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Selecting a new district superintendent

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District will select a new district superintendent. Community input regarding the desired characteristics is needed to assist in the recruiting and selection of the new superintendent. The Board of Education is soliciting your feedback. You are invited to attend either of the two districtwide community forums:

Tuesday, May 16 Wednesday, May 17
Buena High School Cafeteria
Cabrillo Middle School Cafeteria
5670 Telegraph Road 1426 E. Santa Clara St. Ventura
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Spanish translator provided)

Mr. Ben Johnson and Mrs. Aida Buelna-Valenzuela of McPherson & Jacobson, LLC search firm, selected by the Board of Education, will oversee this important process. Individual

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Ms. Nan Drake E.J. Harrison & Sons Inc., Joseph Richards Jr. Interim Superintendent VUSD, Dr. Erika D. Beck President, CSUCI, Dr. Greg Gillespie newly appointed Chancellor of the Ventura County Community College District, Stephanie Caldwell President and CEO, Ventura Chamber of Commerce.

State of Education

by Jennifer Tipton

On Thursday, April 27 the Ventura Chamber of Commerce hosted the State of Education, the event took place at the Wright Event Center here in Ventura. The event focused on presentations

from the Ventura Unified School Superintendent and the Ventura College President who provided their perspective on past accomplishments, current state and a future forecast of education

in the City of Ventura.

Ventura Unified School District Est. July 1, 1966 is the largest land owner in the City of Ventura which is about 165 sq. miles and serves 21,656 students with 576 of these being special education students.

Many attended the State of Education including our Mayor Eric Nasarenko, representatives for other leaders in the community, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and countless others that support education in our community.

The first speaker was Nan Drake from E.J. Harrison who emphasized that making children successful meant much more than just providing an education, but preparing them for life.

The second speaker was Joseph Richards Jr. the Interim Superintendent of Ventura Unified School District who spoke about the changes that have taken place including the cultural population we serve and economic uncertainty.

For instance, 52% of students are Hispanic, 40% are Caucasian, 2% are African American while the remaining

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TRAIN TRESTLE



Community members can help keep Ventura safe and clean by reporting graffiti.

City Public Works removed 2,757 graffiti cases from Ventura last year

by city staff

City of Ventura Public Works staff removed, painted, blasted or chemically treated 2,757 graffiti cases last fiscal year. Outfitted with paint, rollers, gloves and environmentally safe cleaner, the team travels throughout the city responding to issues reported by other staff, attentive community members and tips received on the graffiti hotline. The graffiti removal efforts are impressive, and so is the time frame in which

they are cleaned up. Nearly all graffiti instances are removed within 24-48 hours, which is a testament to the City's great work in keeping Ventura safe and clean.

In addition to our Public Works team removing graffiti, the Ventura Police Department responds to calls for service related to graffiti, tagging, and spray paint. From April 2016 through March 2017, Ventura Police filed 156 graffiti/

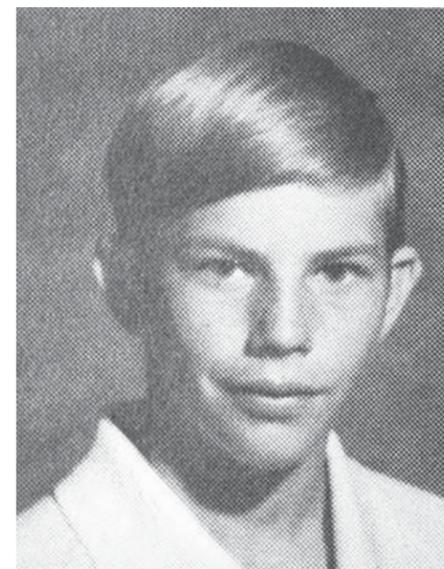
tagger crime reports and arrested nine people for graffiti vandalism.

In 2012, the City of Ventura collaborated with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Union Pacific Railroad to remove graffiti with a shiny new coat of paint, install surveillance cameras, new lighting and fencing, and add other physical safety barriers to deter trespassers and vandalism on the bridge trestle. The trestle is an important area to remove graffiti -- it is highly visible to visitors and the 94,000 motorists who pass it each day.

Nearly five years later, the City remains committed to keeping the bridge and other locations throughout Ventura graffiti-free. Recently, Public Works staff removed approximately 25 square feet of graffiti on the trestle, which required coordination with Union Pacific Railroad, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol because freeway lanes needed to be closed for public safety during the graffiti abatement.

Graffiti vandalism happens on both public and private property. Property owners can discourage graffiti tagging by using good lighting to deter vandals, planting trees, shrubs or climbing vines

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Oopsies! We were all wrong

In our last issue, we reported that Kevin Costner was a graduate of Ventura High - oops! Kevin attended Cabrillo Junior High and although that would have put him attending Ventura High, his family moved to the east end of

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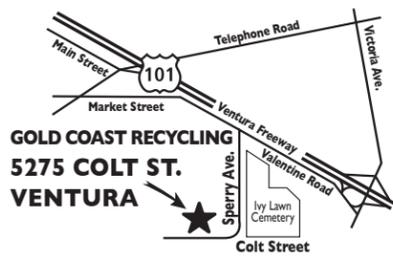
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Business



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Credit Union names new President/Ceo

The Board of Directors of Premier America Credit Union announced the appointment of Rudy J. Pereira as President/Chief Executive Officer, effective April 24, 2017. Pereira's appointment follows the retirement of former President/CEO John Merlo, who served in the role for over 20 years.

Premier America Credit Union Board Chair, Larry Colson stated, "Rudy was selected for his commitment to member value, his strong ties to the community we serve and his proven track record."

With 25+ years of leadership experience within the credit union industry, Pereira most recently served as the President/CEO of Royal Credit Union, located in Wisconsin.

"I'm truly honored to be selected as Premier America's next CEO by the Board of Directors. Premier America Credit Union is a strong financial institution

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Prospect Coffee Roasters has opened its doors! Established by the two Ulrich brothers in Ventura., their small team is dedicated to sourcing and roasting coffees that stand out due to their complexity and flavor. They focus on offering what they believe are the most memorable coffees that they can find. Prospect Coffee Roasters is located at 92 S. Laurel Street in downtown Ventura. For more information check out their website: ProspectCoffee.com or call 667-8115.



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 Sat May 13th - Masters of Puppets
 Sun May 14th - Mother's Day Brunch
 Wed, May 17th - Ital Vibes & The Riddims
 Thu May 18th - Anuhea
 Fri May 19th - No Duh - No Doubt Tribute
 Sat, May 20th - Midget Wrestling
 Sun, May 21st - Church of Yacht - Lobster Feed Service
 Sat, May 27th - Molly Ringwald Project

Thu June 1st - Sublime Day: 25th Anniversary of 40oz to Freedom
 Sat June 3rd - UFC21: Aldo vs. Holloway
 Thu June 8th - Gonzo & Dubbest
 Fri June 16th - Metalachi
 Wed, June 21st - The Black Seeds
 Sat, June 24th - The Velvetten Band
 Sat, July 1st - Roadshow Revival ft. LOS LOBOS
 Sat, July 1st - Roadshow Revival Afterparty ft. The Delta Bombers
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 FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH

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SHAKY FEELIN'
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Council members,

I was amazed at the post by VREG regarding water bill payment outsourcing for letter opening proposed at a City Finance Department meeting, without a reduction offset in cost savings. The outsource will cost the City \$29,600 per year and will double that when the billing period is doubled.

"Minuscule", as stated by the staff member to the question of cost savings, is not \$29,600, let alone double that. That is derived by the number(s). If there is no reduction of cost elsewhere, then

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

I know that I have written a little about this but actually making the decision that **Scamp's life** no longer had any meaning to him was one of the most difficult and agonizing decisions (and writing this) that I have ever had to make. Fortunately, I didn't need to make it alone.

We basically kept Scamp alive for several weeks by spoon feeding him, but he was drinking water, still walking around and still smiling at us which is what kept us continuing his life. Was it for his sake or ours, I hope his.

But, on April 28th we decided that he is time was up. Called the vet (Ventura Veterinary Hospital) and took him in on Saturday. I went in while Diane stayed in the car with Scamp. A young lady that works there came out to speak to Diane who started to cry and then the young lady started to cry. I asked her do you cry every time and she said "yes".

I did feel comfort right then in knowing that they would be so caring towards him.

We took him into the examining room and were given a few choices to make. The first one was do we want to be with him when they put him to sleep. They explained that he would be given an IV and then the fatal shot. We decided to **say goodbye** in the exam room knowing that he would have several passionate ladies with him petting him and saying goodbye. And our last thoughts of him wanted to be of him still looking at us with his cow eyes.

The other decision was did we want him to be cremated individually so that we could have only his ashes or cremated with 400 other animals. We decided that (need to stop for a moment because I'm crying) he would like to be with other animals, so we made that decision.

While lying on the exam table

unable to get up, he suddenly stood, stared (taking another pause) at Diane then stared at me and laid back down to never get up again. I'd like to think that **he was saying goodbye**.

It is now been nine days and our large house still feels empty without this 20 pound hairy (he had hair and not fur) little guy. I still look at the bed with our cat, Savana, in it and then look for Scamp who isn't there. Or, I'll look down at the floor while eating and he isn't there either. I'm sure that will eventually stop to some degree.

I, again, want to thank all of you for your kind words, emails, prayers and cards. They have really helped make it easier for us.

The next question, is, of course, is we will be getting another dog? That decision will be 100% up to Diane because she is the one that takes care of our pets. I'm like a grandpa and



hand them to her when they need their diapers changed, bathes (or fleas removed).

The **Ventura County Star** has announced that the Los Angeles Times will soon start printing the VC Star beginning with the July 12 edition. The Star will be closing their printing facility.

The Star stated, "The cost-cutting move comes as The Star, like newspapers across the country, continues to grapple with declining advertising revenue."

Well - we must be doing something right as this issue contains our largest number of ads to date. I want to thank our readers, advertisers and especially our great

account rep, Breezy Gledhill, for making that possible. And, of course all of the other people who continuously work hard on each issue.

The funny thing is that the Star gave us a printing quote a few years ago. Just imagine if we had accepted - the headline would have been, "The LA Times' stock jumped 11% since it was announced that they would be printing the Ventura Breeze."

In our last issue we had an article about the planting of a new tree at **Two Trees** (funny why that is capitalized). We have had some emails and a call disputing some of the facts of just how many trees are up there and when they were planted and cut down. Were there 5 in ??? and 2 in ??? and 15 in ????. So, maybe some of the numbers were wrong but is it at all important? The important thing is the new tree replaces the dead one and we got that right!

An exciting find. A team of astronomers says they have sited a **super-earth** called GJ1132b that might be capable of sustaining life and it is "only" 39 light years away. Before you get too excited and buy a ticket to visit, that is "only" 229,266,396,108,687 miles away.

I have had four shows on my **new radio show** (on KPPQ-LP 104.1FM). The show airs Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10am and a bunch of other times during the week that I don't know about. Try to listen (low wattage so not always easy to pick up) and give me your feedback (good and bad) and suggestions for future guests. I haven't aired a new show because I have had a viral cough for several weeks which makes it tough to host a radio show. And the meds wiped me out, but made me happy. You can listen to the shows at www.venturabreeze.com "Face Of Ventura".

In his first 100 days in office, the **Trump's** have spent \$30 million on traveling expenses. It's nice to know that they now have funds available to start taking some vacations.

Mailbox

the increase is 100% of the new expenditure. The Finance Department was not able to answer a fifth grade math word problem!

The real question is how deep within staff, and how high within the decision making body of the City does incompetence go? And do we really want to know, it is too depressing!

John Whitman
Ventura



Breeze:

This is what people see as they enter Ventura on Amtrak. It is really disgraceful. Isn't there any way to get rid of it?

William Green
William:

Yes there is, but very complicated. First, it is on Amtrak property so it can't be done without their okay and security people on hand. Second, city graffiti folks cannot paint

private property. The only way is getting the address of the building(s) and reporting to the city. They will inform the owner to remove it and if not done in a certain time the city (with Amtrak assistance) can remove it.

Breeze

Editor:

Jazz is one of America's finest contributions to the world of art, yet it's hard to hear on commercial radio and practically impossible to hear on television.

BUT have you noticed how many really nice jazz venues we have here in Ventura?

How blessed are we to be able to visit one place and hear some music, then be able to visit another, and another? Most of them allow minors, which plants the seed into young minds that wouldn't otherwise be exposed to the music.

It's a little something good in a world where something good is hard to come by.

Alfred J. Lewis
Ventura

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City News



Students from assisted in planting three different species of trees. Photo by Richard Lieberman.

Arbor Day tree planting held at Westpark Community Center

In celebration of National Arbor Day, the City of Ventura Parks Division invited the public to a tree planting event Wednesday, April 26 at the Westpark Community Center.

Students from PEAK (Program Enrichment for After-school Kids) assisted the City's Urban Forestry staff in planting three different species of trees. Each year, more than 500 elementary and middle school children participate in PEAK activities where they receive safe and supervised after-school homework assistance, nutritional snacks, art, music, computer science, fitness and sports programs. PEAK is a partnership between the City of Ventura, the Ventura Unified School District and the Police Activities League (PAL).

The City of Ventura's Urban Forestry Division is responsible for approxi-

mately 30,000 City trees, and regulates all planting, pruning and removal of trees in the public right-of-way. City trees are an important part of our community – they produce oxygen, help reduce air pollution, cool our streets by lowering temperatures in the shade, provide sound dampening and wind buffers, provide a habitat for animals and improve the aesthetic quality of life.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, Arbor Day started in April 1872 when more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska at the urging of J. Sterling Morton who first proposed the tree-planting holiday at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture.

For more information about the City of Ventura's Urban Forestry Division, visit www.cityofventura.net/urbanforestry or call the Tree Hotline at 667-6519.

Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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

Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St., Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Several people usually stay for a drink and a bite to eat afterward. Bring an interesting topic to discuss.

Ventura's ACBL Duplicate Bridge Club offers games for all levels of play. Learn the game, play with your peers, and earn master points while you are having fun. There is a game every day of the week. Check out their website at www.vcbridge.org

The Ventura Retired Men's Group welcomes interested men to their semi-monthly Tuesday lunch (\$15) meetings at the Ventura Elks lodge. Besides a satisfying meal, meeting supplies a welcome atmosphere to talk and joke, hear a speaker on a variety of relevant topics and brighten your week. More from Steve at 642-1359

Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Instruction every night. At the Mooselodge, 10269 Telephone Road. More

information at countrylovers.com.

May 11: The 35th anniversary for the Ventura County Professional Women's Network dinner will take place on Thursday, at the Wedgewood Banquet Center. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and the sit-down dinner at 6:15 p.m. There will be a special program, with a panel of speakers sharing history of the group. Members will vote on the coming year's Board of Directors.

Party attire is encouraged for this special evening. Register at vcpwn.org, or by emailing info@vcpwn.org. For more information about the event www.vcpwn.org.

May 11: The Ventura County Climate Hub invites the public to hear leaders of two partner organizations working on 'Out with the Old, In with the New' energy economy. Citizens for Responsible Oil and Gas (CFROG) will talk about their campaign to oppose permits for new oil wells in Oxnard. World Business Academy will present the latest know-how for transition away from fossil fuels towards clean energy.

Ventura County Climate Hub is a grassroots, non-partisan local affiliate of 350. Doors open Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.. The Unitarian-Universalist Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston St, rear parking lot to Fellowship Hall.

May 12: The Kiwanis Club of Ventura



Community Events

is pleased to announce and invite you to attend a special event honoring their 50th Annual Ventura County Officers of the Year 2017 Awards Dinner.

Friday, May 12,
5-6pm - Reception with No-Host Bar
6-7pm - Dinner
7-9pm - Program
The Tower Club
300 Esplanade Dr., Oxnard RSVP to Michelle Bleuel - mbleuel@yahoo.com or 647-0567

May 12: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution luncheon will include a special program presentation "Benedict Arnold", presented by Chapter member Fred Dunn. At 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant. Lunch is \$20. For additional information please call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter activities <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

May 13: What's Your Personality Type in Life and Love? Dr. Vondie Lozano, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist hosts Ventura Singles Discussions. Group Guided Imagery/Hypnosis included. Free discussion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ventura E.P. Foster Library, Topping Room. For more information www.meetup.com/Ventura-Singles-Discussions/events/

May 15: CA Zeta Chi parliamentarians will meet at 7 p.m. and will feature a lesson by Sandra Sanders entitled "Finding Your Way through Robert's Rules of Order." Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main St. Those wishing to eat should arrive at 6 p.m. Non-members are welcome. For information Sharon Hillbrant, 479-6738, or zetachi.webstarts.com.

May 16, June 16: Ventura Retired Men will have their semi-monthly meetings on May 16 and June 6 at the Elks lodge. If you're retired or nearly so, looking for some diversion, come enjoy lunch for \$15. Raffles, program topic of the day, and association with guys just like you. Steve Carroll if you have a question at 642-1359

May 17, 6 p.m. Be The Bridge, Interracial and cross-cultural bridge builders Conversation over food. Working to make a positive difference in the community through dialog and action. Make new friends. Child care provided upon request. First United Methodist Church of Ventura, 1338 E. Santa Clara. Please rsvp attendance email office@fumventura.org or text 520-261-5574.

May 18: East Ventura Community Council. Mayor Erik Nasarenko will provide an update on city matters. A representative of the Ventura Police Department will report on crime and safety issues. Books in good condition are always accepted by San Buenaventura Friends of the Library. Starts at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. For more information contact John McNally, Chairman EVCC, 804-7558.

May 18: Monthly meeting of Assistance League of Ventura County at the Chapter House, 913 East Santa Clara Street. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., meeting begins at 10 a.m. with guests and new members welcome. Assistance League is creating "A Brighter Tomorrow for Today's Children" through several philanthropic

programs. The Bargain Box Thrift Shop helps fund these programs. More information assistanceleagueventura.org or email alvconline@hotmail.com. Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 643-2458

May 20: Food Forward's Backyard Harvest Program puts together a day of harvesting for those in need through their Citrus Saturday event. Food Forward volunteers all across Ventura County will come together to harvest a variety of citrus from backyard trees throughout the area. After this day of picking, Food Forward will be hosting a potluck at their Ventura County office where each volunteer is welcome to bring a dish. Please RSVP to Ally at ally@foodforward.org. Some of the agencies included FOOD Share, Catholic Charities, Help of Ojai and Project Understanding, all of whom help to feed those in need in Ventura County. For more information www.foodforward.org.

May 21: We All Need Each Other. Dr. Vondie Lozano, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Certified Hypnotherapist hosts Ventura Life and Love Hypnosis Meetup. Group Guided Imagery/Hypnosis included. Event is free from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ventura E.P. Foster Library, Topping Room. Information go to www.meetup.com/life-love-hypnosis/events/

May 21: The Ventura and Santa Barbara County chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will meet Sunday, in the Campus Student Center of Ventura College. The regular meeting starts at noon and at 11 a.m. an informal workshop where a topic on clocks or watches will be demonstrated and discussed. A mart where items will be for sale followed by lunch. A presentation by Noel Poirier on The National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, Pennsylvania. \$3 admission charge. Lunch is available for \$5. Watches and clocks will be on display. More information at www.nawcc-ch190.com.

May 21: at 2-5 p.m., Rockin' for a Cause Concert to Raise Community Awareness. Donation \$10. Proceeds go to support Project Understanding; Musicians with a Mission; Arise Against Hunger; and Sierra Service Project. Featuring many bands. First United Methodist Church Ventura, 1338 E. Santa Clara St. Tickets: www.fumventura.org/donate

Ojai news and events

The Ojai Library Ukulele Club meets every Wednesday, rain or shine, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the main library building. Continuously meeting since its formation in 2015, the club is open to all ages and levels of experience. If you have your own ukulele, bring it along! The club has a couple of extra ukuleles for drop-in guests.

Feel free to bring a copy of a song; the club collects these in a book of songs used during meetings. Each songbook includes a chord chart and is easy to follow—each song has the accompanying chords and lyrics listed and ready to play!

These events are free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146.

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Ojai news and events

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The Ojai Library is located at 111 East Ojai Avenue in Ojai, CA. 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.

Local author Edward Webster will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2017, to deliver a talk on his third book, Soul of Toledo. Described as a "suspenseful and ambitious historical novel," this work is based on a detailed history by B. Netanyahu, a renowned scholar and father of Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. Webster will talk about the historical context of the novel, his meetings with professors in Spain, and how he wove the novel around what he learned.

Visit www.edwardwebster.com for more information about the author.

Local author Gaelle Lehrer Kennedy will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017, to deliver a talk on her novel Night in Jerusalem. Night in Jerusalem is a love story and a glimpse into Israel's turmoil in 1967. The book depicts the religious immigrant, the secular Israeli born Sabra, those living in Jerusalem, and those outside the city during turbulent times. Academy Award-winning director Moshe Mizrahi described it as "a bewitching love story that is also an extraordinary portrait of Jerusalem, its faith, spirituality, identity, and kaleidoscope of clashing beliefs."

This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146.

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The Ojai Photography Club welcomes Ojai-based photographer and educator, Greg Cooper, as its May presenter. Cooper, Director of Community Outreach for the Humane Society of Ventura County, will bring together volunteering and photography in his presentation, "Volunteerism: Putting Your Photographic Skills to Use in the Community." The event will take place Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 W. Santa Ana St., Ojai, CA.

A volunteer for the Humane Society since 1990, Cooper will speak and share images from his long and fulfilling experience in community service.

In addition to the focus on volunteering, Cooper will present strategies for creating successful pet portraits based on his experience with shelter animals and his own HSVC rescued dog, Biskit.

The Ojai Photography Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, February - November. Only members may submit images for review. For additional information please visit: www.ojaiphotoclub.com/.

The Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation (OVLFF) and its newly renovated used book store, "Twice-Sold Tales" will have its Annual Memorial Day Weekend Book Sale on Saturday, May 27, Sunday May 28 and Monday 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale will be held on the patio and parking lot of the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Avenue. A huge amount of high quality books will be sold at prices that range from 50 cents to \$2.00.

All profits from the book store go to providing the three Ojai Libraries: Oak View, Meiners Oaks and downtown Ojai, with revenue for special programs for children and adults and for the purchase of additional materials and books.

The library bookstore has added a community room and it is available to the community to use for events. Please contact the library if you wish to reserve the room.

For further information, visit <http://www.ovlff.com> or check out the OVLFF Facebook page.

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News & Notes



Circus embarks on a brand new epic adventure under the big top!

Circus Vargas unveils original new production- Steam Cirque!

Goggles, gears, and gadgets set the stage for Circus Vargas' 2017's retro-futuristic production, Steam-Cirque! Join them on a journey of fantastic proportions where children of all ages will marvel at the wacky and wonderful cast of characters that come alive in this exciting steampunk, science-fiction fantasy inspired circus odyssey!

Arrive 45 minutes early for an entertaining, interactive pre-show celebration, where kids can create their own magic under the big top, learning circus skills such as juggling, balancing and more! Meet and mingle with the entire cast after each performance. Capture the fun by posing for pics or selfies with your favorite cast members, all part of an unforgettable Circus Vargas experience!

An eccentric group of adventure seekers stumble upon a traveling circus in an imaginary Victorian city, far, far-away. SteamCirque's peculiar protagonist, part magician-part inventor, attempts to industrialize the circus by incorporating his steam powered mechanical contraptions into the ordinary, typical circus rigging, filling the big top with new, imaginative acrobatic apparatus for the artists to perform their acts.

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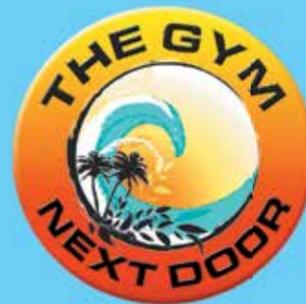
Join for an amazing experience, under the big top as Circus Vargas celebrates its 48th year and create new and treasured memories for generations to come! This wonderful show has something for everyone! It's 2 hours of amazing music, lights, magic, acrobats, aerialists, daredevils, comedians and more!

General admission tickets are \$17-\$32 for children and \$27-\$37 for adults. Reserved Ringside seating is \$52-\$67 for children and \$57-\$72 for adults. For Circus Vargas performance dates, times and to purchase tickets, visit www.circusvargas.com, call 877-GOTFUN-1 (877-468-3861) or visit the box office at each location. Follow Circus Vargas on Facebook and Twitter for updates, discounts and behind the scenes video.

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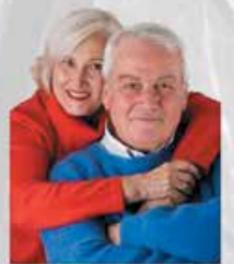
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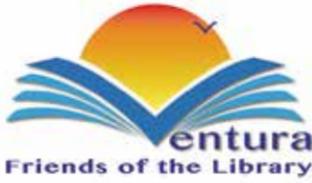
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News & Notes



The State of Education held at the former Wright Library (see article on page 1).

CAPS is prepping for Digital Storytelling programs and more

CAPS Media is busy with City, school and community productions, prepping for the Digital Storytelling programs and more. Recently CAPS Media collaborated with the City's Economic Development Department and the Chamber of Commerce to launch a new video series called "Spotlight on Local Business," that offers an inside, behind-the-scenes look into the diverse and unique companies doing business in Ventura.

CAPS Media also recorded the annual State of Education event hosted by the Chamber featuring enlightening presentations by leaders from Ventura College, VUSD and CSU Channel Islands. The City and VUSD's popular Mayor-For-A-Moment video series is nearing the end of Season II. Every month deserving 5th graders are selected to represent elementary schools. CAPS Media produces video profiles on each young leader for presentation at City Council and VUSD School Board meetings. This school year young mayors were honored from Loma Vista, Saticoy (ATLAS), E.P. Foster, Blanche Reynolds, Elmhurst, and Pierpont. May and June will wrap up the series with mayors from Mound and Portola.

CAPS Media is gearing up to cover graduation ceremonies at Ventura College (May 19), El Camino High School (June 9) and Foothill High (June 15). Home base for the extensive multi-camera productions is the CAPS Media mobile production truck. The elaborate productions are managed by the CAPS Media staff and supported by outstanding volunteer crew members from El Camino high and throughout the community. All these videos are available to view on channel 6 & 15 and on the caps media website.

In July the Digital Storytelling program continues at the CAPS Media Center for students, ages 10-15. Young videographers, film makers and video storytellers get hands-on training with video cameras, audio recording equipment and computer editing software to create the stories the crew wants to tell. Three week-long programs are scheduled July 10 - 14, July 17 - 21 and July 24 - 28. To learn more about the Digital Storytelling program, go to www.capsmedia.org/events.

Aspiring (or experienced) journalists, photographers, videographers and storytellers are invited and encouraged to get involved at the CAPS Media Center. Anyone who lives, works or attends school in the city of Ventura is eligible to be a member. For annual fees of only \$25 (individual) and \$75 (non-profit organization), member/producers are trained by the knowledge-

able CAPS Media staff in the art (and fun) of video and radio communication. Once certified member/producers may check out video cameras, tripods, and other gear for video production and book editing suites for postproduction to create the stories they want to tell. And, for a small additional fee, member/producers can learn to create their own radio program to air on CAPS Radio 104.1 (KPPQ-LP).

Upcoming CAPS Media classes include: HD Videography/Camera, May 11, post-production editing, May 18, a new production/storytelling class, May 25th and new member orientation, June 8th. All classes start at 6pm. Studio and Radio training classes will also be scheduled in the next few weeks. To learn more and to sign up for classes go to capsmedia.org, email info@capsmedia.org, call 805.658.0500 or drop by the CAPS Media Center Monday 9a-6p, Tuesday or Wednesday 9a - 9p or Friday 9A - 6p.

Lilac Festival in Pine Mountain Club

by Mark Bailey
 President PMCCPOA

One of the best kept secrets in California remains the quaint "Aspen like" village of Pine Mountain Club (PMC). Located in the Los Padres National Forest at a little over one mile above sea level and nestled between Mt. Pinos and San Emegdio Mountain, Pine Mountain Club is remarkably easy to get to. Just a comfortable and scenic 90-minute drive from Ventura, about 50 minutes north of Magic Mountain. Those in the know often refer to PMC as "the nearby faraway place".

The Villagers of PMC are already busy preparing for their 35th annual Lilac Festival set for the weekend of May 20th and 21st. It has been estimated that around five thousand visitors join the approximately three thousand locals for a weekend of arts, music, food, fun and family play. About 100 artisan vendors will begin displaying their unique works of art and creations both days starting at 10am. This is followed on Saturday, by acrobatic skydiving daredevils due to land at 11:00 am. This kicks off our yearly parade through the village center after the singing of our National Anthem by guest talented artists.

Throughout the weekend there will be entertainment for all ages including live music, plays, kiddie shows, golf and horseshoe tournaments, great food, and a large children's play area with state of the art slides, inflatable bouncy houses, wall climbing etc. Most restaurants will be featuring live music on their outdoor patios.

Climatology wise, as with anyplace the weather in PMC can vary. Typically, in late spring, we can expect blue sunny skies during the day with temperatures in the mid 70's and crisp clear star filled nights with temperatures in the 40's.

To get to PMC, take the 126 East to Interstate 5 north and exit at Frazier Park. Go west 18 miles following the signs to the Pine Mountain Club Village. For further information, including vendor applications, please go to our website at www.pmcililacfestival.com.

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Gabriel just wanted to become an actor.

History maker to speak at Senior Health Expo

Gabriel Cordell never intended to make history, at least not in the way he eventually did. He just wanted to become an actor.

In 1992, two months after his 22nd birthday, Cordell was en route to his first professional audition when an accident changed his life forever. His Jeep was hit and flipped, and Cordell was ejected from his vehicle, hitting a telephone pole that crushed his spinal cord. The accident left him paralyzed from his mid-chest down.

After four months of recovery and physical rehabilitation, Gabriel continued to pursue his dream of being an actor, now as a paraplegic. He established his acting career on stage and screen, with credits including Dexter, Numb3rs and Joan of Arcadia.

At the age of 42, Cordell focused on a different kind of role. He set out to become the first person to roll across the United States in a standard, manual wheelchair – a 3,100-mile journey from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The inspiring trek is the subject of an upcoming documentary film called, Roll With Me: A Journey Across America.

Completing the coast to coast journey in just 99 days, Cordell has made it his life's purpose to inspire and empower people all over the world, by showing through his actions that anything is possible.

Cypress Place Senior Living in

Ventura is thrilled to announce that Gabriel Cordell will be the keynote speaker at their upcoming Health & Wealth Expo on Wednesday May 24, from 11a.m. to 1p.m.

"We are thrilled to have Gabriel as our guest speaker," said Mike Macke, director of sales and marketing at Cypress Place. "His story is amazing and will inspire anyone who hears it."

Along with the keynote presentation, this year's Health & Wealth Expo at the senior community will include over 30 vendors offering everything from free blood pressure and mini stroke evaluations, free balance and hearing tests, free wealth management information, to veteran benefit information. A free healthy gourmet lunch will also be provided.

Raffle prizes will be given away throughout the event including one grand prize; a 50" HD flat screen TV. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Free shuttle parking will also be available at Ventura Baptist Church.

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by Lori Harasta

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Jeff McElderry of Leisure Village decided to meet with one of the Camarillo Hospice-trained Life Story Volunteers and capture some of his favorite memories onto two CDs for his family, which includes five sons and eight grandchildren. "My wife Esther and I heard about this program at the Leisure Village Health Fair and decided to give it a try."

Camarillo Hospice volunteers are trained in conducting personal interviews and recording life stories, and they help create a truly special and lasting gift. Recording sessions can take place in the comfort of one's home, and when they are concluded, the client receives a professionally produced CD of his or her life story to share with family and friends.

Gerry Olsen recorded his life story with the assistance of Mark Rose, Camarillo Hospice Volunteer: "I wanted to tell all my stories while I still remember them!" Gerry and Mark met over a three-month period to record many stories of Gerry's youth and early Camarillo days. "It was a lot of fun, and Mark was very patient with me," stated Gerry.

The Life Story Program is available to all members of the community, regardless of age or health needs. It is a free-of-charge service of Camarillo Hospice, a program of Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association.

In the words of one volunteer, "It is an amazing privilege to interview and record people's stories. I'm certain that I get as much from it as they do! First of all I get a new friend. Secondly, I have been able to experience fascinating snapshots of history and ordinary life

through the stories."

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Suz Montgomery explains the details of a free education program to John & Kathy Walker during a recent open house at VACE. Photo by John Hankins.

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Thanks goes to VACE (Ventura Adult and Continuing Education), an arm of the Ventura Unified School District, in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging and city of Ventura.

ENCORE is not a traditional lecture-based class; instead you learn at your own pace any day of the week at locations in east and west Ventura. Call VACE at 289-7925 for details, or on-line at: <http://tinyurl.com/VenturaENCORE>.

Businesses are also encouraged to contact VACE, adding to a growing list of job opportunities for these reliable and self-starting students.

Cabasug is an excellent example of a person who had minimal job skills, describing herself as a "domestic engineer" of a military family.

And Baer is an excellent example of a retiree who had 40 years of work experience, "but I wanted to supplement my Social Security and I got tired of sitting around

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the house. I needed to be around people.”
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 For Baer, “things just fell into place.” It happened that her previous work - 40 years at the American Consulate in Germany - was a perfect fit for finding work in today’s world of immigration changes, and her ENCORE training upgraded her computer skills.
 “I liked it a lot, there’s more of a teacher-student connection,” she said of ENCORE, contrasting a “stiff, very dry” kind of education in Germany.
 Now Baer has extra money to travel during her retirement, and Cabasug has the confidence and independence to be excited and proud about learning new skills and working beyond the home now that the

(OAA) has Titles I through VII grants for State and Community Programs on Aging. Each Title covers various programs so as an example, Title III covers nutrition, senior center programs, meals on wheels and caregiver support programs.
 The Family Caregiver Resource Center, a program funded through the Older Americans Act, in Santa Paula serves the County of Ventura in providing caregiver support groups, trainings on various topics, respite care, assisted devices and many other resources for families caring for loved ones. For more information, call 420-9608.



Moving for Better Balance follows curriculum developed at the Oregon Research Institute.

Tai Chi training to lead new classes scheduled in May

Volunteers are needed for a senior Tai Chi program recently started in the four west county cities served by Oxnard RSVP. No experience is needed. Volunteer instructor training will be provided in mid-May. A six-month commitment to teaching the program is requested of volunteers.

Free exercise classes are being offered in partnership with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging. Those interested in teaching should attend one of these classes to become familiar with the program.

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance follows curriculum developed at the Oregon Research Institute. Studies showed improved strength and balance, increased mobility and reduced incidence of falls among seniors who participated in the classes.

The classes are intended for adults age 55 and older who can walk easily with or without assistive devices.

RSVP is currently recruiting volunteers to lead classes in Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo and Port Hueneme. A two-day



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Family Caregiver Resource Center Catholic Charities-OASIS Program

by Connie De La Rosa

“What Is The Older Americans Act?” The Theme for the May 2017 Older American’s Month is “Age Out Loud” which is intended to give aging a new voice which reflects on what older adults have to say about aging; therefore, Older American Month is a great opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older looks like today.

What is the “Older Americans Act?” The Act originally enacted in 1965 and supports various services of home and community based services such as nutrition programs, meals on wheels, elder abuse prevention, caregivers support, transportation and in home services to assist seniors in remaining as independent and productive in their communities and homes. The Older Americans Act

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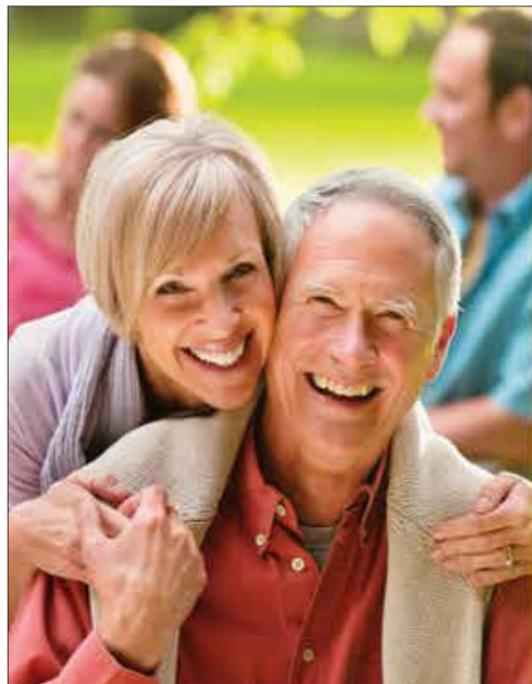
training with the Master Trainer is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, in Ventura. At least 30 hours of practice with other trained volunteers will follow before volunteers can be certified to lead a class

All RSVP volunteers must be age 55 or better. For more information on the instructor training, please call 385-8023.

Those interested in taking the 12-week class should call the Ventura County Area

Agency on Aging’s fall prevention program at 477-7347.

RSVP is a volunteer recruitment and placement program, helping people 55 and older find volunteer positions that match their interests, talent and available time. The Oxnard RSVP has almost 600 members and is sponsored by the City of Oxnard. To learn more about being an RSVP member or to discuss other volunteer opportunities call 385-8023.



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Person to Person

by Jennifer Tipton

I asked 6 Ventura resident moms:
What's your favorite way to spend Mother's Day?



Joy Matthews, age 67, Homemaker

"With my family, we have nurses, fireman and cops so their schedules are all different and some are out of state. It's just so nice to get everyone together." Joy is mom to 4 children and grandmother to 10.



Erin Glynn, age 43, works at On Duty a local family owned business

"We always go to lunch or dinner together, we're boring like that because we see each other every day - we work together!" Erin is mom to 15-year-old Bryce.



Jessica Meramble, age 32, Dietician at CMH

"A day at the beach with family, the weather is perfect here and Kennedy loves to play in the sand and dig holes." Jessica is mom to 22-month-old Kennedy.



Claire Rauley, age 48, Teacher at Buena H.S.

"Most likely go to the beach with the kids. I love the water and sun even more, it's very calming. It's my happy place, I can't imagine moving away from it." Claire is the mom of 2 boys and identical twin girls.



Julie Robinson, age 59, Physical Therapist, Livingston Memorial

"I like to spend it with my children they made me a mother and as they're getting older they all have their own lives so it's great when I get to see them all at the same time." Julie is mom to 2 boys and 1 girl.



Joyce Weight, age 87, Retired banker

"I like to spend it with all my children and grandchildren going out to eat and relaxing, just having family time together." Joyce is mom to 4, grandmother to 7 and great-grandmother to 1.

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Volunteers gathered for lunch at Aloha Steakhouse.

School on Wheels has been celebrating with its volunteers

April was National Volunteer Appreciation Month and local nonprofit School on Wheels has been celebrating with its volunteers throughout Southern California. Recently 30+ volunteers from Ventura County gathered for a late lunch at Aloha Steakhouse on California Street where several volunteers received Presidential Service Awards for volunteering over 100 hours.

Catherine Meek (Pictured third from the right), Executive Director and also a Ventura Volunteer Tutor stated "Volunteers are the tailwinds for our homeless students, we tend to think about the obstacles our homeless students have to overcome but by having a School on Wheels tutor these students have a much better chance to do well and succeed in school. Homeless students need extra time and attention and we need more volunteers, just like you, to help these

kids who are experiencing trauma and instability at such a young age."

Catherine impressed upon the volunteers that they need to talk about homeless children, why they need our help and how they as volunteer tutors are making a difference in Ventura County. Volunteers tend to be a modest lot, but in these uncertain times, we all need to talk about what we are doing to make a difference in our community and the need for others to do the same. To find out more about School on Wheels you can visit their website, www.schoolonwheels.org. The next introductory tutor training for Ventura County Volunteers is on Thursday, May 11th from 5.30 pm at the VCCF Nonprofit center in Camarillo.

A Night to Remember: A prom for students with special needs

Mission Church is set to sponsor the sixth annual A Night to Remember, a free prom for students with special needs, to be held at the Ventura County Fairgrounds on Friday, May 19th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"Right now, there are over 400 special needs guests (ages 12-25) registered for the night, and each will be accompanied by a host for dinner and dancing,"



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explained Mike Hickerson, Lead Pastor at Mission Church. "More than 1500 volunteers will ensure that it is indeed, a night to remember."

The night includes dresses and tuxes (provided ahead of time), hairstyling, makeup and corsages or boutonnières. There is also a limo ride followed by a walk down a red carpet cheered on by paparazzi.

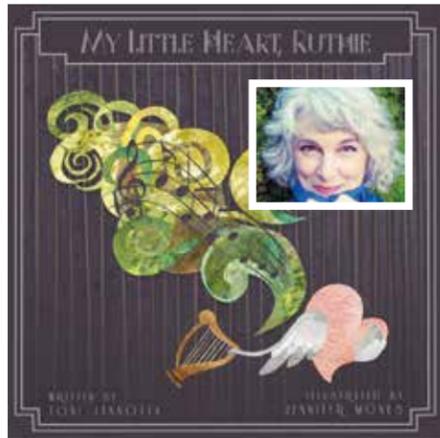
Professional prom photos will be taken and given to the guests at the dance. There will be catered hors d'oeuvres followed by an evening of dancing and fun with music provided by a live DJ.

Venturan, Jon Crosse, who plays trumpet.

Toni's hope is that this project soothes the middle school child who has been bullied or has witnessed things no child should have to, helps the adult still working through past traumas and wishes to feel alive again, and heals anybody, whether young or old, who would like to be held and told a simple little story of hope. This project is for all those who need to be reminded that what they suffered was never their fault.

This project is in its finishing stages. If you would like to help, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/ruthieheart>.

For more information on Toni Jannotta, please visit: <https://www.tonijannotta.com>



Toni Jannotta is on a mission.

Jazz vocalist helping community

Local Ventura jazz vocalist and social activist Toni Jannotta is on a mission. As the recipient of two Ventura arts grants, Toni now believes that music is for the benefit of society in ways she hadn't realized before. With her 2007 Cultural Arts Fellowship Grant from the City of Ventura, Toni merely finished her 3rd album. But it was with her 2010 Artist in the Community Partnership Grant, awarded to her by the Ventura County Arts Council, that Toni found her groove and the meaning of music as a healing tool.

"Voices of the Homeless" was Toni's first experience with producing music to help others. It was a live storytelling concert performed at Working Artists Ventura (the WAV) on August 21, 2010. "Voices of the Homeless" brought together jazz improvisers with members of our local homeless community. It was a concert where the focus was on the homeless themselves educating the audience on who they really were. At the same time this concert demonstrated the unique quality of improvisation. All the music was made up on the spot as the musicians listened and responded to the stories they heard. The performance later became a documentary. It won Toni the 2012 Earth Charter and the Arts Award given to her by Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions.

Now Toni is ready to release another musical project in an effort to help and heal. This project's goal is to bring comfort to all those who have suffered abuse yet believe it was their fault.

The project is called "My Little Heart, Ruthie." It is a picture book and album, that tells the story of a little heart in isolation that must learn to free itself. It is told as a children's rhyme. The illustrations are by artist Jennifer Mones. Along with the book is a 22-minute jazz-inspired musical suite with narration, so that the reader can sit with the book, listen to the music, and be told a bedtime story. The album features jazz harpist Carol Robbins, L.A. drummer Paul Tavenner, bassist Granville "Danny" Young, and our own multi-instrumental

Catch some "Rising Stars"

"Rising Stars" is the Ventura Music Festival's most popular free concert every year! Experience a mix of extraordinary young choral, classical and jazz performers at this free event open to everyone, thanks to generous underwriting by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Donations are welcome but no RSVP is required, just show up at the First United Methodist Church, 1338 E Santa Clara St.

Friday, May 12 @ 8pm - free The Rising Stars Concert includes the nimble and elite 15-member Ventura College Chamber Singers under the direction of Brent Wilson performing contemporary classic choral pieces.



Beer Festival will be the biggest ever.

Surf 'n' Suds!

The Ventura Surf 'n' Suds Beer Festival on Saturday, May 20th at San Buenaventura State Beach. Over 50 craft breweries, ciders and wine! Live entertainment by Synrgy Energy, Crosscut 805 Band and DJ Hecktik!

The "Beer Festival with a Surf Twist" is a favorite among craft beer lovers and those just getting their feet wet! Plenty of food trucks, sunshine, restrooms and great vendors.

Benefitting the Young and Brave Foundation this year, Surf 'n' Suds Beer Festival continues to rise in the ranks of beer festivals in California. "The biggest part of what we do is build community. Our foundation has global impact but that is a direct result of a community's grass-root effort to support their individual families. Events like Surf 'n' Suds are a huge part of what we do, the more people that know about who we are the more families we can help. We're dedicated to making sure not one family fights alone, #LOVEbeatscancer," said Matt Coulter, co-founder and executive director for The Young and Brave Foundation.

VIP tickets are limited and include a VIP gift- one hour early entry! Less than 200 VIP tickets remain! Tickets are \$65. General Admission tickets are \$50.

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Realty Watch

Mortgage rates drop to five-month low

by Patricia Fasen
Realtor

U.S. mortgage rates dropped for a fifth week, sending home-loan costs down to their lowest point since the week after the presidential election.

The average rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage was 3.97 percent, down from 4.08 percent last week and the lowest since November, Freddie Mac said in a statement Thursday. The average 15-year rate decreased to 3.23 percent from 3.34 percent, the McLean, Virginia-based mortgage-finance company said.

Yields for the Treasuries that guide

mortgage costs have dropped on investor expectations that an economy under President Donald Trump won't be as robust as anticipated, according to Guy Cecala, publisher of the newsletter Inside Mortgage Finance.

"The real factor has been the stock market and investor perception of how the U.S. economy is doing," he said. "After we saw health-care reform efforts fail, the stock market reacted and investors started rethinking what was doable under a Trump administration."

The decrease in mortgage rates may encourage homeowners to refinance in the short term as buyers take advantage of lower borrowing costs. An improving job market is increasing demand for real estate as supply of homes for sale tightens. Listings of existing homes for sale are scarcer than they've ever been, and bidding wars are becoming more common again in hot markets like the San Francisco Bay area, Denver, Boston, and in our backyard, Ventura County.

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*From pain and suffering I've been saved
Please do not grieve - it must be you
Who had this painful thing to do.*

*We've been so close, we two, these years
Don't let your heart hold back its tears.*

Sent by Patty Jenkins Poem is by an unknown author

Dear Diane & Sheldon

Scamp was a wonderful dog and I know brought you lots of joy. He had a great full life. I could tell because he was so happy. All the best.

Beth, Ella & Clare

Dear Diane & Sheldon

Scamp was an amazing dog who touched all of our hearts. He will never be forgotten. Always here for all of you. Love the Bakers



Hi Scamp,

We're sorry you're not feeling well. We know how it feels to be special (mommie & daddy had to get special permission at The City Center for us to live there) and how sad your mommie & daddy must be right now.

*We really hope you get well.
Bono, Lizzy & Emma*

You're in our thoughts. We know Professor Scamp was a very special part of your family and brought you many years of cherished memories. Canine Adoption and Rescue League

I just wanted to give you my condolences on Scamp's passing. Me and my girlfriend fell in love with Scamp and his column. It's clear to me he was well loved by all, as all dogs should be, and he will be missed.

Manny Reynoso

I am so so sorry. My love to you all ... please kiss Scamp goodbye from me. I am having something made in his honor

Cappi Patterson

Hi Sheldon and Diane

I just wanted to tell you how sorry I am about your baby boy. I know how much you guys love him and what a great pet editor he was. Now that he's crossed the rainbow bridge, I hope you can find comfort in his memories, adorable pictures and fame.

It's never ever easy - I'm really sorry for your loss and I hope your hearts heal soon.

Breezy Gledhill

Never easy ... big hugs to all of you.
Jennifer Young

I am so sorry to hear that Scamp isn't doing well. I've seen him over the years as well as you at dog events around town. It's so hard to know he could be gone soon, he will take a big piece of your heart with him.

Know he loves you in only the way a dog can love: unconditionally. Take care Scamp fan Fritz

*If it should be that I grow weak,
And pain should keep me from my sleep,
Then you must do what must be done,
For this last battle cannot be won.*

*You will be sad, I understand;
Don't let your grief then stay your hand.
For this day more than all the rest,
Your love for me must stand the test.*

*We've had so many happy years -
What is to come can hold no fears.*

*You'd not want me to suffer so;
The time has come, so let me go.*

*Take me where my needs they'll tend
And please stay with me until the end.*

*Hold me firm and speak to me
Until my eyes no longer see.*

*I know in time that you will see
The kindness that you did for me.*

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Sheldon, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your furry family member.
Kat Merrick

So sorry Sheldon. I know how it feels.
Barbara Hinton

Oh I'm so sorry Sheldon and Diane I know how much you love him. I know how hard it is.
Mindy Benezra

Sorry to hear about Scamp. I know you two were close.
George Robertson

Sheldon:

As a pet owner (have lost 2) I wanted to tell you I've shared your grief. There is nothing in the world to compare to unconditional love of a pet.

Miss Scamp but hope you will soon share love with another.
Jean Nussman.

I'm sorry to hear that Sheldon.
Rebecca Wicks

Sheldon and Diane, So sorry ... it is very sad, losing a beloved pet.
James Gray

I am so sorry for the loss of your friend. I feel your dismay.
Shirley Lorraine

Thank you for letting me know. Please know my thoughts and good wishes are with you
Pam Baumgardner

Dear Sheldon,

I am sorry. I know what it is to say goodbye to a friend like Scamp. hugs and

love to you and Diane.
Elizabeth Alvarez

Awwww! Sorry to hear such a sweet dog. We will all miss him. I know you are down now so anything I can do to help be glad to do it.
Richard Lieberman

The little guy had a great life with you folks. Letting him check out while it's still great is the biggest favor you can do for him.
Alfred Lewis

So sorry Sheldon. It is so rough going thru that. Ugh. Thinking of you both and Scamp. End of an era!
Johanna Spinks



Don't you wish that you had voted for Scamp now?

So sad to read of Scamp's not-so-good health. Losing a pet has often been harder for me than losing a

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person. I'm sure you know the drill well - we try and do the best thing for our beloved pet when the time comes. The bottom line is quality of life. Never about us.

Best regards,
Kurt Triffet

I can't quit crying!!! Wish I could say goodbye to Scampy but I'd probably drown him. My heart goes out to all of you!

Ana Baker



Scamp by Cheryl Gooss

I'm so sorry..... Truly understand. Been there. Think about all the fun times (I guess that's what makes it sad) and all the memories he left with you.

Aloha Champ.....
Larry Dote



Mr. Kitty helped Myrna Cambianica (and hubby) get over the grief of losing their cat.

We went through this after the death of a cat and my husband said maybe not for a while. I missed the companionship so went to humane society and came home with Mr. Kitty. He is much loved and by both of us. It is always a hard decision on how soon. Animals are so good for our well-being ... and we are good in their lives - albeit shorter than ours.

Will be thinking of you and your wife.
Myrna Cambianica

James Mumsford, an American teacher and composer, perhaps described the Shih Tzu best: "Nobody knows how

the ancient eunuchs managed to mix together: a dash of lion, several teaspoons of rabbit, a couple of ounces of domestic cat, one part court jester, a dash of ballerina, a pinch of old man, a bit of beggar, a tablespoon of monkey, one part baby seal, a dash of teddy bear, and, for the rest, dogs of Tibetan and Chinese origin." The object of Mumsford's colorful description, the Shih Tzu is a small, regal dog with long, abundant locks; a distinctive face that melts many a heart; and a friendly attitude. The breed can boast a classy background: he was originally kept by royal Chinese families during the Ming Dynasty. With his flowing hair sweeping the ground and his topknot elegantly tied, the Shih Tzu does appear snobbish, suited only for lying about a palace on silk pillows. Nothing could be further from the truth, however. Shih Tzus are beautiful, but they are also friendly, lively, devoted companions. The Shih Tzu personality is enormously appealing, and even grudging dog observers find it hard to resist this breed. The Shih Tzu simply doesn't allow anyone to ignore him. He was bred to be a friendly companion — he doesn't hunt, herd, or guard — and that's what he is.

He loves nothing more than to meet and greet friends and strangers alike. Count on a Shih Tzu to make friends wherever he goes. Not only is this member of the Toy Group good-natured and friendly, he is highly adaptable. He is as well suited to apartments in the city as to life on a country farm. He loves children and gets along with other animals. Interestingly, the Shih Tzu is sometimes called the Chrysanthemum Dog, a nickname that describes the way the hair on his face grows out in all directions — he looks like a flower with a nose for the center.

Legends regarding the Shih Tzu abound. One says that Buddha traveled with a little dog fitting the description of a Shih Tzu. As the story goes, one day, several robbers came upon the Buddha with the intent of robbing and murdering him. The little dog changed into a ferocious lion and ran off the robbers, saving Buddha's life. The lion then turned back into a fun-loving little dog, which the Buddha picked up and kissed. The white spot on the heads of many Shih Tzus supposedly marks the place where Buddha kissed his loyal friend.



Scamp by Ana Baker

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



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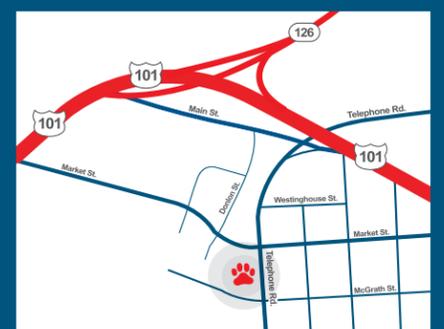
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Ventura kids get ready for summer thanks to YMCA swim programs

Summer is just around the corner and the Ventura Family YMCA encourages children and parents in our community to explore the many benefits of swimming, while also keeping safety top of mind. In Y swim programs, participants can enjoy water sports, enhance or learn new techniques, meet new friends and develop confidence, while also learning safety skills that can save lives.

“Drowning poses a threat to the health and well-being of people nationwide, particularly among children. Research shows that participation in aquatics safety programs and swim lessons significantly reduces the risk of drowning, said Margo Byrne, Chief Operations Officer, Channel Islands YMCA. “Teaching children how to

swim and be safe around water not only saves lives, it builds confidence and is an important life skill.”

As part of National Water Safety Month in May, the Ventura Family YMCA encourages parents to take an active role in fostering a relationship between their children and swimming—beginning with water safety.

In addition to learning lifesaving water safety skills, children can increase their physical activity by swimming. Swimming also motivates children to strive for self-improvement, teaches goal orientation and cultivates a positive mental attitude and high self-esteem. It also teaches life lessons of sport and sportsmanship, so that children can learn how to work well with teammates and coaches and how to deal with winning and losing.

As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, the Y has been a leader in providing swim lessons and water safety for more than 100 years. The Ventura Family YMCA continues to help youth and adults experience the joy and benefits of swimming, so they can be healthy, confident and secure in the water. There are a variety of programs to choose from. To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate, financial assistance is available to those in need to help cover the costs.

For more information at the Ventura Family YMCA, visit <http://www.cymca.org/ventura/> or call 642-2131.

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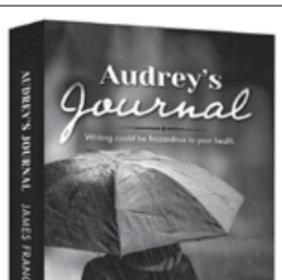
- Week 1: June 19-23-Soccer
- Week 2: June 26-30-Art
- Week 3: July 5-7-Animal Education
- Week 4: July 10-14-Cooking
- Week 5: July 17-21-Tikkun Olam (Healing the World)
- Week 6: July 24-28-Science



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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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For further police reports go to www.venturabreeze.com

Harbor blotter can be found at www.venturabreeze.com just for this issue

Felony Resisting and threatening a police officer

On April 26, at approximately 4pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call that a subject was setting up an illegal camp in the parking lot behind Marie Callenders.

Officers responded to the location and found that 27 year old vagrant Fausto Reyes Huerta had built a shelter out of wood from a large tree that had been cut down and other scrap material from the area. Officer verbally contacted Huerta and he immediately became uncooperative, refused to come out of the shelter and threatened to "cut" officers if they came near him.

After talking with Huerta for almost an hour, A Ventura PD K-9 was brought to the scene and Huerta came out of the shelter and continued to threaten officers verbally. He was taken into custody without incident, and no one was injured during the incident.

Huerta was medically cleared at the Ventura County Medical Center for unrelated medical issues, before being booked into Ventura County Jail for the above charge.

Train vs. Pedestrian

On April 26, at approximately 5pm, the Ventura Police Command Center was notified by Amtrak dispatch regarding a pedestrian being struck by an Amtrak train on the railroad tracks near the railroad trestle west of the fairgrounds. Officers arrived on scene and found the 45 year old female victim lying adjacent to the railroad tracks. Ventura Fire and AMR personnel also responded and immediately pronounced the victim deceased.

According to the train engineer the southbound train was travelling at approximately 50 mph, when he saw the victim standing on the railroad tracks in the middle of the tracks. It appeared the victim did not attempt to get out of the way of the train. The train horn was sounded and all emergency attempts were made to stop the train, but the train did not stop in time and struck the victim.

Ventura County Medical Examiner responded to the scene. The name of the victim was not immediately determined. Once the victim's identity has been confirmed, the coroner's office will notify the next of kin.

The train, occupied by approximately 85 passengers, was delayed at the scene for two hours while the investigation was being completed.

Felony Resisting, Felony Battery on a Police Officer, Felony Vandalism

On April 30, at approximately 2:30pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a resident in the 100 block of Forbes Ln., reporting that an unwelcomed family member was disturbing outside of their residence. Prior to officers arriving on scene, it was reported the suspect later identified as 35 year old vagrant Gloria Romero, broke a window and used a hose to spray water inside of the residence. When the first officer arrived on scene, she contacted Romero down the street from the residence at the corner of Ventura Ave. and Forbes Ln.

Romero was uncooperative, and when the officer attempted to detain her, Romero struck the officer in the head with her hand. As Romero was going to hit the officer a second time with a bag she was carrying, the

officer deployed a taser which was not effective. Romero continued to resist and threaten the officer, but she was taken into custody when additional officers arrived on scene.

After being medically cleared at VCMC, Romero was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony resisting, felony battery on a police officer and felony vandalism.

The officer received minor injuries, although remained on duty.

Armed Robbery

On May 1, at approximately 4pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from the female victim reporting that she had been robbed by the suspect while in Chumash Park, 9200 Henderson Rd.

The victim said she was sleeping in the park when the unknown suspect, a white male in his 30's wearing a "Lakers" hat and a black shirt with a "LA" logo on the front and armed with a knife, woke her up and demanded money. The victim cooperated and gave him an undisclosed amount of money. After taking the money, the suspect fled on foot westbound from the park.

The victim was not injured as a result of this incident.

Anyone with information or is a witness to this crime is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

The Ventura Police Department and law enforcement through the country will be conducting special motorcycle safety enforcement operations throughout the month of May for Motorcycle Safety Month. In addition, the California Motorcyclist Safety Program is offering special, low cost rider training classes during the month of May.

Ventura PD will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operations throughout the month in an effort to lower deaths and injuries. Extra officers will be patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur. Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle crashes. They will be cracking down on both those operating regular vehicles and motorcyclists who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, making illegal turns, or any other dangerous violation.

The California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) training program is offering a "Total Control Refresher Training" course during the month of May. This four-hour riding class is for experienced riders with a current motorcycle license. Riders will use their own street-legal motorcycle during the class taught by CMSP-certified Instructors at a cost of only \$95. Log onto the CMSP website <http://cmsp.msi5.com> to register.

California motorcycle fatalities saw a phenomenal drop of 37 percent from 2008 to 2010, but then rose 31 percent by 2015. Efforts like these are aimed at curbing any more rises in motorcycle deaths and sending the numbers back downward.

New Riders are urged to get basic training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at <http://www.californiamotorcyclist.com/> or 1-877 RIDE 411 (1-877-743-3411).

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: share in the responsibility and do your part by safely "sharing the road."

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FELONY HIT AND RUN INVESTIGATION
May 4, 2017

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Information:
Ventura Police Department is investigating a felony hit and run collision that occurred on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at approximately 8 am on the west side of the Ventura County Government Center grounds. The 43-year-old female victim was walking on the sidewalk when she was hit by a 2002 gold colored Acura MDX that fled the scene.

Detectives are seeking witnesses who may have seen this collision occur.

Specifically, we are also seeking the occupants of the above pictured vehicles who may have seen the driver or passenger of the gold Acura MDX at the time of the collision.

Please contact Sgt. Darrick Brunk, 805.339.4323 with any information.

The complete press release can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org
If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.
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— King Crossword —

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Ventura Music Scene

Local Music and More!

by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

Are you ready for a beer festival with a surf twist? Then you'll want to check out Surf 'N' Suds on Saturday, May 20, at San Buenaventura State Beach (901 San Pedro Street entrance). They'll have over 50 breweries represented and of course live music to entertain while sipping on your suds; this year it's Synrgy, Crosscut 805 Band and DJ Hecktik. There will be a free bicycle valet, you can catch the free Ventura Trolley, or check out the other shuttles available to get to the beach. For ticket and more general information go to SurfBeerfest.com.

The Rubicon Theater is hosting "Music for Changing Times" a weeklong festival bringing together three generations of activist artists in a series of events celebrating music. It runs May 8-13 which includes performances from Grammy winners Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey (Peter, Paul and Mary). Go to RuiconTheatre.org for more information.

Alastair Greene has announced that he has left the Alan Parsons Live Project after seven years touring with the band. He said he's had the opportunity to see much of the world because of his guitar and a generous man named Alan Parsons. He'll be focusing on his solo career and other musical adventures.

Local artist, Kyle, who has been certified platinum for his song "iSpy" had a concert Saturday, April 29 at the Ventura Theater. It was great to see so many kids lined up around the block to support their local friend. You'd expect that kind of turn out from his hometown, but he's sold out shows in Salt Lake City, Detroit and Chicago. Way to go Super Duper Kyle!

It's finally been announced that Los Lobos will be headlining this year's Roadshow Revival. Don't forget its new location is at Discovery Ventura and will be held on Saturday, July 1. Other bands on the bill include Raging Arb and the Redheads, The Walking Phoenixes, The Rockin' Rebels, Phantom Poms, Hard Six, and more. Get the lowdown at RoadshowRevival.com.

Quick notes: Cask Alehouse (5952 Telegraph Rd) is featuring Adam Tunney with jazz, standards and lounge tunes every Monday; Medicine Hat can be found at Cork (1930 E. Main St) Fridays 5/12 and 5/19; September Begins CD release party is Saturday, May 20, at Bombay's; Black Dragon will open for Foghat at the Canyon Club on May 26;

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

cizing? Please 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

Sundays: 9 pm Karaoke
Mondays: 6 pm Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson; 9 pm Musician's Night Out
Tuesdays: Open Mic
Sat 5/20: 9 pm Dive Bar Messiahs

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street

Wednesdays: Jam Night

Fridays: DJs

Saturdays: DJs

Sat 5/13: Three Bad Jacks, Hard Six, The Phantom Poms

Sat 5/20: September Begins, Wish Radio, The Psycho Sexies, Leave the Stars

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street

(805) 653-1266

Wed 5/10: Donna Butler

Thurs 5/11: Coso Live

Fri 5/12: Soul Infusion

Sat 5/13: The Collective, Ryan Gleason

Tues 5/16: Bernie Meisinger

Wed 5/17: Big Adventure

Thurs 5/18: Fabulous Hangovers

Fri 5/19: Drunken Monkeys

Sat 5/20: Ricky Coz

Tues 5/23: Bill Owen

Cask Alehouse

5952 Telegraph Road

Mondays: 6 pm Adam Tunney

Thurs 5/11: 8 pm Corsican Brothers

Sun 5/14: 4 pm Ventucky String Band

Thurs 5/18: 8 pm Soul 4 II

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

Week nights 7 pm; Sundays 3 pm

Mondays: Ruben Estrada Band

Tuesdays: The Down Home Trio

Wednesdays: Kenny Devoe drum circle

Fri 5/12: Havana Cinco

Sat 5/13: Hot Roux

Sun 5/14: 3 pm Hot Roux

Fri 5/19: Rivera & Sunnarborg

Sat 5/20: Estrada Brothers

Sun 5/21: Soul Expression

Cork

1930 E. Main Street

Fridays 5/12 & 5/19: Medicine Hat

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback Fridays

Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl

Thurs 5/11: Legalizer

Fri 5/12: Shaky Feelin'

Sat 5/13: Masters of Puppets

Wed 5/17: Ital Vibes, the Riddims

Thurs 5/18: Anuheha

Fri 5/19: No Duh

Sat 5/20: DJ Kuya Ray

El Rey Cantina

294 E. Main Street

Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and Friends

Saturdays: 9:30 DJ Erock

Garage

1091 Scandia Ave

Sat 5/13: The Midnight Hour Soul Club

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Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Wed 5/10: Phil Salazar Bluegrass Jam

Fri 5/12: Crooked Eye Tommy

Sat 5/13: Morganfield Burnett

Sun 5/14: 3 pm Shelby Figueroa

Wed 5/17: The Swillys

Fri 5/19: Salty Suites

Sat 5/20: Otis Hayes

Sun 5/21: 3 pm Johnny Hawthorn Band

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mondays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band

Fri 5/12: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Billy Watson

Sun 5/14: 4 pm Del Franklin

Fri 5/19: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Debbie

Davies Band

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke

Thursday: Open Mic

Sunday: Karaoke

Fri 5/12: Sean Wiggins

Sat 5/13: Rick Miller Band

Fri 5/19: Vital Itch

Sat 5/20: Magnificent Bastards

Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street

Thurs 5/11: 6:30 pm Brian & Hannah Tolley

Sun 5/14: 3 pm Erisy Watt

Thurs 5/18: 6:30 pm Shea Salisbury

Sun 5/21: 3 pm Bad Leaf

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Fri 5/12: The Tossers

Sat 5/13: Crosscut 805

Sun 5/14: The Swillys

Mon 5/15: Jason Ho

Tues 5/16: Dave Rae

Fri 5/19: James Brothers

Sat 5/20: Inertia

Sun 5/21: Inertia & John Band

Mon 5/22: Carlos Morales

Tues 5/23: Dave Rae

O'Leary's

6555 Telephone Road

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 5/12: Live Band Karaoke

Paddy's

2 W. Main Street

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri & Sat: DJs

Patio at The Players Casino

Auto Center Drive

Fri 5/12: Natalie Gelman

Fri 5/19: Jade Hendrix

Sun 5/21: Natalie Gelman

Plan B Wine Cellars

3520 Arundell Circle #107

(805) 233-1453

Sun 5/14: 4 pm Jen Staves & the Bluzfish

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road

(805) 648-1143

Music 7:30 pm

Mon 5/15: Wyatt Haupt Band

Mon 5/22: Paul Tayfoya

Prime

2209 E. Thompson Blvd

Tuesdays: Danny D

Fridays: Mike Moody

Saturdays: Jessica Ash

Rookees Sports Bar & Grill

419 E. Main Street

(805) 648-6862

Fri and Sat: Rotating DJs

Rubicon Theater

1006 E. Main Street

(805) 667-2900

Thurs 5/11: Top 10 Finalists Rubicon's

National Songwriting Competition

Fri 5/12: Peter Yarrow & Noel Paul Stookey

Sat 5/13: Benefit concert for Music2Life & Rubicon's

Youth Education Programs

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: Transform Tuesdays w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Sat 5/13: Birdbrain, FSKD

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St.

805-643-7300

Live jazz music 7-10 pm

Wed 5/10: Homenaje featuring Will Brahm

Thurs 5/11: Brad Rabuchin & Friends

Fri 5/12: Coleen & Co.

Sat 5/13: Gergo Borlai (includes Drum clinic at 5)

Wed 5/17: Greg Spaulding Trio

Thurs 5/18: Julie Kelly

Fri 5/19: Louis Menuoz Quartet

Sat 5/20: Kevin Crabb Jazz Ensemble

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Tues: Karaoke

Fri 5/12: Shawn Jones

Sat 5/13: Dive Bar Messiahs

Fri 5/19: Whiskey Stone

Sat 5/20: The Bomb

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

Music 6-8 pm

Sat 5/13: Moss man

Sat 5/20: Medicine Hat

Surf 'n' Suds Beer Festival

San Buenaventura State Beach

Sat 5/20: Synrgy, Crosscut Band 805, DJ Hecktik

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

(805) 643-3264

Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve

Metal Wednesdays

Get it Right Thursday DJs

Fri 5/12: Dojo Loach

Sat 5/13: Sin Chonies

Fri 5/19: Ruberneck Lions

Sat 5/20: Soul Infusion

Topa Topa Brewing Co.

104 E. Thompson Blvd

(805) 628-9255

Music 6 pm

Tuesdays: Jeff Uzzel

Ventura Music Festival

First United Methodist Church

1338 E. Santa Clara Street

Fri 5/12: Rising Stars concert (free)

The Wine Rack (Ventura)

14 S. California Street

(805) 653-9463

Tues 5/9: Jason Ho

Fri 5/12: B&V Acoustic

Sat 5/13: Jodi Farrell & Jim Rankin

Fri 5/19: B&V Acoustic

Sat 5/20: Spectrum

The 805 Bar

Ventura Harbor

Sat & Sun: Noon Kenny DeVoe

Sat 5/13: 8 pm Teresa Russell

Sat 5/20: 8 pm Jason Ho



Watercolor by Phyllis Gubins "Wild Blooms"

Red Brick Gallery's Sun Drenched exhibit May 15th - August 16, acrylics by **Jen Livia**, watercolors by **Phyllis Gubins** and Fine Art Jewelry by several local artists all exploring rhythm, movement and color. Each of the artist's representation of motion is unique, but they all relate back to how the elements of nature impact the world around them. Open Weekdays by appointment and Weekends During Classes, please see their web-site for more details and events.

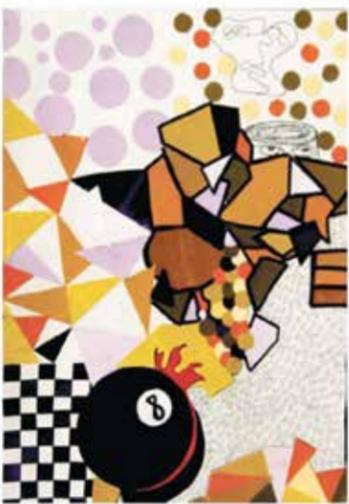


Arts & Eats will be held in downtown Ventura on Saturday, May 20 from 6 - 8pm. Over a dozen galleries, restaurants and shops open their doors for art receptions and complimentary tastes. The event is free to the public. At 5pm, Pop-Up Yoga will have a yoga class at Plaza Park.

Frances Elson and Chris

Weber will display their art in "No Boundaries" at Fox Fine Jewelry from May 18 - July 9 with an Art Reception on May 20 from 6 - 8:00pm. Musician Corinn Conant will sing and play guitar during the reception.

For more information on Arts & Eats, contact Debbie Fox at Fox Fine Jewelry, 560 East Main St. 652-1800 or debbie@foxfinejewelry.com.



Kimberly Moreno



Magaly Ramos

Ventura College Santa Paula and Santa Paula High School are proud to announce their partnership in curating a spring semester student exhibition, Spring On. The student exhibition opened earlier this month at the Ventura College Santa Paula site (957 Faulkner Road 106, Santa Paula).

Created to celebrate and showcase art work created by students, faculty, and alumni, the collaborative exhibition capitalizes on the strong partnership between Ventura College Santa Paula and the Santa Paula High School. "We remain committed to the arts in education," stated Ventura County Community College District Board Chair Bernardo Perez. "We value our partnership with the Santa Paula High School and look forward to participating in this exhibition."

Spring On... shows at the Ventura College Santa Paula site through June 1. Gallery Hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8:30 pm.

Secret Paintings Exhibition: June 3 - August 6

The Museum of Ventura County is proud to present **Michael Pearce** exhibition, *The Secret Paintings*, a 35-piece collection reminiscent of Renaissance and Pre-Raphaelite masters in their ambitiousness, complexity, and scale. Its scenes of theatrical grandeur combine the present with the mysteries of the past to create something wholly modern. Pearce uses the ancient Neolithic imagery of his ancestors, injecting it into medieval tarot card settings rife with allegory, all manifested in grand adventures across great canvases. The Museum will host an opening reception Friday, June 2, 6-8 pm.



An Artist Spotlight a Conversation with **Kent Twitchell** Sunday, May 28 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Oxnard's Levity Live at The Collection

In today's vernacular, you might say that Kent Twitchell's public art projects have gotten millions of hits. For decades, people have driven by, walked by or simply sat and stared at huge murals that have dominated

LA's freeways and cityscapes. To find out why he feels so strongly about the importance of public art, to understand his motivations listen while Donna Granata and Kent Twitchell talk about his deeply-held belief that art should be egalitarian.

Make your reservation today! www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or 653.2501. \$10 for the general public, \$5 for students and seniors, and free to Focus on the Masters Members. This marvelous venue is offered free to support FOTM's educational programming. It is contingent on the purchase of food and drink that cover the house's staff costs.

Immediately following the program join AfterGLOW, a fundraising dinner prepared by Roxie Ray and Chris Beirne at the Camarillo home of Roxie immediately following the program. The AfterGLOW is \$25 for FOTM members, \$35 for non-members. Paid reservations are essential & required prior to May 22. RSVP www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 653-2501.

To learn about Kent Twitchell visit www.KentTwitchell.org

Two Trees by **Jennifer Livia** can also be seen at Red Brick Gallery.



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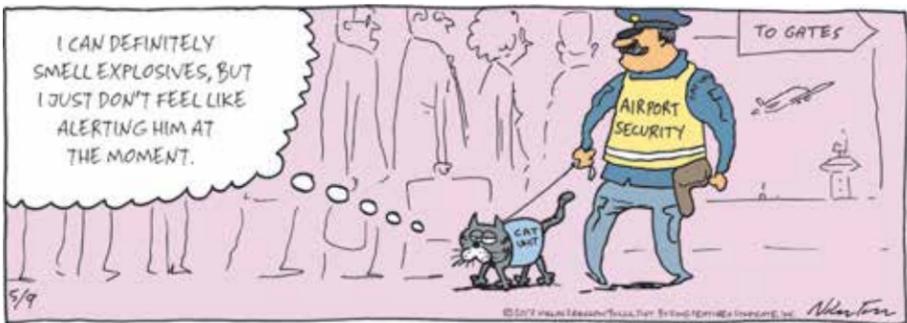
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Hi and Lois



Carpe Diem



Blondie



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

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Media watchdog org.
- 4 Basin accessory
- 8 Jason's ship
- 12 Carte lead-in
- 13 Old woman's home?
- 14 Cat call
- 15 Capital of Uzbekistan
- 17 Elliptical
- 18 Involve
- 19 Plant bristle
- 21 Mischievous tyke
- 22 Capital of Rwanda
- 26 Prologue
- 29 Fast flier
- 30 Director Howard
- 31 Little lamb's owner
- 32 Prohibit
- 33 Ostentatious display
- 34 Santa — winds
- 35 Blunder
- 36 Point of view
- 37 Capital of Mozambique
- 39 Ostrich's cousin
- 40 Cal.'s ocean
- 41 Dutch exports
- 45 Shaving cream

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- 6 A billion years
- 7 Gotten back
- 8 In the thick of
- 9 Accelerate
- 10 — long way
- 11 Hooter
- 16 Hirsute
- 20 Humor
- 23 Met melody
- 24 Forsaken
- 25 "Meet Me — Louis"
- 26 Mosque big wig
- 27 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 28 Snare
- 29 Cookie holder
- 32 Rich fabric
- 33 "Be-Bop- —"
- 35 Greek vowel
- 36 With complacence
- 38 Knock over
- 39 Bygone anesthetic
- 42 Sacred
- 43 Egyptian bird
- 43 Macadamize
- 44 Charon's river
- 45 Big bother
- 46 Once around the track
- 47 Have bills
- 49 Seek damages

DOWN

- 1 Karma
- 2 Family
- 3 Group of actors
- 4 Inuit
- 5 Puppy

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week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it -- don't justify it -- so you can become your gracious self again.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by

BORN THIS WEEK: You can find beauty where many cannot. And you enjoy sharing your discovery with others.

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Show Time

The Circle



Breeze rating from 1 to 4 palm trees, 4 being best.

by Manuel Reynoso

The Circle is a 2017 thriller film directed by James Ponsoldt and written by Ponsoldt and Dave Eggers, based on Eggers' 2013 novel of the same name. The film stars Emma Watson, Tom Hanks, John Boyega.

Mae Holland lands an entry level position at the largest tech company in the world, *The Circle*, but soon finds herself working on some of the most privacy intrusive technology ever devised.

I always feel guilty for ogling at car wrecks on the side of the road, but we all know that we humans tend to be drawn to disasters. That little bit of mayhem and chaos that seems to feel satisfying at almost a deep, primal level. So when I turned to my girlfriend 30 minutes into *The Circle* just to remark how much of a train wreck this film is, we both knew we had to see this through to the end. And much like a freeway pileup, it's kind of amazing how this disaster just stretches on and on.

The Circle is a flawed film in many different ways, it's funny where it shouldn't be, has shoddy visuals, and has acting performances that felt completely phoned in. But Ignoring all that, this movie has a fundamentally flawed script and terrible editing. If contrived character motivation, poorly written characters, and being built on a foundation of conflicting morals wasn't the nail in the coffin for this film, broken continuity and random jump cuts destroys this film.

It's really difficult to write good dialogue. Even in some of the best films, characters can come off as a bit stilted or over expository. But *The Circle's* dialogue was so unnatural and so overly preachy, I'm still not even sure if this was intentional or not. Characters seemed to only communicate to each other in plot dumps or irrelevant quirky banter. There is no subtlety, and no natural rapport being built between the characters during the film. It's like watching robots come on screen, regurgitate their lines, then walk off once the job is done. Some of the most important characters in this film get no time to build relationships and grow, but instead serve to be nothing more than plot to move the film along.

The poor writing doesn't just end at the characters, no, it runs deep in this film's screenplay. The trailer portrays *The Circle* to be a high concept piece about the dangers of one corporation having too much information on its users. There was so much potential for effective social commentary about the dangers of losing one's privacy to a single mega corporation. Instead, I walked away from that film with absolutely no idea whether the writer believed a lack of privacy was a good or bad thing. It's one thing to have a stance I don't agree with, it's another to have no stance on the issue your film was based around. At no point do we get the payoff of reaching some epiphany on what the writer of trying to convey. I walked out asking myself what the point of the movie even was.

I wish I could stop bad mouthing

this movie here, but even the physical act of watching the film itself was a chore. Dozens of times throughout the film the editing breaks basic continuity. Scenes change with no warning, and the positions of the characters would change seemingly at random. This film's over use of the jump cut was also very jarring. Multiple camera angles and cuts for something as simple as a character speaking felt jarring and unnatural. This film's only saving grace is it might be an interesting study on bad editing, but unless that sounds interesting to you, move along and ignore this train wreck. PG 13 1h 50m

A View from House Seats

Family Bonds Prevail in Mullingar

by Shirley Lorraine

The Irish countryside provides a lush and laid-back setting for this play about family ties, love, persistence and obligation in *Outside Mullingar* now on the main stage at Santa Paula Theater Center.

Oscar, Pulitzer and Tony award winning author John Patrick Stanley of *Doubt* and *Moonstruck* fame penned this charming and introspective work full of wisdom and true-to-life situations. He has created characters who plow through many of life's little regrets to find the fertile soil that remains, proving that it is never too late to bare your soul and bury any hatchets that may hinder the next generation. They cover misgivings, misunderstandings and even love with blame, blather and blarney, resulting in sharp repartee delivered with a twinkle of the eye.

At the stories' center are Anthony (Ron Feltner) and Rosemary (Jessie May Stevenson), neighbors since children, who are reluctant to recognize their mutual long-standing attraction. Anthony's father, Tony (Cecil Sutton), and Rosemary's mother, Aoife (Rosalee Calvillo) fuel a long-standing feud through wry wit and Irish wiles.

The four seasoned actors, under the expert guiding hand of SPTC Artistic Director David Ralphe are relatable and authentic. Sutton and Calvillo as the two elders, play off each other with the practiced ease of old friends. Feltner and Stevenson, a couple in real life, deliver strong and determined characterizations as the offspring left to cope with myriad issues stemming from the past. Ultimately time erases the years gone by as a new beginning is forged. While actions and reactions between Feltner and Stevenson are particularly mesmerizing, the performances and portrayals from all are riveting.

The Irish accents vary ever so slightly and all the actors carry theirs well. Slowing the pace in the opening scenes may help the audience acclimate to the verbal rhythms so that clarity is maximized. In a few sections, additional volume would assist the audience in catching all the lyrical nuances in the poetic piece. The verbal lilt is so compelling and charming throughout that one might find themselves unconsciously searching for their own inner leprechaun on the way home.

Adding to the visual beauty are vintage appliances and set pieces such as an old country home may still use. The

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first act setting emphasizes the state the widower and the bachelor endure as they struggle to hold their farm together, while the second act reveals a Spartan but definite woman's touch to the neighboring home. Subtle lighting changes and incidental music heighten the effects required, particularly in the quiet moments of reflection.

Outside Mullingar is a well presented and important piece of theater. Filled

with truly human characters, the work offers glimpses of many people we may know in various stages of life. There is recognition in every situation, reminding us all that our struggles, inner and outer, are universal and timeless.

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Friday Night Tap
5/12-6/9 F 6:30-7:30 pm \$40
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Learn basic steps, combinations and routines to upbeat rhythms and music. Classes are progressive but designed for the beginner. Instructor Elli Busch. No class 5/26. Classes held at Billy Clower Dance Studio, 75 MacMillian Ave. in Ventura.

Painting Landscapes Big and Small 7-12 years
5/17-6/14 M 4-5:30 pm
\$50+\$10 materials fee

#7973

Paint landscapes with trees, mountains, waves, waterfalls and other details using many techniques. Join artist Jen Livia at 4601 Telephone Rd #112 each week to explore new subjects and paint them in a variety of styles to discover our own unique style. All supplies provided.

Preventing Separation Anxiety 18 years-adult
5/20 Sa 10 am-12 pm \$20
#7700

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KNOW YOUR IPHONE Tuesday, May 16

Session 1: 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Session 2: 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Your iphone is more than just a phone – how would you like to use it? Texting? E-mail? Taking and sending pictures? Let us help you get the most use out of your phone. **No charge for this class.**

IPAD - BEYOND THE BASICS Thursday, May 18

Session 1: 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Session 2: 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Are you struggling with your ipad? Are you having trouble using email, using the internet or social media? This class will help you get the most use from your i-pad. This class requires an intermediate level of skill. **No charge for this class.**

SOCK HOP Friday, June 9

6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Our first ever sock hop! Take out that poodle skirt and bobby socks and dance the night away at our sock hop! We will have a DJ and special guests to help us “shake, rattle, and roll.” Light refreshments will be served.

Admission per person: 1 new pair of men’s or women’s pull on socks which will be donated to needy seniors at a nursing home.

No charge for any activities listed above. You do not have to be a SCAN Health Plan member to attend.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Seating is limited to seniors 55+ and caregivers

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LOCATION: SCAN Health & Wellness Center, 6633 Telephone Rd., Ste 100 Ventura, CA 93003



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State of Education

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are of other cultural descent and 25% of these are English learners. The cultural population of the students has changed dramatically over the years.

Regarding the economic uncertainty, in 1978 proposition 13 limited taxes which put schools at the mercy of the State, in 2012 proposition 30 increased revenues and they have been increasing ever since but we are still significantly below the State average for funding. Mr. Richards encouraged businesses to assist schools by collaborating partnerships and described the many ways to accomplish this.

Dr. Greg Gillespie the President of Ventura College since 2013 and the newly appointed Chancellor of the Ventura County Community College District was the third speaker. Dr. Gillespie stressed that education is critical to opening

doors to our community and again he spoke of how the demographic has changed with a decrease in student age and a dramatic increase in the need for financial aid. He spoke of a six-year educational masterplan in which priority #1 would be to put Ventura College in the top 5 colleges in the State and explained, “because we want to do a better job to provide a future to our community.” Dr. Gillespie wants to see kids “grow up here, get an education here, get a job here and raise a family here.”

The last speaker was Dr. Ericka Beck the President of California State University Channel Islands, she was excited to see some of her alumni in the audience and spoke about the changes taking place on her campus including a new program that builds drones to support the bee population using “swarm technology”.

The Traveler’s Café, (a new family

owned restaurant located on Front St.) provided an outstanding buffet luncheon.

City Public Works fights graffiti

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to restrict access to tempting walls, and rapidly removing graffiti to send vandals a message that their defacement has little chance of being seen.

Community members can help keep Ventura safe and clean by reporting graffiti in the City of Ventura, at 654-7805.

Oopsies! We were all wrong

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Ventura so he attended Buena High instead. However, he did not graduate

from Buena either! Kevin’s family moved again before his senior year where he graduated high school from Villa Park (In California) in 1973.

And so, the rivalry between the Cougars and the Bulldogs continue spurred on by the Ventura Breeze.

Selecting a new superintendent

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input from members of the community, parents, students, employees and others interested in the Ventura Unified School district are welcomed.

Your participation may also be offered through an online survey available on the District’s website at <http://www.venturausd.org> and link will also be posted on every school website.