silver as the self-confident actor Bottom. Too numerous to mention, the entire cast adds to the magic.

Enhanced lighting and sound systems enable the visual and the vocal efforts to be clear, engaging and easily understood – a quality essential to understanding Shakespeare and sadly lacking in many attempts by less qualified companies. The individual contributions of the director and seasoned performers give the entire production an uncommon depth, dimension and vitality.

Continuing its policy of free admission for anyone under the age of 18, the Kingsmen Company and its stellar production values bring the beauty of the Bard to new and seasoned generations alike. This production is an open invitation that should not be missed to expose students of all ages to Shakespeare.

Additional merriment and education takes place before the show begins. So, arriving early is recommended to take full advantage of the festival's offerings.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* plays

through July 31 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Gates open at 5:30 for festival seating. Main show at 8:00 p.m. Bring your low-backed chairs, picnics and jackets, as the evening cools down after dark. Tickets (over 18) are \$20. Lawn boxes and regular seats slightly higher. For details and more information [www.kingsmen-shakespeare.org](http://www.kingsmen-shakespeare.org).



Matt Garcia of Ventura gets advice from instructor Joseph Fuqua about how to transmit the energy of his character during the *Fearless Shakespeare Intensive*. Photo by Joseph A. Garcia.

## Shakespeare coming to Ventura

Rubicon Theatre Company presents the gender-bending romantic comedy *Twelfth Night* or *What You Will*, performed by the students of the Education Department's *Fearless Shakespeare Intensive*, adapted and directed by Rubicon's first company member and critically acclaimed actor Joseph Fuqua.

This hilarious tale of role reversal, unrequited love and mistaken identity receives a darkly romantic, goth-inspired reimaging by Fuqua and Dramaturg Dr. Jonathan Drahos. *Twelfth Night* or *What You Will* plays for only four performances when it opens on July 29.

*Twelfth Night* takes place in the fantastical land of Illyria. Twin siblings Viola and Sebastian are shipwrecked off the coast, each believing the other is dead. Nothing is what it seems in this strange place as Viola disguises herself as a man in order to be in Duke Orsino's charge. The Duke is deeply infatuated with Olivia, a noblewoman in mourning. Posing as a man named Cesario, Viola on the Duke's command woos Olivia on his behalf, only to have Olivia fall in love with the man Viola portrays. To make matters more difficult, Viola finds herself falling in love with the Duke. Adding to the confusion is Feste the Clown, the drunken Sir Toby Belch, the foolish Aquecheek, the arrogant Malvolio, and Sebastian, Viola's presumed drowned brother. In the end, a madcap but bittersweet chain of events lead to startling revelations, confessions of the heart and authentic self-actualization.

*Fearless Shakespeare* is a three-week intensive that allows students ages 16-23 to work with industry experts as they immerse themselves in script analysis, scansion, verse work and character development. Students form a tight company of actors to bring one of the Bard's greatest masterpieces to the Rubicon stage.

A weekend of public performances on July 29, 30 and 33. Part of the summer Education youth programs, this year marks the 15th anniversary of the Education program under the direction of Brian McDonald with *Fearless Shakespeare* in its eighth year.

For tickets and further information and times call 667.2900 or [www.rubicon-theatre.org](http://www.rubicon-theatre.org).

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## Baby Blues



## Beetle Bailey



## Crock



## Shoe



## Hagar the Horrible



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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 With 5-Across, fade
- 5 See 1-Across
- 8 Old World duck
- 12 Inauguration recitation
- 13 Genetic stuff
- 14 Comic strip possum
- 15 Lo-cal
- 16 Squid's squirt
- 17 Acknowledge
- 18 Gold coin of old Italy
- 20 Differently
- 22 Berlin-born actress
- 26 Hackneyed
- 29 Banned pesticide
- 30 Ostrich's kin
- 31 Miners' finds
- 32 Pair
- 33 Oklahoma city
- 34 Zodiac sign
- 35 Onassis, familiarly
- 36 Isolated hill
- 37 Berlin-born actress
- 40 Census statistics
- 41 Slanted, in print
- 45 Fence opening
- 47 Pitch

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- 7 Manages with what one has
- 8 Tic
- 9 Gesture
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- 11 "Holy cow!"
- 19 Under the weather
- 21 Parcel of land
- 23 Buzz Aldrin's real first name
- 24 Send forth
- 25 Discourteous
- 26 Brazen
- 27 Vicinity
- 28 Re newborns
- 32 Had a rendezvous
- 33 Bicontinental region
- 35 Shock and --
- 36 Wager
- 38 Represent-ative
- 39 Weary
- 42 Places
- 43 Press
- 44 Penny
- 45 Prized possession
- 46 Hearty brew
- 48 Alias abbr.

### DOWN

- 1 Rory McIlroy's game
- 2 Bar
- 3 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 4 Although
- 5 Quaff
- 6 Hostel

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises for which you're not sure you're ready.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for his or her actions.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter his or

her lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles -- the harder, the better.

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## News & Notes



Visitors can mosey up the trail with frequent stops to admire the great views and plants from several Mediterranean-like climate zones.

### Ventura Botanical Gardens trail becoming major attraction

Since opening in 2012, the mile long, view site trail winding through the Ventura Botanical Gardens has become a popular attraction. "Greeters" on weekday and weekend mornings, with their card table and umbrella at the trail head, report that upwards to 1500 people a week are making the trip up the trail. Most of the traffic is in the morning and is heaviest on the weekends. In a two hour period on a Saturday or Sunday morning, it is estimated that 300-400 people will use the trail.

The Greeters report that people from all walks of life enjoy the trail. They range from regulars that are getting in their morning workout to folks from all over Southern California who have heard about the trail.

Greeters enjoy talking with visitors and hearing their stories. Regulars include the dozen or so young mothers with their infants in papoose carriers that walk as a group, families celebrating events, and classes of school children

out for a nature walk.

Now that more sponsor sites are being installed, walkers have an occasional bench to rest a moment and contemplate the natural beauty and the latest plantings. The Ventura Botanical Gardens also offers specialized trail tours for those interested in geology, biology, early history, bird sighting and native flora of the area. Even a wedding venue is available at the Summit Plateau.

Now that the lease with the City for Phase 1 is in effect, visitors notice the appearance of more botanical plantings and sponsor sites. Some of the latest plantings include South African Aloe Trees, Chilean Wine Palms and a variety of flowering succulents. Future plans include a Welcome Center, another trail, and water distribution. Visit the Gardens, take a stroll up the gently sloped trail, and enjoy.

For more information on the Gardens and what is available VenturaBotanicalGardens.com.

### Stroke Prevention to be the Focus of Free CMHS Seminar on Aug. 13

The recognition and prevention of stroke, the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the number one cause of disability, will be focus of a free seminar Community Memorial Health System is holding on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Safwan Alboiny, M.D., who specializes in stroke neurology, will lead the seminar that will run from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the banquet room of the Soule Park Golf Course, 1033 E. Ojai Ave.

While every year 795,000 Americans suffer strokes, 80 percent of strokes are preventable. Dr. Alboiny will discuss stroke risk factors as well as recognition and prevention, including medications, procedures and healthy lifestyle choices.

Dr. Alboiny received his medical degree from the University of Damascus Medical School in Damascus, Syria. He completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Damascus

and a neurology residency at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. Dr. Alboiny is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, as well as the Syrian Board of Internal Medicine.

Registration is free but reservations are required. Visit [cmhshealth.org/rsvp](http://cmhshealth.org/rsvp) or call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800/838-3006.

Future Speaker Series events include: Neck Pain seminar on Aug. 30 at the Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard and Hyperbaric Medicine seminar on Sept. 27 at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura.

### YMCA Run or Walk 5K

For a day of exercise and family fun, join the Ventura Family YMCA at their 16th Annual YMCA Run or Walk on August 13. The day will include a Family 5K, a free continental breakfast, live music, and more than 20 raffle prizes.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the Y's Open Doors Scholarship program, which provides financial assistance to help all families benefit from YMCA membership, regardless of their

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**TRI-LEVEL TOWNHOUSE WITH PRIVATE PATIO YARD WALKING DISTANCE TO THE COLLECTION.** Among the best locations in RiverPark, enjoy terrific greenbelt and park views from the family room and master bedroom. Extensively improved with new interior paint, flooring, kitchen decor and more. 3+2.5 plus loft. 1892 SF, built in 2006. \$399,000. HOA \$290/month. Mello Roos: \$4072.52/year.

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**9690 LAS CRUCES STREET, VENTURA.** Remodeled, Modern Single Story on a large Corner lot you will be happy to call HOME! Remodeled Kitchen with custom cabinets, Gorgeous countertops, Stainless appliances and Remodeled Bathrooms you will love! New Roof, new windows, new light fixtures, smooth ceilings, new fireplace surround, new floors and much more! Drought tolerant landscaping. Large backyard with custom patio to enjoy BBQs galore! Close to Citrus Glen Elementary, Chumash Park!

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**Stunning, stylish and completely remodeled!**

**\$925,000**

**THIS 3BD/3BA+LOFT BEACH HOME IS UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE AT THE COLONY!** Ocean VIEWS in a prime, rare location! Featuring an open floor plan with high ceilings and numerous windows inviting ocean breezes and sounds of the surf. The gourmet kitchen is an entertainers delight. Spacious ocean view decks, architectural arches and light wood floors add to the ambiance. 4490 Antigua Way #146, Oxnard.

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**Charming 1920's Spanish style bungalow!**

**\$439,000**

**THIS ADORABLE 2BD/1BA IS ONLY A SHORT WALK TO DOWNTOWN VENTURA!** This bright and cheerful home has character with coved-vaulted ceilings, a custom fireplace, arched doorways, and beautiful hardwood floors. Updated kitchen, spacious bedrooms and many upgrades! Beautiful large backyard with a producing avocado tree, other fruit trees and a vegetable garden. 2 car garage with lighting. 332 East Vince Street, Ventura.

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**Charming architecture and curb appeal!**

**\$624,999**

**CHARMING 4BD/3BA LOCATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC** features one of the most desirable floor plans in this community with a downstairs bedroom and full bath with three more bedrooms upstairs. Open floor plan with soaring ceilings and large windows make this home light and airy! This is the lowest priced 4 bedroom in the Heritage/Legacy Park tract. 659 Walcott Avenue, Ventura.

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**NOT ON MARKET JUST YET...COMING SOON**

**Artistry Underway**

**5401 DRIFTWOOD ST, OXN 93035** Oxnard Shores NINE up from the sand. Open floor plan, living room with fireplace, remodeled kitchen, downstairs powder room, two bedrooms with bonus room upstairs, private rear balcony, remodeled bathrooms, new flooring throughout, and driveway to large attached two car garage with interior access. No HOA here. Perfect property for weekend & year round enjoyment for you or family and friends.

**Michelle Z. Carrillo | GP Real Estate | 805.766.9696 | #01734276**

**293 JORDAN AVE., VENTURA 93001**

**SOLD \$675,000!**

Turnkey charmer created by classic wood floors the vintage style of kitchen and bathrooms. Unbelievably tall ceilings, original moldings and original fixtures will help you to appreciate the details of this restored mid-town classic. New appliances in kitchen, remodeled bathrooms. French doors to front deck make this a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the day & Ventura lifestyle. SOLD \$675,000!!!

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**NOT ON MARKET JUST YET...HERMOSA BEACH TRIPLEX**

**\$2,350,000**

**149 MANHATTAN AVENUE.** Two buildings. Front house 3+2 single story remodeled. Rear Building Upstairs Unit 2+1 Studio and Two Car Garage below. Three meters, zoned triplex, six properties up from beach. Short skate or bike to King Harbor & Pier Avenue. 3 +2 Renovated and 2 +1 Renovated. Vintage style studio. Additional photos and details upon request.

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## Museum of Ventura County announces resignation of top executive

The Museum of Ventura County has announced that its CEO Pattie Mullins has resigned. As of Wednesday, July 6. Pattie Mullins, who has served as chief executive officer of The Museum of Ventura County for 15 months, will be leaving in August to head Make-A-Wish Tri-Counties. An internal search committee, formed from the Museum's board of directors, is taking immediate steps to secure an interim Executive Director.

"We're sorry to see Pattie go," stated John Orr, chair of the Museum's Board of Directors. "She began on a high note, taking office during our popular Vietnam exhibit, and leaves us at another high point, during our current Smithsonian exhibition. We wish her well. Our delivery of quality exhibitions, programs and educational initiatives will continue, thanks to the excellent staff we have in place."

Mullins stated "It was a tough decision to leave the museum."

Make-A-Wish was founded in 1980 and works to make wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses become a reality for the kids. She will assume her new position next month.

## Earn a high school diploma and career certificate through an accredited Career Online High School

The Ventura County Library System is offering qualified community members the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and career certificate through an accredited Career Online High School, a program brought to public libraries by GALE, a part of Cengage Learning. Part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, Career Online High School is specifically designed to reengage adults in the education

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system and prepare them for entry into or the workforce or post-secondary career education. According to US Census data, there are currently more than 91,000 adults in Ventura County who lack a high school degree or equivalent.

"Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement," said Jackie Griffin, Director of the Ventura County Library System. "By offering Career Online High School, we're empowering our residents to seek new opportunities and transform their lives."

The Ventura County Library System will award scholarships for Career Online High School to qualified adult learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers. Once enrolled, Career Online High School pairs each student with an Academic Coach, who assists with developing an individual career plan, offers ongoing guidance and encouragement, evaluates performance, and connects the learner with the resources needed to demonstrate mastery of the course material. Classes are supported by board-certified instructors and students have 24/7 access to the online learning platform. Coursework begins in one of eight high-growth, high-demand career fields that range across a wide spectrum from child care and education to certified transportation, before progressing to the core academic subjects. Many students are able to graduate in as few as 4 to 6 months by transferring previously earned high school credits.

Residents can learn more about Career Online High School at any library in the Ventura County Library System or by visiting the library's Web site [www.ventcolibrary.org/cohs](http://www.ventcolibrary.org/cohs).

amongst the region's jurisdictions and transportation modes.

Under the plan, 50 % of sales tax funds will be allocated to Ventura County's 10 cities and the County of Ventura for local transportation priorities. Over thirty years that translates to about \$1.65 billion for improving local roads, filling potholes and building bike paths and sidewalks.

The remaining half of sales tax revenues will be used for regionally significant transportation projects, such as relieving bottlenecks on the 101 and 118 freeways, improving freight movement from the Port of Hueneme, expanding the region's bicycle network, sustaining Metrolink service and keeping bus fares affordable for seniors, students, veterans and people with disabilities.

The Commission has been actively exploring a transportation sales tax measure since 2015. Polling conducted in the spring shows that 67 percent of likely Ventura County voters support a sales tax. About 78 percent of those polled see a need for additional funding to improve Ventura County's transportation system.

The sales tax measures requires a ministerial action by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to be formally placed on the ballot.

The complete Ventura County Transportation Investment and Expenditure Program can be found at [www.keepVCmoving.org](http://www.keepVCmoving.org).

The Ventura County Transportation Commission is the regional transportation planning agency committed to keeping Ventura County moving. Program information is available at [govventura.org](http://govventura.org).

## CMH Gift Shop sale starts today

Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop is having a fun sale, Masquerade. Look for all the jewelry items, accessories and eclectic items located in CMH front lobby at 147 North Brent St. The sale will be held July 20th and 21st from 7am-7pm.

If you have an interest in volunteering please contact 652-5459. All volunteers are required to become CMH Auxiliary members and are asked to volunteer at least 4 hours per month.

## VCTC votes unanimously to place transportation sales tax measure on November ballot

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) has voted unanimously to place a one-half cent transportation sales tax on Ventura County's November 2016 ballot. If passed by voters, the measure is expected to raise about \$70 million per year over thirty years to repair the region's aging transportation infrastructure, improve traffic flow and safety and preserve quality of life in Ventura County.

"This measure is all about preserving our quality of life in Ventura County," said VCTC Chair and Moorpark City Council Member Keith Millhouse.

The Commission also approved the Ventura County Transportation Investment and Expenditure Program, a plan detailing how funds generated by the sales tax will be distributed

### YMCA race

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income. This makes preschool, summer camp, swim lessons, membership and so much more possible for families who otherwise would not be able to participate.

Registration/Race Start Location  
Ventura Family YMCA, 3760 Telegraph Rd. 7:00 a.m. check-in, 5K starts at 8:00 a.m.

\$35 individual or \$75 for the whole family when you register before August 1, \$40 individual or \$85 for the whole family when you register after August 2.

For more information or to register online, visit <http://www.ciyymca.org/ventura/html/5k.html>. To sign up to sponsor the event or to volunteer, please contact Sherry Gutsch at 642.2131 ext. 20, or via email at [sherry.gutsch@ciymca.org](mailto:sherry.gutsch@ciymca.org).



Grandma Jane Taylor thinks that her grandson Alex Gomez is as cute as they get. He loves to come to Ventura (It's real hot where he lives). He likes the beach, the train and his "special" restaurant! He is such a cutie! Just turned 5.

Do you have a grandkid that you think is even cuter? If so send their photo to [editor@venturabreeze.com](mailto:editor@venturabreeze.com)

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