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In the new Helen Yunker Alcove Suz Montgomery interviewed Helen for posterity. Eric Howes designed the alcove and artist Ryan Carr painted the outside murals. Photos by John Hankins.

Birthday bash held at Museum for Helen Yunker

On Sept. 17 a 95th birthday celebration was held for Helen Yunker at the Museum of Ventura County. At the celebration the Helen Yunker Lobby was dedicated which will be a part of the remodeling of the Museum which is scheduled to be completed in January, 2017.

Hundreds of her friends enjoyed the sounds of the VJO Sextet (featuring the vocals of Donna Green), food and congratulating Helen who, as usual looked beautiful in her wonderful attire.

Helen stated "I am so sorry for any omissions on the invitation list for my 95th birthday and bequest celebration held at the Ventura County Museum. My vision is greatly impaired, so I was not able to review the invitation list to ensure that everyone was included."

"Though the time was very short for planning the party, it was a great success. Special thanks are due to Betsy Chess and Elena Brokaw for an outstanding job."

"If you were there, I know you had
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Dr. John Hill cutting the ribbon while Stephanie Caldwell, the Chamber's President and CEO, Councilmember Cheryl Heitmann and others look on. Photo by John Ferritto.

Midtown parking structure provides potential for economic growth

by City staff

Community Memorial Hospital's new \$13 million parking structure in Midtown is a win-win that provides economic growth opportunities along with increased parking spaces for the community, hospital visitors and customers visiting nearby businesses. Through a public-private partnership, the City of Ventura provided the land with

a long-term lease agreement and CMH paid for building the new 571-space, five-level parking structure which opened in September. Of those 571 new parking spaces, 200 are allocated for CMH use, 172 spaces are for the public, and 199 spaces are available to serve further economic development in the area.

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On Sept. 23 a ground breaking ceremony was held for the new Kaiser Permanente medical building to be located at 4949 Market St. just off of the 101 freeway. The 57,000 square foot building will house obstetrics-gynecology, orthopedics, podiatry, plastics, gastroenterology; hematology/oncology, an infusion center; ophthalmology, optometry with optical dispensing, urgent care, as well as blood draw; general radiology and pharmacy. The ceremony was attended by Ventura Chamber members, City Council members, Kaiser employees and other dignitaries. The facility will take over a year to be completed. The Kaiser services provided on Main St. in mid-town will be closed at that time. Photo by Richard Lieberman.



Sandra was a philanthropist, dancer, art collector, wife, mother, and grandmother.

Sandra Laby will never be forgotten

From the family's post on the Caring Bridge, "I am sorry to share that my mother, Sandra Laby (78), died yesterday on September 24, 2016 at 8:05pm. She was in the company of her husband Jordan and two sons Phillip and Todd. Her passing was peaceful and short. Being the fighter she has always been, she outlived all predictions, over and over again. The family is grateful that she is no longer suffering."

Sandra died at home from pancreatic cancer after a very short battle with the illness.

Donna Granata, Executive Director of Focus on the Masters said, "The sad news has arrived. Our community has lost one of its brightest lights. Sandra Laby's life was a beautiful life well spent. Her devotion to the arts will have a lasting impact for generations to come. Rest in peace dear friend. My love is with you Jordan, Todd, Phillip and your families."

Sandra was born on October 10, 1937 in Brooklyn. In 1947 she moved to Los Angeles with her family and later attended Fairfax High School in West Los Angeles, Los Angeles City College

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Business



Dr. McIntosh recently moved her chiropractic practice to Ventura.

Local resident considers herself fortunate

by Sheli Ellsworth

Tracy McIntosh was studying to be a teacher when a car accident changed her life. McIntosh already had a history of headaches. "I'd suffered from migraines three to five times a week since I was two years old. My migraines involved the usual pain in the skull but also sensitivity to light and nausea and vomiting." As McIntosh got older, the migraines drastically affected her life. "I would come home from school, go to my room, turn off the lights and hide under the covers and moan." McIntosh says she would spend whole nights in the bathroom when the nausea took over and then go to school the next day. "It was my normal."

Then in her late teens, a drunk driver totaled McIntosh's car and she began to suffer lower back pain. While in college, she worked as a seamstress, bent over a sewing machine eight hours a day. "The pain became unbearable. My mom took me to her chiropractor and after a month of seeing him, I realized I hadn't had a headache in weeks. The experience changed my life, I decided to become a chiropractor to help others."

McIntosh went to Life Chiropractic College West in the Bay Area and opened her first practice in the San Diego area. She sold it after three years to work in London, England for a year and then moved to Bakersfield. However, fate wasn't finished with McIntosh. "Some friends moved to the Channel Islands area and we came out to visit. We couldn't believe somewhere so wonderful existed so close to Bakersfield." McIntosh and her family has lived in Ventura for several years, but only recently moved her chiropractic practice here.

McIntosh's practice is not focused on treating symptoms. "It's a way to maintain health through regular adjustments. Nerve

interference caused by misaligned spinal bones decreases joint motion and causes pain and lessens the body's ability to function properly."

McIntosh says that today's lifestyle causes much of the problems. "Traffic, computer work and hours looking down at cell phones can cause ongoing problems." She offers unlimited adjustments for a flat fee for people who might benefit from regular weekly/monthly care.

McIntosh is located in Salon Panache, 3639 E. Harbor Blvd. #122. "When the owner at the salon offered me a room to rent I was a little dubious. I was worried that men wouldn't want to come in and working out of a salon seemed awkward, but I really wanted to practice in Ventura and my unique working arrangement allows me to keep my overhead low so that I can pass the savings on to my members."

"At first it was women coming from the salon. Then they brought their husbands so many of my patients are couples. As it turned out, we are close enough to the naval base that I get men from there. It really is a fun place to work."

McIntosh says she loves everything about Ventura. "Sometimes I'm driving around at sunset and the sky is orange over the ocean and the palm trees are silhouettes in the sky and I can't believe I live here."

Anyone interested in visiting Dr. McIntosh can call 295.8747 for an appointment.



After spending twenty-nine years in the carpet cleaning business Robert was ready for a change.

New owner finds happiness at Drapes West

by Gail Field

Robert Brown's smile says it all: "I'm happy here, and I love the work." In his office at Drapes West in Ventura, Robert Brown moves easily from the paperwork

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We need leaders who have the experience that enhances Ventura's quality of life

by Christy Weir for City Council

It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Ventura as a City Council Member and Mayor since 2003.

I have lived and worked in Ventura for 31 years, raising a son and daughter here with my husband. I am fortunate that their families have made our community their home. I enjoy the friendliness, creativity and scenic beauty of this city and it is important to me that we appreciate and protect our environment for future generations.

As a Council Member and as founder of the Serra Cross Conservancy and Downtown Ventura Partners, I have used my leadership and team-building skills to generate ideas and work collaboratively to benefit our unique and beautiful 150-year-old city.

I will continue to work for:
A clean, green community – sidewalks, streets, parks, trees that are well maintained;
Enhancements to our Beachfront, Medical District, Community Park and Ventura River Parkway;
A vibrant, historic Downtown with diverse, locally owned businesses and thriving cultural arts;
A balanced approach to business development that will generate jobs, while retaining our small-town flavor;
Managed growth that is planned responsibly to preserve neighborhood character, protect our environment and respect our limited water supply.

I stand firmly in agreement with the

following statements from Ventura's General Plan:

- We desire to grow slowly and sustainably.
- We value environmental responsibility.
- We strive to enhance historic and cultural resources.
- We preserve open space, farmland and natural beauty.
- We demand the highest standards of quality architecture, landscaping and design.

We need leaders who have the experience, dedication and will to make decisions that protect and enhance Ventura's quality of life, now and for the long term. I make that commitment to our residents and would appreciate your vote.

Christy Weir
www.christyweir.com



Well I'm feeling very lucky

by Brian Lee Rencher, MBA for City Council

The purpose of any city council is to protect and enhance the health safety and welfare of the citizens they serve. To do this, cities deliver certain public goods such as infrastructure (roads, water/sewer systems, parks, etc.) and services (police, fire, planning, etc.). Councils pay for these goods and services with tax dollars derived from the wealth of the community. To increase what is provided, the community must either become wealthier on a per capita basis, or taxes collected per individual must be increased.

For the past twenty-five years, since the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee took voting control of the Ventura City Council in the 1991 election, per capita real purchasing power of the city's citizens has

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Ventura County Transportation Commission

makes it easy

Ventura County Transportation Improvement Plan is now Measure AA.
The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) unanimously approved bringing the Transportation Improvement Plan to the voters this fall. Learn about Measure AA, the plan to provide sustainable public transportation; keep fares affordable for seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities; improve safety and traffic flow on the 101 and 118 freeways; maintain local streets and roads; and ensure accountability for taxpayers at keepVCmoving.org. The future of Ventura County is in your hands.

New bus line to Camarillo Outlets is coming this fall.
VCTC will open a new bus line connecting Oxnard to the Camarillo Premium Outlets in October. Whether you're an employee or a shopper, the new route will make it easy to access Ventura County's most popular shopping destination. Check goventura.org for updates on the launch.

Calling all Ventura County college students.
VCTC and California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) will host a Student Transportation & Environment Summit at CSUCI on Sept. 28. This event is FREE to all Ventura County college students and high school juniors and seniors. Learn about careers in transportation and discuss the links between transportation, the environment and economics. Dinner, music and prize drawing included! Register at keepvcmoving.org/events.

VCTC makes it easy. October 3-7 is Ride Week.
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Editor:

I quickly ran the Short Term Rental Figures this morning based on the Nuisance Response Plans at the City's website.

There 117 Short Term Rentals Registered with the City as of 9-12-16.

There are 77 in the Pierpont Community. Of these 21 of the owners live in Ventura (27%). Only 11 live in our Pierpont Community

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ I'm very saddened by the passing of **Sandra Laby** as a friend, a spirit, an inspiration, a contributor to the arts and to the lives of so many. She will be very, very missed (sometimes life sucks).

■ With this issue, we have included statements from five (one was in last issue) of the ten **City Council** candidates. Hopefully we will be able to include statements from all candidates by election time. Please read them carefully, and if you can't attend the forums being held you can find them on CAPSTV.

Speaking of the elections, the California voter's information guide is more than 215 pages long, most of which covers the 17 propositions. I'm not a big fan of the initiative process (an initiative is a means by which a petition signed by a certain minimum number of registered voters can force a public vote, sometimes called a plebiscite). I have a problem with the process because there are always a few absurd items that voters get to decide.

For instance, #60 "Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements" should be regulated by the industry not by a vote of the people. I think the initiative process should make it more difficult to place propositions on the ballot.

■ The closing of ITT Technical schools makes the closing of **Brooks** seem like nothing. ITT's closing left almost 40,000 students and 8,000 employees stranded. This certainly doesn't make those affected by Brook's closing any less tolerable, but it does appear that "for profit" schools such as ITT are on their way out.

■ The construction of the new **Community Memorial Hospital** just keeps going on and on but at least the new 570 space parking structure is finished and had a ribbon cutting ceremony recently (see article in this issue). CMH's scheduled completion is now set for next summer some six years after groundbreaking and about two years past the original completion date. A new driving entrance to the hospital will be available off of Main St.

The usual excuses of why it has been

delayed almost two years (we only hope two years) have been made. It will take another several months after construction is completed for training, hiring, obtaining many approvals and making sure all of the new very sophisticated equipment works correctly.

In the meantime, businesses in the area are getting killed by the loss of customers due to lack of parking, noise and other distractions. Perhaps the new parking structure will solve some of their problems.

Of course, once completed it will be great for these businesses if they can remain open until then. Yolanda's Mexican Café is going through a major remodeling and will now be completed before the hospital.

■ I'm sorry to find out that the annual Ventura **Kinetic Sculpture Race** "where art and engineering collide" won't be held this year. It was a fun and entertain-



"Horseless Carriage" may never be seen in Ventura again at the Kinetic Sculpture Race. Photo by John Ferritto.

ing event that was well attended. And, it included a fundraiser for a worthy cause - the Turning Point Foundation.

The race, located at the Harbor, involved "bicycles" using people power to traverse over water, mud and sand. Over the years the number of participating vehicles has been dwindling. And, most participants came from out-of-town. A large amount of work and effort to build and ride the vehicles certainly reduced the number of entrants.

Since the race just wasn't a very big moneymaker for Turning Point, the benefit to them didn't justify the effort needed to make it happen.

Hopefully some donors will help

bring the race/event back next year.

■ The City Council did the right thing by taking back four acres in East Ventura that had originally been planned for **Veteran support services**. The property had been given over for another use. One of the motivations is that the City wants to get Proposition 41 funding which provides funds for housing and services for homeless veterans. The City will be looking for an affordable housing developer to build low-income housing for our homeless veterans (see, all developers aren't "evil").

■ I am really confused by constant (at least it seems like) revisions that the City makes to zoning standards and to the General Plan. Which are often, by the way, in conflict with each other. It almost seems like there is a strategy of "let's try this and if that doesn't work let's try something else." A revolving door process.

A perfect example is **Victoria Avenue**.

Victoria was planned to be a pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare but it never really turned out that way and never would have been. The only place that pedestrians walk is downtown (I don't consider folks in the Harbor to be pedestrians).

Victoria is the only street that can be driven from one end (Foothill) of Ventura all the way to the beach, so it will always remain a busy auto thoroughfare.

Because of this, the Ventura City Council has voted to change the zoning there to allow greater types of development in parts of the "Victoria corridor".

The 7-0 vote means that zoning changes will allow one-story buildings, which were allowed at one time (with a Conditional Use Permit - CUP) and drive-thru businesses. I can't imagine why one-story buildings weren't recently allowed.

City Councilmember Christy Weir was concerned that making the change would result in generic, cookie-cutter projects, but isn't that what our Design Review Committee (and Planning) is there for - to prevent poor design? She was happy, though, that a CUP is required. I would be happy if the DRC (and Planning) did their job.

Mailbox

(14%). Pierpont has approximately 1200 residences.

There are 6 Short Term Rentals in the Keys

There are 34 Short Term Rentals in the rest of Ventura.

66% of the Short Term Rentals are in Pierpont, however, Pierpont only represents 3% of the Housing Units. Consequently, the vast majority of Short Term Rentals are heavily concentrated here in our Pierpont Community.

To put it another way 86% of the owners of the Pierpont Community's Short Term Rentals don't even live in our Pierpont Community and 73% don't even live in Ventura. These owners should not be deciding the quality of life for our community. Those not living in Ventura can't even vote for our City Council. Our community residences should not be used as a hotel alternative. Hotels at least have someone on premises to monitor their guests. This, for some reason, is now the Pierpont residents responsibility pitting neighbor against neighbor.
Robert George



Even though Gary Shaw has been an Ambassador for only 4-months he knows that he is helping and that the Ambassadors are appreciated by locals and tourists.
Breeze:

Our Park Ambassadors are doing a great job of keeping Downtown Ventura safe and clean. I am so grateful that they check in frequently with my staff and are only a phone call away if we need back

up in a potentially unsafe situation. They are breaking down barriers with those who are chronically homeless and are available to connect them with services to get them off the streets. As a merchant (Spice-Topia), I couldn't be more pleased with the services that the Park Ambassadors are providing. What a fantastic use of parking meter funds!
Ashley Pope

A vote to protect our citizens and our city

Public safety and security is key to a more thriving city and business community. Measure O will bring additional local resources to keep Ventura neighborhoods safe.

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People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

– Isaac Asimov



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Well I'm feeling very lucky

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decreased year after year. This has led to a decrease in per capita tax dollars received by City Hall and, therefore, the City is less able to address the health, safety and welfare needs of its citizens.

Because City Hall has failed to increase the overall wealth of the community due to incompetent economic development policies and practices, and because it is failing to deliver adequate public goods and services due to this failure, the Ventura City Council is asking its citizens for a tax increase to maintain the public goods and services they provide.

It is now manifestly clear that the citizens of Ventura must be intellectually honest with themselves if they wish to maintain their quality-of-life and ask: “Should we reward consistent failure at City Hall by increasing the taxes we

pay, or should we be more careful about whom we elect to the council?”

I recommend the latter since it will have the greater chance of fixing the problem in the long-run. But, before you take this advice, let's look at some of the supporting evidence.

Ventura used to be the wealthiest city in Ventura County; this is no longer the case.

Ventura used to be the safest city in the county; it now has the highest per capita crime rate.

Ventura used to have some of the highest paying jobs in the county; no longer.

Ventura used to have the best roads in the county; now they are falling apart.

Ventura used to have the greatest number and best parks in the county; now the citizens have to storm City Hall with mobs bearing pitchforks and

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torches just to build a small neighborhood park on the west side of town, and still don't have the swimming pool they were promised fifteen years ago.

Ventura's fire department used to be able to respond to emergencies in less than five minutes almost all the time; they are now much less able to do this. This is a life-threatening situation!

In summation: I'm going to paraphrase “Dirty” Harry Callahan: “In all this election confusion you've got to ask yourself ‘Do you feel lucky?’ Well, do you...?”

Well I'm feeling very lucky, so I'm voting NO on Measure “O” and YES for Brian Lee Rencher, MBA.



I am running particularly on a ‘green’ agenda

by Jackie Martenson for City Council

Do I think City Council is doing a poor job? No. But we can do better, and this year I felt a call to help do so.

I am running particularly on a ‘green’ agenda. This platform will serve not only to move Ventura into a more self-sufficient city but also create job growth and a stronger infrastructure without raising taxes.

Which is why I oppose Measure O. Of course the city needs more revenue, but we're already pricing average middle class households out of Ventura. Additional sales tax would further hurt the families I'd like to be a voice for. The median household income for Ventura is \$66,485/year. Measure O would increase what the average Ventura citizen already pays in taxes by \$170/year. Furthermore, the accountability of where this money will be spent is unanswered. It's a blank check to the Council with an oversight committee appointed by the Council.

Next, the drought. This is a complicated issue; however, the answer is not the state. We cannot become reliant on sources that at any time can cut us off; leaving us worse off than before given the false reality additional water can give at the time in terms of growth for Ventura. Ventura is unique in that all of our water comes from local grounds. It is something to be proud of and why Ventura should be at the forefront of creating a sustainable, local solution.

The city has already enacted the successful “Green Street Project”. Additional resources should be provided to water conservation and reuse such as capturing and recycling yard water run-off.

Self-sufficiency is not possible without local food. We need to work with farmers and their land to utilize our precious water in the most efficient and effective means. Using permaculture design, we can restructure the lay-out of our farmlands to create a more sustainable and permanent agriculture.

To increase infrastructure, revenue and job growth, I propose ‘solarizing’ Ventura. At least three farms closed last year. If the land cannot, at this time, be reconstructed into farmable land, then there is a space where a solar farm could be applied. Other cities from here east are contracting with solar energy companies to put solar panels on all homes in their city; thus, not only creating revenue for the city, but dropping the average household energy bill by 75%.

Additionally, Ventura should invest in wind energy. We have the wind and need the power. Echoes throughout the City call for more tech companies. What better way to bring that type of job growth than to be at the forefront of sustainable energy.

There are seven seats on the Council. Ventura would like to see a more diverse representation of the people and their voice. Businessmen, lawyers and the blue collar worker. We may not have all the answers yet, but at least now we're discussing new and innovative ideas. Let's work together to find the solutions for us, our kids, and generations to come. Thank you for your vote. I look forward to serving you and preserving our home, San Buenaventura.



I am not some politician who is all talk but no action

by Matt LaVere for City Council

I was born and raised in Ventura. This is my hometown and no one will work harder for Ventura than me. The reason I am running for City Council is simple: I want to make sure the Ventura my young daughter inherits in 20 years is even better than the Ventura we know today. That means balancing respect for Ventura's unique history, while also having a bold and strategic vision for Ventura's future. My sole focus is improving Ventura, specifically, creating jobs, reducing Ventura's awful crime rates, expanding use of our parks/open spaces, finding a solution to Ventura's homeless/vagrancy problem and ensuring our town builds the housing we need for local residents. I believe Ventura can benefit greatly from a new voice on the City Council -- someone with fresh ideas who will proactively work to create the safe, family-friendly and prosperous City we all desire.

I am not some politician who is all talk but no action. I have a long track-record of working hard to make Ventura a better place. I am a Ventura Parks Commissioner, where I have made it my priority to clean up Ventura's parks and expand the community's access to open space all over the City. I am on the Board of Directors of Project Under-

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standing where I have worked with staff and Board members to help dozens of people get off the street and into homes. I am on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Ventura Rotary Club where we concentrate on community service projects, especially those benefitting underprivileged children in Ventura. And I am on the Board of Directors for the Ventura College Foundation where I spearheaded a new diesel mechanic program launched at Ventura College last month. I helped build a public/private partnership that created 55 high-paying jobs for local students, jobs which start at around \$50,000/year and will quickly pay \$70,000-\$80,000/year. I am incredibly proud to have established this program and I will build on this by creating similar programs for other local companies/industries. This is how we bring real jobs back to Ventura.

As the “hometown” boy, I’m ready to get to work. And my passion for Ventura’s future has earned me bi-partisan support. I am endorsed by Ventura Firefighters, Ventura Police, the Democratic Party, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Counties Central Labor Council, and these are just some of the more than three dozen endorsements I have received from other organizations, public officials and community leaders.

In my conversations with Venturans all over town, I hear the same message: people are sick and tired of business as usual in Ventura. They want a new voice on City Council. They want someone who will work hard and bring a different perspective. I am that candidate, and I would be honored to have your vote on November 8th!

Learn more at www.voteforallavere.com and on Facebook at “Matt LaVere for Ventura City Council”.

Midtown parking structure

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The parking structure consists of 180,000 square feet with an additional 1,400 square feet on the first floor dedicated to commercial and retail space for new businesses. Currently, motorists can access the new parking garage from Brent Street and there is no charge for parking. Soon, an additional parking entrance will be available from Main Street and parking limits (such as 2-hours free) for the 172 public spaces may be noted. Two Charge-point Electric Vehicle charging stations were also installed at the new structure, bringing the total to 16 stations in Ventura available to EV drivers at city facilities and public parking spaces.

Ventura’s Wellness District— anchored by Community Memorial Hospital and the Ventura County Medical Center — is bolstered by both organizations which have made a substantial commitment to the area by investing more than \$500 million to re-build their medical centers. CMH’s new 350,000 square-foot hospital, adjacent to the new parking structure and current building, will have a larger emergency room, more operating rooms and private patient rooms. VCMC’s new hospital replacement wing project is slated for completion by fall of 2017, with 220,000 square-feet of acute care facilities.

Development of the Wellness District is part of the City’s Economic Development Strategy focusing on the health care and biomedical industry, one of the six key areas in the plan. The build out of the District will include medical offices, supportive services, restaurants and retail which help enhance economic activity by creating jobs and businesses. The new parking structure

is a significant step to help attract new development and a fully realized Wellness District.

The City is also working to replace and improve infrastructure in the Wellness District so our underground systems have the capacity for present and future growth. The current sewer line project at Main and Brent Streets is replacing undersized and aged pipes that, in some cases, were installed between 1945 and 1991. Addressing the needs of our aging infrastructure is vital for long-term economic growth, business competitiveness, and to maintain the quality of life for Ventura residents and visitors.

Birthday bash for Helen Yunker

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a great time, and I thank you for the thoughtful mementoes and cards that I received. My purpose for the celebration was to bring the community’s attention to the great need to financially support this very important and major institution. Our museum needs your help now!”

“Our museum is the largest treasure chest of Ventura’s lives and stories told through art and artifacts that exists anywhere. Our museum offers invaluable opportunities to educate our children and stimulate their interest in history. Our museum attracts 50,000 visitors a year to the heart of our city. This contributes extra dollars for our local businesses along with more sales tax for our city. Our museum provides an amazing research library and archives that contain over 170,000 items unavailable elsewhere.”

“To launch this urgently needed fund drive, I have personally donated \$25,000 and hope this starts the ball rolling.”

“An institution of this importance and magnitude needs financial giving from the entire community that it serves. I hope you will step up and join me and know you are helping to preserve our past and ensure the future of our museum. Please go to <http://venturamuseum.org/donate-now/>”

At age 95, Helen Yunker can look back over an incredible life of achievement and service to her community. Her philosophy is simple — “In helping and sharing with others, you multiply your own blessings many times.”

Helen arrived in 1948 in California, from Chicago, where she was born in 1921. After 10-years in direct sales, Helen fulfilled her dream of living at the seashore when she moved to Ventura’s Pierpont Bay area in 1958. A retired realtor in 1971 she founded Helen Yunker Realty.

Her 58 years in Ventura is a virtual kaleidoscope of ongoing community engagement. She has been recognized over the years for her many contributions, by numerous service organizations in the areas of educational, medical, civic, youth, theater, and arts.

Her recognition and contributions over the years are too many to list. But we are all blessed and grateful her contributions to our art, heritage and culture.

When her portrait was painted by Johanna Spinks as part of The Face of Ventura series in the Ventura Breeze Helen stated “Having grown up in Chicago, Ventura, with its 25,000 population in 1958, its climate, location and overall ambiance, was a true panacea and fertile ground for my life’s goals. Today, after 54 years of service, my greatest blessing is the thanks and recognition I receive, also fully aware of my intense struggles, as well as accomplishments. Where else, but in Ventura, can one be embraced like a family member, and be gifted a feeling of belonging?”

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emergency response times. Maintaining fire, police and paramedic emergency response is paramount to protecting the residents of Ventura.

Our city also needs protecting. Ventura is 150 years old and showing its age, including deteriorating streets, sidewalks and storm drains. Voting Yes on O will repair streets, fix potholes and make repairs to bridges and overpasses in the case of an earthquake. Thanks to Measure O, the Ventura Pier, Promenade and citywide bike paths will remain accessible for everyone.

If we wait, it will only get more expensive to protect our quality of life. And, with a local sales tax, the millions of tourists who spend money on lodging and other taxable items will contribute to the cost of maintaining our City.

Despite what some may say, Ventura has no budget surpluses. Costs have gone up, while State and federal funding cuts have jeopardized Ventura’s ability to address its urgent needs. Measure O helps to replace those lost funds with new locally controlled funding that cannot be raided by Sacramento politicians.

Measure O makes Ventura a safer, cleaner and better maintained city, which in turn will make it a more in-demand place to live and work. For all these reasons and more, we are strong supporters of Measure O and in fact are serving as Co-Chairs of the Yes on Measure O Committee, which is spearheading the campaign to pass this critical measure for the City we love.

Ed Wehan, Kevin Clerici and Jim Duran Co-Chairs of Committee for a Better Ventura – Yes on Measure O




The Ventura Breeze and the Ventura County Camera Club proudly present their First Annual

Ventura County Photo Contest

Are you an avid amateur photographer, or just got lucky one day and captured a unique photo of a favorite spot in Ventura County?

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to enter their best photos celebrating life in Ventura County. The contest will run from **September 15 to October 31, 2016**. All entries must be received by midnight on **October 31, 2016**.

Images will be judged on artistic merit, originality, composition and technical excellence by the Ventura County Camera Club.

First, second and third place winners will have their photos published in the Ventura Breeze and on the Breeze website. Receive a one-year free membership in Ventura County Camera Club and an 11” x 14” print of their photo. And a gift certificate from NOW Ventura and The Greek restaurants.

For entry guidelines, eligibility, rules and other good stuff visit www.venturacountycameraclub.com. Members of Ventura County Camera Club and Ventura Breeze employees are not eligible to participate in this contest.





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The Seaside Highland Games

The California Central Coast's very own Scottish Festival—returns to the beautiful Ventura County Fairgrounds in October. You can look forward to two solid days of Scottish fun and frivolity, games and gaiety and the tension of competition in these various venues:

Colorful Highland Dancers compete for prize money and trophies on the Amtrak Stage near the front entrance. Then, follow your ears for the Pipe and Drum Band Competition and don't miss the colorful Drum Major Competition and the famous Scottish Fiddle Competition. We convinced the very talented Rebecca Lominky and

Shauna Pickett-Gordon to oversee and to judge these talented musicians. There is more to come! The athletes compete for trophies and bragging rights.

After the Herding Dog demonstrations, shaggy Highland cattle are nearby and shaggy Scots, too, in a fun-for-all Bearded Scot Contest! A packed Children's Glen will entertain the wee ones for as long as you will let them stay! Opening Ceremonies and Grand Parade not to be missed at noon sharp on Saturday and a meaningful Closing and Awards Ceremony near the end of Sunday's festivities.

Four Entertainment Stages are alive with the best Celtic performers to be found anywhere. Perennial favorites, the Wood family known professionally as Celtic Spring headline their own stage. Sharing that stage are excellent family spinoffs Bows & Toes and Three for Joy among others. The centrally located Alex Beaton Stage will

Community Events



Ivor Davis and Brooke Halpin present a free rehearsal.

Celebrate John Lennon's birthday

Ivor Davis with Malibu singer Brooke Halpin are presenting a "rehearsal" show at the Pierpont Racquet Club (500 Sanjon) free of charge on Sunday Oct. 2nd at 2 pm.

It will be the tune up for "the Big One" a week later at the legendary Crest Westwood Theater on Sunday October 9th - which is Lennon's birthday (he would have been 76).

The big fundraiser is for Pancreatic Cancer - with proceeds going to battle the disease that claimed the life of Ivor's lovely wife Sally and now Sandra Laby.

Tribute to a Working Class Hero, John Lennon Sunday October 9th, at 1:30 p.m.

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be home to long-time friends The Browne Sisters & George Cavanaugh and back "for the first time ever" Eric Rigler and Dirk Freymuth with a completely new acoustic bagpipe and guitar sound like none other! Lurking toward the extreme end of Clan Row, you cannot miss the sights and sounds of the Celtic Rock Stage anchored by heavy favorites The Angry Brians with lively local buddies, The Ploughboys! One more stop midway down Clan Row is a wee stage we call The Pavilion Stage and it will be hopping all day. Don't miss our fabulous Harp Glen sponsored by the Clan Currie Society. Plus, you are likely to find the great Los Angeles Fifes and Drums anywhere on the grounds. Now, maybe time for some excellent Scottish and Irish food and bev, or shopping among unique and quality vendors or taking a class should you want to know more about Celtic cooking with The Celtic Caterer himself, Eric McBride, or history, the Gaelic language or Single Malt Scotch!

For further information see seasidegames.com or call John & Nellie at 818-886-4968

children. Who knows, the person sitting next to you could be a stone cold killer.

Their vision is a community where the safety and well-being of children are not compromised by their parent's circumstances or instability and do not have to live with repeated traumas, disrupted attachments, or neglect. A community where all children have a chance to form healthy relationships and have access to early childhood education that supports realizing their potential.

They work towards this goal by providing all day therapeutic daycare and preschool to homeless children age 0-5.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.stepupventura.org.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Retired Men (and semi-retired or on the brink). If your significant other says you're getting under foot around the house, we'd welcome you for a few informal hours twice a month on a Tuesday at the Ventura Retired Men's Group. Enjoy your choice at the bar, exchange thoughts with a friend, new or old, have a healthy lunch and hear a presentation of interest, information and/or education. Call Steve Carroll at 642-1359 for when and where.

Music Speaks on all Sundays at 4 p.m. in October is a play plus Q & A.

Each week brings a musician of note who will share their music and anecdotes from their professional careers in an intimate conversational setting at the NAMBA Performing Arts Space, 47 S. Oak St. For more info call 628-9250.

Tickets at <http://www.music speaks2016.brownpapertickets.com> or at the door \$20. Nambaarts.com.

Sept. 28: The College Area Community Council will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Council meetings include speakers and discussion on topics of neighborhood and community interest, including public

Step up for a community where all children have healthy relationships

Step Up Ventura will host its first benefit Murder Mystery Dinner at the Wyndham Garden Ventura Pierpont Inn on Friday, October 14th from 6 to 10 pm. Group seating and sponsorships are available by calling the Informant at (310) 497-9709.

Participants become a part of the scene as they enjoy dinner and an evening of fun and fantasy to help impact homeless

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safety and economic development. The Council, meets in the Wright Event Center at 57 Day Rd. on the Ventura College campus. Free parking is available adjacent to the Event Center."

Sept. 30: A filled to the brim showcase of 24,000 handmade creations, the 27th Annual Ventura Harvest Festival® Original Art & Craft show gets underway Sept. 30 to Oct. 2 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Seaside Park at the beach becomes a hub of activities with shopping, live entertainment, contests, strolling entertainers, and a Kidzone with a pumpkin patch. It's the west coast's largest indoor arts & crafts showcase that never disappoints. Food Share will be on hand to offer \$2 admission discounts to patrons who bring canned goods for donation. The Boys & Girls Club of Ventura also benefits from sales of shopping bags as they greet guests. Info and tickets are available at www.harvestfestival.com or call 925-392-7300. Adults: \$9, Seniors (62+) \$7, Military: (Active/Retired/Veteran) \$7, Youths (13-17) \$4, Kids 12 and under are free.

Oct. 1: An Autumn Evensong on Saturday at 5 p.m. Program features David Singer, clarinet and Nick Akdag, bassoon along with Helen Farson performing Glinka's impassioned Trio Pathetique in d minor and Dvorak's timeless Largo from the New World Symphony. Ventura Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6300 Telephone Dr. No admission charge. Call 641.9646 for more information.

Oct. 2: Ventura CROP 5km and 10km Walk to support hunger-fighting agencies. Walk Begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Check-in from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara Street. 658-7446 or venturacropwalk@gmail.com

Oct.2: The Chabad Jewish Center of Ventura will host High Holiday Services for both Rosh Hashanah, Oct 2, 3 and 4 and Yom Kippur, October 11 & 12 at the Pierpont Inn, Chabad & the Pierpont Inn are also offering a full Holiday "Retreat" in conjunction with the services. Rabbi Yakov Latowicz, will lead the services accompanied by a guest Cantor Rabbi Mendy Lubin. Services are conducted in Hebrew and English with bilingual prayer books. The cost for each dinner is \$45 for adults and \$30 for children (under Bar/Bat Mitzvah). For more info and please call 658-7441 or visit www.ChabadVentura.com.

Oct. 2: The 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum will be open for docent-led tours from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. As a special treat, local celebrity author and ghost hunter Richard Senate will be on hand to lead tours and sign books. Admission is free. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood streets in Ventura. For information please call 642-3345 or visit the website at www.dudleyhouse.org.

Oct. 2, 8: The Murphy Auto Museum in Oxnard is gearing up for two spectacular events in October to round out the remaining months of 2016. First up, on October 2, is the opening of its newest exhibit, Station Wagons and Pickups, along with a public car show hosted the same day. Next, a fundraiser and car rally on Oct. 8 to honor late Ventura resident Jerry Magnuson, founder of worldwide famous Magnuson Superchargers. A portion of proceeds will be donated to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Oct. 3& 17: The Ventura County Philatelic Society will meet for stamp trading and camaraderie. Located at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Contact: vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 320-1601

Oct. 5: 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, etc. From 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. held at the Ventura Museum Pavilion. No charge for meeting and no reservation is required. Speaker Dr. Donald Decker for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, "Breast Density & Tomosynthesis". Please visit our Website at: bcnnwomensclub.org or call 988-0795.

Oct. 5: Author and Ventura native Bill Lascher will present a talk on his new nonfiction book, Eve of a Hundred Midnights, at the inaugural Engage & Enlighten event, a community event series sponsored by the law firm Ferguson Case Orr Paterson (FCOP). The presentation is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at FCOP's office at 1050 S. Kimball Road. The event is open to the public; however reservations are required. RSVP to cdickey@fcoplaw.com or call 659-6800.

Oct. 8: Creating stationery in Word and Changes in the Ventura County Star Photos will be topics for the Ventura Beginners PC Users Group on Saturday from 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the 3rd floor lounge of Cypress Place Independent Living, 1220 Cypress Point Lane. All beginning and intermediate computer users are welcome to attend. For further information, call 648-1368.

Oct. 11: Learn what each of the ten candidates for Ventura City Council plans to do with regard to issues of housing and homelessness. The Forum will begin at 7 pm on Tuesday at Ventura Church of Christ, 5401 Bryn Mawr. (Doors will open at 6:30 pm). Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the Ventura Social Services Task Force. For more information, contact Sue Brinkmeyer, at 818-281-6249 or suebrinkmeyer@earthlink.net.

Oct. 12: The Ventura County Camera Club will hold a critique meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. A professional photographer from the area will critique member's prints and digital images. Each month a special topic is chosen which features some interesting aspect of photography. This month's topic is "Black & White". 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

Oct. 14: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution October luncheon meeting will

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feature the program "Thomas Jefferson Miscellaneous," presented by Past California Society SAR President Steve Hurst. Begins at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant lunch is \$20 per person. For additional information please call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter please visit <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

Oct. 16: The Ventura Sports and Race Car Club is pleased to present, The Ninth Annual Ventura Motor Sports Gathering. This year will feature Italian cars on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. held on the main lawn at the Ventura Harbor Village. It will also feature classic wooden boats. Cost for entry is \$50.00. The event is free to the public. For further information call Don Greene 794-5438 or Bill Erickson 890-1461.

Ojai news and events

The Ojai Library events

On Saturday, October 8, the Library will be participating in Indie Author Day. This special day is centered around indie writing and publishing, and includes author panels, book readings, workshops, and information on how to get your self-published eBook into the library catalog.

At 11 a.m. everyone will have a chance to join a digital gathering featuring a Q&A with writers, agents, and industry leaders. Then, from 12 to 3 p.m. the library will host presentations by individual authors, and at 3 p.m. there will be a panel discussion. Visit indieauthoraday.com for more information!

On Tuesday, October 11, at 6pm the Library will host Lois and Chelsea Reimers, who will speak about Lois Reimers' books Our Child's Roots and Hattie: She Was Wired Differently. Lois writes about genealogy and family autobiography.

Lois' grandmother Carey first piqued her interest in genealogy in 1947 shortly after World War II ended, and as she learned more she was inspired to further uncover her family's history.

The Library will be hosting a new Tuesday STEAM Club at 3:30 p.m. on October 11, November 15, and in December. Each meeting will focus on a specific activity geared towards elementary school-age students. The STEAM Club will help introduce these students to science, technology, engineering, art, and math concepts.

Dr. Julia Ornelas-Higdon will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 1 to deliver a talk titled "Southern California's 19th Century Wine Industry." Dr. Ornelas-Higdon is the second speaker in the CSU Channel Islands Library Lecture Series. Discover the history of Southern California's pre-Prohibition wine industry and the diverse groups who built it. Learn what factors led to the demise of Los Angeles' vineyards and wineries, and why the industry ultimately transitioned to Napa and Sonoma.

CSU Channel Islands hosts more than a dozen free public lectures from September through December at libraries throughout Ventura County.

The Ojai Library is located at 111 East Ojai Avenue. Hours of service are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Taste of Ojai, Ventura County's Premier Culinary Event at The Ojai Valley Inn and Spa on Oct. 23, Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Music and Dance with Crooked Eye Tommy. Over 25 local vendors, Fine Foods, Wine, Silent Auction and Fun. Tickets \$75 per person. TasteofOjai.com

From the Reins of H.O.P.E. Annual Fundraiser, join the 2nd Annual "Horses and Horse Power Ocktoberfest" on Saturday, October 1 from 2:00-6:00pm at the Thiessen Ranch 4588 Donlon Road, Somis. Tickets are \$100 and includes Traditional German Food, Biergarten and Open Bar, and Dancing to the Alan Thornhill Band. To purchase tickets online, visit their website @ www.reinsofhopevc.org. All donations are tax deductible and support the Reins of HOPE's mission to provide Equine Assisted Mental Health Therapy free of charge for our Veterans, Military Personnel, and Youth Programs in Ventura and Santa Barbara County.





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News & Notes



Long time volunteers Doris, Ginny, and Judy in the CMH Auxiliary Gift Shop. Not shown is volunteer Pat Utter. Photo by Michael Gordon.

Why do the women volunteer?

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) has many wonderful volunteers but four stand out because of their long term commitments to helping at CMH. They are part of the CMH Auxiliary.

Doris Sprague (32 years) works the Gift Shop, and Ginny Basso (48 years) and Judy Miller (37 years) as Flyers and Desk Receptionists and Pat Utter (42 years) works as a Flyer at the Reception desk.

There are numerous opportunities offered to CMH Volunteers. Among them is the Maternity Dept... Including working with preemie babies in the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit, (NICU). Also offered is Same Day Surgery, Post Anesthetic Care Unit, (PACU), Emergency Dept, Book cart, Pharmacy and the Sewing Projects. These are just some of

the departments that need volunteers. Why do these women volunteer? They all answered the same; it's giving back to the community. "There's nothing like the feeling of helping others" said Ginny Basso.

Judy Miller Past President, CMH Auxiliary stated "Everyone in the Auxiliary is looking forward to our new hospital. We are so excited to have all private rooms for our patients. Will it mean more work for everyone? The answer is yes, that's why we are actively looking for new Volunteers. Please join use in helping others, there's no other feeling quite like it."

Please contact them for further information and how to volunteer by calling 652-5043 or going online to cmhshealth.org and clicking on Volunteer.



Lou wants to be a voice for all of the community

Lou Cunningham running for Ventura School Board

Lou Cunningham is well acquainted with the challenges of school districts after being in school business manage-

ment for over 20 years. For over eight years, Lou was Operations Manager for Ventura Unified School District, overseeing over 100 grounds and custodial employees.

After that, Mr. Cunningham was the Director of Facilities for the Oxnard Union High School District.

While collaborating with students, staff, administration and community members, Lou was in charge of construction of Pacifica High School, three swimming pools and the modernization of four of other high schools.

Lou was responsible for getting the land for Pacifica High School approved for annexation into the city of Oxnard.

Currently, Mr. Cunningham serves on LAFCo a county land use commission. He is chairman of the City of Ventura Mobile Home Rent Review Board. Lou is active on the boards of Ventura Education Partnership (VEP), Poinsettia Pavilion and Pier into the Future.

Lou's has been a Kiwanis Kiwins advisor at Foothill High School and a TRC Robotics Judge.

Mr. Cunningham wants to bring his skills, knowledge and experience to the Ventura School Board to be a voice for all of the community.

On Friday, September 16 the Ventura Chamber business PAC endorsed Lou.

To learn more about Lou Cunning-

ham for Ventura School Board please visit, www.bigloucunningham.com.



Herbert Gooch, CLU and Scott Frisch, CSUCI prep for their election show with David Maron, LWV.

Community

by Elizabeth Rodeno, CAPS Media

All of us at CAPS Media love this time of year. Organizations are lining up their events, school programs are in progress and elections are on their way. This year, for the first time, local elections are happening concurrently with the national elections. This will be great for voter turnout and a challenge to get information on the candidates and issues laid out in the 222-page voter informational guide. During the year and, in particular, in election years, CAPS Media is a go-to place for information. You can learn about the state ballot initiatives, local city and school district candidates and follow the various election forums so you can be up to speed when you cast your ballot. Our Video Voter program lets you meet the candidates and hear what they think. We have been recording 3 full days with the candidates in the studio and are sharing a lot of information. The shows are airing

now on CAPS channel 6 and streaming on the web at CAPSMedia.org. Check the website for dates and times.

The ECTV crew got a head start on ArtWalk with an interview with MB Hanrahan and finished their first show covering Ms. Hanrahan, Digital Citizenship and high flying acrobats. These students are fulfilling their lab work volunteering on our studio and location projects. We have a lot going on.

Curbside Coffee with the Ventura Police Department at Elmhurst was the place to be with our cameras. The celebration of Helen Yunker at the Ventura County Museum in downtown Ventura was a pleasure and we captured great stories about her and Ventura. We celebrated the firefighter and heroes' awards for our public safety officers and our own Suz Montgomery. Our Ventura Legacies program moves along with our Tortilla Flats episodes and there is more of William Schneider Senior and his stories.

Our member programming is rich and diverse from travel to music to drama to politics. As CAPS Media is a membership organization, we honor our members each and every day and support their creativity and help share their voice through training and mentorship. Their voice and yours is part of the story covered by CAPS and all media in Ventura. Check out our social media pages including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and You Tube. View it all on our frequently updated website. 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 or call 805-658-0500 for more information.

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VCAA staff members Marleen Canniff, Christine Voth, Martin Marquez and Patti Jaeger.

Dementia friendly Ventura County

By Phil Chandler

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

Have you seen someone who seemed confused when you are out running errands? Tasks that many of us take for granted, from finding groceries in the store, buying gas, and making a deposit at the bank can be challenging for someone with dementia. Many people with dementia are not diagnosed or deny that they have a problem.

To help the nation address the impact of the alarming nationwide increase of Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related diseases, Dementia Friendly America® was created in 2015 through the White House Conference on Aging. It is a national multi-sector collaboration of six federal agencies and 50

plus partners including AARP and the Alzheimer's Association. The program mirrors the successful Alzheimer's Society dementia friendly program in England.

Dementia Friendly America® helps organizations, which have met specific criteria, to create a dementia friendly environment tailored to the needs and resources of the local community. Online tools, educational materials, templates and sector specific guides are provided to plan strategies, conduct needs assessments, identify issues, and engage the community, including service-oriented organizations, persons with dementia, and their caregivers. The result is to

educate the public and to train persons in service sectors, such as cashiers, bus drivers, receptionists, etc. to recognize the signs of dementia and provide their service in a patient and compassionate manner.

The initial focus in Ventura County will be exploring what is needed to empower the Health Care Sector to become more dementia friendly, and other sectors will follow. The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAA), was recently certified by Dementia Friendly America® to lead Dementia Friendly Ventura County.

"The agency is thrilled to be among the 80 communities certified nationwide to be a Dementia Friendly America® partner. It is timely given that at least given that at least 14,000 persons in Ventura County have the disease according to the Alzheimer's Association. "There is no treatment, no cure; it is 100 percent fatal. It is the fifth leading cause of death in California," says Victoria Jump, Director of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging.

The Dementia Friendly Ventura County Team Leader, Christine Voth, who is also VCAA's Manager of Business Strategy and Strategic Planning, has assembled a Dementia Friendly Ventura County leadership team. It includes persons from the Alzheimer's Association, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Senior Concerns, Camarillo Health Care District, Health Care Agency, Elder Care Alliance, Alma Via, Right at Home, Coast Caregiver Resource Center, Oxnard Family Circle, persons with dementia, their caregivers and more. "We have begun with the Health Care Sector and are making plans to address other community sectors. The leadership team will evolve as we address other sectors," says Voth.

Keep an eye on this column for future developments. For more information on the national program, go to www.dfamerica.org. For more information on Dementia Friendly Ventura County, call Christine Voth at 477-7305 or Phil Chandler at 389-5320.



Zumba is perfect for all active adults.

Zumba Gold found in Ventura

A new 12 week session of Zumba Gold will be starting Monday October 10 at SCAN Health & Wellness Center from 4:00-5:00pm every Monday and Wednesday.

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Eight of ten City Council candidates were present at forum.

Candidates' Forum held for seniors

On September 20 Suz Montgomery, Chair of the Ventura Council for Seniors was the moderator for a City Council Candidates' Forum held at the Ventura Missionary Church, 500 High Point Dr.

Moderator Suz stated "this is an opportunity to ask the hard questions face-to-face with the people who want to run your city."

Incumbent Carl Morehouse is not running for reelection, two current council members are, Cheryl Heitmann and Christy Weir. There are ten

(including those 2) running for the City Council. Eight of them were in attendance Lorrie Brown, Dave Grau, Cheryl Heitmann, Matt LaVere, Brian Lee Rencher, Randall Richman, Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios and Christy Weir (not attending were Michael Graves and Jackie Martenson)

There will also be a candidates' forum and debate at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Bell Arts on the Avenue, focusing on that area of the city.

Parkinson's Support Group meeting

The Ventura Parkinson's Support Group will be holding a "Round Table" discussion at 1PM on Wednesday October 12th for their monthly meeting at The Lexington in Ventura.

Attendees will get to know each other better with each person sharing a little about themselves and their history with Parkinson's Disease. They also share common problems and coping solutions to the daily challenges of Parkinson's Disease.

There will be group input on upcoming meetings for topics and speakers. Meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month from 1pm to 3pm on the 3rd floor at the Lexington Assisted Living, 5440 Ralston St.

Please check in at the front desk and sign-in. Extra parking is graciously available across the street from the Lexington in the Baptist Church parking lot. Call Patty at

766-6070 for further information. Reservations are not required.

Help from HICAP

Health Insurance Counseling And Advocacy Program (HICAP) presentations through-out Ventura County.

Monday, October 3 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Topic: What are the 2017 Medicare Plan Changes?, At Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, 646 County Square Dr, #100, Ventura

Wednesday, October 12 - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm - Topic: What are the 2017 Medicare Plan Changes? At Ventura Avenue Adult Center, 550 North Avenue, Ventura

Monday, October 17 - 10:00 am to 11:30 pm - Topic: What are the 2017 Medicare Plan Changes? At Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, 646 County Square Dr, #100

For more information, please call 477.7310 or 800.434.0222



The Lexington celebrated first responders with a great luncheon event. Attending were members of the fire department and police department. Ventura Chief of Police Ken Corney couldn't pull rank and had to wait in line like everyone else. Photos by Michael Gordon.





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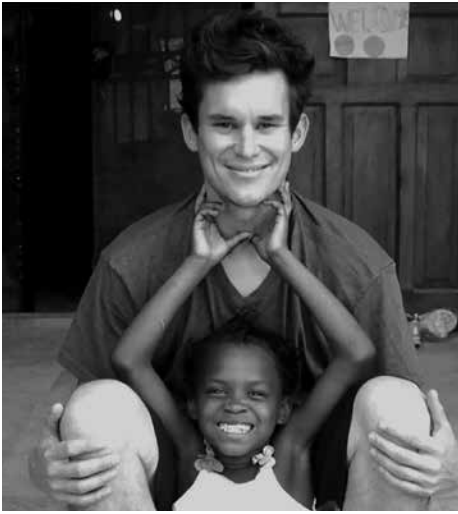
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Matt Coulter, co-founder and executive director of The Young and Brave Foundation, shares a moment with one of the young and brave warriors battling cancer. Photo by: The Young and Brave Foundation.

Pro surfer, senior citizens join in fight against cancer

Most people might wonder what a pro surfer and a group of senior citizens have in common, but then again, Oxnard native, and former U.S. Open of Surfing champion, Nathaniel Curran, is no ordinary surfer, and the residents at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura are no ordinary senior citizens.

Curran, along with local Venturan Matt Coulter, co-founded The Young and Brave Foundation, a local non-profit dedicated to helping today's youth beat cancer. The residents and staff at Cypress Place have participated in many philanthropic endeavors over the years.

So it's no surprise they now want to do their part in the fight against cancer.

And that's exactly what they will be doing on Saturday October 8, 2016, when the senior community hosts their "Under The Big Top" fundraising extravaganza to benefit The Young And Brave Foundation.

"We are so excited to be partnering with Cypress Place on this event," said Coulter, who runs the day to day operations of the foundation. "We really need the support of the whole community to help those battling cancer. It's heart-breaking for anyone, but particularly the kids. This fun event is a way to reach out and help those who are hurting," he said.

The festive big top motif event will feature multiple arenas of fun. Enjoy balloon animal making with the strolling circus clown, or dress up like a circus clown yourself and get your photo taken in the photo booth. Try your luck at the carnival games - manned by Cypress Place residents - or dance the event away at the Dixieland band stage. And don't forget to stop by the magnificent magician and juggler arena to be awed and amazed.

"We are thrilled to be helping out with this event for The Young and Brave Foundation," said Pat Eichenhofer, who resides at Cypress Place along with her husband Herman.

A blast indeed. Bring the kids to pet the farm animals, enjoy a delicious Philly Cheesesteak sandwich lunch, or enter the raffle for fun and prizes. One lucky winner will receive a gift certificate to famous Duke's restaurant in Malibu, and a chance to meet legendary surf icon, and original Gidget, Kathy Kohner-Zuckerman. Her life story was the inspiration for the Gidget novel, movies and TV series.

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public and takes place from 11.a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2016. A \$10 donation for adults is suggested. \$5 donation for kids 12 and under. Game and raffle tickets sold separately.

There will also be free shuttle parking at Unitarian Universalist Church, 5654 Ralston Street in Ventura (corner of Cypress Point Lane and Ralston Street).

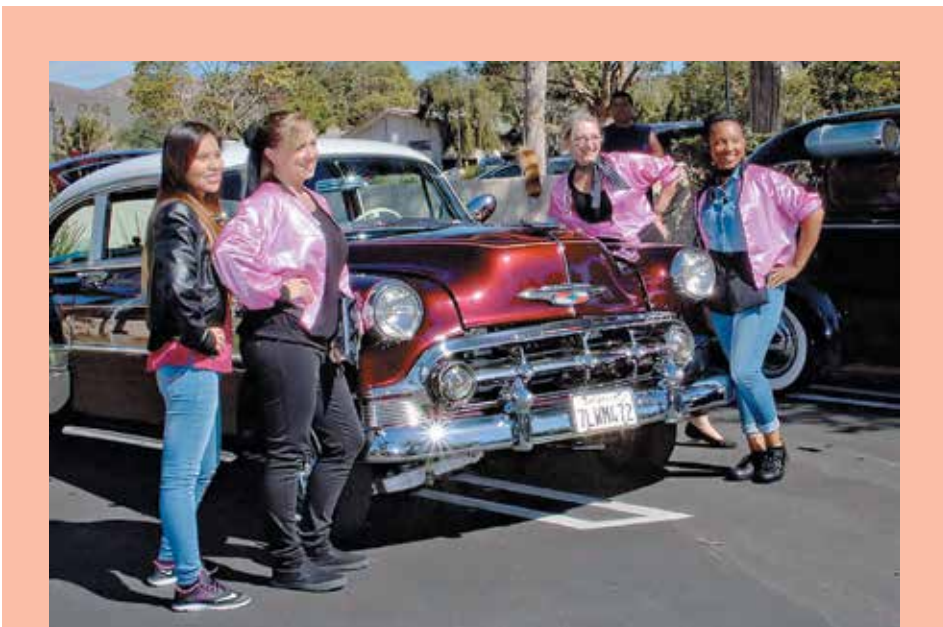
100% of all event proceeds will go directly to The Young & Brave Foundation, so grab your friends and neighbors and come support a wonderful cause that benefits our local community. For more information or to RSVP for this event, please call 805-650-8000.

The Young and Brave Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping today's youth beat cancer. To learn more about the The Young and Brave Foundation, visit their web site at www.theyoungandbrave.com/.



The Ventura City Travel Programs Curb to Curb brought this lovely, happy group of ladies to Hozy's restaurant in Santa Paula for their monthly outing. They were joined by Breeze Senior Account Executive Breezy Gledhill.

If you're interested in joining this fun group call 658-4726 for more information.



On Sept. 23 Aegis Living of Ventura (4964 Telegraph Road) held an antique car show that featured vintage cars and pretty ladies. Photo by Michael Gordon.



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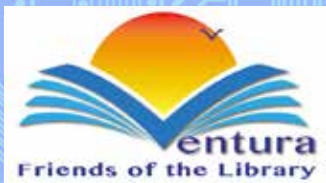
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A conversation with local farmers

The Ventura Food Co-op celebrates the farmers that work hard to produce our food. A century ago, half of Americans were farmers, now they number only 2 percent. This night of drinks and discussion will bring to light issues that farmers struggle with in Ventura County, the future of farming, and ways that community can support our local producers.

At the MadeWest Brewing Company, local farmers, and community members will discuss farmer's concerns on October 5 from 5:30-9:00. Farmers Phil McGrath, from McGrath Family Farm, Sarah Nolan, from Abundant Table, and Jose Alcantar, from Alcantar Organics will be the panel of farmers.

The mission of the Ventura Food Cooperative is to provide fairly priced groceries, while following cooperative principles. The Co-op's focus is to source small-scale,

local, organic goods with the intention of keeping ourselves, our community, and our environment healthy and happy.

If we want more organic food, then our community needs to train and support young beginning farmers in biological methods of growing food on a small scale.

Agriculture contributes 2 billion dollars to the Ventura County economy, but how much of that produce is consumed locally? Ventura Food Co-op wants to do better. They will buy what is currently produced here, then contract with local growers to grow locally adapted produce.

Panel topics will include farming challenges, the future of farming in our area, what we can do for our local farmers, and insight into what farming has to offer our community. Come ask the farmer panel some of your burning questions about what it's like to be a farmer here in our county.

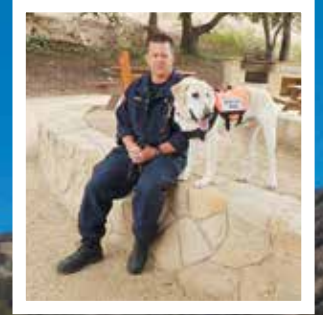
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On Sept. 17 a friend of mine Dianne Ippel and I stopped at Jack In The Box on Victoria Blvd. to have a late lunch. She had brought her musical instrument inside with her, a Hammered Dulcimer which was in a soft vinyl black colored carry case because she was worried about it getting too hot inside her van. When we finished lunch she forgot to bring it back outside with her. She got all the way back to her house before realizing that she had left it inside at the restaurant. By the time she got back to Jack In The Box it had already been stolen. She is very depressed because the instrument is very special to her. She has played the instrument for over 35 years and misses it very much. If you have any information regarding this loss please give me a call. A reward will be offered for the safe return of the instrument. Please ask for Weldon Flier II at 402-6836.

News & Notes



Search dog training center prepares dogs and handlers for major disasters. For more photos go to www.venturabreeze.com.

The National Training Center is the first facility of its kind in the nation

In August guests, Seabees and staff were invited to the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation's National Training Center located at 6800 Wheeler Canyon Rd, Santa Paula (it feels like Ventura).

They were there to review the work completed in the past year by Navy Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 5 and 25 through their Innovative Readiness Training Program. The Search Dog Foundation is building a 125 acre National Training Center to give America's Canine Disaster Search Teams the advanced training needed for their most challenging deployments around the world and here at home.

It is the only training facility in the U.S. dedicated solely to first responders and their canine partners who risk their lives to make sure no one is left behind in the wake of a disaster.

The "Disaster Training Zone" consists of unique advanced search

sites that simulate the conditions encountered during actual deployments including collapsed structures and train derailments.

The "Search City" includes Murphy's Firehouse, Jessie's Schoolhouse and Maggie's Rubble Pile. Where the dogs can practice on disaster simulation scenarios.

Obedience and search and find demonstrations were held showing the wonderful dogs abilities and training.

In 2015 Scamp wrote "The six SDF-trained Search Teams who deployed to Nepal as part of Team USA are now home after a long, challenging 18-day mission after joining first responders from around the world searching for survivors of the deadly Nepal earthquake. During the deployment, the teams helped rescue a teenage boy buried beneath the wreckage, and cleared scores of buildings, giving closure to families and letting rescue crews know they could move on to other areas."

The celebration of Jewish New Year

Rosh Hashanah occurs on the first and second days of Tishri. Jewish Year 5777 this year from sunset October 2, 2016 - nightfall October 4, 2016. In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means, literally, "head of the year" or "first of the year." Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. This name is somewhat deceptive, because there is little similarity between Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days of the year, and the American New Year.

There is, however, one important similarity between the Jewish New Year and the American one: Many Americans use the New Year as a time to plan a better life, making "resolutions." Likewise, the Jewish New Year is a time to begin introspection, looking back at the mistakes of the past year and planning the changes to make in the new year.

The shofar is a ram's horn which is blown somewhat like a trumpet. One of the most important observances of this holiday is hearing the sounding of the shofar in the synagogue. A total of 100 notes are sounded each day.

No work is permitted on Rosh Hashanah. Much of the day is spent in temple, where the regular daily liturgy is somewhat expanded. There is a special prayer book called the machzor used for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur because of the extensive liturgical changes for these holidays.

Another popular observance during this holiday is eating apples dipped in honey, a symbol of the wish for a sweet new year.

Religious services for the holiday focus on the concept of G-d's sovereignty.

The common greeting at this time is L'shanah tovah ("for a good year"). This is a shortening of "L'shanah tovah tikatev v'taihatem" which means "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."



News & Notes



Ryan Shields meeting an employee of S7 Airlines when he stopped for fuel in Novosibirsk, Russia.

If you had the chance to circumnavigate the globe in a hand-built plane, would you?

by Jenny Guy

With the start of 2016, Ventura resident Ryan Shields was faced with this question. And, while the business owner and father of four had reservations about departing from all that he knew to be part of a journey that covered two oceans, three continents, nine countries and 21 cities, his wife simply said, "You'd be stupid not to."

Shields first began flying in his twenties in Mammoth Lakes, California. He studied at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and joined the Peace Corps after graduating, where he was stationed in El Salvador. During this time, he developed a love of travel -- venturing through much of Central and South America. Returning stateside, almost two decades ago, Shields married and founded a telecommunications company, placing its headquarters in Ventura, California.

When his business expanded, opening offices in Los Angeles and other locations in the Western United States, Shields decided an airplane was a logical solution to his frequent travel between corporate divisions. He chose the six-seater Epic LT, "a Tesla of the skies," for its carbon-fiber technology and high-performance handling.

As an experienced pilot and dedicated customer, Shields was offered the opportunity to test the full capabilities of his state-of-the-art aircraft as a participant of the Epic Odyssey World Tour. This inaugural trip was hosted by Oregon-based aviation company Epic Aircraft, which specializes in the design and manufacture of all composite, single-engine turboprop airplanes, like Shields' Epic LT.

With his family's encouragement and all lights glowing green, Shields embarked on the first-of-its-kind Epic journey in July 2016. The trip consisted of six Epic aircraft and their owners, including Epic CEO Doug King -- accompanied by professional pilots, staff members and a documentary film crew. Epic and its team of international aviation

partners scheduled the logistics of this world tour, and sponsors of the journey included Pratt & Whitney Canada, Garmin, Hartzell, Jeppesen, Spidertracks, Globalstar, and GoPro.

The itinerary spanned 21 days, beginning in Wisconsin and traveling to Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Scotland, England, Italy, the Czech Republic and Russia. Coordinating prior commitments to go on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, Shields joined the 26-person travel party on the ninth day of the expedition in Prague. The trip ended with a finale in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where participants celebrated their victory at the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) conference, AirVenture 2016.

"The longest flight leg spanned from Magadan, Siberia, to Nome, Alaska, totaling more than 1,200 nautical miles," said Shields. "It really is a testament to Epic's craftsmanship that all six aircrafts made the entire length of the trip without any major mechanical issues."

The complete Epic Odyssey World Tour covered 16,405 nautical miles, lasting 51.5 flight hours and achieving an average ground speed of 318.5 knots. Shields, who houses his Epic at Oxnard Airport, explained that he came back from the trip with a new respect for the United States' airspace and a better understanding of the broader world.

"I found myself in Moscow's Red Square, and I couldn't help but think of my time in Washington, D.C., with my family several months earlier at the Blossom Kite Festival," said Shields. "There are significant similarities between all cultures, and this trip really helped to dispel a lot of geopolitical myths."

With all 26 voices shouting "success" at the journey's completion, Epic is currently planning its next world adventure. For more information, please visit www.epicaircraft.com.

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

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by Jeanne Hoffman-Weisel

For the past several decades, Monday night has been known for the time to dance and the place has been the Poinsettia Pavilion. Dancing With the Stars and Monday Night Football can be recorded for later viewing -- without the commercials!

We have come to a crossroads and unless the number of dancers increases on Monday nights, the Monday night dance will be just a memory. The Board has worked very hard to keep this dance going and it is time that those of us who love dance, support this Dance Club with our time, treasure, and talent. I know there are angels among us who have discretionary income who could give a financial gift to insure we have enough funds to cover our costs each month. And if you have a marketing

talent, a refreshment talent, or a talent you have of which we are unaware, please offer it/ them to us. We have some dance teachers who are willing to gift us with free dance lessons until we are using black ink once again.

Monday night, the 19th of September was our fund raiser; I donated a check in memory of the wonderful dance friends I have met at the Poinsettia Dance Club: Rudy Monte, the samba king with the most positive attitude, Ken and Dee Mattson, extraordinary host and hostess who also brought delectable refreshments, Art Stone, was the first person I met at the Poinsettia; he took me around the room introducing me to people so I would feel at home, and to Art Greycloud, another fine dancer who worked hard for this club. These people would be giving and supporting if they could.

Please join me in the effort to save this club; the benefits for you are: a boost in memory, improved flexibility, a reduction of stress, diminished depression, it helps your heart, weight loss, better balance, increased energy and making new friends! Accomplished dancers and beginners are welcome!

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 or Ron 290-5414 for more information.

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Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp Ph.D

I want to thank all of you that attended my presidential rally and who are supporting me for president. It was pawsitively wonderful.

Lyn Fairly host of The Lyn Fairly Show on Newstalk 1590 KVTA gave the rally a big plug on her show and supported Scamp at the rally.

A great turn-out of young and old and many honks from people driving by.

A special thanks to Gloria owner of a Secret Garden (981 E. Main) for hosting the event and to my friend Lyn Fairly and Ana Baker for drawing my posters.

The bad part is that the puparazzi won't leave me alone so I don't have any privacy. The drones follow me night and day.



Even though they are too young to vote Jolie Seemayer and Evin Brown showed their support for Scamp.

There will be an exclusive fundraiser event like no other in Ventura County to raise money for low income pet owners.

The 3rd annual Halloween @ Bard Mansion with a formal dinner, magic, psychics, séances (I don't know what they are), ghost tours and silent auction! At the historic Bard Mansion on the Port Hueneme Navy Base from 6 pm – 11 pm on both Oct. 28 & 29.

Hosted by the Herman Bennett Foundation & Save-A-Life Thrift Stores to help control the local animal population and prevent the needless death of cats and dogs. Proceeds go towards their voucher programs that cover 100% of procedure cost for low income pet owners to spay/neuter their cat or dog. They also provide funding for the spay/neuter of feral cats.

Tickets are available by phone at 445-7171. Only 100 tickets offered each

night! Your contribution is tax deductible! Visit hermanbennettfoundation.org for more information.

Mended Sisters MC presents the Hogs for Dogs Poker Run to benefit Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) on Saturday, October 15 from 9am-4pm.

9am - Arrive at Ventura Harley-Davidson, 1326 Del Norte Rd., Camarillo

11am - Non-Riders meet at the finish line, Ventura County Animal Services

600 Aviation Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

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There will be dog, cat and bunny play areas, face painting, jolly jump, food trucks, music and much more. Riders \$25. Call Jann 818-298-8488 for more information.

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.

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Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi: I'm Earl a 10 year old Standard Poodle that came to my family from a rescue group in Northern California. I live with my buddies Lauri and Roger Steed in Sherman Oaks and we like to come out to Lake Casitas and Ventura to get away



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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 more police reports go to www.venturabreeze.com

Commercial Burglary

On September 13, at approximately 9:15am, Ventura PD patrol officers responded to a report of a burglary at Nerces Fine Jewelry located in the Firehouse Plaza on E Main St.

Employees who had arrived for work opened the business and discovered that a safe in the backroom area of the store had been broken into.

Ventura Street Crimes Unit detectives and Crime Scene Investigators also responded to assist.

It was determined that sometime during the night or early morning hours unknown suspects had forced their way into the business through the roof. Once inside they disabled the surveillance system and then forced open the safe. The suspects then fled the business with an undetermined amount of jewelry.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have observed any suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles in the area of Nerces Fine Jewelry or has any information related to this crime is urged to call the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit at 339-4452, or make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Felony Evading, Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On September 13, at approximately 11:45am, a Ventura PD patrol officer observed a suspicious vehicle with no visible license plates in the area of Mills Rd and Main St.

As the officer attempted to conduct an investigative stop on this vehicle it sped away through a residential area east of Mills Rd. The officer then initiated a pursuit in the 4200 block of Telegraph Rd after this vehicle ran a stop sign and accelerated at a high rate of speed eastbound. The vehicle pursuit continued to Victoria Ave where the suspect turned south and entered the westbound 126 freeway.

The pursuit continued onto the northbound 101 freeway as the suspect vehicle reached speeds in excess of 90mph. The pursuit continued into Santa Barbara County and was taken over by the California Highway Patrol.

Approximately 1 hour later the suspect vehicle returned to the Ventura area traveling southbound on the 101 freeway with the Highway Patrol still in pursuit. The suspect vehicle was now driving on its front rims and was having a difficult time maintaining control.

As the suspect vehicle passed the Vineyard off-ramp it lost control and drove off the side of the freeway and came to a stop at which time the suspect driver, identified as 35 year old Ventura resident Jason Fenstermacher, was taken into custody.

The accident ignited a small brush fire on the side of the freeway that engulfed the suspect vehicle. It was later determined that this vehicle had been reported stolen a week ago out of Santa Barbara county.

Fenstermacher was transported to VCMC for treatment of minor injuries he sustained in the accident and was then booked into the Ventura County Main Jail and the charges of felony evading and driving a stolen vehicle.

Violent Crime Incident

On September 15, at approximately 6:00am, the Ventura Police Command Center received multiple 9-1-1 calls regarding a person out of control in the 200 block of E. Main Street in the downtown area. Ventura Police Patrol Officers responded to the area and learned the following.

The suspect, 35 year old Forrest Brantley, committed a burglary by breaking into the gift shop at the Ventura Mission. He stole two crucifixes from the gift shop and then left. Brantley approached one person in the parking lot of the Ventura Mission and demanded that victim's phone. When the victim refused to give Brantley the phone, Brantley hit that victim with one of the crucifixes. Brantley then began walking down Main Street and did the same thing to two more victims, striking them with the crucifix. At one point, Brantley approached a 75 year old man who was sitting in his vehicle. Brantley broke the window to the man's vehicle and struck the man, causing him injury.

After battering and attempting to rob multiple victims, Brantley continued walking eastbound on Main Street. Brantley then broke the window to the ARC thrift shop in the 200 block of Main Street and stole a bicycle from the store, committing another burglary. As Brantley continued eastbound he approached another victim in the 300 block of Main Street and battered that victim by striking him with the crucifix.

Victims and witnesses began following Brantley and watched as he continued traveling towards the intersection at Chestnut St and Main St. Ventura Police Officers arrived and took Brantley into custody at that location without incident.

DUI Investigation Resisting Arrest

On September 16, at approximately 8:30pm, the Ventura Command Center received a report of a single vehicle traffic collision in the 4200 block of E Main St.

Ventura Patrol officers responded and arrived on scene to find the driver, identified as 26 year old Thousand Oaks resident Christopher Nuciforo, standing in the roadway next to his vehicle that was resting on the raised center median.

As the officers questioned Nuciforo about the accident they began to suspect that he may be under the influence of alcohol and initiated a DUI investigation.

Nuciforo suddenly ran from the officers across E Main St in an attempt to get away. The officers gave chase and he was quickly apprehended.

They continued with their DUI investigation and determined that Nuciforo was driving while impaired and drove his vehicle up onto the raised median while attempting to negotiate a left turn.

Sandra Laby

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Sandra married Jordan Laby at Factors Hall in Los Angeles in 1960 and remained married for 56 years until her

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passing. In 1979, Jordan and Sandra Laby moved to Ventura after falling in love with Ventura's beauty and arts. They made it their mission to unearth the artistic talents in Ventura which they did over and over again.

Sandra loved to dance and performed Flamenco, ballroom and other types of dancing in shows as a hobby.

The way Sandra saw it – art and life are intertwined. A local visionary, Sandra Laby helped keep that gift alive in Ventura through many gifts, and her time to the arts.

When asked what she liked most about living in Ventura, Sandra said, "It is all about the people, the location and the weather. It is such a relaxed place to live and raise a family. People are kind and caring and it gives one the feeling of a very small town. Every day I get to watch the ocean, the birds and the boats. That is not a bad way to live. The weather is balmy and sometimes very moody and exciting. I like it all."

Here are just a very few of her (and Jordan's) incredible accomplishments:

One of the ladies of the Rubicon's "Hot Dames 2010 Calendar"
President of the National Council of

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In 2015 Johanna Spinks painted the portrait of Sandra Laby for The Face of Ventura series appearing on the Ventura Breeze. In remembering Sandra, artist Johanna Spinks said "Sandra sat for The Face of Ventura and just had an effervescence to her spirit and personality that I enjoyed being around. When her gaze was on you, when she pulled you in for a photo op, with her arm protectively around you, you felt so blessed. When she talked directly to you, about art and life, how she met Jordan, you felt like the luckiest gal in the room."

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —

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— **King Crossword** —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Ventura Music Scene

Folk fest to metal fest

by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

High at the top of my list of things to do over the next few weeks is the Topa Topa Folk Fest being held at the beautiful Libbey Bowl in Ojai on Saturday, October 1. Ticket sales have been brisk, which is great because I'd love to see this one sell out as it also helps to benefit the Turning Point Foundation. Headlining the folk fest will be Jake Smith better known as The White Buffalo whose music has been featured on such TV shows as "Sons of Anarchy" and "Californication." I'm also excited to see Grizfolk after watching local talent Brendon Willing share his adventures via social media after joining the band over a year ago. Actually, the whole lineup is pretty cool with Jaime Wyatt, Todd Hannigan, Shane Alexander, Lee Koch, Bryan Titus and so many more talented folks. Find out more at www.OnesToWatchProductions.com. You can help make a difference while enjoying a great day of music, hope to see you there!

Another Turning Point Foundation fundraising was held at the Traveler's Café on Thursday, September 22 when Shawn Jones entertained the room. It was the perfect opportunity for people to check out one of Ventura's newest restaurants offering up live acoustic music on select days. Shawn by the way heads back to Europe the first week in October for about a month with shows in Italy and Ireland.

The highly anticipated return of Cirth Ungol (their first show in 25 years) is finally upon us as they headline Frost and Fire II at the Ventura Theater on October 8, and to sweeten the deal even further, Metal Blade Records released the band's classic "Paradise Lost" on CD and vinyl. Frost and Fire II actually spans three days (October 7-9) and three venues (Bombay's, Sans Souci and the Ventura Theater). This heavy metal festival isn't for the light of heart and will most likely sell out (Day one already sold out at press time). To get the full line up of bands and schedules go to www.FrostAndFireFest.com.

Plan B will be celebrating their 4th anniversary with their popular Second Sunday Supper for October (on the 9th), featuring The Vonettes. The venue is also working on Friday nights for live music on a regular basis.

Squashed Grapes is excited to welcome Ronnie Hudson on Saturday, October 8. Hudson is most notable for his hit song "West Coast Poplock" which would later appear on Dr. Dre and Tupac Shakur's song, "California Love" and Snoop Dogg's "Poplock 2". Hudson also played bass on the legendary Grammy-winning soundtrack "Shaft" by Isaac Hayes, and his work is featured in other films including "The Social Network", "Iron Man II" and "South Central."

Do you have any music related news or upcoming shows you want help pub-

licizing? 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
Wed 9/28: Musicians Brew
Fri 9/30: Pull the Trigger
Sat 10/1: Wax off
Sun 10/2: 5 pm The Tossers; 9 pm Karaoke
Tues 10/4: Blues Bullet
Sun 10/9: Corsican Brothers

Bombay Bar and Grill
143 S. California St.
(805) 643-4404
Fri 10/7: Fire and Frost II Day 1: Slough Feg, Blade Killer, Omen, Thrust, Midnight Chaser....
Sun 10/9: Fire and Frost II Day 3: Ashbury, Black Death Resurrected, Grim Reaper

Café Fiore
66 S. California Street
(805) 653-1266
Wed 9/28: Big Adventure
Thurs 9/29: Jade Hendrix
Fri 9/30: Soul Infusion
Tues 10/4: Bernie Meisinger
Wed 10/5: Bryan McCann
Thurs 10/6: Rick Whitfield
Fri 10/7: Johnny Hawthorne Band
Sat 10/8: Instone
Tues 10/11: Donna Greene

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: the Down Home Super Trio
Thurs 9/29: Toni Jannotta, Tom Collins, Tom Etchart
Fri 9/30: Jazz Crafters w/ Artis Ford
Sat 10/1: Ian Peters
Sun 10/2: 4 pm Karen Eden
Thurs 10/6: Al Macías
Fri 10/7: Rivera-Sunnarborg Duo
Sat 10/8: Jazz Crafters w/ Artis Ford
Sun 10/9: Jazz Crafters w/ Artis Ford

Dargan's Irish Pub & Restaurant
593 E. Main Street
(805) 648-3001
Sun 10/2: 4 pm The Sunday Drivers

Discovery
1888 Thompson Blvd
Wednesdays: Starlight Swing Night
Wed 9/28: Starlight Swing Night with The Starlighters
Thurs 9/29: Legalizers
Fri 9/30: Sgt. Pepper
Wed 10/5: Starlight Wing Night with DJ Lance
Thurs 10/6: Doin' Time - Tribute to Sublime
Fri 10/7: Mark Farina featuring Chauncey Pearls, Christian LaTour & J.Kush
Sat 10/8: Hollywood U2

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
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Thurs, Fri & Sat: Karaoke
Golden China
760 S. Seaward
(805) 652-0688
Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm
Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic

Grapes and Hops
454 E. Main Street
Wednesdays: The Swillys
The Greek Restaurant
Ventura Harbor
Sat & Sun 7:30 pm
Belly Dancing, Greek music and show

Hong Kong Inn
435 E. Thompson Blvd
Mondays: Karaoke
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band swing night
Fri 9/30: Hi Hat Entertainment - Rae Gordon w/ Crooked Eye Tommy Band
Sun 10/2: John & Tom
Fri 10/7: Hi Hat Entertainment - Kid Andersen
Sat 10/9: John & Tom

Keynote Lounge
10245 Telephone Road
Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke
Thursday: Open Mic
Sunday: Karaoke
Fri 9/30: Sean Wiggins
Sat 10/1: Reign
Fri 10/7: Custom Made
Sat 10/8: Tex Pistols

Made West Brewing
1744 Donlon Street
Thurs music at 6:30
Thurs 10/6: Erisy Watt

Majestic Ventura Theater
26 S. Chestnut Street
Wed 9/28: Allen Stone, Jessica Childress
Thurs 9/29: Jim James, Twin Limb
Tues 10/4: Jackson Browne
Fri 10/7: Hippie Sabotage
Sat 10/8: Frost and Fire II; Cirth Ungol, Midnight, Mindless Sinner, Night Demon...
Sun 10/9: Echo & the Bunnymen

Margarita Villa
Ventura Harbor Village
Fri & Sat at 6; Sundays at 3
Fri 9/30: JD Broz
Sat 10/1: Crosscut
Sun 10/2: 3 pm Mike Martinez
Sun 10/9: Shoemaker Brothers

O'Leary's
6555 Telephone Road
Tuesdays: Free Jukebox
Wednesdays: Karaoke
Fri 9/30: 6:30 pm Karen Eden
Sat 10/8: 80's throwback party

Paddy's
2 W. Main Street
Wednesdays: Karaoke
Fri & Sat: DJs

Plan B Winery
3520 Arundell Circle
Sun 10/9: 4:30 pm - 4th anniversary party with The Vonettes

Poinsettia Pavilion
3451 Foothill Road
(805) 648-1143
Mon 10/3: Monday Night Dance Club with Wyatt Haupt Band
Mon 10/10: Monday Night Dance Club with Dick Parent Band

Prime
2209 E. Thompson Blvd
Tuesdays: Danny D
Fridays: Encore
Saturdays: Beach City Sound Club

Red Cove
1809 E. Main Street
Thursdays: Music Club Open Jam Night

Rookees Sports Bar & Grill
419 E. Main Street
(805) 648-6862
Fri and Sat: Rotating DJs

Saloon BBQ Co.
456 E. Main Street
Fri 9/30: Dante Elephante
Sat 10/1: Deep Blue Sea

Sandbox Coffeehouse
204 E. Thompson Blvd
805-641-1025
Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon
Thursdays Open Mic
Sat 10/1: Marshall Riddell
Sun 10/2: Licity Collins
Sat 10/8: Dennis Russell
Sun 10/9: Bruce Mancuso

Sans Souci
21 S. Chestnut
Sundays: DJ Darko
Mondays: Karaoke
Tuesdays: Twisted Tuesday w/ DJ
Wednesdays: Open mic
Thursdays: DJ Spinobi
Fri 9/30: Hard Six, Three on a Match, Sick Boy
Sat 10/8: Alchemy, Hessian

Squashed Grapes
2351 E. Main St.
805-643-7300
Live jazz music 7-10 pm
Wed 9/28: Sean Riddle Quartet
Thurs 9/29: D.on Darox & the Melody Joy Bakers
Fri 9/30: Jay Smith Group
Sat 10/1: Donna Deussen & Paul Weitz Trio
Tues 10/4: Jazz jam
Wed 10/5: Adam Clark Trio
Thurs 10/6: Pentasonic
Fri 10/7: Geezerfunk
Sat 10/8: Ronnie Hudson

Star Lounge
343 E. Main Street
Fri 9/30: Big Adventure

The Tavern
211 E. Santa Clara Street
Sunday Steezy Steve
Karaoke Tuesdays
Metal Music Wednesdays
DJs every Thursday college night
Fri 9/30: I Want my 80's
Sat 10/1: DJs
Fri 10/7: Whesli
Sat 10/8: The Caverns

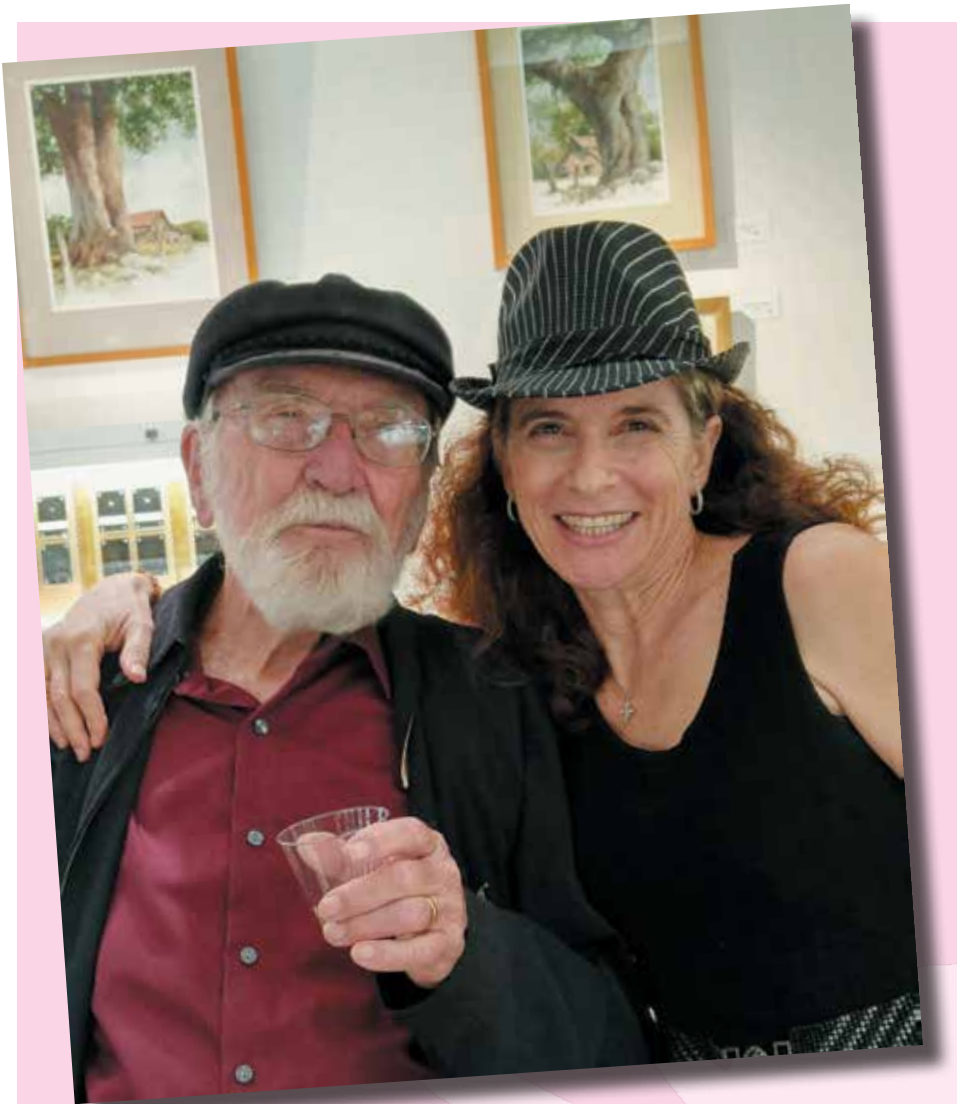
Traveler Café
1070 E Front Street
Fridays 5-7 pm: Bernie Larsen
Sundays 11-1 pm: Bernie Larsen

VFW Hall
3801 Market Street
Saturdays: 4-8 pm Captain Ron

W20 at the Watermark
598 E. Main Street
Fri & Sat 9 pm, Sun 3 pm
Fri 9/30: CRV
Sat 10/1: The Bomb

The Wine Rack
14 S. California Street
Music runs 7-11 pm, Sundays at 2:30 pm
Sundays: B&V Acoustics
Mondays: Open Mic
Tuesdays: Keith Cain
Wednesdays: Danielle Stacy
Fri 9/30: B&V Acoustic
Sat 10/1: Mark Heyes & Phil Salazar
Thurs 10/6: Jon Gindick
Fri 10/7: Jae Hatt
Sat 10/8: Coda

The 805 Bar
Ventura Harbor
Sat & Sun: Noon Kenny DeVoe
Fri 9/30: 4 pm Kenny DeVoe; 8 pm Carlo Fontaine
Sat 10/1: 8 pm Frank Barajas
Fri 10/7: Kenny Devoe
Sat 10/8: Live Band Karaoke



Breeze:

I want to thank you so much for promoting the event for Norman Kirk. Norm was overjoyed seeing his past students, drawing buddies, collectors (from as far away as AZ and San Francisco!) and friends who attended. The scrapbooking was particularly enjoyed, as it gave a vehicle for people to express themselves in a permanent way to Norm. Plus many of them were artists!

It was a successful opening for Norm as we sold over a dozen works. But really it was simply a special evening - a true tribute to Norm. So thank you again for helping us get the word out.

Regards,
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ArtWalk

The public is invited to the "ArtWalk Ventura Collectors Reception," a special benefit celebration of art, poetry, music and food on Thursday, September 29, 6:30-9:30 pm, at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street. Purchase tickets for \$20 at www.artwalkventura.org or for \$25 at the door.

Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko will welcome this year's visiting "2016 Global Artist of Distinction," painter **Rolando Sigüenza**, from Oaxaca, Mexico. The mayor will also honor **MB Hanrahan** as the 2016 ArtWalk Artist of Distinction and introduce **Phil Taggart**, Ventura County Poet Laureate, who will read his poem "Ventura." Enjoy music performed by a quartet from the Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, a no-host cocktail bar by Beverlee's Bartending and hors d'oeuvres by Seasons Catering.

Tour the city's nationally renowned Municipal Art Collection of almost 100 works by 73 of Ventura County's best contemporary artists.

The streets of the city of Ventura's historic Downtown and Westside Cultural District will transform into a mecca of artistic expression for the 23rd ArtWalk Ventura event the weekend of Oct. 1-2.

The two-day Southern California art tradition will highlight the diverse works of more than 500 regional artists, exhibiting paintings to sculpture to performance art. This year's Artist of Distinction is MB Hanrahan. This year's Global Artist of Distinction is Rolando Sigüenza from Oaxaca, Mexico. Ventura College is this year's premier sponsor.

Nominated by her peers, Hanrahan was named this year's Artists of Distinction. A renowned muralist, painter and

Working Artist Ventura (WAV) will have open studios, artists' gallery pods along adjacent Garden St., and a solo show in the WAV Theater Gallery for ArtWalk 2016. The gallery has 3500 cubic feet of available space for very large installations, and featured artist **Tiger Huang** will make use of it by draping his meditative calligraphy on paper from the WAV's lofty cathedral ceiling.



Huang, a native of China and graduate of Chin Gun Ye Art and Design, will exhibit his monumental works from October 1 to November 19. He will greet guests at the gallery on ArtWalk weekend October 1st and 2nd.

Singing bowls will make their sounds in the courtyard as an accompaniment to the exhibit throughout ArtWalk weekend.

sculptor, MB is a working California artist and arts advocate.

For more information about ArtWalk Ventura, visit <http://artwalkventura.org/>.

ArtWalk is a free, self-guided tour over more than two dozen high-end art galleries, pop-up stores and studios, as well as the return of 25 PODS® Containers transformed into mini art galleries. Attendees also may take advantage of a free shuttle service, which connects venues along Ventura Avenue to Main Street.

New to the exciting event this year

is a series of special performances on the main stage at California Street, sponsored by Ventura College. Performances will feature VC students and professionals.

Also new, off Ventura Avenue, the Bell Arts Factory and its year-round studios will present a moving collecting of art from over a dozen artists visiting for the first time from Oaxaca, Mexico. Leading the effort is Sigüenza, a celebrated deaf painter and muralist who will be collaborating with muralists Hanrahan and Uriel Leon to create a vibrant mural on the corner of Ventura Ave and Harrison Street.



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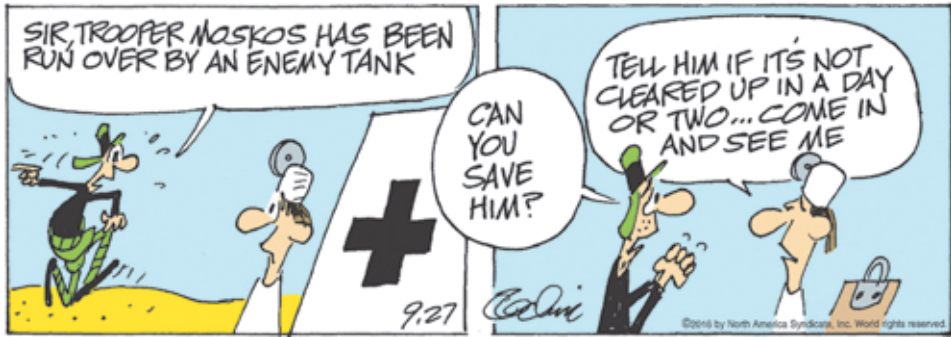
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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King Crossword

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- 8 Mope
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- 13 Lawyer's due
- 14 Leg joint
- 15 Ocean swimmer's worry
- 17 "An apple — ..."
- 18 Poor
- 19 Loving grandparents, often
- 21 Receives
- 24 "— the ramparts ..."
- 25 Verifiable
- 28 Aid
- 30 Watch
- 33 Attila, e.g.
- 34 Memoranda
- 35 "A mouse!"
- 36 See 25-Down
- 37 Ford or Lincoln
- 38 Having Y chromosomes
- 39 Shade provider
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- 11 Piano lineup
- 16 Deli bread
- 20 "My bad"
- 22 Biblical pronoun
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- 25 With
- 36-Across, finish
- 26 Skedaddle
- 27 Likely loser
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- 40 Rosters
- 42 Prompt
- 43 Rainout need
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- 45 Certain
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- 48 Hollywood clasher
- 49 Landlord's due
- 52 Essence
- 53 Society newbie

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone from your past could arrive with welcome news concerning your future. Meanwhile, avoid taking sides in a workplace confrontation until you have more facts to go on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A decision about a relationship could have longer-lasting consequences than you might imagine, so be sure of your facts before you act. A trusted friend can help.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A strained relationship could be restored with more personal contact between the two of you. Letting others act as your go-between only adds to the ongoing estrangement.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New facts could mean taking a new path toward a goal you've been hoping to reach. However, be sure all your questions are answered before you undertake to shift directions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week for all you fine Felines to turn your attention to some important considerations, such as your health, your job situation and the status of important relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid making a quick decision about a matter that needs more study. Keep

your mind open for possibilities, even if they don't seem plausible -- at least not yet.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might welcome the emphasis on openness in relationships that mark this period. But it's a good idea to avoid sharing personal secrets with people you hardly know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some questions that need to be asked and answered before you can feel confident enough to make a potentially life-changing decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some lingering effects from a now largely resolved workplace confrontation could make things difficult for you. Act on this before it becomes serious.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel you're finally in control of your own life after months of making compromises and concessions you never felt comfortable with. Congratulations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) No sooner do you decide to pass on one job offer than another suddenly turns up. This one might not have everything you're looking for, but it's worth checking out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations. With Jupiter's strong influence dominating this week, don't be surprised to get some good news about a troubling financial matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are usually kind and loving. But you can be highly critical of those who don't measure up to your high standards.

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Show Time

For movie review of *The Magnificent Seven* by Eduardo Victoria go to www.venturabreeze.com



Beverly Ward (Mary Flynn) was last seen at Rubicon in *Gotta Sing*.

Broadway comes to Ventura for 3 performances

The 2015-16 Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Broadway Musical Concert Series at Rubicon Theatre Company concludes with the concert reading of Stephen Sondheim and George Furth's *Merrily We Roll Along*. Directed by award-winner Bonnie Hellman, who helmed the first long-run hit version of the award-winning show in Los Angeles, the cast includes Broadway stars Jason Graae (*Grand Night for Singing* and *Falsettos*), Kate Reinders (*Wicked* and *Gypsy*), Ventura native Andrew Samonsky (*South Pacific* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*) and Beverly Ward (*Epic Proportions*).

Winner of the Drama Desk Award and Olivier Award for Best Musical, this moving and eloquent story about friendship moves backwards in time and offers a snapshot of the relationships between Franklin, Charley, and Mary, whose hopes and dreams change dramatically over 20 years. Songs include "Our Time," "Not a Day Goes By" and "Good Thing Going." This rarely performed concert version of the musical merrily rolls into Ventura for three-performances-only: Saturday, October 1 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m.

Rubicon Theatre Company has been described as "the rising star of the Southern California cultural constellation." A not-for-profit professional regional theatre, Rubicon serves area residents and visitors with innovative productions of classic and contemporary plays, as well as a wide array of educational programs and events. The company has been acclaimed by critics and industry professionals (the company has received the L.A. Drama Critics Margaret Harford Special Award for "Sustained Excellence," a Drama Desk Award for the Off-Broadway production of *The Best is Yet To Come*, and has won more than 20 Ovation Awards from the L.A. Stage Alliance.

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Sandra Laby

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Jewish Women Ventura County Honored for serving on the first foundation board of the California State University Channel Islands.

Jewish Federation "Woman of Valor" Honored as the Mayors Arts Award, Ventura Music Festivals First Founders Award,

Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Award as "Woman of Vision"

Ventura Chamber of Commerce "Shining Stars"

Ventura County Ballet Company "Partner in Dance Award"

Oxnard Salsa Dance Contest Winner where she raised the most money for "Music in the Schools with Nuvi Mehta" in association with the Ventura Music Festival.

Helped start the new "Harmony Project of Ventura County"

Supported key cultural venues like Rubicon Theatre Company, Ventura Music Festival, the bi-annual Arts Forum for City Council Candidates, and Focus on the Master Learning to See Series in the Ventura Schools, Working Artists Ventura WAV, California International Theatre Festival, Bell Arts Factory and the New West Symphony

Was active as a board member and/or advisor of organizations such as the Ojai Music Festival, Ventura County Ballet, Ventura College Orchestra, ART City and Camerata Pacifica. Also supported the Ventura Film Society, Jewish Federation of Ventura County, Jewish Family Services, and FOOD Share.

Founding member of the Ventura Botanical Gardens

The San Buenaventura Foundation for the Arts, which she and Jordan, founded in 1999.

Sandra and Jordan gave scholarships through the "Phoenix Program" at the Ventura College Foundation.

Museum of Ventura County an "Evening Of Note Celebrity Dinner" was held by the Ventura Music Festival honoring Sandra and Jordan Laby for their unending contributions to the arts in Ventura County and specifically in Ventura.

Harmony Project of Ventura County Celebration Lunch "For The Love of Children, Community and Music" was held at the Marriott Ventura Beach. The lunch was presented by the New West Symphony League to award Sandra and Jordan Laby the 2016 Humanitarian Award of the Harmony Project.

When presenting the Laby's with the 2016 Humanitarian Award, Peter Goldenring, a funding sponsor of the Harmony Project, stated, "We are all here honoring Jordan and Sandy for being bright lights and leaders in philanthropy and for making a huge difference in people's lives. Some would call what Jordan and Sandy do quiet acts of

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generosity. When done they never know whether or not it will change a life, be something big or be small. It doesn't matter."

Remembering Sandra Ventura City Councilmember Cheryl Heitman said "Sandra will be missed by our entire community but particularly the arts community. She contributed her time, talent and treasure to all the arts in Ventura. My favorite memory is her winning the Oxnard Salsa Festival contest. Dancing and the arts were her passion and she has left our community a better place."

Karyl Lynn Burns, Rubicon Theatre first met Sandra Laby more than twenty years ago. "I spoke to her on the phone my first day in Ventura as Executive Director of the fledgling Ventura Chamber Music Festival. The next day we met for lunch. She was a beacon of light - a force of nature - a beautiful bundle of passion and energy and enthusiasm. We met at Café Zack for lunch and stayed until the dinner dishes were done and they were ready to turn out the lights. In that 10-hour span of time, we had a new administrative and fundraising plan for the Festival; and I had a best friend, mentor and second mother (later a second father, too, in Jordan). Four years later, when my husband returned from the National Tour of Jesus Christ

Superstar and we were ready to start Rubicon Theatre Company, Sandra and Jordan Laby provided seed funding so we could secure rights for the first show."

"I know there are so many other arts dreamers in Ventura County with similar stories. She was always there at the beginning of the movement - leading the charge for the best and biggest and boldest idea."

"Sandra and Jordan Laby have forever transformed Ventura County and the City of Ventura. In addition to her beloved sons Phillip and Todd and their wives and children, Sandra's legacy is a vibrant, unique and special arts community."

"Sandra Laby has forever changed and enriched my life. I miss her already and am sad beyond measure and beyond words. But I take some comfort knowing that she will be a part of every act, though and decision I make for the rest of my life. And, in the words of Winnie the Pooh, "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?"

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth Torah, on Wednesday, September 28th at 10:30am. A private burial followed.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to New West Symphony Harmony Project. For more information, go to www.newwestsymphony.org.



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Ventura Family YMCA Youth & Government delegates outside of the California State Capitol during the 68th Model Legislature & Court.

Youth and Government program

High school students interested in a six-month hands-on experience in democracy are encouraged to apply to

the Ventura Family YMCA Youth and Government program. Registration closes on Sept. 30.

Participants experience first-hand how state government works; fine-tune public speaking, conflict resolution and debating skills; become a leader in the democratic process and increase civic literacy awareness. The program also provides an opportunity to have fun with friends during weekly meetings, group building activities and road trips to Fresno and Sacramento.

As a delegation, youth create bills about pertinent issues, research and practice court cases, develop public speaking and networking skills, and attend three annual Model Legislature & Court conferences.

Teens meet weekly, each Monday at 6:00 p.m., at the YMCA to discuss and debate issues that affect citizens

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of their state and to propose legislation. The program culminates with teens serving as delegates at their state conference, debating bills on the floor of the legislature with 3,000 fellow students from 45 California High Schools in the State Capital in Sacramento.

To support this program or to learn how to participate in the 2016-2017 delegation, please contact Julie O'Brien at 642-2131 ext. 23 or by email at julie.obrien@ciymca.org. Interested students do not have to be members of the YMCA to join.

Like all Y programs, Youth and Government is open to all with financial assistance available. The Youth & Government program is offered at the Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Stuart C. Gildred, and Ventura branches of the Channel Islands YMCA.

California YMCA Youth & Government's Model Legislature & Court (MLC) has been the state's premier youth leadership and civic development program since 1948. This program provides them with the opportunity to experience government first-hand through a unique "youth-run, youth-led" model. Visit the California YMCA Youth & Government website for more information.



Mia Mumford, Buena senior and member of the homecoming court, Ian's teacher Robin Fenstermacher, Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) Special Education Teacher and Ian McKeever are as happy as can be.

Ian McKeever crowned Homecoming King at Buena High

Ian McKeever and his family dad Terry, mom Robin and sisters Sydnee and Kaia live in Ventura. Ian has been a Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) student at Buena High School for 4 years with his teacher, Robin Fenstermacher. VCOE operates special education programs at schools throughout Ventura County. This is the first time a VCOE special education student has been crowned homecoming king or queen.

Ian is in a special day class at Buena High School with students with moderate/severe disabilities.

Ian is well-liked on campus and looks forward to social interaction with his peers and many peer T/A's in class. A highlight of his senior year was being nominated and eventually crowned king at Buena's 2016 Homecoming. The support and acceptance of Ian was apparent at the crowning during the Homecoming game on Friday night and the Homecoming dance on Saturday. He

had a blast dancing all night long with a long line of enthusiastic girls. Ian's next step after graduation in June is to continue his Post-Secondary education with the TEAMS program at Dorothy Boswell School in Ventura.

Thanks to the support and inclusion at Buena High School from staff and students, dreams can come true. Dream big...anything is possible!

Casino Night for Communication in Ventura on October 8th

A Voice Discovered (AVD), a local non-profit organization, will be hosting their 3rd Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser to benefit people in the community with complex communication needs on Saturday October 8th from 6:00p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The event will raise money and awareness for people in the community with communication impairments who are unable to use speech as their primary form of communication and require augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) to express themselves. The money raised will benefit A Voice Discovered's grant programs for individuals and organizations in the community. The grants provide people with complex communication needs funding for services and/or equipment that they would otherwise not be able to access. The Casino Night and Silent

Auction will be at Four Brix Winery in Ventura. Tickets cost \$40 prior to the event and \$50 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online through the website www.avoice-discovered.com. The purchase of a ticket includes a meal ticket, a glass of wine and funny money to get started at the Casino Tables provided by Aces and 8s. We will also have Silent Auction and Raffle items provided by local businesses.

More information can be found at www.avoice-discovered.com

Colon cancer to be the focus of CMHS Symposium

Colon cancer, the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in men and women in the U.S., will be focus of a free seminar Community Memorial Health System is holding on Saturday, Oct. 1.

The symposium will run from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ventura Beach Marriott, 2055 Harbor Blvd.

An estimated 136,830 Americans will be diagnosed this year and 50,310 will die. The symposium will provide the latest information on the detection and diagnosis of colon cancer. It also will offer the latest concepts on treatment options and cancer support for those facing colon cancer as well as for their caregivers and family.

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



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Ask The Chief: Ventura City Fire Chief David Endaya

What are the most important priorities for the Ventura City Fire Department right now?

As a full-service city that also functions as the county seat, Ventura faces many challenges when it comes to public safety. The City contends with miles of coastline, railroads, highways, two rivers, the Government Center, the County Jail, the County Fairgrounds, wildland (brush) fire hillsides, tsunami threat, earthquake faults, and more. Despite the many unprecedented challenges, the Ventura Fire Department continues to remain trained, prepared, and equipped to serve you quickly and efficiently in times of crisis or disaster.

Maintaining fire, police and paramedic emergency response is vital to protecting the residents of Ventura. One of our highest priorities is to keep our response times as short as possible. Nearly 85% of all calls to the Ventura City Fire Department's communications center require emergency medical attention. Keeping all six of the City's fire stations open is important to maintaining quick response times and utilizing every resource available to save lives and mitigate emergencies. One of our local fire stations currently relies on temporary funding to remain open.

The City has placed Measure O on the November ballot for voter consideration to make local funding available for vital city services, including keeping all existing fire stations open.

We currently provide service out of six fire stations, with a daily staffing of 22 firefighters citywide, serving a population of over 110,000 people. In 2015, the department responded to more than 14,300 emergency calls for service. In 2008, the department received just over 10,500 calls for service. The continued increase in calls for service remains a challenge for the crews protecting the city around the clock.

In 1974, when the department

responded to 1,975 calls annually, the daily staffing was 19 firefighters. In 2016, the number of permanently funded firefighter positions remains at 19. The additional 3 daily positions we have today are only temporarily funded, and that is the greatest challenge we face when trying to maintain rapid, efficient emergency response. Maintaining today's response times means keeping all of our current fire stations open and operational.

Another priority is ensuring firefighting equipment and training is up to date. The advancement of technology is, at best, very difficult to keep up with. Progressive elements such as new air bags in vehicles and different types of home construction present new challenges to emergency responders. Firefighters must learn and train on the techniques of victim extrication from newer cars and the dangers the airbags pose to rescuers during emergency operations. They must also become experts at understanding newer building construction under fire conditions, and when and how the structure may fail or collapse. These are two examples of the many types of incidents our crews face every year.

Firefighters no longer just "fight fire." Ventura City firefighter professionals are also paramedics, hazardous materials specialists, building collapse experts, urban search and rescue technicians, rope rescue experts, ocean rescue swimmers and trench rescue technicians to name just a few. Keeping all existing fire stations open and our firefighters trained and equipped with the best protective gear and rescue equipment available is important to protecting the health and safety of Ventura residents.

New owner at Drapes West

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on his desk to the machinery he operates to make custom window and door treatments for individuals and corporations.

Toting heavy water hoses up and down stairways and drying out water-damaged carpet got more difficult as he grew older. He wanted something

that would challenge him mentally—something new.

Not long ago, while still at the carpet cleaning business, Robert was just doing a neighborly deed when he agreed to look after the Drapes West business while the owner was ill. The owner had been very happy with the way Robert handled the work, keeping things humming while the owner was away, so when he retired, the owner decided to sell the business.

"I wanted a new challenge," says Robert. "When Drapes West came up for sale, David Hilty and I decided to buy it." I've always admired Dave and the way he did business. He is generous with his clients and volunteers lots of time and effort to help the community of Ventura. He and I have that in common: we both like to help people and our community.

Robert's neighborly, helping attitude is evident. "I like to make a

personal connection with my clients," he says. "We work together to find the right window or sliding door covering for them in their home or business—the right product, the right materials, coordinating colors and sizes. We help individuals and large companies, doing private homes as well as apartment and office complexes."

Robert is intent on finding the ideal product for each customer. Typically for individual customers, he gives consultations on the products in clients' homes. "Once we decide on what they need, and before I leave, I ask, 'Is there anything else you want me to do?' Sometimes the client just wants me to reach something on a high shelf, or hold a ladder while they climb it. I'm happy to do it. This business is a perfect fit for me."

Robert Brown welcomes customers at Drapes West, 2316 Channel Drive #B, Ventura, Phone: 643-3254.



On Monday, September 19 Catholic Charities of Ventura County had an open house to unveil their new food pantry. The design and building of the pantry was a collaborative effort with many local businesses and volunteers helping out, including the Seabees of Port Hueneme. The Seabees volunteers dedicated 500 hours to demolishing the old pantry and building the new one.

Monday was a day to celebrate the community coming together to making the new food pantry a reality. The open house also showcased the rest of the organizations that share space with Catholic Charities, including Family to Family a nonprofit organization that has prepared and served healthy meals to its community members in need since 1983 and School on Wheels a nonprofit dedicated to the enhancement of educational opportunities for homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade.



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Ventura City Councilman Carl Morehouse, Ventura City Clerk Antoinette Mann and Shana Epstein, GM of Ventura Water at the Launch Party.

Community celebrates at Launch Party for 5th Annual Water: Take 1

Over 100 community members and water professionals turned out to celebrate the launch of the 5th annual Water: Take 1 film festival at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach hotel held Wednesday night, Sept. 21. City of Ventura Councilmembers Carl Morehouse and Jim Monahan were among the local dignitaries present.

Morehouse told the crowd that the city's film festival has a global reach. It's also launched a year-round dialogue that has grown to include two annual events plus a monthly newsletter. "This invites an international audience to share our message online," Morehouse said.

"Water: Take 1 is a homegrown campaign that keeps the conversation going not only about the importance

of local sustainable initiatives, but also the global perspective that sharpens our local focus back to a 'one water' mindset as you will see tonight," said the event host, Ventura Water General Manager Shana Epstein. "Ventura Water is pleased to showcase the topic of water protection, conservation and sustainability to like-minded individuals and organizations in such a creative and engaging way. With the drought uppermost in the minds of Californians, this Short Film Festival brings together our local, national and global conversations."

Finally, Epstein thanked the many sponsors and partners who made Water: Take 1 possible.

Water: Take 1 aims to create a greater awareness of water as a valuable resource by inviting filmmakers worldwide to submit short films of five minutes or less in any genre - drama, documentary, comedy, animation, sci-fi or experimental - that address the topic of water. Awards include the Audience Choice Award, voted on by the general public with the winner receiving an iPad; the award for Best Student Short Film, chosen by a jury of entertainment and water industry experts with a GoPro camera for a prize; the Grand Prize of \$1,500 presented by Ventura Water; and the Ventura Vision Award, which recognizes films shot in and around Ventura and offers a \$500 cash prize.

Film submissions are now being accepted through Dec. 14. Winners will be announced at a celebration event to be held in Ventura in the spring of 2017. Last year, 48 films were entered from around the globe.

Expanding on last year's efforts to engage other local water agencies, the Palmdale Water District was introduced as a new partner and is sponsoring the

Palmdale Vision Award, recognizing films that best represent its mission and objectives, also for a \$500 cash prize.

Other new film festival partners include Change the Course (<http://changethecourse.us>), a national movement

to engage the public, the community and corporations to restore fresh water to people and nature, and Waves for Water (www.wavesforwater.org), which has a focused international mission to bring clean water to the entire world.

