

Brook's closing reported on page 5 and 14

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From the Brooks website "After considerable discussion and deliberation, the difficult decision has been made to close Brooks Institute." Where does that leave their students?

## Facts on the City-owned building and Brooks Institute

by City staff

Last year, the City was approached with an idea by downtown property owners, represented by the Downtown Ventura Partners (DVP), to facilitate the relocation of Brooks Institute to the Downtown Area. Brooks presented a plan to re-energize their institution and move into three locations downtown. In order for Brooks to find and occupy other permanent facilities, they needed a temporary location to assist in their transition. With the Trade Desk just having vacated a City-owned building downtown and their lease expiring in February, the City had the ability to make short-term space available to Brooks.

To make more efficient use of rentable space in the building downtown, the City consolidated the non-profit tenants with other tenants; no tenants were evicted. Subsequently, the City entered into a short-term lease with Brooks through December 2016, with the option of four, 1-year extensions to help facilitate their move.

As part of the City's due diligence in determining the viability of the lease, the City was provided access to Brooks' and its parent company's (GPHomestay) confidential financial information. Based on that review it was determined that Brooks was solvent. As a longtime partner and contributor to Ventura's

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Channel Island foxes are no longer endangered. Photos by Richard Lieberman (for more photos visit [www.venturabreeze.com](http://www.venturabreeze.com)).

## Media gather for good news

by Sheli Ellsworth

On a pristine Southern California morning, August 11, blue skies and calm waters welcomed dozens of invited guests to the Channel Islands National

Park to celebrate.

Joining the press conference were members of the National Park Service,

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2016 Ventura County Fair closes with brilliance. Photo by John Ferritto.

## 2016 Fair closed with record numbers of attendees in all categories

The Ventura County Fair's Board of Directors, management, and staff are proud to report that the 2016 Fair was a success. Celebrating the finest from throughout Ventura County, the 141st

edition closed with record numbers in all categories. Visitors came from near and far to enjoy "A Country Fair with Ocean Air" during the 12-day run,

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Chamber CEO Stephanie Caldwell supports the Board's decision.

## Chamber supports raising of sales tax

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce Board voted to support the City of Ventura's proposed ½ cent sales tax increase during their Board Meeting on August 17. The 24-member board represents the Chamber's 680 members who employ more than 25,000 employees.

"We felt it was prudent to support the City and support the modest tax increase that will allow critical funds to be collected for future operations," states Stephanie Caldwell, the Chamber's President and CEO, in a letter delivered to Mayor Erik Nasarenko, Ventura City Council and to all Ventura Chamber members. "The Chamber believes public safety is integral to our prosperity as a community, which means funding additional police officers, restoring the gang unit, and continuing to provide for the homeless task force. Additionally, it is important to secure long-term funding for Fire Station 4 which serves businesses and residents on the East End of Ventura."

"The Chamber is committed to business growth, job creation, and new capital investments in the City," says Caldwell. "With this in mind, the Chamber will continue to work with the City to improve our development process so that those willing to invest in Ventura have a smoother, faster, more welcoming experience. A smart approach to development creates jobs and generates tax revenue to support the City services we all care so much about."

In particular, the Chamber intends

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## City News



Mayor Nasarenko, Councilmember Cheryl Heitmann and future home owner Annie Dorington learning about Green Street. Photo by John Ferritto.

## Green Street celebration

On Aug. 27 community members and dignitaries gathered for a Green Street celebration and demonstration event on Hartman Dr. in Midtown. It was hosted by the City of Ventura's Public Works Department and demonstrated the new storm water improvement project.

Using "curb cuts" and pervious concrete, the Green Street collects, stores and infiltrates stormwater runoff from the street, which helps protect our waterways and beaches from pollution and recharges our groundwater. Residents also learned about the new residential curb cut permit, which allows eligible homeowners to create their own bio-swale in their parkway – the area between the sidewalk and street.

As city staff demonstrated how the pervious concrete and bio-retention cells help collect, clean and infiltrate stormwater -- instead of letting it flow to the ocean Mayor Erik Nasarenko told the crowd "The Ventura Midtown Green Street project will capture stormwater runoff draining from Hartmann Street and parts of the adjacent parking lots."

"The project uses 8 bio-retention cells to capture and infiltrate water runoff from the street. The project also uses pervious concrete in the parking lanes to capture additional runoff which also flows to the bio-retention cells."

"As you probably know, stormwater often contains pollutants that are washed from our urbanized area, such

as motor oil, heavy metals, and harmful bacteria.

Before this project was built, all of the water runoff that drained from Hartmann Street and these parking lots would carry these pollutants directly to the ocean that we swim and surf in."

"Now, much of that water will be captured by this new Green Street project.

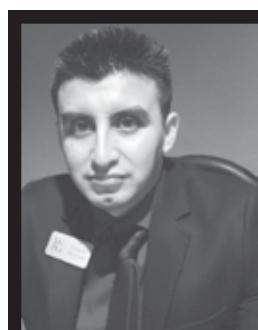
The bio-retention cells contain a layer of soil that helps filter many of the pollutants out of the water. Below the soil is a layer of gravel that hold the water and allow it to infiltrate into the ground to recharge our groundwater."

A special thanks to Public Works engineering staff Loree Pryce, the project manager, Adam Bugielski, the project designer, and Chuck Thrall, the primary project inspector. Also, a special thanks to the Parks Division for selecting the drought tolerant trees for the project and for watering the trees with reclaimed water during the drought, saving thousands of gallons of potable water."

Attendees received a free bag of compost. Raffle prizes included compost bins, worm bins and rain barrels.

The Green Street project was undertaken by the City of Ventura as part of the settlement of an enforcement action by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

More information is available at [www.cityofventura.net/GreenStreet](http://www.cityofventura.net/GreenStreet).



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## City News



*City councilmember (and ex-Chief of Police) Mike Tracy and current Chief of Police Corney work to keep crime in Ventura down.*

### Ask the Chief

## What are today's challenges in keeping Ventura safe?

by Police Chief Ken Corney

Ventura Police Department

In these times of "instant communication" we are often aware in real time of criminal acts that occur around the country. In my experience, however, people are most concerned about their sense of safety and security impacted by crime that occurs in their own neighborhoods. It is understandably disturbing when your neighborhood experiences a residential burglary, theft from cars, or vehicles being stolen. Compared to around five years ago, Ventura has experienced double-digit percentage increases in these crimes that all too often affect our local neighborhoods. Our crime fighting team knows these crime increases are not just numbers, but represent individual victims harmed by violence and loss throughout our city where we live, the places we enjoy and the schools our children attend.

Our response to this growth of reported crime is challenged by increased calls for all categories of service, including quality of life issues such as the impacts of vagrancy in our community. Last year (2015) our police department handled nearly 98,000 calls for service, compared with just over 78,000 calls five years ago. And our police staffing today is essentially at the same level it was in 1999. Understandably, this limits our ability to provide proactive patrols in neighborhoods experiencing increased crime and to direct resources to follow-up investigative efforts.

As necessary resources become available, the police department has developed a growth plan to address some of the most critical issues our neighborhoods and community face today. Key elements of the plan include:

Enhanced patrol response efforts in order to focus on high crime areas and improve response times to in progress crimes and other emergencies.

Re-implementation of our Gang Violence Suppression Team strategies to provide proactive response to the impact of gangs in our community, including enforcement, intervention and prevention efforts.

Officers dedicated to focus on investigating reports of drug sales in our neighborhoods throughout our community.

Reinvest resources in our Traffic

Safety team to keep our roadways safe around our neighborhoods and schools.

Expand our safe and clean efforts to provide officers dedicated to the downtown tourism areas most impacted by vagrancy and related quality of life issues.

Provide greater resources to our investigative division in order to increase our ability to solve more crime within an environment of increased caseloads and complex investigations.

Despite the challenges, I can assure you the men and women of the Ventura Police Department continue to work diligently to reduce harm in our community through innovative and effective approaches to achieve our five core goals of: Crime Control, Team Development, Active Community Partnerships, Safe Neighborhoods and Efficiency and Accountability. More information on how we will work to accomplish these goals can be found in our Strategic Plan document at Venturapd.org

Finally, I want to take a moment to thank the Ventura community for the support demonstrated by so many during this extremely difficult time for our profession. The support, outreach and kindness demonstrated towards our officers by so many Venturans has had a very positive impact on the brave men and women who serve this community. We are deeply appreciative and look forward to your continued support and our continued service to this community.

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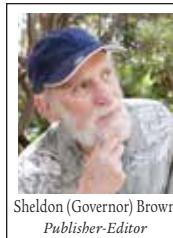
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## Opinion/Editorial

Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher-Editor

In our last issue, I commended **Neal Andrews** for having the courage of his convictions – because of his displeasure with the Republican National Committee he decided

to stop being an active member. Some readers had a problem with me saying that because they thought I was siding with his concerns, which I wasn't. If he was a member of the Democratic National Committee and made the same decision, I still would have applauded him. My comments had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that he is a Republican.

This Saturday is the last concert of the wonderful **Music Under the Stars** music series at the Olivas Adobe (Lisa Haley & The Zydecats will play). It will be another sold out performance (6 of the 9 were sold out). So next year be sure to get your tickets early for this exceptional outdoor concert series.

We have two "articles" in this issue regarding **Brooks Institute** closing. My last words (I hope) on the subject.

Brooks officials said the reason they made the "difficult decision" to shut down was due to declining enrollment and significant changes in the regulatory environment. These variables made it unlikely the school could be successful going forward.

What nonsense, their enrollment over the past several years had fallen from 2,500 to 250, hardly enough to sustain an ongoing business. Their issues didn't magically occur in the months prior to renting all of the downtown spaces and commencing construction. It seems as if they were just hoping that this move might save the school from shutting down.

Plus, the company that owned Brooks was counting on enrolling hordes of foreign students to make up the slack by bringing in foreign students which did not happen.

I feel sorry for the many people that were affected. The students, clerical staff, instructors, landlords (both the commercial buildings who now have many liens on their buildings), homeowners who rented to students, the Clocktower Inn who set aside 27 rooms for students, the contractors and sub-contractors who weren't paid

and the poor students who lost everything.

I recently met a young girl who moved here from Texas to attend Brooks and had rented a house with four other Brook's students. Who takes care of their broken lease?

Not to mention the merchants who would have benefited from Brooks being downtown and the non-profits who were forced to relocate. For example, Focus on the Masters the non-profit art appreciation program moved thousands of art pieces, huge numbers of files and much more to a space on a different floor in the same location behind City Hall, about 1/2 half the size that they were in previously. The space is now so crowded that there is hardly room to walk through it. And, they still haven't found a new location to hold their fund raising art boutiques.

Even local taxpayers will probably not see the city recoup the \$70,000 that they didn't collect up front from Brooks as a security deposit and back rent.

**Now it's finger pointing time.** I blame those who convinced the City Council that this would be wonderful (which it would have been) and the City Council (and staff) for not doing a more thorough due diligence of Brooks and taking steps to protect the City should defaults have occurred. A deeper dive would have likely raised concerns with the conclusion that Brooks was not going to be a viable tenant.

There are bonds and insurance that would have protected the City (maybe our City Attorney should have insisted on this). Taking out an insurance policy wouldn't have cost the city anything because the tenant or contractor pays for the completion bond. Because it was the taxpayers at risk if something went wrong, this should

have been done under any circumstances.

The City says that they studied Brooks' finances and believed the school looked solid. From my perspective, it's hard to believe that they would have come to that conclusion.

I am not personally affected, but even I'm disheartened by this, so I can imagine how depressed those are that were very personally involved and impacted.

Moving on, new reports show if Americans would quit smoking and cut back on drinking, most cancer deaths could be prevented. Maintaining a healthy weight and exercising at least 20 minutes a day would also benefit, so get with it.

Preparatory grading work has begun for the construction of the new 72,000 square foot **Kaiser Permanente** outpatient complex located right off of the freeway near Victoria. It will also include a community garden, nature walk, and amphitheater.

Due to the lucrative smuggling industry, reports show that the amount of Chinese immigrants crossing the Mexican border into California illegally has increased drastically. A report by the Migration Policy Institute shows the Chinese are the fifth largest population of immigrants in the United States illegally. I propose that we build a wall at our border and call it The Second Great Wall of China to keep them out.

After completing a five-year 1.7 billion mile journey through the solar system, NASA's Juno spacecraft is now set to begin a close-up study of Jupiter. A remarkable feat, yet here on earth, "we" can't figure out how to stop people from killing each other. As my 11-year old grandson Evin asked, "If people are so smart why do they do such stupid things?" If we only knew.



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## Mailbox

With gratitude,  
Debbie Golden and Carolyn Tedesco



Breeze:

The Marina Park bathrooms were tagged between 10am Saturday and 9am Sunday when I cycled by. Given that the tagging was done within about 10 feet of both video surveillance cameras, I would hope that the police could pull the footage to determine who the culprits were. It would be great if photos could be posted on Pierpont's and the Keys Nextdoor.com sites so that we could assist in identifying/catching these individuals.

George Robertson

Sheldon,

Thank you so much for the nice photos of the Faulkner House and the Dudley House. You went above and beyond what I expected. To receive these photos of Victorian houses, which are of interest to me, was a special gift to me and very much appreciated.

Yolanda Soto

Editor:

Past Ventura City Council decisions have cost the Ventura citizens millions. Measure O is a question of trusting this City Council and future City Councils with another \$270,000,000 in new tax money.

**Brooks Institute** closed its school, leaving students, contractors and landlords high and dry. While the City hopes someone will step up, the school's liabilities exceed its assets. The fact remains that besides students, instruc-

tors and vendors, there are unpaid rents, deposits and subcontractors left out in the cold. The loss is likely over \$1.0 million.

That brings up some major questions. Who approved this move without collecting all funds required? Were there any guarantees for payment in the event of default? Who did the due diligence of understanding the school's financial capability to enter into a lease?

Was the City Council just "starry eyed" at the thought of bringing in a tenant that they didn't ask the hard questions? Will other creditors see the City of Ventura as a 'deep pocket' resource for payment? When hundreds of thousands of tax payers dollars are lost, does the City see these funds as 'their own budgetary funds' or as tax payer's funds, meaning that they have lost your money? Does the City Council just feel this is the risk of

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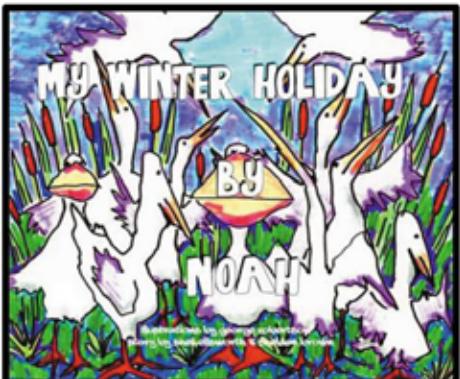
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Ellsworth, a humorist and journalist, will be signing *Sometimes I Pee When I Laugh*, *Confessions of a Pet Au Pair* and her children's books *My Winter Holiday* by *Noah* and *Henry the Helicopter*.

Reverente, a journalist and a blogger also known as *The Money Savvy Mommy*, will be signing her book *Suddenly Single Women's Guide to Finances*.

Join the authors for a royal good time plus some surprises and treats, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 25.

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# Community Events

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**Poetry Open Mic Night  
9/1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 Thursdays @  
7:30-9pm**

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

Locals gather to play the ukulele on the first and third Monday of the month. 9/12 & 26 Mondays @ 7-10pm

Calling all chess players! Keep your skills sharp with this one-hour, drop-in session of free play. Boards will be set up and ready to go. Bring your best moves! 9/3, 10, 17, & 24 Saturdays @ 1pm

**Saturday Family Coloring Fun! 9/3, 10,  
17, & 24 Saturdays @10:30am – 12pm**

**Early Literacy Class 9/6, 7, 13, 14, 20,  
21, 27, & 28**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays @10:30am**

A great way to introduce your child to early literacy and the library. Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft, and fun!

**Lego Play 9/13, 27 Tuesday @3pm &  
9/17 Saturday @10am**

Build, Learn, and Play! Bring your imagination and experiment with creative designs. Children of all ages welcome!

**Paws for Reading 9/3, 10, 17, & 24  
Saturdays @12- 1pm**

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

**TAG: Teen Advisory Group 9/7 & 21  
Wednesday @5pm**

If you want to share ideas, meet new people and have a great time shaping the library teen program join TAG! This is for 13+ and grades 8+ and counts toward community service requirements.

**MakerBox: Create with Squishy  
Circuits 9/15 Thursday @3:30pm**

Use LED lights and squishy dough to make your creations!

**Spocabulary 9/7, 14, 21, & 28 Wednesdays @6:30pm**

This poetry performance and writing workshop with an open mic is geared towards high school and college students but all are welcome. Presented by Phil Taggart and Aaron Gardner.

**Youth Chess Club 9/5, 12, 19, & 26  
Mondays @3pm**

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

## 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.

**There will be a regular Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St., Wednesday from 4 p.m.to 5:45 p.m.**

Several people usually stay for a drink and a bite to eat afterward. Bring an interesting topic to discuss if you can.

**Sept. 1: Welcome Caraba Coffee and Pastries a family owned business opening at 9495 Telephone Road.** Serving coffee, smoothies, panini , pastries and much more. Hours of operation 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Sept. 3: Local writer Philip Brown, author of the young adult Light Runner fantasy series,** will be meeting readers and signing books at Bank of Books ,748 E. Main Street, .from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sept. 3: The Ventura Tennis Club, in cooperation with the Ventura Recreation and Community Services, is hosting a Ventura Tennis Day on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The event will be held at the Camino Real Tennis Park. This is a free event for vtc members and their guests. Events will include clinics for adults and kids from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a Tennis pro and other staff. Then there will be racquet demos. After the clinics, there will be a lunch and refreshments followed by organized doubles play. The Ventura Tennis Club is a non-profit community based club bringing tennis enthusiasts of all abilities together for social and competitive play since 1981. <http://www.venturatennisclub.com>

**Sept. 4: Ventura Audubon Society field trips Camino Real Park at 8:30 a.m.** Leader: Raeanne Koerner

701-1919 Camino Real is a grassy park surrounded by pines and eucalyptus. Target birds will include Red Shouldered Hawk, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Yellow Warbler and Townsend's Warbler.

**Sept. 4: Old-Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Association presents free music concerts on the first Sunday of every month at the Poinsettia Pavilion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Next session features the very lively, versatile and talented "Old Country Grass Band". Call 517-1131 for more information.

**Sept. 4: 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 642-3345 or [www.dudleyhouse.org](http://www.dudleyhouse.org).

**Sept. 6, 20: Retired men (or those nearing that status) are invited to a Tuesday, semi-monthly get-together of the Retired Men's Group** to spend a couple of hours for a sip at the bar, a song, a joke, light lunch and an interesting, informational, or even educational presentation on any variety of subjects at the Elks lodge at 2126 Knoll Drive. Call Steve Carroll for details at 642-1359.

**Sept. 7: The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club, (BCNN) is a group of active women of all ages who live in Ventura, Oxnard, or Port Hueneme and enjoy activities such as hiking, bridge, dining, wine outings, reading, mah jong, cooking etc.** For more information, please come to our monthly meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. held at the Ventura Museum Pavilion No charge for meeting and

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**Sept. 8: RL Miller will speak about Climate Hawks Vote that is building grassroots political power for the climate movement.** Miller is elected chair of California Democratic Party's Environmental Caucus. Ventura County Climate Hub is a grassroots, non-partisan local affiliate of 350.org with the mission to create a local movement working on reversing climate change.

Actions are taken to promote clean energy (off of fossil fuels) along with a localized food system for resilient communities in Ventura County. To engage and educate voters to make candidate positions on climate change action a key factor in who they vote for and support. Unitarian-Universalist Church of

Ventura, 5654 Ralston St., rear parking lot to Fellowship Hall. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Sept. 9: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution September luncheon meeting will feature annual awards program to honor members of the chapter.** The luncheon event will take place at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant. All SAR & DAR Compatriots, friends, and visitors are welcome to attend. The cost for lunch is \$20 per person. 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, <http://pattonpatriots.org>

**Sept. 12: Gold Coast Concert Chorus**

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## Ventura events

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### under the direction of Elizabeth

### Helms invites you to sing for the

### 2016-2017 season.

Rehearsals for their holiday concert, Peace on Earth, begin Monday at 7 p.m. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m. Rehearsals will take place at Ventura Continuing Education Center, 5200 Valentine Road, in the Ron Halt Community Room in the back parking lot. No audition is required to participate in GCCC. Interested singers may register September 12th, 19th or 26th and are financially responsible for registration fee and music. This concert will be performed December 9th & 10th, 2016. For more information: [www.goldcoastchorus.org](http://www.goldcoastchorus.org)

### Sept. 13: Wildlife of the Pantanal:

**with Paul Abravaya.** The Pantanal is the largest tropical wetland area in the world. It is mainly in Brazil but is also found in Paraguay and Bolivia. Estimated to be up to 75,000 square miles, eighty percent of the area floods during the wet season with up to fifty-five inches of rain. As a member of the Peace Corps Paul worked in Brazil and has discovered a new species of hummingbird and a new genus of mammal. He uses his photographs to educate and help people to become aware of the beauty of the natural world.

Event held at the Poinsettia Pavilion beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### Sept. 13 & 14: Community Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary is hosting

### Accessory Mania Sept. 13 (10-5)

### and Sept. 14 (7-4) in the lobby of

### CMH (147 N. Brent St.).

There will be available a wide variety of items. Please come and shop. While shopping, pick up

a volunteer application at the front desk. All services have openings.

### Sept. 14: The Ventura County

### Camera Club will hold a critique

### meeting on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at

### the Poinsettia Pavilion.

A professional photographer from the area will critique member's prints. Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome and admission is free. Only members may submit images for critique. See the club's web site for more information about the club and examples of member's work or call 908-5663. [WWW.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com](http://WWW.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com).

## Ojai news and events

**September 1st is the last day to join the Ojai Women's Fund and participate in its inaugural year of community support.** The Ojai Women's Fund (OWF) is a nonprofit that feeds other local nonprofits via financial grants. Thus far, over 200 women of Ojai have joined together to pool resources to fund grant awards to local nonprofit organizations.

Membership in and donations to the OWF become powerful agents of change that will enhance Ojai's communities through substantial financial grant awards to local nonprofits that serve Ojai's arts, education, environmental, healthcare and social service programs.

Visit [www.ojaiwomensfund.org](http://www.ojaiwomensfund.org) or call 746-3096 to join, donate, and/or learn more about the OWF.

**Ojai artist Shahastra will provide the cover art of the 2016 Ojai Film**

**Festival program guide.** The cover features Shahastra's beautiful landscape Three Guardians, a pastel that depicts three palm trees set against a backdrop of majestic mountains and lush lemon groves. Executive director Maryse Gartner stated, "Shahastra's aesthetic is perfect for conveying the natural beauty of the Ojai Valley."

Shahastra has a long and distinguished career as a multimedia artist, teacher, and illustrator and is a member of Ojai Studio Artists, Shahastra illustrated the Magical Rainbow series of children's books, contributed to the experiential Ojai art installation "The Walk," and published a fifty-card reflection deck entitled "Meeting the Self."

**The Ojai Film Festival has received 407 film submissions and 67 screenplays for the 2016 competition.**

Featuring a range of quality films from around the world, the Festival will be held November 3 -13. More information on the Festival's notable achievements, film submissions process, key leadership, and history is provided on its website [www.ojaifilmfestival.com](http://www.ojaifilmfestival.com).

**On Saturday, September 17, after an 11-year hiatus, Ojai's Bowlful of Blues will return to Libbey Bowl, in Ojai's Libbey Park, with performers scheduled from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.,** including headliner, blues legend Arthur Adams, and featuring Mitch Kashmar, Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan, Calire-Marx Organ Quartet, and rising star Jade Hendrix. Gates open at 2:00 p.m. with popular locals Richard Kaller and Annieville Blues on the lawn stage.

Food will be on hand, including fried and roasted chicken dinners by Rondia's Kitchen. The Shrimp vs. Chef and All American Softy food trucks will also be onsite. Premium beer, wine and snacks will be available. Tickets may be purchased online; from businesses in Ojai, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Thousand Oaks; via mail; or at the box office on the day of the show. For pricing and more information, see event website, [bowlfulofblues.org](http://bowlfulofblues.org), or email Lanny Kaufer, [lanny@bowlfulofblues.org](mailto:lanny@bowlfulofblues.org), or Michael Kaufer, [michael@bowlfulofblues.org](mailto:michael@bowlfulofblues.org).

**The work of local visionary artist Joyce Huntington is on display at the Ojai Community Bank, 402 W. Ojai Ave., through September 16.** A reception for the artist will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The show is called "Meditations" and features large, colorful works drawn from Huntington's own meditation practice and the inspiration it gives her.

Originally from Seattle, Huntington spent most of her childhood in the desert southwest. A precocious, dance-obsessed child, she won a life-threatening death battle with polio, but the disease left her confined to a wheelchair. No longer able to dance, her creative spirit found new expression in painting. Huntington and her husband, Gerald Stanek own Frameworks of Ojai, and customers can often find her painting there.

For more information, about Huntington, her artistic process, and her paintings, visit her website: <http://www.joycehuntingtonart.com>.

## Chamber supports raising sales tax

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to engage with the City on creating three revenue opportunities:

Focus Area 1. Expanding the Ventura Auto Center and attracting destination retail.

Housing solutions. Addressing the low vacancy rate and limited, high-cost housing.

Continued access. Increased opportunities for the Chamber to engage with City leaders and elected officials to enhance transparency and allow for continuous process improvement.

"The Chamber expects the City to faithfully steward these potential additional resources pursuant to its expressed plan for their use, regardless the individuals entrusted with the leadership of our City," Caldwell adds. "The Chamber, which has been advocating for Ventura for nearly 100 years, will stay engaged with the City to ensure that the City spends any new tax revenues in the manner proposed."

## Media gather for good news

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Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nature Conservatory and the media. What was the big event? An endangered species, once numbering as low as 70, is now back in full force. The Channel Island fox population was officially removed from the endangered species list and in record time.

The Channel Island foxes are the only carnivore unique to California. Their decline was chronicled in the 2011 T. C. Boyle novel, *When the Killing's Done*. First the black rats came, then the non-native feral pigs and finally the golden eagles that preyed on the baby pigs and the foxes. The subspecies of fox on Santa Catalina, decimated by an outbreak of canine distemper, remains threatened.

Removing the invasive species became a controversial issue. In 2001 and 2002, the National Park Service poisoned Anacapa Island's non-native black rats. In March of 2004, four of the Channel Islands' subspecies were placed on the federal endangered species list. Then the park service and other government agencies collaborated with the Nature Conservancy to eradicate (shoot) the feral pigs, relocate the golden eagles and reintroduce the native bald eagles wiped-out by the use of DDT. The agencies spent \$20 million donated by public and private sources on the environmental project. Through captive breeding and rearing, native foxes number in the thousands as of 2015. There are 700 on San Miguel; 1,200 on Santa Rosa and 2,100 on Santa Cruz.

A National Park Service boat ferried the group to Prisoner's Harbor on Santa Cruz Island to observe the routine health checks that insure the population's survival and to hear welcoming speeches. Collar monitoring for some foxes and vaccines for canine distemper will continue.

Smaller than a housecat, the reddish foxes that eat certain plants, deer mice, crickets, grasshoppers and ground nesting birds may be descendants of the gray fox that was brought to the islands by man about 6,000 years ago. The 4-5 pound foxes inhabit six of the eight Channel Islands and live up to 15 years. They mate in the spring and usually have litters that number from 1-5.

The three species of Channel Island fox are in a list of 37 species removed from the endangered species list since the Endangered Species Act passed in 1973. California currently has 119 animals on the endangered species list according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's website.

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Executive Director Jim Duran and Dee Cox the onsite manager will welcome you to the ribbon cutting.

### Ribbon cutting for new graduate housing for the homeless

Graduates of The City Center's transitional housing program now have a new place to call home. To celebrate and unveil the newly retrofitted graduate housing, a ribbon cutting event will be held on Friday, Sept. 9 from 5:30 to 7pm at The City Center, 837 East Thompson Boulevard.

"After months of construction and generous contributions from the community, we are so very pleased to offer this extension of our transitional housing program," states Jim Duran, Executive Director of The City Center. "I am personally so proud of these graduates, all of whom have worked extremely hard to rebuild their lives and qualify for graduate housing. They are all employed, own a vehicle, have substantial savings and are no longer receiving government funding."

Guests will have the opportunity to meet the program graduates, tour the Center, and meet additional residents, staff, board members and local dignitaries. Guests of honor will include the graduate housing sponsors: Trinity Lutheran Church, LOWE'S Ventura, Bill & Elise Kearney, Coast Water Solutions/Brian & Kathy Meyer, Pacific Western Bank, Shonda & Eric Vielbig, Diane Mancini (In Honor of Paulino

Romero), Lorie & Andre Nintcheff, Wendy Lawson-Leach (In Honor of Anna Laura Sann), and Home Depot.

Refreshments are being provided by Main Street Meats and Missy's Cupcake Creations.

The City Center helps homeless families by providing a temporary, safe place to call home. During their residency, clients find stability so they can focus on getting their life under control and obtaining the help and necessary skills they need to get back on their feet.

The City Center's transitional housing program includes a high level of accountability with the goal of transitioning clients into long-term housing within one year. Clients contribute 30% of their income for housing and services while 20% is saved for future financial stability. Clients must also be employed or actively engaged in seeking employment. Services include comprehensive professional case management, spiritual and life mentoring, job placement services, and other critical needs.

Guests can RSVP online at <http://eightmorerooms.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, please email [info@thecitycenter.org](mailto:info@thecitycenter.org).



Surfer's Point in the old days.

### Surf's up

by Elizabeth Rodeno

It's election time. This is the very important opportunity to share your voice with the community.

CAPS Media will be featuring our own Video Voter 2016 which gives the community the opportunity to learn more about the candidates, their platforms and views. We want to provide the community with as much information as possible so that they can make informed choices in the selection of Ventura City Council members, Ventura Unified School District Board Members and local initiatives.

The segments will begin airing October 2nd on CAPS channel 6 and streaming on the web at [CAPSMedia.org](http://CAPSMedia.org). Check the website for dates and times.

We had a delightful time in the studio learning about the early days of the oil industry and how the present day oil folks manage their businesses. From Ojai to Santa Paula to Ventura, the oil business has employed many a local and been on the forefront of the industry on the west coast.

The Santa Paula oil museum has lots of interesting lore as does the latest episode of Ventura Legacies. We also spent time with some surfers from the early days. They had great stories and shared some fascinating images of the coast of Ventura in the 50's, 60's and 70's. Surfing on C Street before the freeway, surfing the breaks up and down the coast and riding boards designed and manufactured by some surfing greats right here in Ventura was interesting. These folks hosted the renowned "C" Street Longboarding Championship for years, bringing surfers from around the world.

Upon hearing of the passing of our beloved member, William Schneider Senior, we are pleased to continue his legacy featuring his cable access shows from the early 80's. Thanks to both Senior and Junior for sharing their stories.

September brings our second year of ECTV here at CAPS Media studios. Phil has a class full of enthusiastic students ready to go and document stories, interview people and produce compelling programming. They are a joy to have here. We run a mean program with a large waiting list. While you are waiting, you can join with your family and begin the journey of creating and sharing.

We are all over the web so check out social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and You Tube. View it all on our frequently updated website. Don't forget about the training classes and professional gear we offer. A yearly membership at CAPS is only \$25, a best bargain for media fans, students and organizations to share your story. Go to [www.capsmedia.org](http://www.capsmedia.org) or call 658-0500 for more information.

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Gary Wilde, CEO CMH, Delyla Rivera, Casey O'Neil and Edie Marshall, Junior Coordinator at scholarship awards.

## CMH Auxiliary's Annual Maria Cavallow Scholarship Awards

On June 13, two \$2000.00 Maria Cavallow Scholarship awards were presented. This awards one or more graduating high school seniors who has served at least 100 hours in the auxiliary, has maintained a 3.50 GPA or better, and who will be attending an accredited college or university and taking courses in the healthcare field.

Delyla Rivera joined the program in July, 2013, and has worked 362.5 hours in the Gift Shop. While attending Buena High School she had a 3.77 cumulative GPA. At Buena, she has played on the varsity tennis team, receiving the most valuable player award in 2015. Additionally, she has been a member of the mock trial team as well as a Red Cross volunteer and a math tutor. Delyla has been accepted at the University of California at Santa Barbara as a biology major. Her career goal is to become a clinical pathologist.

Casey O'Neil became a Junior Volunteer in September 2013 and served 241 hours as a Desk Receptionist/Flyer. She has been active at Foothill High School as a member of the Bioscience Academy, and has been on its leadership team which coordinates several biosci-

ence events. She has been a Renaissance student every semester. She is a member of the National Honors Society and the Society of Women Engineers. She will graduate with a 3.8 cumulative GPA. While active in her church, she gone on a mission to an orphanage in Nicaragua and served as a volunteer at Vacation Bible School every summer. Casey has had the unique experience of working at Coastal Marine Biolabs, which is a graduate level research facility. She has been accepted at the University of Portland in Oregon where she will major in biology. Upon the completion of her education, she plans to become an Occupational Therapist.

On July 11 Ameet Rahane received his \$2000.00 award. He joined the Junior program in July 2013. Ameet has served over 417 hours both in the Critical Care Unit and as a Desk Receptionist/Flyer. He attended Foothill High School where he has a 3.9 cumulative GPA. As member of the Bioscience Academy he served on its leadership team. He is the founder and president of the school's programming club. Ameet has volunteered in the school library, has played in the jazz band, and participated on the

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swimming and water polo teams. He is a member of the California Scholarship Foundation and is a member of the National Honor Society. Ameet speaks four languages and has trained himself in multiple programming languages. He has held a Navy engineering internship and has worked at the Ventura County Medical Center, Ventura County Library and Abednego Book Shoppe. Ameet will attend the University of California Berkeley where he will major in molecular and cellular biology. He plans to become a neurosurgeon.

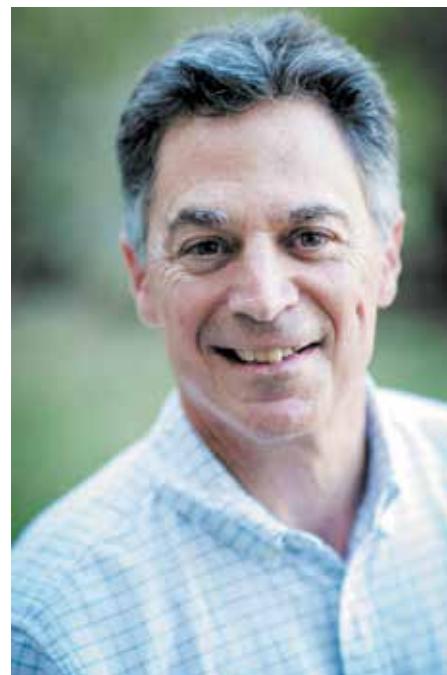
past 16 years.

Supervisor Steve Bennett said: "Steve Offerman has been instrumental to the success of our office. He knows our community and knows how to get things done in government. I regularly rely on his knowledge and skills to serve the people of Ventura County, and Steve will make an outstanding addition to the Ventura Unified School District board."

Steve was a nine-year Board member and past President of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura, and was instrumental in founding the Saticoy and Oak View clubhouses.

Steve Offerman is the father of two daughters who have attended Ventura Unified schools for the last 15 years, and Steve has actively volunteered in school PTOs and boosters organizations. Steve has been a volunteer grant writer for school and nonprofit arts organizations for many years. Steve looks forward to helping the school district improve educational offerings and meet the needs of students entering evolving career fields and increasingly competitive college admissions.

More information on Steve Offerman's campaign for Ventura Unified School District Board can be found at [www.steveofferman.com](http://www.steveofferman.com)



Offerman is a past President of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura.

## Steve Offerman announces candidacy for School Board

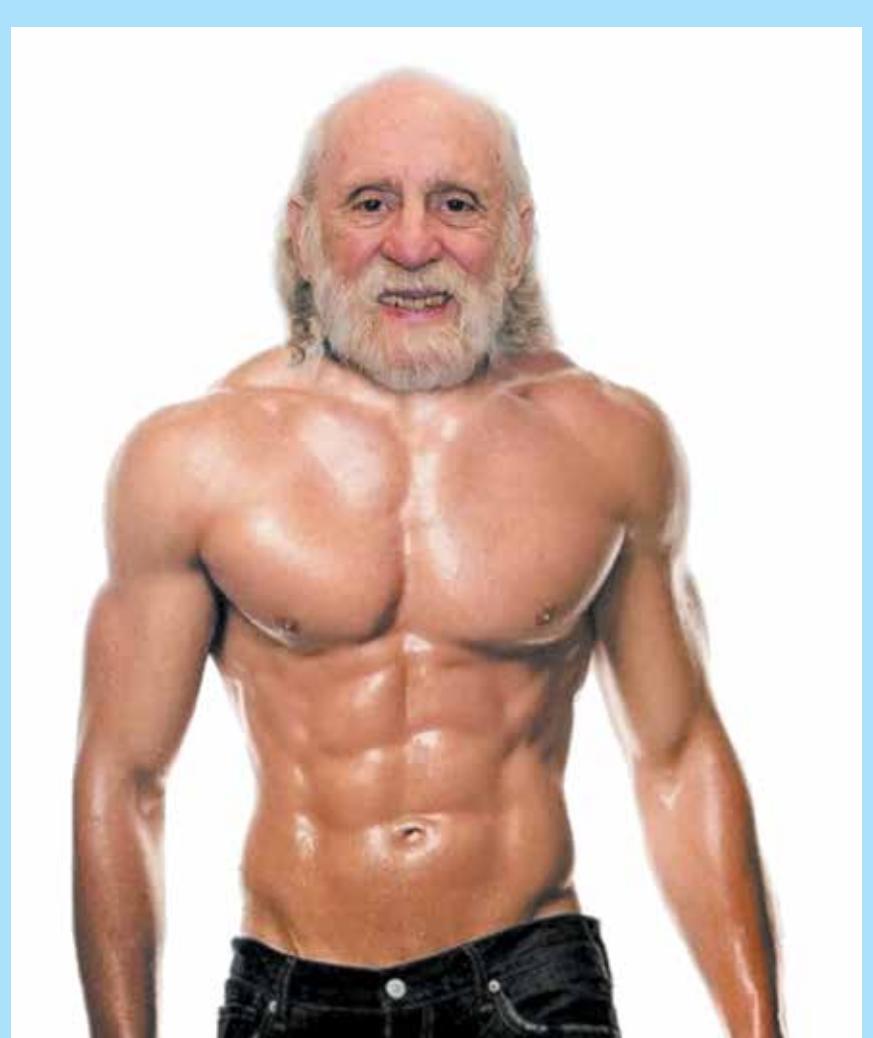
Steve Offerman is well known in the community for being County Supervisor Steve Bennett's assistant for the

## Stick out your can...

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, employees of Harrison Industries will be taking the day off on Monday, Sept. 5. As a result, Harrison will collect trash and recycling or green waste in Ventura and Ojai one day later than usual during the week of Sept. 4-10.

The regular schedule will resume the following week.

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In another embarrassment for the United States the Summer Olympics kicked Breeze publisher Brown out of the Olympics because of the suspected use of steroids even though there was no proof that he has ever used them.

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# Senior Living

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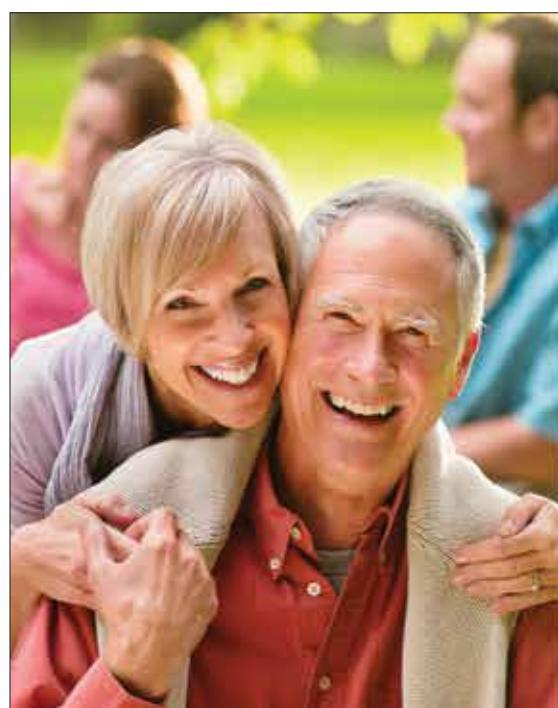
Lucky first responders got to dance with residents of The Palms at Bonaventure. Photo by Michael Gordon.

## Lunch held to thank our heroes

Their Fifth annual First Responders BBQ Lunch was held on Thursday, August 25th at The Palms at Bonaventure. Local police officers, firefighters and paramedics were invited for a delicious BBQ and live entertainment to thank those special individuals that save lives every day. Over 100

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decided she wanted a second opinion from her colleague Manny.

Manny is a cuddly, curly-haired poodle mix. He marched through the hallways, tried to peek into every room, acknowledged the oohs and aahs and allowed all attractive and gentle nursing people to pet him.

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Both Fwonsa and Manny had waved a happy wagging tail salute to John Gardner, Executive Director of Victoria Care, as they walked past his office. I know they were thanking him and his entire staff for looking after their favorite 'Big Dog' while he was recuperating.



Fwonsa and Manny really miss their best friend Big Dog.

## Nursing facilities that allow animal visits are smart and foresighted

by Es Cole

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

Les is now at Victoria Care Center and misses the dogs like crazy. We brought Fwonsa to see him today, and, I swear, the entire establishment looked healthier when she walked through the front door. As she strolled into Les' room, I could feel Les' blood pressure dropping.

After checking out the kind personnel looking after Les, Fwonsa



Bears are great mommies but their habitat is shrinking

## Spend the Fall on Fridays in Ojai with Osher

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10AM-1PM, Dr. Amy Denton will be  
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"Are you sure this Forum will help me not to fall?"

## Ready, Steady, Balance

On Friday, September 23, the Elderly Fall Prevention Coalition (EFPC) of Ventura County, in association with Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) will host a Forum: "Ready, Steady, Balance".

The format will consist of speakers interspersed with balance enhancement activities and demonstrations. There will be health assessments, including vision, hearing, balance and vaccinations. Dr. Cheryl Lambing, of the Ventura County Health Care Agency, will be the keynote speaker.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Teen Center (1375 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks). Registration starts at 8 a.m. Participants will be given time to visit vendors between 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. and also after the program, from 1 - 2 p.m.

The goal is to reduce the following:

- In 24 months (2014-15), there were over 12,000 recorded falls in Ventura County residents ages 65+
- 99% of fall victims sustained injuries requiring treatment.

## Senior Living



Irene Olson, entertainer extraordinaire.

### Irene sings for her breakfast, lunch and supper

by Es Cole

Irene Olson, master of the piano, virtuoso of sight-reading music; young in heart and soul; beautiful in dress and manners, sexy enough to have males drooling after her.

She resides at the Ventura Townhouse where she sings for her breakfast, lunch and supper. She provides promenade music when everyone is walking toward the dining room. Her repertoire is enormous - from classical to pop to golden oldies.

She plays every afternoon where some residents have forgotten much of their personal histories, but remember the words to songs by Bing Crosby or

Frank Sinatra or Michael Jackson -- when Irene leads them in sing-alongs while playing the not-well-tuned piano.

She's a treasure in a size 10 dress and a lovely white bouffant hair style.

If you're lucky enough to get invited to lunch at the Townhouse, or take advantage of their exercise rooms, or join their personal history group, you may be lucky enough to catch Irene Olson doing what she loves to do - getting her audiences to tap their feet, sing and dance; feel the warmth running from their toes to their ears by the sweet memories evoked by her music.

## Community education classes and events

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 in Ventura:

Adult Bereavement Support Group Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge. Call 642-0239 for more information or email [griefinfo@livingstonvna.org](mailto:griefinfo@livingstonvna.org).

Newly Bereaved Support Group

Thursday, September 8th from 6-7:30. This monthly group is designed for adults who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and is free. Call 642-0239 for more information or email [griefinfo@livingstonvna.org](mailto:griefinfo@livingstonvna.org). These groups meet every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Tuesday, September 6th from 1-2:30pm diabetes class. These meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of each month. General information is provided about Type 2 Diabetes with emphasis on the development of an individualized plan of care that includes diet, medication, exercise and blood sugar monitoring. Call 642-0239 for more information.

Thursday, September 1st 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. For information or to RSVP call



## Senior Living



GPS tracking devices are available for individuals who are at risk for wandering.

## Technologies for aging in place

by Phil Chandler

Owner of Right at Home of Ventura County, a Home Care Agency

As the number of seniors increases, home-monitoring devices and systems are redefining the landscape of "aging in place," the decision to continue living in one's home of choice as independently and safely as possible. AARP reports that nearly 90 percent of seniors want to stay in their own homes as they age. Even with certain health challenges, older adults now have a number of more affordable and user-friendly advancements to help them live in their homes as long as they can.

From data-compiling motion sensors to Bluetooth connectivity, aging home dwellers and clinicians can stay in communication around the clock. Special apps also equip family caregivers with visual check-ins with their loved one or allow adjustment of home controls for their senior from thousands of miles away.

Often family caregivers do not live close by their aging loved one, so personal at-home care coupled with high-tech remote health monitoring offers continued oversight of the senior and tremendous peace of mind to caregivers.

Industry leaders Philips and Right at Home are performing a beta test for a flexible blend of in-home and remote care options for seniors. The CareSensus well-being monitoring features unobtrusive, camera-free sensors placed strategically in the home to watch out for older adults 24/7. Data from the connected sensors process unusual patterns of activities, such as a senior taking much longer to get out of bed in the morning, and delivers the personalized blueprint of behavior to the Right at Home remote care team. The behavioral changes displayed via an intuitive online dashboard alert the off-site care staff to intervene earlier during a health complication or before a more

serious medical event. Family caregivers also can access the dashboard to periodically review their loved one's care.

Seniors also have the option of being provided with a tablet equipped with video chat technology, so the Right at Home remote care team can schedule regular check-ins customized to meet the senior's needs. The pilot continues until December 2016.

Many other innovations are designed to keep elders safe:

Wearable health devices such as wristbands, biometric shirts, goggles and more measure and collect data on everything from blood pressure to vision.

GPS Tracking devices for cognitively impaired individuals who are risk for wandering.

Mobile device apps remind older adults to take their medication or can measure on the spot vital signs such as glucose and skin temperature.

Sensor mattress mat tracks air-pressure fluctuations to monitor a person's sleep patterns, heart rate and breathing. The thin pad fits under a mattress.

Telemedicine features in-home movable robotic devices to allow doctors to complete real-time medical appointments or track health conditions. Home automation auto-sets smart devices to simplify daily tasks such as opening or securing windows and doors, turning off appliances, adjusting the home's temperature, and lowering countertops and shelves.

When hands-on care is not always possible for seniors who choose to age in place, assistive health technology may do more than keep the doctor away. In many cases, the "always on" remote care services prove to be life-saving measures. For additional information on assistive technology, call Phil Chandler at 389-5320.

Dinah Davis at 642-0239 ext. 739.

Monday, September 12th for both English and Spanish speaking. English 4:00-5:00 pm and Spanish 5:30-6:30. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care. For information or to RSVP call Dinah Davis at 642-0239 ext. 739.

Held at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association, 1996 Eastman Ave., Suite 109.

## First Responder Appreciation Day Luncheon at the Lexington

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ment, sheriffs department and ambulance companies. You are cordially invited to have lunch with our community's local heroes. This event is open to the public. The Lexington is located at 5440 Ralston Street in Ventura. The event will be held Friday, September 16th from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

For more information call 644-6710.

CSU Channel Islands and maintains a keen interest in the history and development of evolutionary thought.

1PM-3PM, Dr. Oliver Boyd-Barrett will explore "Media: Money and Power". From media ownership and the interest they serve to ask the question has this become something to celebrate, to fear, or both. You will be asked to consider the implications for our informational, entertainment and surveillance environments.

Oliver Boyd-Barrett teaches for the Department of Communications at CSU Channel Islands and has taught and researched for the British Open University and the Center for Mass Communication Research at the University of Leicester (UK).

The cost for each 8-week sessions is \$80.00. Classes begin Friday, September 9. For enrollment information, please contact Donna Ingles at 427.2748 or check <http://ext.csuci.edu/community-ed/osher/index.htm> or simply Google: CSUCI OLLI.

### Fridays in Ojai with Osher

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sharing her expertise with lectures on "The Arctic: Exploration, Exploitation, and Natural History". Beginning with an overview of our current understanding of the Arctic and the history of polar exploration from Stone Age to the present you will experience arctic science with an emphasis on its unique flora, fauna, and geology; indigenous cultures; the history and current status of resources extraction,

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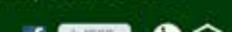
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### Assessment Details

**West End Location:** Mills Road and Telegraph Road

**East End Location:** Telephone Road and Wells Road

**Projected Start Date:** August, 2016

**Projected End Date:** September, 2016



Flags indicate the general endpoints of the Ventura - Telephone Road pipeline assessment work area.



## This 'n' That

**Guest Columnist**

### Wave goodbye to Brooks and our tax dollars

**by Robert McCord**  
*Editor in Chief - VREG*

The news reported the closure of Brooks Institute. Everyone lost from this closure. The students hopefully will find other institutions to complete their education and their teachers may find other positions, but the Citizens of Ventura is again holding the proverbial bag.

In February the City announced that Brooks was coming to town. Coun-

cilwoman Heitmann led the parade extolling the prospects of increased revenue for the city.

Sites were leased; the largest was the two top floors of a 5 story city office building at 505 Poli, just behind City Hall. Tenants of those two floors were evicted.

City staff rushed to execute leases for the 505 Poli property. Brooks entered into a contract to demolish and build tenant improvements on the two top floors at a contract price of \$1.2 million. Permits were fast tracked for demolition and tenant improvements. When hazardous materials were found, Building & Safety again fast tracked the work at an additional cost of \$80,000. Demolition was completed and 2/3 of the tenant improvements were built.

Then Brooks closed its doors and the project imploded.

Brooks Institute paid no money for rent, no money for a security deposit and no performance bonds or guarantees to the City. Reportedly, \$70,000 in back rent is due. Future rents are lost. The tenant improvements have yet to be completed. The Assistant City Manager tells us that it will only cost our City \$200,000 to complete those improvements. The facts have proven otherwise.

The contractor filed a lien against the City for \$825,000 for the work they and the subcontractors performed on City property. Add lost rents, future rents, rents the evicted tenants would have paid and the cost swells to over \$1.2 million. Then there will be the legal costs.

Brooks Institute, owned by a Chinese owned company named Gphomestay, has lawyered up with an LA firm. The citizens of Ventura deserve to know why the taxpayers are again facing a huge loss.

Dreams for healthy economic growth are wonderful, but must be tempered with economic reality and good business sense. When those are ignored the phrase "a fool and his money are soon parted" is apropos.

The City Council has a lot to explain. They were quick to ask the citizens of Ventura for more taxes in Measure O. They spent \$140,000 of our tax money to convince 51% of the voters to vote yes on that Measure. Will they be as quick to take responsibility for another \$1 million plus dollar loss?



## This 'n' That

Two candidates on the City Council are seeking reelection in November, Councilwomen Weir and Heitmann. They need to explain why they did not have the common sense to avoid the risk of leasing to a tenant who had demonstrated an inability to not meet their financial obligations. We must have representatives that are experienced and understand business.

We, as a community, cannot afford to hand another \$270,000,000 over the next 25 years to an inept City Council. By this recent action, this City Council is not capable of managing our tax money. This was all foreseeable, based upon the financial condition and history of Brooks Institute.

VREG is continuing to investigate this transaction and will report our findings in subsequent issues as new facts are discovered.

## Four Leaders in the Ransomware Game

by Kenneth May  
Swift Chip

You've heard of CryptoLocker, right? Sure, it's the media favorite, but there are a lot of other players these days that are worth more than an honorable mention. As an MSP, you know how important it is to stay current on the sheer breadth and depth of these types of threats—not to mention their individual characteristics—in order to keep clients protected. Let's take a look at the lineup.

### 1. CryptoWall 4.0

The CryptoWall family seems to turn out a winner with every generation. Like its predecessor, the 4.0 version of CryptoWall uses phishing emails to distribute. This should come as no surprise, since phishing remains the single most effective way to deliver a payload. But this latest iteration doesn't play by the old rules; not only are the victim's files encrypted, the names of the files are randomized so the victim no longer knows which file is which. By creating so much confusion about how much file damage there really is, the new CryptoWall increases the chances that victims will pay out.

CryptoWall 4.0 also includes a free decrypt demo, which convinces victims that the decryption routine they need to get their files back is easy, and that paying the ransom will actually get their files back.

Phishing email attachment is source of payload

Randomizes victim's filenames to create confusion

Offers free decrypt demo to add credibility

### 2. PadCrypt

What sets this new ransomware apart from the pack is its willingness to interact with the public; PadCrypt includes a chat interface embedded into the product. The process of getting a Bitcoin wallet address, filling it with coins, and sending payment securely can be complicated, so this chat feature adds a more human support element, helping the perpetrators ensure that their victims remit ransom payments promptly. (Isn't that nice?)

First ransomware with chat support

Communicates via Darknet to avoid being traced

"Helps" even less savvy victims pay up

### 3. TeslaCrypt

TeslaCrypt was something of an up-and-comer, specifically targeting gamers by encrypting the files they need for their games. This included saves, any mods, and profiles like DayZ. Because TeslaCrypt was being sold on the Darknet by non-authors, the original authors chose to release its master key to the public to permanently diffuse the threat. As diverse and competitive as the ransomware sphere seems to be, however, we might end up seeing this player again next season.

Accounted for 11% of distributed ransomware

Attacked over 200 extensions on newer variants

Specifically targeted gamers (Valve, Bethesda, Unreal Engine files)

Got around 3rd party defense to deliver polymorphic payloads at root level

### 4. RaaS (Ransomware-as-a-Service)

RaaS isn't really a player, per se, but it was created for criminals by criminals to open the playing field to hackers of all skill levels. With RaaS, almost anyone can design encrypting ransomware payloads and then distribute them from their existing botnets. Hackers pay for this service by handing off a cut of their spoils to the RaaS author.

Enables almost anyone to make ransomware

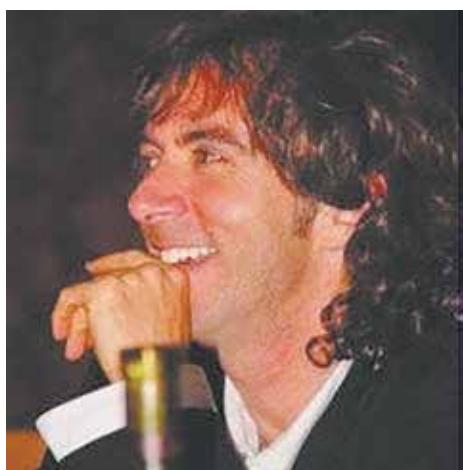
Portal for malware generation is exclusively in Darknet (typically invite-only)

Intended for less-skilled cybercriminals who rent botnets

The malware author who created the portal takes a commission

### Conclusion

Although the number of players keeps growing, and their skills and strategies keep getting more advanced, there are steps that we can take to maximize defense and help clients win hands down. Educating yourself and your customers about the various offensive strategies and types of exploits favored by today's ransomware is key—as well as setting up a winning defense with next-generation endpoint protection that utilizes collective threat intelligence to hit hard and proactively protect against constantly-evolving malware.



I will eliminate wasteful and wrongful spending. Photo by Dina Pielact.

## Randall Richman is running for Ventura Council

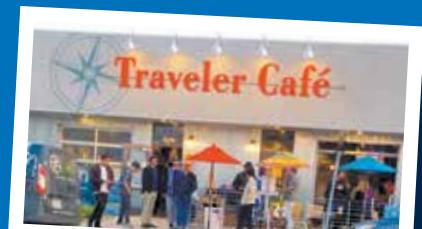
Ventura City Council candidates - first in a series "written" by the candidates.

Randall is probably best known for his fight against the downtown parking meters in 2011 along with Carla Bonney



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and Gary Parker who believed the meters would hurt businesses by sending patrons to the mall and Oxnard. In retrospect, he may have been right as even many die-hard businesses and Venturans would like them removed. Going back to 2-hour or 90 or 75 minute times makes more sense. This is the Santa Barbara method.

Randall's campaign platform includes the following:

1. Eliminate wasteful and wrongful spending amounting to millions in the last 15 years. See his sources, Watchdog Ventura and Venturans for Responsible and Effective Government, VREG for more information.
2. Find and develop real affordable housing starting at \$300 for singles to \$1500 for families in the next 3 years. He can help do this as a developer-consultant.
3. Create the proper business climate for jobs' development focusing on small business growth and luring larger employers/businesses through tax savings.
4. Eliminate the chronic cronyism which has existed here for at least the last 10-15 years by electing new and independent Council members.
5. Defeat Measure O which is a regressive tax increase hurting the poor and people on lower fixed incomes. Consider lowering our sales tax rate half a point to generate even more sales and sales' taxes.

Randall believes if we achieve these things, almost every other problem we face will improve here. His slogan is "making Ventura even greater!"

His resume and bio are listed on his Facebook page "Randall Richman" as well as his Facebook campaign page "Venturans for Randall."

Randall looks forward to a positive campaign. Vote #4 Randall Richman on your ballot.

Send him questions/comments to his

email [randallrichman@aol.com](mailto:randallrichman@aol.com)

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- 3) Assert that there is a financial need for assistance getting eyewear for the child.

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The Eyeglass Factory stores may be called directly for further details at the following locations:

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Camarillo 987-8600



# Professor Scamp, Ph.D

Professor Scamp  
Ph.D

■ Walden Surfboards is raffling off a custom 9'0 surfboard with the proceeds going to the Ventura Police Departments K-9 unit. The K-9 unit is mostly self-funded

and it is very expensive to train and outfit the K-9 dogs. All of the officers reach into their own pockets to pay for some of the K-9 units cost because they love these dogs and they know how vital the dogs are to their own safety and the safety of our community. They are selling raffle tickets, the winning ticket will be chosen at the Bark Out Loud K-9 fundraiser, Sept. 9th.

Raffle tickets: 1 ticket for 10.00, 3 tickets for 25.00 or 15 tickets for 100.00 Available at Walden Surfboards, Cash only. Please consider buying a raffle ticket and please help me spread the word.

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■ A big thank you Professor Scamp for including LostCatVentura.com and LostdogVentura.com in the Ventura Breeze. Your help promoting these resources is very much appreciated!

Cheers Debbie

■ I sure hope that this isn't applicable to dogs who have been raised with treats (maybe my home companions won't read this). Like I like praise but no treats?

In an experiment designed to explain the relationship between humans and dogs -- whether it's defined by a true bond or a love of food -- researchers found most dogs anticipate the praise of their owner as much or more than a food reward.

"One theory about dogs is that they are primarily Pavlovian machines: they just want food and their owners are simply the means to get it," Gregory Berns, a neuroscientist at Emory University, said in a news release. "Another, more current, view of their behavior is that dogs value human contact in and of itself."

In the early 1900s, psychologist Ivan Pavlov trained dogs to associate food with a stimulus, like a bell. Eventually, Pavlov was able to make dogs salivate using only the stimulus.

But the latest research, detailed in the journal Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (which I read all the time), suggests dogs aren't so single-minded.

Berns and his colleagues began their experiment by training dogs to associate three objects with three different

rewards: a pink toy truck with food; a blue toy knight with verbal praise; and a hairbrush with the absence of a reward.

Over the course of 32 trials, the 13 participant dogs were presented with the three objects. The dogs' neural responses to each stimulus were measured using an fMRI machine.

All dogs preferred a reward to none at all. Four dogs showed a particularly strong response to the blue toy knight, while nine dogs responded equally to the two types of reward. Only two dogs were consistently more excited about the pink toy truck and the food reward (my kind of dogs).

In a second experiment, researchers allowed dogs to follow one of two simple maze paths: one leading to their owner, the other to a bowl of food. Owners sat with their backs turned and praised their dog when he or she arrived.

"We found that the caudate (do they mean pawdate?) response of each dog in the first experiment correlated with their choices in the second experiment," Berns said. "Dogs are individuals and their neurological profiles fit the behavioral choices they make."

"Most of the dogs alternated between food and owner, but the dogs with the strongest neural response to praise chose to go to their owners 80 to 90 % of the time," Berns continued. "It shows the importance of social reward and praise to dogs. It may be analogous to how we humans feel when someone praises us."



This is sooo cute from the recent dog show held at the Fairgrounds.

(Pretty Happy Dog)



Helping raise funds at a garage sale for Buddy Nation are Rebecca Nelson, Cappi Patterson and Penny Balicai. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

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

Maximus is a devoted father to his son Meeko, and together they make a perfect pair for anyone looking to add not just one but two bunnies to their family. Bunnies are much happier and healthier in pairs, and there is nothing like watching rabbits play together and groom each other. Two rabbits take up no more room than a single bunny, and they even share the same litter box. To meet this awesome father and son duo and learn why two bunnies are twice as much fun as one, visit Ventura County Animal Services at 600 Aviation Drive in Camarillo and ask for ID #'s A635245 & A635249.



## Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



Hi: I'm Mitme Pooh, a 5-year-old shih tzu (I could be Scamp's son). I like to watch pet shows on Animal Planet and meet new dogs.



Hi: We are Levi and Lulu, 9 and 3, a Catahoula cur and a black & tan heeler. We love chasing tennis balls, going to beach and eating.

## 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).

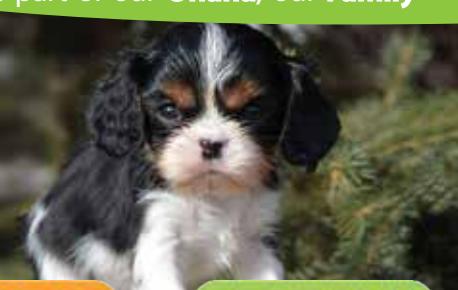
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# Police Reports

**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.*

**For further police reports visit  
[www.venturabreeze.com](http://www.venturabreeze.com)**

## Commercial Burglary Arrest

On August 15, at approximately 2am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a passerby who saw the suspect, 37 year old Ventura vagrant Michael Waites, break a front window to Café Fiore. Waites was seen by the witness entering the business through the broken window. Officers arrived on scene within moments and could hear loud banging coming from inside of the business.

As officers were setting up a perimeter, Waites was seen climbing out of the broken window but then attempted to flee from officers. Waites was then taken into custody with the assistance of VPD K9 "Yoschi."

Waites was transported to Ventura county medical center where he was medically cleared for booking in jail.

## Arson/Vandalism Arrest

On August 15, at approximately 5am, the Ventura Police Command center received a call from mall security reporting the suspect, 30 year old Ventura vagrant Adam Fleck, lighting a fire on the roof of Red Robin.

Officers arrived on scene and located Fleck sitting on a steel beam above the patio on the second story of the mall. Officers spoke with Fleck who was cooperative. Ventura City Fire department arrived and provided a ladder so Fleck could safely come down off the patio cover.

While on the cover/roof, Fleck lit his shoe and other clothing on fire causing damage to the patio cover. Ventura City Fire investigated the damage and advised there was no structural damage to the building.

Fleck was taken into custody without incident. Fleck was transported to the Ventura County Medical center where he was medically cleared for booking. Fleck was later booked in the Ventura County Jail for Arson, and felony vandalism no one was injured during the incident.

## Robbery and Stolen Vehicle

### Arrest with Foot Pursuit

On August 24, at 10:40am, the victim parked his vehicle in a parking lot in the 11100 block of Citrus Drive. He got out of his vehicle, and when he returned he found the suspect, 29 year old Santa Paula resident Raymond Gonzalez, inside of the car stealing two cell phones. The suspect fled from the victim, however the victim chased after him. During the chase, the suspect peppered sprayed the victim. A concerned citizen saw this occur and attempted to intervene, however the suspect also pepper sprayed him as well. At that point, the suspect dropped the stolen cell phones and the victims lost sight of him as he ran away.

Officers arrived and began an investigation into the incident. Initially, the suspect was not located.

The second victim was transported to VCMC due to medical complications resulting from the pepper spray. During the investigation, officers discovered the suspect had left a stolen vehicle in the parking lot near the original victim's car. While the officers were processing the stolen vehicle, the suspect reappeared in a nearby business parking lot. When the officers saw him, he ran from them. After a brief foot pursuit, the officers were able to arrest him.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the suspect was booked into Ventura County Jail for robbery, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, unlawful use of pepper spray and prohibited person in possession of pepper spray.

## Residential Burglary

On August 24 Ventura Police patrol officers contacted the victim of a residential burglary in the 2700 block of Seahorse Ave. The victim homeowner informed officers they had inadvertently left their garage door open for a brief period earlier in the day. During this time, a female suspect entered through the open door and removed a small bicycle trailer from the interior of the garage.

During the course of the investigation, officers learned the victim's residence was equipped with security cameras that captured crime. Officers were able to view this video where they obtained a detailed description of the female suspect along with the bicycle trailer.

On August 26 one of the investigating officers was on patrol in the area of San Nicholas and Santa Cruz Street when they observed a female who resembled the suspect. The officer contacted the female, Brandi Kolacki (38 Ventura vagrant) and determined she was in fact the burglary suspect and was still in possession of the stolen bicycle trailer. Kolacki was placed under arrest for residential burglary, being in possession of stolen property and an outstanding warrant. At the time of her arrest, Kolacki was also found to be in possession of counterfeit money, narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

## Prowling Arrest

On August 25, at about 2:42 am, an alert citizen called the Ventura Police Department Command Center and reported that 2 subjects were using flashlights to look into vehicles in the area of the 3900 Block of Dean Dr. The citizen felt that the subjects were casing vehicles and preparing to break into them. Ventura Police patrol officers responded to that area and, within minutes, located one female and one male subject. After conducting an investigation and talking to witnesses, the officers arrested Teri Denton (37 Ventura) for prowling, possession of burglary tools, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The male subject was released due to the fact that there was not probable cause to believe he committed a crime. Officers learned that Denton looked into several vehicles, however it did not appear that any vehicles were actually burglarized. Thanks to the alert citizen calling in suspicious activity, a prowler was removed from the streets prior to any burglaries occurring.

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# Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**8-8** 4:30pm, received a report of a disabled vessel with 3 POB's near Harbor cove beach. Officers responded and towed an inflatable dinghy and released at VIM

**8-9** 12:00pm, received a report of a diesel spill near VWM B-dock. Officers responded, searched the area but were unable to locate the source of the sheen.

**8-10** 9:20am, received a report of a disabled vessel near the launch ramp. Officers were on patrol and responded. They towed the vessel to the fuel dock.

**8-11** 12:4pm, officers issued multiple warnings to Stand-up paddlers throughout the harbor for no PFD's (personal floatation device). It is state law to have a PFD on board any vessel in the harbor.

**8-12** 10:12pm, while on patrol, officers issued several warnings to different groups on the beach near Surfers Knoll for bon fires. All subjects cooperated and extinguished their fires and left the beach.

12:26pm, received a request from Ventura PD with assisting an intoxicated individual find his vessel. Eventually it was determined that the individual was on a large fishing seiner secured in the Harbor Village. PD escorted the subject to his vessel and released him.

**8-13** 12:40pm, received a walk-in report of a residence dock in the keys breaking in half from a excited group of individuals. Officers responded by boat and assisted with securing the dock until it can be repaired.

5:30pm, received a report of two disabled PWC's near the South Jetty from State Parks lifeguards. Officers responded and took a 9 year old boy and father aboard. The two PWC's were towed to the launch ramp.

**8-15** 1:10pm, officers observed the Santa Clara rivermouth break open near Surfers

Knoll, in the same breach in the berm as the last few months.

7:00pm, received a report of subjects following a vehicle into the Ventura YC. Officers ascertained that the subjects were playing "Pokémon-go" and were warned for trespassing and released.

**8-18** 9:43am, received a report of an injured male on the beach near the Santa Clara Rivermouth. Officer's notified dispatch, responded and transported the patient to Surfers Knoll parking lot where AMR and Ventura fire were on scene and treated the patient who was transported to local hospital for evaluation.

9:39pm, received a dispatch to a fire alarm sounding at the Ventura YC. Officers responded and were unable to find any smoke or fire and reset alarm.

**8-19** 12:10am, while on patrol in the vehicle, officer's observed a car driving suspiciously and erratically on Spinnaker Drive near Harbor Cove. After a brief investigation, officers determined that the four subjects were playing "Pokémon-go."

**8-20** 5:00pm, received a report of a water rescue at Surfers Knoll from State Parks lifeguards. Officer's responded and assisted a kayaker with lifeguards.

## Mailbox

*Continued from page 5*  
doing business or does the City Council just see this as another reason to ask the citizens for more taxes? What will the legal costs be?

Now this City Council has the nerve to ask for more tax money and wants the citizens of Ventura to trust them. They have just answered that question for themselves. They do not operate with the due diligence required for making fiscally responsible decisions.

As a call to action, resignations should start at the City Council level, along with a citizen's investigation committee.

Robert Alviani  
VREG Chair

## — Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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## — King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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O	N	O	E	Y	E	K	A	B	O
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**Ventura Music Scene**

## Help for budding artists

by Pam Baumgardner

VenturaRocks.com

Big help from Big Bad Voodoo Daddy for our local schools! That's \$42,500 in funding to Ventura Unified School District earmarked to enhance existing visual and performing arts programs. The funds were made possible through the BBVD concert last April celebrating the City of Ventura's 150th anniversary. I'm looking forward to seeing new upcoming artist having the chance to flourish as a result of the band's generosity.

Local singer, Eric Harrington, recently played at Squashed Grapes to a packed house. Few knew there was a chance that drummer Vinnie Colaiuta might show up, and show up he did for the final songs of the night. Harrington told me, "What an amazing night it was, and to end it with Vinnie sitting in was just incredible, he's just a delightful man!" Trey O'Toole from Pulse Drumming told me that Colaiuta had been working in a session all day and was afraid he might not make it, but luckily for the house, he did.

Speaking of Pulse Drumming and Squashed Grapes, watch for the Alvino Bennett (currently working with Dave Mason) drum clinic on September 10; he'll be joined afterwards at the Grape for an awesome jam including musicians George Hawkins, Jr. on bass and vocals (Kenny Loggins & Jim Messina), Jonathan McEuen on guitar and vocals (Dwight Yoakum, NGDB, Dave Mason), Geo Evans on guitar (Cheryl Lynn, Euge Groove) and TJ, Teddy Jack Russell on guitar and vocals (Leon Russell).

Bombay's 32nd End of Summer Party hits Ventura over the first weekend of September with three stages (including one outdoors with sand and a mechanical bull). Look for musical acts all weekend long including performances from Mandex, Highway Starr, Dirty Rice, Uproots, Shakey Feelin' and A.D.D to name but a few.

The first ever Oxnard Jazz Festival lands at Oxnard Beach on Saturday, September 10, offering a diverse mix of Jazz, Latin, Soul, Blues and R&B with Tom Brown, Nick Colionne, Howard Hewett, O'Bryan, Quatrosound and Poncho Sanchez. You can get ticket information and more on this special event at OxnardJazzFestival.com.

Alternative/Country rockers, Porter & the Bluebonnet will be swinging through town from Austin, TX, with a showcase at Sans Souci on Friday, September 9. They'll be on the same bill as The Jelly.

The Ventura Theater has been packing in the shows for the rest of the year. You'll want to review their line up so you don't miss any acts such as Jackson Browne, Pennywise, Echo & the Bunnymen, Steve Vai, Good Charlotte, Yellowcard, Ben Folds, Garbage, The

Common Kings, Dwight Yoakum and more! Plus, you have the Nardcore show on September 10, and Frost and Fire with the return of Cirith Ungol on October 8. Details at VenturaTheater.net.

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

## Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com

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

Mondays: Open mic  
Sat 9/3: The Barrelhouse Wailers  
Sun 9/4: 5 pm The Tossers; 9 pm Karaoke

**Tues 9/6: Blues Bullet****Bombay Bar and Grill****143 S. California St.****(805) 643-4404**

Fri 9/2 - Sun 9/4: 32nd annual Beach Party  
Tues 9/6: 7 pm "Wild" Artist Open Mic  
Sat 9/10: 7 pm The Vonettes and Fish Fry

**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  
Thur 9/1: Martin & Macias  
Fri 9/2: Lorenzo Martinez  
Sat 9/3: The Swillys  
Sun 9/4: Artis Ford Band  
Thurs 9/8: Brandon Ragan

**Dargan's Irish Pub & Restaurant****593 E. Main Street****(805) 648-3001**

Sun 9/4: 4 pm The Sunday Drivers

**Discovery****1888 Thompson Blvd**

Wednesdays: Starlight Swing Night  
Thurs 9/1: Irie Essence  
Fri 9/2: Red Not Chili Peppers  
Sat 9/3: Tim Polecat's Trio, Gator McMurders Rock'n Trio, Inazuma, more...  
Sun 9/4: 11 am - Tribal Seeds, Hirie, The Movement, more; 7 pm Seedless, The Steppas  
Sat 9/10: Nirvanish

**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

**Gigi's Cocktails****2493 Grand Avenue****(805) 642-2411**

Thurs, Fri &amp; Sat: Karaoke

**Golden China****760 S. Seaward****(805) 652-0688**

Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm  
Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic

**Gone West Cellars****5963 Olivas Park Drive**

Fri 9/2: JJ Frank

**Grapes and Hops****454 E. Main Street**

Wednesdays: The Swillys  
Fri 9/2: Shawn Jones  
Sat 9/3: Carolyn Sills Combo

Sun 9/4: 3 pm Jade Hendrix

Fri 9/9: Tex Pistols

Sat 9/10: Mandi Gomez

Sun 9/11: 3 pm : Lee Rollag

**The Greek Restaurant****Ventura Harbor**

Sat &amp; Sun 7:30 pm

Belly Dancing, Greek music and show; DJ dancing

**Hong Kong Inn****435 E. Thompson Blvd**

Mondays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band swing night

Fri 9/2: Hi Hat Entertainment -

Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps

Sat 9/3: Del Franklin

Sun 9/4: Jon &amp; Tom

**Keynote Lounge****10245 Telephone Road**

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke

Thursday: Open Mic

Sunday: Karaoke

Fri 9/2: Tex Pistols

Sat 9/3: Rick Miller Band

Fri 9/9: Chill Factor

Sat 9/10: Green Central Station

**Made West Brewing****1744 Donlon Street**

Thurs music at 6:30; Sun at 2:30

Thurs 9/1: Erisy Watt

Sun 9/4: Skin and Bones

Thurs 9/8: Todd Hannigan, The Brambles

Sun 9/11: Gold and Gray

**Majestic Ventura Theater****26 S. Chestnut Street**

Sat 9/10: RKALiens, Aggression, Stalag 13, False Confession, Strand Quentin, more...

**Margarita Villa****Ventura Harbor Village**

Fri &amp; Sat at 6; Sundays at 3

Tuesdays: Dave Rae

Fri 9/2: Vertigo Blend

Sat 9/3: Corsican Brothers

Sun 9/4: CRV

Mon 9/5: The Mighty Cash Cats

Sun 9/11: The Swillys

**O'Leary's****6555 Telephone Road**

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 9/2: Patience Grey

Fri 9/9: Live Band Karoke

Sat 9/10: Dylan Schmidt &amp; the Rhythm Souls

**Olivas Adobe****4200 Olivas Park Drive****Music Under the Stars**

Sat 9/3: Lisa Haley & the Zydekats (Sold Out)

**Paddy's****2 W. Main Street**

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri &amp; Sat: DJs

**Plan B Winery****3520 Arundell Circle**

Sun 9/11: The Mighty Cash Cats

**Poinsettia Pavilion****3451 Foothill Road****(805) 648-1143**

Sun 9/4: 2 pm Old Country Grass Band

Fri 9/9: Ventura Jazz Orchestra with Anna Kasper

Mon 9/12: Monday Night Dance Club with Wyatt Haupt

**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

**Saloon BBQ Co.****456 E. Main Street**

Thurs 9/1: Ventucky String Band

Fri 9/2: Anchor &amp; Bear

Sat 9/3: Eric Tyler Experience

Fri 9/9: The Caverns

Sat 9/10: Streetlight Cadence

Sun 9/11: The Mutineers

**Sandbox Coffeehouse****204 E. Thompson Blvd****805-641-1025**

Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon

Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 9/3: Doug Conlon

Sun 9/4: Patrick Gillham

Sat 9/10: Licity Collins

Sun 9/11: Marchal Riddle

**Sans Souci****21 S. Chestnut**

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: Twisted Tuesday w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 9/9: Porter &amp; the Bluebonnet, The Jelly

**Squashed Grapes****2351 E. Main St.****805-643-7300**

Live jazz music 7-10 pm

Wed 8/31: Dogfish

Thurs 9/1: The Lounge Trio

Fri 9/2: Maya Burns

Sat 9/3: Plotz

Tues 9/6: Jazz Jam

Wed 9/7: Denigris &amp;

# Ventura Art Scene



Because of a previous engagement Mona Lisa will not be able to attend the discussion.

CSU Channel Islands lecturer **Jerry Clifford** will discuss "What your art teacher didn't tell you — but should have" in a free presentation from 5:30-7 p.m. September 8 at the Buenaventura Art Association Gallery on Santa Clara Street. Dr. Clifford has taught a Science of Art course to art majors for many years at Cal State Channel Islands.

Using classical and modern artworks, he will examine how artists employ light and color to affect our perception, often through their careful observation rather than scientific training. Why is Mona Lisa's smile so elusive? Dr. Clifford will examine visual perception and the process by which visual images are formed. The talk is open to all interested members of the public. Admission is free, but seating is limited and reservations are recommended. RSVP to 648-1235.

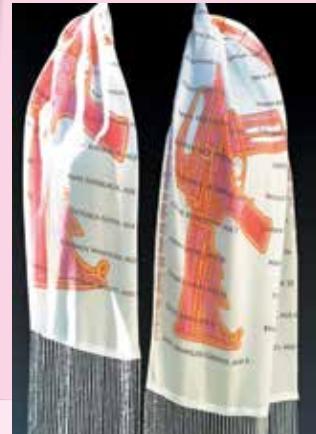


An Exhibition of the artwork of **Hiroko Yoshimoto & Bob Privitt** at The Blackboard Gallery - Studio Channel Islands, September 1-24

Reception: September 3, 4pm - 6pm

Artist Talk with Bob Privitt: September 17, 1:30pm

September begins the new art season and the Blackboard Gallery located at Studio Channel Islands in Camarillo is opening with a phenomenal new exhibition called "Life Force". Artists Hiroko Yoshimoto & Bob Privitt are world renowned artists, each bring an artistic fever rarely seen in the art world. The exhibit opens September 1st and runs through September 24th.



**Dana Zurzolo** At the Edges of Security

Opening Reception: September 2 from 6-9 p.m.

Exhibit dates: Sept 2 - 24.

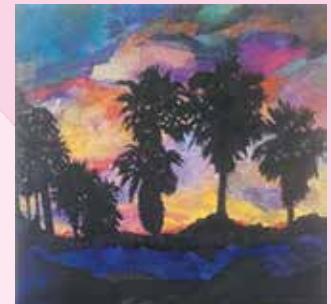
Gallery hours: M-F 10-4 pm Sat. & Sun. by appointment.

Dana Zurzolo discusses invisible social forces disguised within a bright pallet, a fresh eye, and a tense, visual honesty that disarms her audiences. Her work is multi-layered, unpredictable, shocking.

Artist Talk September 11, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Vita Art Center

432 North Ventura Ave. Studio 30



The Santa Paula Society of the Arts will host a free art demo given by **Wendy Winet Lefkowitz** on Sept. 11 from 2-4 pm at the Santa Paula Railroad Depot, 963 E. Santa Barbara St. She will be sharing her prize winning tips and techniques in watercolor.

For more information about the Santa Paula Society of the Arts, visit the website at [www.thespса.com](http://www.thespса.com).



Join Mika at the Opening Reception on Saturday Sept. 17 4-6pm and immerse yourself in the Healing Hawaiian vibes of Aloha. Sip on some POG or grab a Guava Mimosa from the bar and listen to the strumming ukulele of Hawaiian music, as you view this new Aloha Zen art series from artist **Mika Harmony**. For more info please visit [www.mikaharmony.com/events/](http://www.mikaharmony.com/events/). Aloha Zen will be at Traveler Cafe until Nov. 1  
Traveler Cafe  
1070 E. Front Street



the AfterGLOW to sell out so reserve your seat early! The AfterGLOW dinner is \$25 for FOTM members, \$35 for non-members. Paid reservations required prior to September 6.

**Focus On The Masters - Artist Spotlight Interview** an evening with **James L. Webb**, Saturday, September 10, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Brooks Institute Screening Room, 5301 N. Ventura Ave. It's a pleasure to welcome back to the Artist Spotlight James L. Webb who was extensively documented by Focus on the Masters in 2009. Jim, for over 10 years, was a master printer for Gemini G.E.L., the groundbreaking and highly respected publisher of fine art that is now celebrating its 50th anniversary. Free to FOTM Members - \$10 General public, \$5 students and seniors. Reservations required 653-2501

**AfterGLOW Fundraising Event:** Join us for a celebratory supper immediately following the interview at the Ventura home of Jim & Mary Galbraith. We expect

Angels are smiling at Heavens Gallery in Ventura California where artist **Joan Doyle** is currently showing her collection originals titled "The Hero's Journey." Originally from Ireland, she transitioned from Disney animation artist to watercolorist.

She specializes in creating sunlit portraits of homes, individuals, and the Angelic realms. Her vibrant and life-like watercolors seem to capture precious moments to be treasured for a lifetime.

The show remains until the end of September.

365 E Main St, 648-5689  
Opening Times 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Closed Tuesday & Wednesday



# Show Time

## Pete's Dragon



by Eduardo Victoria

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*Pete's Dragon* is a reminder that we should never forget "the magic." The term, as it pertains to the film is broad, but can be distilled to an innate awe and wonder, a reverence and respect for what we can't control or take for granted on a daily basis. It's an unsaid truth that the older we get, the more this trait is clouded and contaminated by fear. In many ways, David Lowery's latest film feels like a wake-up call, a kid's movie for adults. He's created a film that is big and ambitious, but far removed from all the empty spectacle flooding blockbuster filmmaking, instead using a fantastic premise to look deeply inward to great effect.

5-year-old Pete (Oakes Fegley) is on a vacation with his parents. Driving down a secluded highway, a deer jumps out and their car goes careening off the highway. Pete is the only survivor, but just when he's about to be eaten by a pack of wolves, a giant, green dragon comes to his rescue, instinctually feeling the boy's confusion and pain, and taking him into his arms. Flash forward to six years later, and the two are inseparable. That's all threatened, when a lumberjack and his crew begin chopping trees further into the forest than they should. Soon enough, Pete's discovered by a kind forest ranger named Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard). She and her family take Pete in, but are curious as to how he survived in the wilderness for so long. As Pete and Elliot attempt to reunite,

the aforementioned lumberjack, Gavin (Karl Urban), discovers Elliot and tries to hunt him down for his own selfish gain.

On the human side of things, the ensemble is strong on all fronts. Oakes Fegley, as Pete, is a perfect mixture of headstrong attitude and pure will. Blending feral physicality with human sincerity, he's exactly who the film needs to embody its themes. Fegley brings with him an innocence, but also a presence that we can't ever ignore. As Grace, Bryce Dallas Howard fits into the matriarchal role with ease, acting as the best attributes of what humanity has to offer, and helping to really sell the film's stakes with a personal perspective. As Grace's soon-to-be stepdaughter, Natalie, Oona Laurence is another great addition, giving Pete an understanding tether to the human world. Karl Urban and Robert Redford are welcome flourishes to the film - they don't have the biggest roles (for good reason), but make every second count.

There are a lot of shows and films out there currently riding a wave of nostalgia, appealing to our childhoods and the simplicity of our youth. Rather than fashion a film based on obvious references or playful nods to our past, *Pete's Dragon* instead embodies the sincerity of the past, showing that we need it now more than ever. It's worth noting that the film is a period piece, taking place in the 80s, but never rubbing our faces in it - it really just wants to show an understated contrast of how times have changed and what we can learn from that. They really don't make them like this anymore, and like that, Lowery's created another Disney classic, a warm, imaginative and inspiring human adventure that's sure to stand the test of time.

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### Two On The aisle

## Night Alive is luminescent at SPTC

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Once again the Santa Paula Theater Center (SPTC) brings a new level of theater to Ventura County with its current production of *The Night Alive*, a New York Drama Critic's Circle Award winning play for 2013-14.

Irish playwright Conor McPherson's gripping and surprisingly amusing tale of the intertwining lives of five imperfect Irish people holds the audience in suspension for nearly two hours without an intermission. To have had one would have broken the spell and the flow for both actors and audience.

Veteran director and SPTC Artistic Director David Ralphie cites McPherson as one of his favorite playwrights, for his insights and soul-searching characters.

The members of the immensely talented cast consisting of Taylor Kasch (Tommy), Jessi May Stevenson (Aimee), Ron Feltner (Doc), Brian Harris (Ken) and Cecil Sutton (Maurice) pour their souls into the piece, interpreting McPherson's words, as their characters mentally stumble about seeking an order in their chaotic lives that they never quite achieve as situations continue to change.

The ensemble highlights isolated zones of idiosyncrasies, each character existing in the same physical space but on a different mental plane. Each is splintered by personal circumstances that ebb and flow at a moment's notice. Somehow they amplify the tenuous nature that is daily life.

Kasch leads the action as Tommy, a divorced, down-and-out handyman. He sets the tone with his Irish phrasing which gives even the abundant cursing a certain pleasing lilt to the ear. The piece is fraught with wording uncommon to us, although seemingly natural to the actors.

Kasch's interactions with the slightly disadvantaged Doc, played to perfection by Ron Feltner, are a study in tenderness, friendship and loyalty. Doc is a disheveled character, both inside and out, who struggles to maintain a semblance of normality.

Through a random occurrence, their lives are changed by Aimee (Stevenson) in many ways. Adrift and needy as the others, Aimee's broken existence becomes just one more piece of the group's puzzling dynamics.

Upstairs lives Maurice (Sutton), Tommy's crusty uncle who himself is seeking some kind of peace and order. Under his seemingly sour facade he harbors a soft center that shines through in the end.

The stone in the gears that move these lives forward comes in the form of Ken (Harris), a threatening force whose brief intrusion is akin to a fast-moving tornado, leaving destruction and confusion in his wake. His presence causes momentary damage that is ultimately easily dismissed as if it never happened. Life goes on.

While the piece itself presents only a minimally satisfying resolution, the exemplary staging and performances throughout are simply mesmerizing. Each of the actors, individually and as an ensemble, make this a powerful piece

of theater. Kudos to SPTC and David Ralphie for expanding the awareness of Ventura County audiences.

*The Night Alive* plays Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through October 2, 2016. Santa Paula Theatre Center, 125 S. Seventh Street, Santa Paula. Reservations are recommended. 525-9840 or [www.santapaulatheatercenter.org](http://www.santapaulatheatercenter.org). Adults \$20, Seniors and Students \$18. Mature themes and strong language.



The Be the DD and Win campaign will continue its message at large weekend festivals and holiday weekends.

## Campaign had its final night on July 15, 2016 in Ventura

In July 2011, Ventura County Behavioral Health, Project Safer and the Ventura Police Department collaborated to develop and implement a campaign to recognize and reward designated drivers. The campaign was known as, "Be the DD and Win". The "DD" acronym is short for Designated Driver. During the campaign, local alcohol establishments in Downtown Ventura would provide wristbands for designated drivers and provide them with prizes.

Project Safer, a local prevention provider, spearheaded the campaign. According to Project Safer's records, over \$77,000 in prizes have been given away to designated drivers in Ventura County; all of which was donated by local businesses. Over 6,200 designated drivers were identified during the nights of the campaign. Over 16,000 people were driven home safely by the designated drivers.

The Be the DD and Win campaign not only set out to identify and reward designated drivers but to also change the perception that being the designated driver was "cool" and "important". Over the last five years thousands upon thousands have been reminded about the importance of the designated driver and not driving while impaired.

Although the campaign will not continue on a monthly basis, Project Safer and the Ventura Police Department will continue to encourage the public to plan ahead and have a safe ride when deciding to drink alcohol..

With summer in full swing and festivals each weekend throughout the county, it is important to remember, that although there are still folks who make the wrong decision to drink and drive, you still have time to make the right decision. You can be a designated driver.

The Ventura Police Department thanks all of the Downtown businesses that participated in the Be the DD and Win campaign over the last five years. Additional thanks to Ventura County Behavioral Health and Project Safer for their funding and commitment to the campaign.



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Between Friends



Solutions on page 17

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

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 17

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Vacationing
- 4 Rotating parts
- 8 Grouch
- 12 Melody
- 13 Garfield's pal
- 14 Golf target
- 15 Not restricted by convention
- 17 Facility
- 18 Sprite
- 19 Wing part
- 21 Strolled
- 24 Perched
- 25 Yoko of music
- 26 Storm center
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- 68 Big rigs
- 69 Fast cat
- 70 Bellow
- 71 As well
- 72 Existed
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- 76 Opposed
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) As tensions ease on the home front, you can once more focus on changes in the workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around carefully for the best price -- whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A recent job-related move proves far more successful than you could have imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish that project on a deadline that is no longer realistic. Your superiors will

be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on that recent business move. An old family problem recurs, but this time you'll know how to handle it better.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused that once-warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge to help turn things around.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let it guide you into deeper contemplation of aspects about yourself that you'd like to understand better.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and to attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time you put some of that concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you're right there to provide it.

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There are three open positions on the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee and one open position on the Mobile Home Rent Review Board; these positions require special qualifications. Interested City residents for the Mobile Home Rent Review Board must be persons who are not connected with the real estate or rental housing industry and shall not reside in or have any financial interest in any mobile home park. Open positions on the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee must be filled with two members who are owners of commercial property situated with the Downtown Parking District area, and one member who is a business owner, operator or manager of a business within the Downtown Parking District Area.

Members shall be residents of the City at the time of their appointment and during their term of office, and volunteers must be willing to serve two to four-year terms. All eligible applicants will undergo interviews with the City Council Appointments Recommendation Committee in September.

Applications may be submitted by e-mail to [cityclerk@cityofventura.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofventura.net), or by fax to the City Clerk's Office at 641-1046, by mail to the City Clerk's office P.O. Box 99, Ventura, CA 93002, or hand-delivered to the City Clerk's Office at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Room 204. For more information call the City Clerk's Office at 658-4787.

### Fun and informative City classes

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#### 9/10 Saturday 4pm

Fairytales in the Park is celebrating its 22nd season! Join us at Barranca Vista Park for a production of The Boy Wizard in the Land of Oz. Performances are the 2nd Saturday of every month. Bring a blanket, picnic and low lawn chairs.. For more information call 654-7553

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**9/13-10/18 Tu 6:30-8:30 pm \$95 #7152**

In this studio class, you will complete your own unique work of art or multiple works with daily demonstrations and one-on-one guidance from instructor Gail Weissman. Learn traditional and not so traditional basic techniques of acrylic painting as you capture atmosphere color diversity and contrast.

**Beginning Bagpipes 9 years-adult**  
**9/14-11/2 W 7:30-8:45 pm \$40 + \$85 instrument fee #7089**

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**Improvisation for Youth 8-12 years**  
**9/14-10/12 W 3-3:45 pm \$50 #7091**

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**Explore with Me 2.5-5 years**  
**\$65/adult & child**

**9/14-10/19 W 5:15-6 pm #6771**  
**9/16-10/21 F 10:30-11:15 am #6772**

Discover the world of art through the eyes of your child with such hands-on activities as sculpture, painting, collage, drawing and gardening. Instructor Jennifer Benitez.

### Facts on the City-owned building

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thriving art scene, the City saw this as a business retention opportunity to retain 80 faculty jobs, 80 support jobs, and a campus for 350 students by facilitating Brooks' move to the downtown.

On August 12, Brooks Institute announced it was closing and construction came to a halt. The loss of this tenant pointed out some weaknesses in the City's internal process, namely that the security deposit of \$27,572 and

## This 'n' That

\$32,038 in rent had not been collected in a timely manner within the deadlines of the lease. The City is conducting a thorough process review to determine what caused the delay to collect the amount due from Brooks. We will also be developing a better administrative process to prevent this from happening in the future. The City takes this issue seriously and we strive to promote transparency at the highest level.

The City did not contribute any funds to Brooks' improvements. The contract with Brooks requires them to pay the full amount of the lease and complete renovations, and protects the City from default and any damages associated. Public property, unlike private property, cannot be liened. Additionally, since lien rights cannot be filed on public property, the City is not liable for the improvements that were made and the contractor cannot successfully file a lien against public property.

The City empathizes with all who have been affected by the decision of GPHomestay to close Brooks Institute. The closure has impacted students who must relocate to other schools, the faculty who have lost their jobs and the local contractors that were left unpaid. The City will assert its rights per the lease agreement and will aggressively pursue recouping owed funds from this project.

For another perspective see page 14

### 2016 Fair closed with records numbers

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August 3 through August 14.

The Ventura County Fair's mission is to preserve, promote, and showcase agriculture and the traditions of Ventura County, this was accomplished with competitive livestock and horse shows, agricultural exhibits and baking contests. Fairgoers were greeted with an abundance of new attractions, which included Star Child Stilt Circus, who delighted young and old as they strolled through the Fair. Adding to the attraction were exciting new carnival rides, including the Flipper and the F-80. Tasty new food offerings like Deep Fried Peanut Butter and Jelly and Birthday Cake Crepes pleased the taste for summer treats.

Total Attendance for 2016 was a record 332,262; up 4.5% from 2015's attendance of 318,113. The previous record Fair attendance was set in 2013 with 329,061 Fair visitors.

"We go all out to bring Ventura County a better Fair every year," said CEO Barbara Quaid. "For us the focus is not about the numbers of people coming through the gates, but about the quality of the experience our guests have at the Fair. We are committed to offering a clean, safe and fun experience that will create cherished memories."

As is the case every year, overall success would not be possible without the tremendous support of the sponsors and the community. While the gates have closed on the 2016 Ventura County Fair, planning is already underway for the 2017 Fair.

The Ventura County Fairgrounds consists of a 62.5-acre parcel and operates as a multi-purpose, multi-functional, year-round facility accommodating a variety of events. Regarded as a premier rental facility, the Ventura County Fairgrounds and Event Center attracts some of the most popular shows and attractions in the county throughout the year, including livestock shows,

dog shows, horse shows, home and recreation shows, concerts, dances, business expos, weddings and receptions, motorcycle and automobile shows, camping groups, swap meets and much more.

The Ventura County Fair entertained thousands of guests and employs up to 700 seasonal staff during the annual 12-day event. With annual attendance of over 300,000 visitors to the Fair, the communities throughout Ventura County share in the economic vitality derived from the Ventura County Fair. The Fair brings economic, social, educational, and cultural resources and provides lasting impressions on Fairgoers. While agriculture is the heart of the Fair, it's the diverse entertainment that typically draws Fairgoers through the gates. Known for free top name concerts, we take pride in the overall dynamics and diversity of the entertainment, the aesthetics and cleanliness of the grounds, as well as the vast educational and innovative exhibits that are showcased throughout the Fair each year.



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## Changes in bird breeding habits on the Channel Islands

Paul Collins, Curator of Vertebrate Zoology at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH), will describe the effects that conservation efforts on the Channel Islands have had on breeding bird populations, during the September From Shore to Sea Lecture.

Collins will describe how, over the past 150 years, the type and behavior of breeding bird populations on the Channel Islands has changed significantly, influenced by a wide variety of factors.

Most recently, many bird species have benefitted from the removal of non-native herbivores, rats, and cats on the islands, resulting in new breeding records and first time breeding records, as the species' native habitats are restored.

Collins' research has found not only the addition of 26 species of birds that are believed to be nesting for the first time on the islands, but also almost 150 island-specific changes in the breeding distribution and status of birds nesting on the Channel Islands.

The talk will be held on Thursday, September 8. The From Shore to Sea lecture series is sponsored by Channel Islands National Park to further the understanding of current research on the Channel Islands.

The lecture will take place at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, January through December, at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center, 1901 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura Harbor.

The programs are free and open to the public. This lecture can also be viewed live online at: <http://www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/live-programs.htm>.



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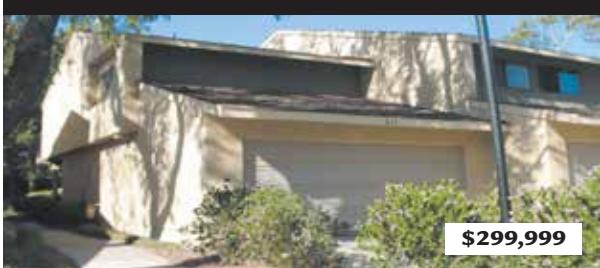
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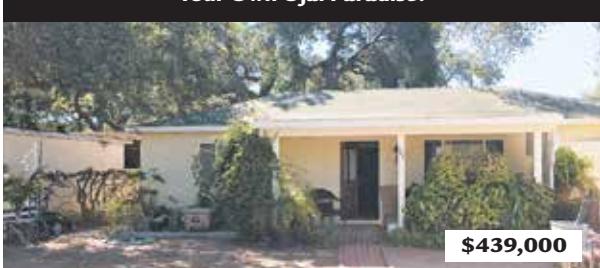
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"Every year, up to 80 companies of all sizes enter 10,000 employees of all ages and athletic abilities as players in 26 events held over six weeks—Just for the fun of it!" states event coordinator and founder Eric Burton, Adult Sports Supervisor for the City of Ventura Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Partnerships, which hosts Corporate Games.

For more information contact Eric Burton at [eburton@cityofventura.net](mailto:eburton@cityofventura.net) or 658.4738 or visit Corporate Games website

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## FAMILY DEALS 1-2-3!!

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**6 people \$21.99**

2lbs Pulled Pork  
1lb of cole slaw  
6 Brioche Buns

**6-8 people \$54.99**

1lb Tri-Tip  
1lb Rack of Ribs  
1 Whole Chicken  
1lb of beans  
1lb of salad

**10-12 people \$89.99**

2 lbs Tri-Tip  
2 Whole Chickens  
1 Rack of Ribs  
2lbs of beans  
2lbs of salad, rolls or rice

## Sports



"I did it!"

## 4th annual Ventura Marathon and Beach Party

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Ventura Marathon and Beach Party on Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th at the Ventura Pier.

Aside from the marathon, there will be a half-marathon, a 5K, bike rides, a K9 Shuffle (dog walk) and an adventure/obstacle race. The beach party expo features live music (seven bands), MadeWest beer garden and dozens of exhibitors ranging from arts and crafts to health and fitness.

The flat and fast marathon course is a certified Boston Marathon qualifier and delivers an epic experience with a beach-front finish at the historic Ventura Pier.

Race co-founder Josh Spiker said, "We are really excited about the new K9 Shuffle and the Adventure Race which will add to the weekend-long experience. These events are meant more for locals as the marathon and half tend to bring in thousands of out-of-towners."

Anyone and everyone is welcome, from walkers to runners of all ages! The race will benefit several local charities including Humane Society Ventura County, Autism Society Ventura County and Alex's Lemonade Stand, among others.

For more information and to register, please visit: [www.venturamarathon.com](http://www.venturamarathon.com).



"Catch me if you can!"

## Season 2 of popular, local flag football league starting

Ventura has a new flag football league called FuturePro Flag Football. The first season for FuturePro Flag Football had overwhelming success with 200 players from all over Ventura County that played in all co-ed youth divisions. Players of all kinds, including beginner, intermediate and advanced are welcome to join again in the Fall season.

If you are curious about the game of football, then flag football is a safe, exciting and fun introduction to help your child learn the basics. Learn how to run plays, play as a team and make new friends. FuturePro Flag Football rules

are no-contact is the safest way to play football if your child is new to the sport.

Games will again be played every Sunday at St. Bonaventure High School football field with the first game played on October 2nd and ending on November 20. Ages to play are in age groups in safe ranges in the following school grade divisions: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd / 3rd, 4th & 5th / 6th, 7th & 8th / 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th. The cost to play is \$125 and includes a jersey. Interested players, coaches and volunteers are encouraged to register and/or contact [www.futureproflagfootball.com](http://www.futureproflagfootball.com) or 302-9809.

## School

### Are you an exceptional individual?

School on Wheels is looking for an exceptional individual who believes in the power of education and the potential of children. The full job description is posted on their website and can be found at [www.schoolonwheels.org/careers/](http://www.schoolonwheels.org/careers/)

School on Wheels is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Ventura that provides educational assistance to homeless children throughout Southern

California. It was founded in 1993 by a retired teacher, who saw firsthand how homeless children struggled to stay focused in school.



No parking is allowed on one side of Vista Del Mar at any time especially on Sunday July 13. If you parked there on July 13 you got towed away 2 times. Have you seen a funny sign that you would like to share?