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A standing room only reception was held to honor the 2017 contest winners

City of Ventura's 9th annual Art Tales "writing contest inspired by art" recently held a standing room only reception to honor the 2017 contest winners. Youth, high school and adult writers submitted a record 123 works of short fiction and poems inspired by the City of Ventura's Municipal and Public Art Collections that can be seen in the corridors of City Hall.

Contestants ranged in age from kindergarten to over 80 years old and most entries came from Ventura County.

Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko welcomed the writers and their guests at the reception held at the E.P. Foster Library in Downtown Ventura held on June 8. Mayor Nasarenko stated "Thank you, teachers, all of you, for inspiring your students to write such beautiful pieces inspired by art."

Denise Sindelar, Ventura Community Partnerships Manager told those in attendance "The Art Tales program introduces the city's Municipal Art Collection to a whole new community. Over 120 creative writing submissions were contributed by writers from all over the state. Wonderful works by talented writers inspired by world class art."



Scholarship award winners were all smiles when presented their checks.

Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship award winners

The Ventura Police Officers Association (VPOA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 14th annual Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships are to honor Sergeant Darlon "Dee" Dowell, who was shot and killed on August 7, 1978. Sergeant Dowell is the only officer in Ventura's history to die in the line of duty.

In selecting scholarship recipients, the VPOA considered academic achievement, school and community service, financial needs, and other requirements:

Applicants must be entering his/her freshman through senior year in college. Plan a course of study related to the field of public service;

Ventura resident or have graduated from a high school in Ventura within the past three years and have a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

2017 Scholarship Awards Winners:

- 1st Place \$5,000.00 Taylor Grosenbach
- 2nd Place \$3,500.00 Emily Kinnaman
- 3rd Place \$2,000.00 Reyn Hoffman
- Honorable Mention \$500.00 Spencer Tilken

The VPOA would like to thank all of the applicants and congratulate the 2017 winners of the Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship!

"Be honest, be safe, and look forward to each day." -Sgt Dee Dowell



They also held their annual Candlelight Vigil. Photos by Pacific Eagle Air Cam.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is far from over

Thousands of cyclists and volunteer "roadies" will embark on a 545-mile journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles, from June 4 through 10, united by a common cause: fighting to end HIV/AIDS. Over 2,200 cyclists camped overnight at San Buenaventura State Beach in Ventura on the way to Los Angeles. They also held their annual Candlelight Vigil to remember those

who have died from AIDS.

This year, AIDS/LifeCycle participants raised more than \$15.1 million to support the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the HIV/AIDS-related services of the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Participants are ages 18 to 97 from nearly every state.

Now in its 16th year, AIDS/LifeCycle

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Business



Ventura native Jessica Purdy is right at home

After a career in marketing and advertising, Jessica Purdy has followed her heart back to her hometown, where she is the newest member of the Ventura office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties.

"I was born in Ventura and grew up in Camarillo, so I have a great deal of history and love for the Ventura County area," said Jessica, whose passion for real estate was inspired by the real estate professionals in her family.

She has a communications degree from UCLA. Jessica loves walking and hiking around her hometown, exploring local restaurants, and enjoying the amazing climate and scenery that Ventura living has to offer.

both Traffic Engineer (TE) in California and Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE). His broad experience includes all aspects of signal and roadway design, traffic impact studies, construction traffic control plans, litigation support, and supervision of technical personnel at office and in the field. His PTOE license is a powerful demonstration of requisite knowledge, skill and ability in the specialized application of traffic operations engineering.

Herrera is member of various professional organizations including the American Public Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Institute of Traffic Engineering. "Richard brings tremendous talent and experience to our Traffic and Transportation group, making our team unparalleled anywhere", says Mohammed A. Hasan, principal of Hasan Consultants. "This means he'll be an invaluable asset to the cities, counties, state agencies, transportation commissions and transit districts we serve."

Hasan Consultants provides services in civil and environmental engineering, traffic and transportation, and surveying. More information about the firm is available at hasanconsultants.com. Their office is located at 2436 E. Thompson Blvd. in Ventura.

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Women's Economic Ventures is dedicated to creating an equitable and just society through the economic empowerment of women.

Veteran traffic professional joins Hasan Consultants

Richard L. Herrera, a well-known traffic expert in the greater Los Angeles and tri-counties area, has joined Hasan Consultants. He will be in charge of the Traffic and Transportation group at Hasan. Herrera just left the County of Ventura Transportation Department, where he served as the Traffic Engineering Manager for a number of years. Previously, he worked for the City of Oxnard Public Works Department, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Herrera received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at California State University, Long Beach. He is a licensed professional civil engineer (PE) in the state of California. He has the rare licenses and certifications of

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 Fri. June 30th - Roadshow Revival Preparty ft. Slim Jim Phantom
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 Sat. July 1st - Roadshow Revival Afterparty ft. The Delta Bombers
 Sat. July 8th - UFC213: Nunes vs. Shevchenko

Sat. July 8th - Red Not Chili Peppers
 Sat. July 22nd - Trevor Hall
 Sat. July 29th - UFC214: Corrier vs. Jones 2
 Sat. July 29th - The Molly Ringwald Project - 80's Night!
 Sun. August 6th - The Ataris & The Queers
 Fri. August 11th - TATANKA
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 Sat. August 26th - Led Zepplia
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Breeze:

I think the spending of way over \$2 million for the new bridge enhancements on California is absurd. The only difference that I see is a not very good looking higher rail. I certainly hope that

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ In a future issue we will have an article about the “controversy” of the City having two **golf courses** that are costing Ventura a lot of money to maintain. A few of my friends who play golf told me that if these two courses allowed players to only use 9-holes that more people would play there. So, instead players use the 9-hole course in Saticoy which is not in the City. I’m sure the logistics of how players would use only 9-holes would need to be figured out, but I’m positive that golfers are very honest and would only play nine holes if that is what they paid for.

■ The VCMC (Ventura County Medical Center) had their ribbon cutting ceremony for their new addition (see article in this issue). I attended and was shocked that I didn’t see any Ventura officials in attendance (sorry if I missed you - let me know if so). VCMC is located in what Ventura is calling the **Wellness District**, and VCMC is an important part of it.

■ I’m glad to hear that the **Pierpont Inn** has finally (after 18 months) secured their permits to continue with the construction (they previously started renovating without permits). Hopefully, the remodel will restore the lobby and other areas to the Hotel’s wonderful original look. The restaurant and inn have remained open.

■ I think that the Breeze might have suggested that the recently sold Anastasi property located at Seaward and Harbor will not have a project built there. Of course something will be built there but, as always, it could be many-many years away.

■ **FOOD Share** CEO **Bonnie Atmore** (aka Bonnie Weigel before her recent marriage) has resigned after nine years running FOOD Share to focus on a land trust she and her husband, Rich Atmore founded. Under Bonnie, FOOD Share grew from serving 38,000 people per month to 74,500.

She and Rich plan to spend more time on the Rancho San Buenaventura Conservation Trust, which oversees 860 acres and is in the process of buying 752

additional acres in the Ventura hillsides. I wish them much success, and based on her past experiences, they will certainly attain their goals.

■ Residents living on Vista Del Mar Dr. have shown what can be achieved if neighbors get together to try to make things happen without forming an actual community council. By contacting City Council Members and heads of other City departments, they have had informative signs installed and overhanging trees and vegetation growing onto the street cut back to the curb or pavement edges making it much easier and safer to drive this very narrow street. And a special thanks to City Council Member **Mike Tracy** (and 2 VPD officers) for meeting with the neighbors at one of resident’s homes. If you use the street as a short cut please drive safely and slowly.

■ Once again, thank you all who have reached out to Diane and I by emails, phone cards and personal cards to express your thoughts regarding the passing of **Scamp**. It has been really amazing and comforting.

■ I’m glad to hear that teen vaping, which has been skyrocketing, fell dramatically last year in the United States. A recent government survey suggests the number of high school and middle school students using electronic cigarettes fell to 2.2 million last year, from 3 million the year before.

Health officials have worried about the booming popularity of vaping products among kids and the potential impact on adult smoking rates in the future.

It’s the first decline CDC has reported in teen vaping since the agency began tracking it in 2011.

If you don’t know what they are, e-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that provide users with aerosol puffs that can contain nicotine.

Health officials have warned nicotine in e-cigarettes is harmful to developing brains.

And if you read my column, you know that I have always been opposed to them.

■ Very glad to hear that **Patagonia** bought the former Brooks Institute

property that has sat empty since Brooks went out of business leaving many holding the bag.

The almost 8-acre site, located at 5301 N. Ventura Ave., is zoned industrial so it will be interesting to see what Patagonia does there (especially to the very large sound stages). The property is not actually located in the city of Ventura.

■ Recently, the Planning Commission approved amendments (7-0) to our **“adult business”** ordinance to forward to the City Council for approval.

Adult businesses must meet some location requirements so they can only in a few very specific areas:

M-1 and M-2 zones (heavy industrial)

Must be minimum of 500’ from defined sensitive areas

There must be 200’ between them

This means that there are only about 80 properties in Ventura where they can be located.

Also, there must be a minimum of 6’ between the “entertainers” and the patrons (so VPD officers will now carry tape measures as part of their regular equipment – kidding).

■ The Ventura Port Board of Commissioners have given their blessing to two future developments in the **Harbor**. It will be many years before anything is built, but approvals include.... the California Coastal Commission plus all of the many Ventura City approvals.

The Board Commission stated that, “The sites are underutilized and could bring more tourism and make greater use of the bigger area that includes Ventura Harbor Village, the Channel Islands Visitors Center and the Harbor beaches.”

One site is at the end of Spinnaker Drive and the other near what was Blackbeard’s BBQ (now being remodeled to be a full-service restaurant). While I agree that the Harbor could be much better utilized these projects must account for the many autos that they would bring to the area. Even now there are weekends when there are no parking places in the Harbor and many people just leave. More about this in future issues.

Mailbox

it didn’t cost Ventura all of that money. Chuck White Ventura

Chuck:

More than half of the funding (57%) for this project is from transportation grant funding with 53% from Federal Transportation grant funding and 4% from local Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. The balance of the funding is from state gas taxes (37%), and the City’s Public Art Fund (7%).

Perhaps you will like it better when the new lighting poles are installed.

Editor:

I think that the planning commission’s vote approving further enhancements to our auto center is very important. I hope that the city council approves this also when it goes to them. Unlike Oxnard’s auto center (you must drive through it on the way to several big box stores) the only time one drives past our auto center is to look at cars or play poker. Development behind the center will correct this and the street certainly needs widening.

Frances Paredes

Breeze:

I needed to share this. I’m on the Surfliner stopped at the Ventura stop and saw the conductor get a Breeze! I talked

with her and she said she gets one to see what’s going on in Ventura. She’s looking forward to having every other weekend off so she can spend a weekend in Ventura. She mentioned interest in the fair.

Jean Scott

Editor:

Every time that I try to go to the harbor I can never find a place to park. Especially when it is really hot in other places and those “outsiders” come here to cool off. I know that tourists are important to the harbor businesses but they can’t find a place to park either. Are there any plans to add a parking structure?

Deena Hill

Deena:

We hope so because things could get worse because two future projects might be happening in the Harbor. See my column on page 4 for a brief description of them. I would assume that they will provide for parking on-site.

Sheldon

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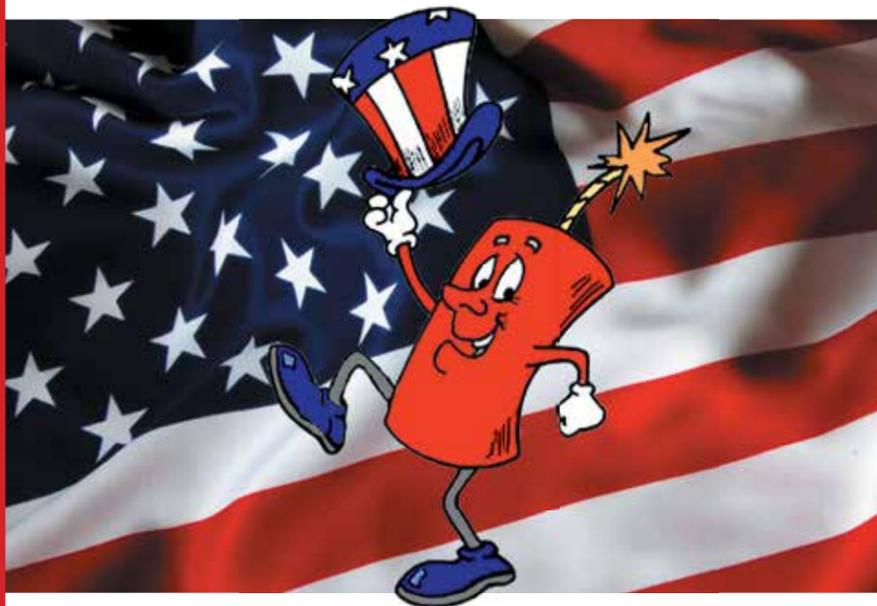
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6/26-6/30

M-F

9

am-4 pm

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6/26-6/30

M-F

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#8554

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M-W

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6/26-6/30

M-F

9 am-12 pm

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#8562

Organize a ghost hunt at this haunted landmark, collect psychic data, conduct interviews and publish your findings with paranormal expert Richard Senate at the Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Dr.

Musical Theater "Beauty and the Beast" Camp 6-9 years

6/26-6/30

M-F

1-4 pm

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#8629

Campers will enjoy dancing, singing and acting along with crafts and other fun activities to the Beauty and the Beast theme. Camp held at Billy Clower Dance Studio, 75 MacMillian Ave. in Ventura.

Beach Yoga 16 years-Adult

6/27-7/25

Tu/Th

9:00-10:10 am

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#8949

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7/5-7/26

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7:30-8:30 pm

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#9068

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All held Barranca Vista Park, 7050 E Ralston St unless noted. Call 658-4726 to register, if you already have an ACTIVENET account online, visit www.cityofventura.net. Check out hundreds more on the web-site.

Library events

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Adult Programs & Special Events
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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Summer Reading (SR) Shows:

7/5, 12, 19, & 26 Wednesdays @ 3-4pm
 Kealoha Dancers (5th), Shawn McMaster (12th)
 Nifty Balloons (19th), Ojai Raptors (26th)

Early Literacy Class

7/5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, & 27
 Tuesdays @ 10:30am
 Wednesdays @ 10:30am
 Thursdays @ 5:30pm

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7/11, 18, & 25 Tuesdays @ 3:30-5pm
 Lava Lamp (11th), LED Circuit Art (18th), Art Horn (25th)
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Teen Happenings

Library LAB Open Workshop

7/3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 Mondays @ 4-6pm
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AVENUE LIBRARY

Children's Special Events

Summer Reading 2017 "Reading by Design"

7/10 3:00 pm Kealoha & Co. "Expressions of Polynesia"

7/17 3:00 pm Magic with Shawn McMaster

7/24 3:00 pm Reptile Family @ Robert Addison Boys & Girls Club, 1440 N. Olive St.

7/31 3:00 pm Humane Society with Dawn Reilly

STEAM Boxes

Wednesdays

7/19 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rocket Launcher

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The Ventura County Medical Center's new over \$300 million North Tower wing became a reality on Friday, June 9 with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by over 150 employees, county employees and others. The facility is located at 300 Hillmont Ave. off of Loma Vista.

Twelve speakers were on hand including Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett who welcomed the very large appreciative crowd by stating "Our medical professionals now have one of the most modern hospitals in the country to carry out their special mission of caring for all of Ventura County's residents."

The wing will officially open on July 16. The construction was delayed for many months because of the heavy rains that occurred during the grading stage.



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7/6, 13, 20, 27 Thursdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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, 3451 Foothill. Ballroom, swing, Latin, mixers and

line dancing. Members \$10, non-members \$12. Call Rick at 415-8842 for more information.

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

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

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 Life is Better with Bridge.

The Ventura Retired Men's Group welcomes interested men to their semi-monthly Tuesday lunch (\$15) meetings at the Ventura Elks lodge. This regular congenial social event, besides a healthy, satisfying

meal, supplies a welcome atmosphere to talk and joke, hear a speaker on a variety of relevant topics and brighten your week. Hear more from Steve at 642-1359

Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Instruction every night. Located at the Mooselodge, 10269 Telephone Road. More information at countrylovers.com.

Do you know what the present administration's foreign policy is? Are we taxed too much, causing businesses to suffer and move to lower tax regions and individuals to lose incentive to work? Find out the answers to these and other tantalizing questions at the Ventura Discussion Group. Located at the 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. You are invited to bring an interesting topic to discuss.

June 27: CAPS Radio Open House Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the CAPS Media Center at 65 Day Road.

June 28: The College Area Community Council will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Anneliese Anderle will make a presentation on the oil and gas lines that run through our neighborhood. As always, a representative of the VPD will be there to discuss issues related to crime in the area and other issues of community concern will be discussed. The Council, which represents citizens between Mills and Victoria bordered by Foothill and Hwy. 126, meets in the Wright Event Center at 57 Day Rd. on the Ventura College

campus. Free parking is available adjacent to the Event Center. Call 644-8695 for more information.

June 30: Servants of the Father of Mercy, Inc. today announced the June launch of "Proof of the Afterlife 2 – The Conversation Continues". The author, Bro. Gary Joseph speaks at a free public event: Picnic, talk, book signing and concert by the "Servant Singers" performing their best-loved covers of Peter, Paul and Mary. Friday, Picnic 6 p.m., Talk 7 p.m., Book Signing and Concert 7:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Location is 1544 Morse Avenue, Suite A. Websites: www.prooffoftheafterlife.com www.ServantsoftheFather.org RSVP: (310) 595-4175 Info@ServantsoftheFather.org – Facebook Bro. Gary Joseph

July 1: Join us for the 34th Annual Law Day 5K July 1 at Ventura Community Park, 901 South Kimball Road. The 5K race begins at 8:30 a.m., registration starts at 7 a.m. There will also be a one-mile family fun run at 9:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit VCBA and Ventura Co. Legal Aid, Inc., who provide legal services to the needy. The flat and fast race includes 12 age categories, with a first-place winner in each category. All participants are automatically entered into a drawing with more than \$2,000 in raffle prizes to win and a lot of free food to enjoy after the race. For more information or to register, visit www.runsignup.com/Race/CA/Ventura/LawDay5KVentura.
July 2: The 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum will be open for docent-led tours 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Accompanied by period music in the



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parlor and upstairs library landing. Admission is free. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood streets. For information please call 642-3345 or visit the website at www.dudleyhouse.org.

July 4: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1679 and its Auxiliary invite the public to a family-friendly Independence Day celebration on Tuesday. Crosscut Band 805 entertains from noon to 4 p.m. Lunch will be available for purchase from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Canteen opens at 9 a.m. Games, drawings and a used goods sale will take place throughout the day. Proceeds benefit the charitable programs of VFW 1679 and the Auxiliary, assisting veterans and their families. Admission is free. For more information call 642-2674. The Post is at 3801 Market St.

July 4: Ventura County Green Party will be collecting personal hygiene items for the homeless. The Green Party of Ventura County will host a booth at the 4th of July Street Fair in downtown Ventura. The booth will be located on Main Street between Mini and Mission Parks. Donations will be accepted of “sealed” personal hygiene items. These items will be distributed to homeless people in the City of Ventura. Some items to consider are bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, wet wipes and feminine products.

July 22: Working Artists- WAV Sale on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 175 South Ventura Avenue. Sales in the ground floor community room and courtyard Got unused equipment? Sell at the Sierra Club Gear Grab. Want to try out a new sport without a big investment? Come get sports at the Gear Grab. Need to outfit kids? Great chance to get more for less at the Gear Grab. Here's how: 9 a.m. Drop off your good quality outdoor equipment tagged with price, name, email and phone info. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sales open. We'll cashier for the day. Sales open to everyone. Tell your family, neighbors, and friends.

Ojai news and events

The Ojai Concert Series presents Whiskerman in concert at Dancing Oak Ranch on Saturday June 24th.

Gates open at 5pm with Ventura's Jeff Steve on classical guitar at 5:30 and Aerial Visions, from 6:00 till 7:00. All shows will feature an optional potluck picnic, so bring a dish to share and have a picnic with friends and the band.

Adult tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, Kids 7 to 14 are \$10 and can be paid for at the show. For more details or directions to Dancing Oak Ranch www.ojaiconcertseries.com. For information not available online, call Shane 665-8852.

Poet and author Emily R. Clark will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, to present Poetic Canvas, an Ekphrastic workshop and poetry contest, along with a reading from her new poetry book, Art Triumphant.

Author Julia Claiborne Johnson will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 to deliver a reading of her book, Be Frank with Me. Johnson will also speak about why she decided to write her novel,

how she found an agent, and what her writing process was like.

Local author Fayrene Parrish will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 8 to deliver a presentation on her recent books and other artistic works.

Events are free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at 218-9146. The Ojai Library is located at 111 East Ojai Ave. 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.

The Ojai Studio Artists (OSA) presented art scholarships to 13 promising art students at a standing room only reception at Ojai City Hall on June 3rd. Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Susan Stinsmuehlen-Amend and Carol Shaw Sutton presided over the celebratory event, handing out over \$13,000 in awards.

The committee received twice the number of applicants, over forty, and the high quality of the work made jurying highly competitive. OSA is extremely pleased to have raised more funds this year, awarding larger scholarships to more students to help with their art education. An exhibition of the students' works is currently on view at City Gallery at Ojai City Hall. The show will be up through June 23rd.

The Ojai Photography Club will host Lewis Watts, nationally and internationally known photographer, archivist and educator. His work is in the permanent collections of leading art and history institutions, including the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. The event, “Documenting the Cultural Landscape,” will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20 at Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 W. Santa Ana St.

A professor emeritus of art from UC Santa Cruz, Watts has taught photography, visual history and digital arts/new media. “New Orleans Suite: Music and Culture in Transition” is Watts' most recent book, a journey through the cultural landscape of New Orleans both before and after Katrina.

For more information on the work of Lewis Watts, go to <http://artsites.ucsc.edu/faculty/watts/pages/main.html>.

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 Storytelling Festival, Sept. 7-10, will be celebrating its 17th year with a stellar lineup of acclaimed storytellers from around the world in the beautiful Libbey Bowl. The line-up includes Bill Harley, Motoko, Samite, Kim Weitkamp, Antonio Rocha, Dovie Thomason, and Niall de Burca. Tickets for individual performances as well as weekend passes are available at www.ojaistoryfest.org. Purchase now for the best prices with early bird specials.

The Ojai Storytelling Festival will present the oral tradition in a contemporary way. Festival organizer Brian Bemel says, “Listeners will definitely hear traditional tales, but many of this year's tellers will offer a very modern take with stories firmly rooted in today's culture.”

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News & Notes



The ECTV Class of 2017 with Phil Taggart.

Award winners

Great news. Once again CAPS and ECTV were honored by the National Alliance for Community Media's Hometown Awards. CAPS was awarded for its video Featuring Ventura-Counting the Vote for the Ventura County News Channel. The ECTV students from El Camino High School were awarded for the Best Community Event Coverage of Activism and Rallies for their episode ECTV - Social Awareness Night. Kudos to all.

Last week CAPS Media had the pleasure of once again covering the Knowledge Bowl which pits seniors from Suz Montgomery's class with the senior dragons from Foothill High School. The seniors from Suz's class won and many a fact were learned during the event held at the Ventura Townhouse. That's just one of the events CAPS records with a full crew made up of faithful volunteers and staff.

There are spaces available for the renowned CAPS Media Digital Storytelling program. Young video storytellers, ages 10 to 15, get hands-on training with video cameras, audio recording equipment, studio green screen and computer editing to create the stories they want to tell. There are three week-long programs scheduled for July 10 (via Ventura Parks & Rec), July 17 and July 24. Each fun, creative and engaging program runs Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm. To learn more about the Digital Storytelling program, go to capsmedia.org.

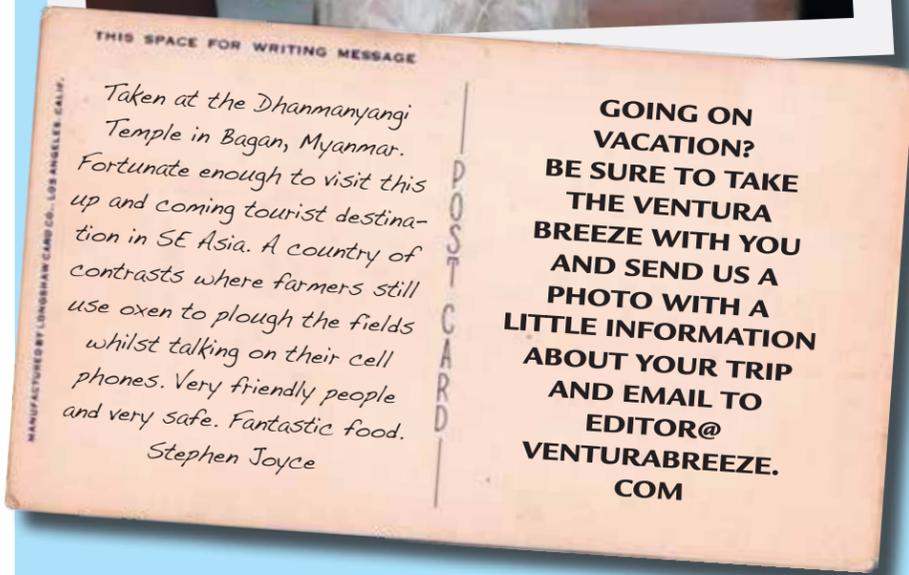
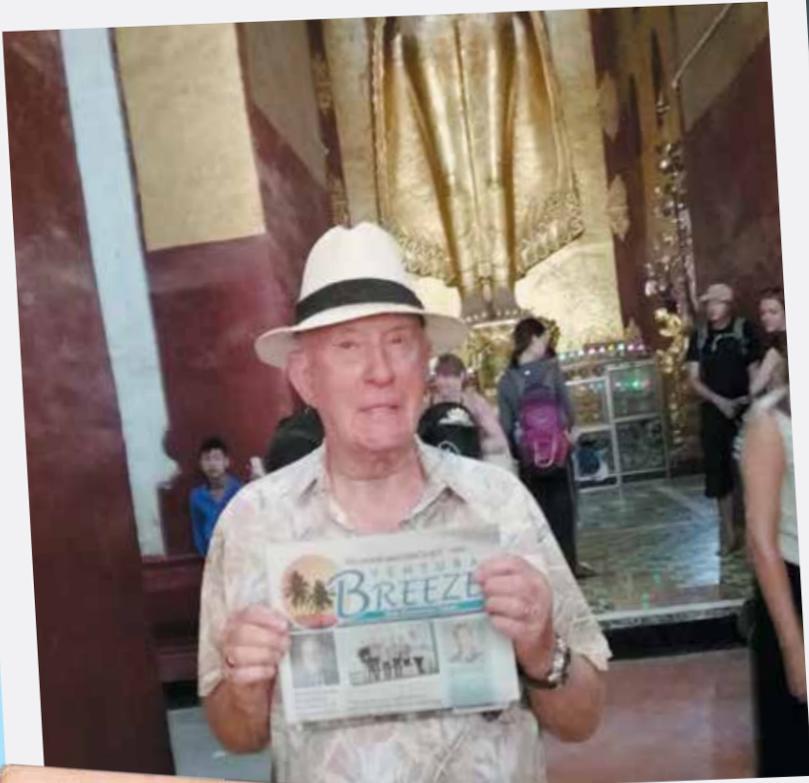
CAPS Radio is on the air at 104.1FM. The recently launched Ventura community radio station is here for you. Drop by the CAPS Media Center on Tuesday June 27th for an open house

with an introduction on how to become a radio host or volunteer. You can let us know what you think, what you like and what you want to hear on CAPS Radio KPPQ-LP at 104.1FM.

Become a Member/Producer of CAPS Media. Both our television and radio member programming is rich and diverse from travel to music to drama to politics and more. As a membership organization CAPS Media supports our Member/Producers' creativity and helps them share their voices with the community.

Anyone who wants to share their story are encouraged to get involved at the CAPS Media Center. Those who live, work or attend school in the city of Ventura is eligible to become a member. Non-profit organizations are invited to join too. For annual fees of only \$25 (individual) and \$75 (non-profit organization), member/producers are trained by the knowledgeable CAPS Media staff in the art and fun of media 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.

Ongoing CAPS Media classes include new member orientation the first Thursday of the month. The HD Videography/Camera class is held the second Thursday and the Edit class follows up on the third Thursday. The CAPS Media website has all the info. Go to www.capsmedia.org to see a schedule of upcoming programs on Channel 6 & 15, search the archives for past programs, get info on upcoming video and radio classes and much more.



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"Huey" Army MEDEVAC Helicopter on display at Veteran's event.

The term 'Huey' originated in the U. S. Army

What the jeep was to Americans during World War II, so was the "Huey" helicopter to those who fought in Vietnam, according to the The National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. All branches of the U. S. military operated them during this conflict.

The term 'Huey' originated in the U. S. Army as a derivative of the original designation HU-1A – meaning, Helicopter, Utility, Model 1A, hence the nickname "Huey". For a time, the Huey was one of the most recognizable aircraft in history. People knew it not just on sight but by sound, too. They usually heard the unmistakable whop-whop-whop of the main rotor blade long before they saw a Huey.

On Wednesday June 28, at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura, a real Huey Army MEDEVAC helicopter will be on display from 11am to 1pm during the senior community's annual "Salute To Our Veterans" event.

The helicopter on display has bullet holes from its time in Vietnam, according to Bryan Scofield of Scofield Catering and Management, the owner of the retired Huey. The helicopter is over fifty feet in length according to Scofield, and evokes powerful emotions in Veterans and almost anyone who sees it.

No less emotional will be the ceremony recognizing residents of Cypress Place, as well as members of the public, who served their country.

A military Color Guard presentation will lead the tribute, followed by a special Veteran recognition, along with recognition of widows and widowers of Veterans. Keynote speaker will be Captain Chris Janke, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Ventura County.

Attending the event with Captain Janke

will be several sailors from the naval base. They will be available to meet members of the audience after the ceremony, and to meet and thank the Veterans in attendance.

Special words of thanks will be also be offered during the ceremony by Mike McManus, Veteran's Service Officer from the County of Ventura, as well as Ventura City Assistant Fire Chief Matt Brock, and Ventura Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Stephanie Caldwell. There will be live musical entertainment, a flag folding ceremony, and TAPS will also be played at this touching tribute.

A free BBQ lunch will follow the powerful program. "Touching History", a private war memorabilia collection by Tom Weaver will also be displayed, along with memorabilia from residents of the senior community.

A patriotic quilt, made by the daughter of a current resident Veteran of the senior community, will also be given away. The event is free and open to the public. All Veterans are encouraged to attend, as well as families, friends and neighbors.

"This is an event for the community to come out and show their support for Veterans, whether you know them or not," said Mike Macke, director of sales and marketing at Cypress Place. "And it's also a unique opportunity to see a storied piece of military aviation history, up close and personal."

The event begins promptly at 11am. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 650-8000.

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by **Essie Landry**
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Sierra West Area

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Explore the man behind the name.

Son of a buffalo hunter is honored by Livingston Memorial VNA

by **Lori Harasta**

As Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association celebrates "70 Years of Caring", let's explore the man behind the name.

Livingston's namesake, Dr. William Reinhardt Livingston, was the son of well-known Nebraska plains buffalo hunter and early California pioneer, Robert G. Livingston.

Robert came west to California at age 15 in 1854. He first settled in Placerville, then known as "Hangtown", and moved to Ventura County in 1869.

William was born in Wynema (Port Hueneme), California on December 1st, 1870. His grandfather was Robert R. Livingston, who helped draft the Declaration of Independence, and as chancellor of New

York, administered the presidential oath of office to George Washington.

Dr. Livingston earned his medical degree in 1893 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago. He interned in Chicago before moving to Tampico, Mexico where he was in charge of the Mexican Railroad Hospital from 1895-96.

He and his family settled back in Oxnard shortly thereafter, and by 1908, he had a growing medical practice. He opened a hospital on B Street with Drs. A.A. Maulhardt and R.D. Potts.

It is estimated that Dr. Livingston brought more babies into the world in the Oxnard area than any other doctor. In many instances, he delivered three generations of babies within the same family.

Dr. Livingston was a leader in the Ventura County medical community serving as the Chief of Staff of St. John's Hospital. The following is an excerpt from the archives of St. John's Hospital:

"We all feel that the name of Dr. W.R. Livingston, one of the chief benefactors of our hospital, should be written in golden characters in the Annals, instead of in these few lines. We realize that without the support of this loyal friend and head surgeon, St. John's Hospital would soon cease to exist."

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association was founded in 1947 by a group of civic-minded business and professional people who saw a need for the provision of home care services as an alternative to institutionalizing the frail, elderly, sick and disabled.

Founding Nurse Olivia Hathaway (Mrs. Julien Hathaway) made her first house call on July 21, 1947. By 1955, the agency's three nurses were visiting nearly 300 patients a year—and one third were indigent residents who could not pay.



Senior Living



John Gardner, Victoria Care Center and Christopher Christensen, Ensign Group were proud to receive the award. Photo by John Ferritto.

Victoria Care Center has received their first Ensign Flag!

The word “ensign” means a standard, banner or flag which represents the heart of the founders and all employees – that of dignifying long term care and bringing care and compassion to all of our residents and employees. They had a very impressive ceremony on June 9th, with beautifully displayed hors d’oeuvres, beverages and other refreshments all made in house. They have been providing skilled nursing and rehabilitation services to Ventura County residents for over 20 years. During the course of any one year, they will help over 1,000 residents return to their preferred living environment.

Each year, Ensign Group awards to a very limited number of its operations The Ensign Flag – this year less than 20 operations qualified for this very stringent and much sought-after award. The award criteria includes nine different categories where awardees much show excellent performance / outcomes all at the same time. Criteria includes clinical excellence, outstanding financial performance, highest ethical compliance, great employee satisfaction and culture, outstanding customer satisfaction and a commitment to be creative and innovative in addressing the ever-changing needs of the community and healthcare industry.

John Gardner, the Administrator at Victoria Care Center, said at their celebration, “This award is for and about our employees. I want to thank all the residents, past and present, and their families for the privilege of serving them and helping many thousands of people over the years.”

VCC is one of 250 different health care operations of the Ensign Group headquartered in Mission Viejo, CA. Christopher Christensen, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Ensign Group along with a handful of other dedicated healthcare leaders started the company almost 20 years ago with just a few facilities. The different operations include skilled nursing and rehab centers, assisted living centers, home health and hospice, mobile diagnostics and other health related services to include the Lexington Assisted Living as part of the VCC campus. Ensign has grown to over 33,000 employees in 14 states.

Long term care common myths

by Jayson Cohen
American Legacy Solutions

We commonly hear different things from different people about facts and figures. In today’s world we are never quite sure what is opinion and what is accurate fact, In the following article I will be addressing some of the common myths that we hear surrounding Long Term Care. Hopefully this will help with some clarity and answer some questions for you.

Myth: Long Term Care insurance only covers Care in a nursing facility

Fact: Long term care insurance can provide benefits for your care in the following setting: your own home, adult day care, hospice care, residential care facility or a nursing benefit.

Myth: There is a government program that will take care of me.

Fact: Medi-Cal (Medicaid) is a government program that will pay for certain long term care services. However, eligibility for Medi-Cal requires you meet state-specific poverty guidelines. Medicare is a senior health insurance plan that covers skilled care designed to improve and individuals’ health condition. It does not cover custodial care.

Myth: Long Term care is only for old people or end of life care.

Fact: Accidents and chronic illness can happen at any age and can include the need for extended custodial care. The availability and cost of long term care insurance are based on your health and age at time of application. Planning ahead can pay off.

Myth: I do not need Long Term Care Insurance. I have health insurance.

Fact: Long Term Care is the assistance, care of services a person needs when they are unable to perform basic activities of daily living – such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring, or continence. Most

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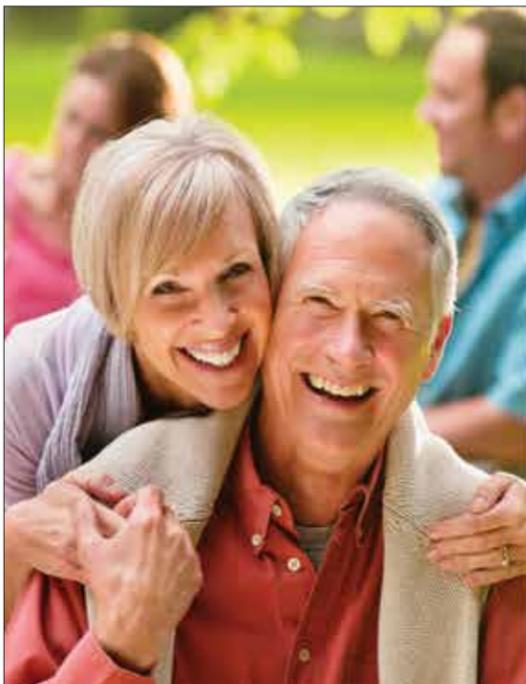
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long term care is due to a chronic illness and is progressive in nature with the need for care often growing overtime. This type of care is not covered by health insurance plans, which are designed to cover skilled or acute care needed to return someone to good health.

Some of these myths may apply to you and your family. As you explore this type of protect for yourself, a

friend or a family member make sure you talk to a licensed individual. Some individuals will only represent one company (captive agents) and some will represent many (Brokers). Whichever route you choose make sure that you discuss your options with a trusted family member while making sure that option is right for you and your family.



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Senior Living

CMHS to hold free Aging for Women Symposium

A variety of medical issues affecting aging women – from breast cancer to osteoarthritis – will be discussed when Community Memorial Health System holds its Women's Health Symposium on Saturday, June 24.

Women of all ages are invited to the Aging for Women Symposium that begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Ventura Beach Marriott, 2055 E. Harbor Blvd. Local experts will be on hand to discuss the latest research, procedures, treatment and support available for women's health. They include: Rita Krane, M.D., breast mammography: TOMO and whole breast ultrasound Omid Fatemi, M.D., women's

heart health
Kameron Poole, M.D., hormone replacement
Miki Takase-Sanchez, M.D., pelvic prolapse
Michelle Manalo, specialty R.N., mindfulness
Bob Bernstein, M.D., lung cancer
Susan Slater, osteoarthritis

Doctors Slater and Takase-Sanchez also will serve as panel moderators. The symposium will have exhibit tables and a continental breakfast will be served.

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

Community Memorial Health System is a not-for-profit health system, which is comprised of Community Memorial Hospital, Ojai Valley Community Hospital, along with the Centers for Family Health serving various communities within and located in Ventura County, California.

Betty Jane Mason, 92 – posed as Rosie the Riveter for a unique 2018 calendar featuring residents of The Patrician, a senior retirement home park. Betty actually did work as a riveter in the 1940s. John Sepulveda, 79, also a resident, began this project with the fun vision to have 12 different residents from the park pose as different characters. Everyone had a great time with the photo shoot and now they have calendars for 2018 to show their friends and family for years to come.



News & Notes



Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson presents award to Ohana Pet Hospital.

Ohana Pet Hospital is Small Business of the Year

State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) has chosen Ventura-based small business Ohana Pet Hospital as her 2017 Small Business of the Year.

Ohana Pet Hospital is a veterinary hospital that specializes in medical, surgical, dental and wellness health care for dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, and select reptiles. They also provide preventative care such as physical examinations, behavioral and nutritional services. In the community, Ohana provides free physical exams to local animal shelters.

"Dr. Jan, the doctors and her staff are doing an amazing job in our community," said Jackson. "This business is an inspiration to me: its concern for animals, its care for the environment, its commitment to its employees and the community it serves."

They are also committed to environmentally-friendly business practices. The hospital where they work, for example, has LED lighting, floors made of recyclables, recycled glass countertops, a paperless filing system, low water usage and energy-efficient appliances.

Medical director and founding partner, Dr. Jan Shinkawa (aka Dr. Jan), and Dr. Jill Muraoka Lim will accepted the Small Business of the Year Award from Jackson at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in downtown Sacramento.

Norbert will be based at the Santa Barbara campus

Norbert Tan has accepted a new position at Antioch University. He will serve as their new Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement. Norbert will be based at the Santa Barbara campus and also oversee fundraising for Antioch's Seattle and Los Angeles campuses.

Norbert's last day as Executive Director of the Ventura College Foundation will be July 7th. He has served for over ten years of providing service to Ventura College and its Foundation.

Norbert successfully built a strong team and helped steward and grow critical programs that support VC students including the Promise, Textbook Lending, the Weekend Marketplace, and Scholarship programs. Most importantly, under his leadership, Norbert developed many community relationships and

helped raise significant funds to help thousands of students succeed in college over the past decade.

Greg R. Gillespie, Ph.D., President Ventura College stated "Congratulations Norbert and we wish you success in your future endeavors!"

Hillsides Conservancy to host free community lecture

On Thurs., July 20, at 7 p.m., the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy (VHC) will host a free community lecture entitled "Matilija Dam: Breaking the Barrier. Paul Jenkin, founder of the Matilija Coalition and campaign coordinator for Ventura Surfrider Foundation, will discuss ongoing efforts to remove the obsolete Matilija Dam from the Ventura River. The goal of the Matilija Dam removal project is to restore fish passage to the upper watershed and natural sediment transport to local beaches.

Constructed in 1948 on Matilija Creek, a tributary of the Ventura River, the dam no longer serves its intended purpose. Over time the reservoir has filled with sediment, yet the crumbling concrete continues to trap sand that should flow downstream and replenish Ventura beaches.

The Matilija Coalition is a local organization that includes Ventura Surfrider

Foundation, Patagonia, California Trout, and others. For nearly 20 years the coalition has been working with state and federal agencies to develop a strategy to remove the dam and restore the river. The proposed demolition of Matilija Dam, 16 miles upstream from the Pacific Ocean, is part of a movement across the western U.S. to remove obsolete dams that are a danger to humans and an environmental threat to wildlife.

This free community lecture, a part of VHC's ongoing Environmental Speaker Series, will take place in the Ventura Room at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road. Reservations are highly encouraged. To RSVP, visit www.venturahillsides.org/events. For more information, call VHC 643-8044.



No, these new green areas on Seaward won't grow if you water them, they are new cycling lanes. These are just some of the lanes that you are seeing in Ventura. The City started "installing" them in other parts of Ventura in April. The Breeze cautions bike riders that you must still stay very alert when driving in these lanes because they don't protect you from getting hit by a vehicle that might drive into a green lane.



News & Notes



Main Ranch House at Santa Rosa Island. Photo by Doug Mangum.

Channel Islands National Park in the news

The National Park Service (NPS) discovered a significant ancient Native American site while conducting archeological monitoring during a rehabilitation project of the historic Main Ranch House on Santa Rosa Island.

Archeologists discovered artifacts characteristic of ancient Paleoocoastal sites that were occupied by the first islanders on the northern Channel Islands between 8,000 and 13,000 years ago.

Scientists now believe that ancient sites from this period may be evidence of a coastal migration following the North Pacific Rim from Northeast Asia into the Americas, part of the peopling of the new world.

Among the artifacts uncovered were two types of stone tools that are distinctly representative of early North American Paleoindians —Channel Islands barbed points and crescents.

The early settlement sites on the Channel Islands produced several milestones in archaeology including the earliest evidence for seafaring and island colonization in North America, the oldest shell middens in North America, and the earliest basketry from the Pacific Coast of North America.

Santa Rosa Island is also the location of the discovery of Arlington Man, the oldest known human remains found in North America, dating to about over 13,000 years ago.

Part of the ancestral homeland of the Island Chumash, many contemporary Chumash families trace their heritage to Santa Rosa Island. There were up to 1,200 Chumash living there in at least nine known historic Chumash village sites, including Hichimin, which was located near the historic main ranch complex.

“This ancient site is believed to have considerable value and protecting it is part of the core mission of the NPS and the park’s enabling legislation,” said Channel Islands National Park Superintendent Russell Galipeau. “Our goal is to preserve both of these important and irreplaceable cultural resources found in the park.”

Channel Islands National Park Superintendent Russell Galipeau announced the release of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the replacement of the pier at Scorpion Anchorage on East Santa Cruz Island.

The park plans to replace the existing pier in order to provide safe, accessible, efficient, and sustainable access for visitors

at Scorpion Anchorage. The new pier will provide more reliable access during low tide conditions for concessioner and National Park Service vessels.

The alternatives considered included taking no action, replacing the pier in its existing location, and replacing the pier at a location approximately 300 feet to the south of the existing location.

The preferred alternative is to construct a longer, wider pier to the south of the existing pier that will include a gangway for improved and safer visitor access.

A Record of Decision for this project will be prepared after conclusion of the 30 day no-action period commencing today with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announcement of release of the Final EIS published in the Federal Register.

Scorpion Anchorage is the most visited destination in the park, with about 65,000 people coming ashore each year to enjoy recreational activities such as hiking, picnicking, camping, kayaking, and swimming.

Realty Watch

Housing readies for first-time buyer shift

by Patricia Fasen
Realtor

Get ready to see more first-time home buyers in real estate. In the first quarter of 2017, the number of new-owner households was double the number of new-renter households.

About 854,000 new-owner households were formed during the first three months of this year, more than double the 365,000 new-renter households in that period, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. What’s more, it’s the first time in a decade that new buyers outpaced new renters.

First-time buyers are “crawling out of their parents’ basements, they’re forming households and they’re looking to buy,” Doug Bauer, chief executive of the Tri Pointe Group Inc., a home builder, told The Wall Street Journal.

Home builders say they’re ready to respond with a shift away from luxury homes and toward more entry-level homes at lower price points that tend to appeal to this growing group of millennial buyers.



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Thirty-one percent of spec homes built in the first quarter of this year by major builders were smaller than 2,250 square feet, according to Zelman & Associates, a housing research firm. That is an increase from 27 percent a year ago.

“There’s an increasing confidence level in that part of the market,” Gregg Newlson, cofounder of Trumark Cos, a California home builder, told The Wall Street Journal. “The recovery is finally starting to take hold in a broader way.”

First-time buyers accounted for 42 percent of buyers this year, up from 31 percent at the lowest point in 2011, according to Fannie Mae.

Many people are buying their first homes later in life, which means they tend to have higher incomes, builders note. They also may have greater expectations for what they want to have in a home after renting luxury downtown rentals.

HIV/AIDS epidemic far from over

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is a fully supported, 545-mile bike ride—not a race—that raises important awareness about the ongoing HIV/AIDS epidemic, in addition to

funding services such as HIV testing and screenings for other sexually transmitted infections, HIV medical care, prevention services, and more.

“The commitment that AIDS/LifeCycle participants demonstrate to raising awareness and funds for HIV-related services is awe-inspiring,” said San Francisco AIDS Foundation CEO Joe Hollendoner.

Since 2002, when AIDS/LifeCycle first began, participants have raised more than \$236 million and completed more than 58,000 journeys on bikes from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

“We’re living in unsettling times when the health care of many Americans, including those living with HIV or AIDS, is at stake,” says Los Angeles LGBT Center CEO Lorri L. Jean. “That’s why we’re more grateful than ever for the heroes—and sheroes—of AIDS/LifeCycle who are journeying 545 miles to help end AIDS and care for those living with HIV.”

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is far from over. Currently there are 1.2 million people living with HIV nationwide and an estimated 39,000 will become infected this year.

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■ On Thursday, June 22, the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) will accept Pet Sitters International's challenge to "Make it your business to help pets in need" by joining companies around the globe in opening their doors to employees' furry, four-legged best friends for the PSI's 19th annual Take Your Dog To Work Day (TYDTWDay®).

TYDTWDay was established by Pet Sitters International (PSI) in 1999. This annual event urges businesses around the globe to experience the joys of dogs in the workplace.

■ The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura anticipates 7 dogs to join them on June 22 and has a variety of activities planned to give everyone a fun "paws" at work. For more information on PSI's Take Your Dog To Work Day, visit www.takeyourdog.com.

■ Dogs and memory by Victoria Usher
The question for researchers in a recent study published in Current Biology is whether other animals besides humans share the ability for episodic-like memory. For their study, the research group in Budapest, Hungary, enlisted the help of 17 pet dogs. The dogs in this study were energetic participants who were all easily trained to imitate a simple action.

After watching their owners perform a series of actions the dogs were given the command "lie down". Replacing the expectation to imitate with lying down had to be unexpected and the researchers tried to verify this new expectation in two ways. First, the dogs received training until they would reliably lie down after observing the actions. Second, verifying that the dogs acted surprised when they didn't receive a "lie down" request.

Next, instead of the now expected "lie down", one minute after the dogs saw the

last action they received the command to "do it". Nose to umbrella, paw on the chair, most of the dogs imitated their owner's action.

To see if they remembered the action after a longer delay the dogs left the testing area for an hour before coming back for a second try. Many dogs successfully imitated the action again, though fewer then after the one-minute test. These results, one of a handful suggesting episodic-like memory in a non-human species, add to our growing knowledge of the richness of other animal's mental lives. The dog cognition lab in Budapest is one of many around the world; pups in Connecticut can go participate at Yale University and dogs in North Carolina can help at Duke University. Dogs share our homes and our work, and now we know they might share some of the rich memories of our lives together.

■ RedRover, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to moving animals out of crisis and into care, has a list of summer safety tips for pets to help get families through the warm months.

Surfaces such as asphalt, sand and concrete can burn your pet's paws. Try to walk your pet early in the morning or later in the evening as the temperature cools down or walk them on the grass. If that isn't possible, check the ground temperature by placing the back of your hand on the ground for at least 10 seconds. If it's too hot for your hand, it is too hot for your pet's paws.

Leaving your pet in your car, even in 70 degree weather, can lead to deadly consequences. A Stanford study found that a car's interior can heat up by an average of 40 degrees within an hour, regardless of ambient temperature, and 80 percent of the temperature rise occurs within the first half-hour.

Make sure to check your pet's water dish several times a day, and refill it with fresh, cool water. Ice cubes or frozen broth cubes can be added to encourage them to drink more. Adding wet food to their diet can also keep them hydrated.

■ In addition to making sure your pet is hydrated, keep them in the shade as often as possible when outdoors. While dogs and cats like to bask in the sun, direct sunlight

can overheat them and cause heat stroke.

■ While pools can be a great way to cool your dog down and prevent heat stroke, chlorine can upset a dog's stomach and irritate their skin. Watch to make sure they don't drink more than a mouthful of water, and don't forget to rinse your dog with fresh water after their swim.

Loud noises can be very scary for animals. Try to keep your pet indoors when you know fireworks are planned. If you can't, be sure to double-check your gate/fencing to ensure your pet won't try to escape when startled.

■ Animals can sunburn too, especially those with short, thin or light-colored coats. Sunburns can be painful, and overexposure to the sun can lead to skin cancer. Ask your veterinarian about animal-safe sunscreens and how to apply them properly.

■ Food that is stuck to a barbecue after cooking can be too tempting for your pet to resist - licking the barbecue grate can result in serious burns to an animal's tongue or mouth. Make sure to clean the grill thoroughly and close the lid, if possible.

■ These are just a few tips to help make the summer months with your pets enjoyable and safe. For more information on RedRover and its programs and services, please visit www.RedRover.orgDogs & Wolves -



Dr. Amy Vlazny, left, of Ohana Pet Hospital reviewing a patient's barium radiograph study. Dr. Sarah Gray, right, of Emergency Veterinary Care setting up the anesthesia machine for a patient's surgical procedure.

Ventura's female veterinary innovators

Our beautiful beachside community is home to thousands of pets and dog walking-cat snuggling-bird smooching pet parents. Fortunately, it is also home to outstanding veterinary care—including almost thirty female veterinarians. Nationwide, veterinary schools report as much as 75 % of all veterinary medical students are currently women. What attracts women to this profession and how has Ventura been fortunate enough to attract so many?

Dr. Janis Shinkawa, one of the founders of Ohana Pet Hospital says she was a

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Trudy and Snugs love their bike ride on the Promenade because everyone stops to say hi. Photo by George Robertson.



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rescuer of birds at a very young age, but didn't have the confidence to become a doctor. "I started out as a CPA at Ernst and Young in Hawaii and loved it. However, my calling to work with animals continued to nag at me."

Dr. Shinkawa came here for an internship at Veterinary Medical and Surgical Group of Ventura (VMSG) and co-founded Ohana in 2012 along with Dr. Jill Muraoka, Dr. Nicci Quinn and Dr. Kate Byrne. "We thought it was important to keep talented doctors in the community," states Dr. Muraoka.

Eight of the eleven doctors at the all-female practice have completed a rigorous medical and surgical internship. "Ventura has a lot of exceptional and caring veterinarians. It's a great place for pet lovers." Dr. Shinkawa hopes more women will strive to own their own practice. "Our industry is becoming more corporate. Having more privately owned veterinary practices will maintain the highest quality and service for our patients and clients."

Dr. Shelly Wilson, founder of The Animal Doctor clinic says that she too finds working with animals rewarding. Dr. Wilson was only three or four years old when she decided she wanted to be an animal doctor. "When I see the relationships that people have with their animals and how deeply important they are and the happiness they bring, it's awesome to know that I can support that in some way and be a part of that bond."

The first woman veterinarian in Ventura, Dr. Karen Moore, opened Moore Veterinary Care in 1986. "When I was growing up and adults would ask, 'what do you want to be when you grow up?', my answer, 'I want to be a vet!' would perplex everyone. Their brow would wrinkle up and they'd look at me and say, 'why do you want to join the military?' Think about that, no one could imagine a girl wanting to become a veterinarian!"

Dr. Amy Vlazny says she was a shy kid who was more comfortable around animals. "I loved biology but realized as I got older that I wanted to go into a service-oriented profession rather than being cooped up in

a lab all day. Human medicine didn't really appeal to me because it seemed so narrow and specialized. I found the diversity of cases in veterinary general medicine to be more exciting." Dr. Vlazny says the best part about veterinary medicine is that she is constantly challenged and enjoys that each case is different. Dr. Moore agrees, "No two days are ever the same between the various maladies presented, and many different skill sets are developed and utilized to resolve them. It's also a constantly evolving profession."

Emergency Veterinary Care doctor Sarah Gray said she always loved science and animals. Board-certified veterinarians, Dr. Gray and Dr. Nancy Scott founded EVC in 2016 as a small animal emergency hospital supporting local veterinarians' clients with urgent care seven days a week. Dr. Scott says she began her journey because she was more comfortable with sick animals than sick people, but found that working with pet parents has become her favorite part. The emergency hospital is open evenings until midnight and treats mainly cats and dogs. "We see a lot of vomiting, diarrhea, trauma and acute respiratory issues." Dr. Gray also takes calls for a national pet poison hotline and specializes in toxicity and poison control. "We also handle post-ops for surgeries and do overnight care for other vets."

What is the best part about modern veterinary medicine? According to Dr. Wilson it is the technology, "So many new capabilities, procedures, solutions, treatments are becoming available! There is almost nothing we can't do for our pets that we can do in people!" Wilson says dogs and cats suffering from crippling arthritis can now be successfully treated in several different ways and live years longer than they ever have. Many cancers can be successfully treated to allow remission times of several years while maintaining an excellent quality of life. Cataract surgery is available for dogs and are many specialty facilities now that provide MRI, CT scanning, radiation therapies, and physical rehabilitation.

News & Notes

Kudos for the Ventura Friends of the Library

by Jill Forman

Member of the Board of the Ventura Friends of the Library

The County Board of Supervisors gave the Friends of the Library a round of applause recently. The Friends had just pledged to give over \$200,000 to help establish a new branch library.

Why the applause? As Nancy Schram, Deputy Library Director, said in her address to the Board, "The Friends is a grass-roots organization...made much of this money holding book sales...selling books for as little as 25 cents." That is a lot of book sales, a lot of books, and a lot of hard work.

As Supervisor Steve Bennet pointed out, this is a perfect example of the government and the community working together for a common goal. The remainder of the funding for the branch is coming from governmental agencies and a trust.

The new branch will be on Hill Road, across the from the government center. It is on a bus line, in a heavily-trafficked area of the city. East Ventura has not had a library branch since the closing of Wright Library in 2009.

The Friends take in donated books in decent condition, sort and price them, and have periodic book sales. The sales involve boxing up the books, loading the boxes onto trucks, and taking them to the sale site. They also bring tables, chairs, signs, bookends...and themselves. At the most recent sale, many volunteers worked 10 hours including setup, sales, and takedown. Most of the regular volunteers are in their 70's and up, and it's a long day.

All the money from sales, memberships and donations, goes to support Ventura's libraries. They fund the Summer Reading Program, and year-round reading programs for children and youth. They purchase supplies and materials for activities. They have been fighting for an East side site: attending government meetings, writing letters, serving on commissions, speaking with officials. This new branch is a dream

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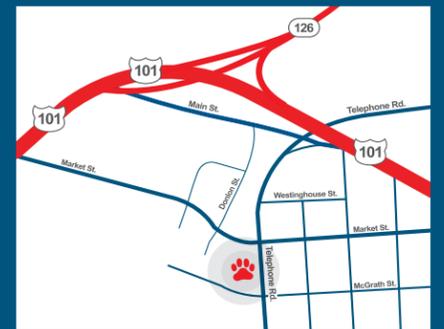


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come true for the organization.

The new branch will combine the best of traditional libraries with innovative technology and mobile furnishings. There will be adult literacy training, early childhood literacy classes, and a collection of print materials. The staff is excited to have this opportunity to build a branch to "...enable residents to explore, discover, and connect with the world," in the words of a Library Services flyer.

Kathy Thomson, President of the Friends, asks all Venturans to join the Ventura Friends of the Library to support this vital service.



Katherine Carlton and Sarah MacMillan added to CM+PR staff.

Consortium Media + Public Relations announces two new team members

Consortium Media + Public Relations (CM+PR), a brand development agency in Ventura, has

added two professionals to its team. CM+PR combines advertising, public relations, creative, web, social media and promotions in its services to a wide range of local, statewide, national and international clients.

Katherine Carlton joins the agency as its new multi-media specialist. Carlton works with social media and press to project management and media coordination for different clients. She has worked on national campaigns, cultivating positive brand awareness and charitable outreach partnerships for clients.

Carlton graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing communications from California Lutheran University. She also studied at Oxford University in the United Kingdom.

Sarah MacMillan has been hired as CM+PR's new digital marketing & PR associate. As a recent graduate of California Lutheran University, MacMillan studied business management and marketing communications with an emphasis in advertising. She also spent time studying graphic design at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. Her strong background in search engine marketing and optimization, as well as Google AdWords and Google Analytics will enhance the firm's skills to CM+PR to further pave the road between PR, SEM and effective brand marketing.

CM+PR is at 4572 Telephone Road. Learn more at www.consortium-media.com, or call at 654-1564.



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News & Notes

City of Ventura launches new easy to use and navigate website

The City of Ventura is pleased to announce the launch of its new website www.cityofventura.ca.gov. The new website includes a fresh new design, refined navigation for an enhanced user experience, and supports all devices including smart phones and tablets making it easier for citizens to access City information. In addition to the host of improvements, the new site supports the Ventura City Council's ongoing goal of enhancing public trust by increasing transparency and improving access to municipal government.

The updated website features five large icons on the home page to access the most-used functions: Public Meetings, City Service Requests, Videos, Contact Us, and the new feature "Notify Me." The "Notify Me" module allows users to sign-up to receive notification of public meeting agendas, public hearing notices, emergency bulletins, public works construction updates, special event announcements, bid postings and more via email or text message. My Ventura Access, a popular feature to notify the City of issues, concerns, or opinions, is accessible through the City Service Requests icon.

Developed with user needs in mind, the website design improves navigation through the use of five mega menus to help citizens quickly find information in these main categories: Government, Services, Community, Business and How Do I. Residents and businesses can: access forms such as permits, file a police report, and conveniently pay for services online such as water bills and parking tickets. The new site also features Google Translate in the bottom right hand corner of every page wherein the service translates web pages into more than 100 languages with one click.

The former website had been in place since 2010. Through a competitive Request for Proposal process the

City selected CivicPlus to design, configure and implement a new and improved website. CivicPlus specializes in designing website solutions for governmental agencies. The City will continue to enhance the site to better serve citizens.

Community education classes and events

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

Adult Bereavement Support Group Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge

Newly Bereaved Support Group Thursday, July 13th from 6-7:30. This monthly group is designed for adults who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and is free. These groups meet every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Joint Replacement Classes Thursday, July 6th from 1:00-2:00pm. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care. These meetings are 1st Thursday of each month.

For information or to RSVP call Dinah Davis at 642-0239 ext. 739.

Monday, July 10th for both English and Spanish speaking. English 4:00-5:00 pm and Spanish 5:30-6:30 pm. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care. For information or to RSVP call Dinah Davis at (805) 642-0239 ext. 739.

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

We all WannaCry

by Ken May

On Friday, May 12, a new ransomware, called WannaCry, began circulating throughout the United Kingdom and Spain, rapidly infecting over 400,000 exposed workstations and servers at healthcare, financial, and other business sectors. This ransomware stood out for several reasons, including being the largest ransomware attack in history, and the first widely spread ransomware worm.

I had an exciting time analyzing this as it happened. I was in San Diego for the SANS Security West 2017 Cybersecurity conference as a facilitator. We all

piled into a room late one night for an emergency session, while we shared data and studied what was happening in real time. Because of some of the connections I made there, I later was able to provide some assistance to the FBI Special Agent in charge of the WannaCry investigation.

The ransomware infection is Version 2.0 of WanaCrypt0r (also known as WCry, WannaCry, and WannaCryptor). Unlike previous instances, this version takes advantage of the SMB vulnerability outlined in Microsoft Security Bulletin (MS17-010). This vulnerability was first exploited by the ETERNALBLUE malware, revealed by the ShadowBrokers leak in March, and targeted the Microsoft MS17-010 SMB vulnerabilities. SMB (Server Message Block) is a protocol primarily communicating on port 445 and is designed to provide access to shared resources on a network.

Last fall, Microsoft propounded system administrators to disable SMB Version 1 on systems.

According to an FBI FLASH Alert, the WannaCry ransomware infects initial endpoints via a phishing campaign or compromised RDP (remote desktop protocol). Once the ransomware gets into a network, it spreads quickly through any computers that don't have the patch applied. The worm-like capabilities are the new feature added to this ransomware.

New instances of this ransomware worm dramatically decreased following the activation of a "kill-switch" in the ransomware. A security researcher going by the Twitter handle @MalwareTechBlog noted an unregistered domain ([www.iuqerfsodp9ifjapostdfjhgosurijfaewrwergwea\[.\]com](http://www.iuqerfsodp9ifjapostdfjhgosurijfaewrwergwea[.]com)) in a sample of the malware. WannaCry checked to ensure non-registration of the domain at some point prior to infection. According to the researcher, this was likely intended as a way to prevent analysis of the malware in a sandbox. If the domain is registered, WannaCry exits the system, preventing

further infection. While this doesn't benefit victims already infected, it does curb further infection. Of course, shortly after that, a new variant began making the rounds.

At least three separate Bitcoin wallets, controlled by unknown criminals were identified as part of the ransomware campaign. As of May 25th, a total of 302 payments totaling over \$126,000 had been transferred. All in all, a shockingly small amount.

Some interesting notes: This was patched by Microsoft back in March, so anybody who got infected is over 2 months behind on installing security updates.

98% of the victims were running Windows 7.

It's estimated that there are currently over 1 million computers connected to the internet, according to scans, that are still vulnerable, and still haven't been updated.

Install those updates, folks!
h/t: <https://blog.barkly.com/wannacry-ransomware-statistics-2017>
<https://www.recordedfuture.com/wannacry-ransomware-analysis/>

Trash & Recyclables & Green Waste Pick Up Delay Due to the Independence Day Holiday

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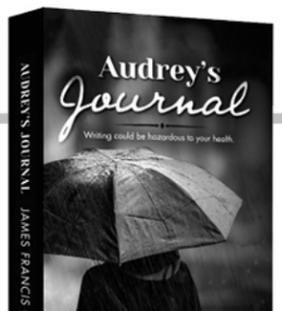


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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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

Attempt Commercial Burglary, Resisting Officers Arrest

On June 4, at 3:30pm, officers received a call from an alert citizen regarding the suspect attempting to break into the front door of a business in the 3100 block of Telegraph Road. By the time officers arrived, the suspect had fled. While the officers were on scene investigating, they were able to review the surveillance video at the business which showed the suspect, 24 year old vagrant Billy Willis, attempting to break the front door to the business.

As the investigation continued, the suspect returned to the area near the business and the officers saw him. When they attempted to contact him, he fled from them on foot, and the officers pursued after him. After a lengthy foot pursuit, the suspect gave up and was arrested by the officers. The suspect was arrested for attempted commercial burglary, resisting arrest and an unrelated misdemeanor warrant.

Vehicle Burglary, Stolen Vehicle Incident with K9 Search

On June 5, at approximately 2:30am, officers were in the area of Evergreen Drive and Thompson Blvd. Investigating a vehicle burglary that had just occurred. While one of the officers was looking for the suspect in the area, he saw a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed attempting to flee the area. Before the officer could catch up to the vehicle, it was involved in a collision with a parked vehicle and the driver fled on foot. The patrol officers located and detained a passenger, 27 year old Ventura resident Juan Arias, in the vehicle, and other officers and the VPD K9 began a search for the outstanding driver. After a lengthy search, the suspect not located.

The subsequent investigation revealed the vehicle was reported stolen out of Santa Barbara County. Stolen property from the vehicle burglary was located inside the vehicle and later returned to the owner. The passenger was found to be in possession of narcotics paraphernalia and was arrested for the charge.

Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, Possession of a Prohibited Assault Weapon, Possession of Narcotics and Paraphernalia

On June 5, at approximately 4:15pm, a concerned citizen called the Ventura Police Department reference a suspicious vehicle that was seen in the area for an extended period of time. The citizen was concerned that the subject in the vehicle was possibly casing residences. Ventura Police Patrol Officers were dispatched to the area and located a vehicle matching the description, and stopped the vehicle after observing a vehicle code violation.

The suspect was identified as 31 year old Santa Paula resident Zosimo Esparza, and during the investigation officers located ammunition, narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia in the suspect's possession. Further investigation revealed the suspect was in posses-

sion of a loaded Assault Weapon in the vehicle that is prohibited in the State of California.

Strong-Arm Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon (force likely to produce injury), and Resisting Arrest

On June 10, at 3:15am, 36 year old vagrant Brandon Nugent walked into Chevron and attempted to purchase merchandise. When he was told he did not have enough money he began yelling at the clerk. When the clerk attempted to retrieve the property, Nugent struck her and pulled her and the property outside.

Once outside, he tackled her to the ground and then got behind her and began choking her. The victim was able to fight her way out of the choke hold and run back inside to call 911. Nugent fled the scene on foot.

Officers arrived in the area and contacted Nugent, who matched the description given by the victim. Nugent refused to stop for police and tried to get away but was taken into custody without injury to either Nugent or the officers. Nugent was positively identified by the victim and transported and booked at VCJ.

Commercial Burglary with Arrest

At June 10, at approximately 5am, Ventura Police responded to an alarm call for service at Trek Bicycles. Officers arrived on scene to find the window had been smashed and a rack of bikes inside the store had been knocked over. The security video showed a suspect entering the store.

Ventura Patrol officers began searching the area for the suspect. Ventura Police CSI was called to the scene to collect additional evidence.

At approximately 5:30am officers located a suspect, Scott Heckmaster, in the area who matched the description. Based on evidence from the scene and statements from Heckmaster, he was taken into custody. Heckmaster was transported and booked at VCJ for Commercial Burglary.

Heckmaster caused several thousand dollars in damages to the window and merchandise inside the store.

Stolen Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

On June 15, at approximately 7:30pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the victim reporting that his vehicle was just stolen in 1200 block of Petit Ave. The victim left his vehicle running while he unloaded groceries into his residence. A short time later, an officer responding to the call saw the stolen vehicle on Northbank Dr. and Bristol Rd., and a vehicle pursuit was initiated.

The driver of the vehicle, later identified as 42 year old vagrant Kirtis Lund, continued on Bristol Rd. at speeds reaching 70 mph, before going southbound on Johnson Dr. While on Johnson Dr., Lund began driving on the wrong side of the center median. Because of the danger he posed to the public by going the wrong way, the officer discontinued the pursuit. Lund then turned into the parking lot of the Northbank Plaza in the 2800 block of Johnson Dr. and before the vehicle came to a stop, he fled from the vehicle on foot. The vehicle continued to roll forward and hit a retaining wall inside the shopping center. Officers caught up to Lund and took him into custody without incident.

Lund was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony evading, stolen vehicle, and several misdemeanor warrants.

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- 6-09** 9:10am, received a report of pigeons onboard a vessel in the timeshare marina. Officers responded and discovered two young pigeons making quite a mess in the vessel. Bird rescue personnel we advised of the situation.
- 6-10** 8:10am, officers en route in the Fireboat to assist / monitor the Hokolua outrigger canoe club with their annual race.
- 2:29pm, received a report of a stolen vehicle near Spinnaker Drive / Harbor Village. Officers responded and assisted a 65 year old female locate her vehicle that she had forgot where she had parked it.
- 4:08pm, received a dispatch to a cardiac arrest on the beach near Harbor Cove. Officers responded and assisted State Parks, Ventura Fire, Lifeline with the medical. The 56 year old patient was com-

plaining of nausea and chest pain. He was eventually transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

4:58pm, received a dispatch to a water rescue at Marina Park, three persons caught in a rip current. Officers responded by boat and assisted State Parks, Ventura Fire & PD, AMR with the three victims. The disposition of the victims was unknown, but they were assessed for water aspiration.

6-11 10:41am, received a report of a vessel collision near Ventura Isle Marina. Officers responded and found a 24ft motor vessel had collided with a few moored vessels. No injuries were sustained, but moderate damage was sustained to the moored vessels. The incident is under investigation.

7:10pm, received a report of a person in the water, over-turned kayak from a tenant of the Ventura Yacht club. Officers responded, and found the kayakers near Ventura West marina, but they refused assistance.

6-12 4:35pm, received a dispatch to an unknown medical at the Holiday Inn express. Officers responded by vehicle and assisted Ventura Fire, AMR with a patient suffering from late stage cancer.

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by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

The 2017 Ventura Music Festival is still a few weeks away, which means you should get your tickets now to attend one or more, or all of the events they have lined up. The theme this year is "An American Season" with the grand finale starring the one and only Michael Feinstein featuring stories and songs from the great American songbook on Sunday, July 23 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. There will be performances all week long at different venues; I'm particularly looking forward to Perla Batalla's tribute to Leonard Cohen on Friday, July 21, at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center. All the event and ticket information can be found at VenturaMusicFestival.org.

In case you missed the memo, Roadshow Revival has moved from downtown Mission Park to Discovery this year, Saturday, July 1, with Los Lobos headlining the day. There will still be two stages with bands playing all day long and an after party indoors that evening (separate cover charge for each event). Roadshow Revival started out as a tribute to the man in black but has since evolved into a celebration of American roots music. You can find the full band line up and ticket information at RoadshowRevival.com.

The City of Ventura will once again celebrate the Fourth of July starting with the Pushem-Pullem Parade at 10 am followed by the 42nd annual street fair downtown. Several stages will provide live musical entertainment including such bands as Rin Kon Tiki, Pier 101, Rhythm 805, Big Adventure, Raised on Vinyl, and more. Then later in the day catch the fireworks show and family picnic at Ventura College sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ventura; gates open at 5 with the fireworks at about 9 pm with entertainment including live music in between. The Rotary Club donates 100% of the event's net proceeds to benefit charitable community programs in Ventura.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has released their latest CD entitled Louie Louie Louie, a tribute to three musical giants, Louis Armstrong, Louis Jordan and Louis Prima. The entire CD from start to finish demonstrates Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's love, admiration and first-class musicianship in honoring the three Louies. I'm incredibly proud to include this one in my private music collection.

Quick notes: Jodi Farrell and TreCoustics played their final

show at Grapes and Hops Friday, June 16; Congratulations to Topa Mountain Winery as they celebrate their one-year anniversary on June 25 with live music from Orgone and the Bryan Titus Trio; Ventura Theater announced Queens of the Stone Age will play there August 10; and don't forget next month it's Surf Rodeo July 15 and 16.

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

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Wednesdays: Locals Showcase
Sun 6/25: 5 pm Hot Cuppa Three; 9 pm Karaoke

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Wednesdays: Jam Night
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Wed 6/21: Bernie Meisinger
Thurs 6/22: Amber & Smoke
Fri 6/23: Instone
Sat 6/24: Drunken Monkeys
Sun 6/25: Casey Jones & the Reggae Train

Tues 6/27: Jazz Express
Wed 6/28: Donna Butler
Thurs 6/29: Amber & Smoke
Fri 6/30: Young Dempsey

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Varon Thomas
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Warren Takahashi

Cask Alehouse

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Thurs 6/22: Brian Nicolet

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Saturdays: Havana Cinco
Sun 6/25: Karen Eden

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd
Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback Fridays
Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl
Wed 6/21: The Black Seeds, After the Smoke

Thurs 6/22: The Expanders, Ital Vibes
Fri 6/23: Barnyard Stompers, Galactic Polecats
Sat 6/24: The Velvetten Band, Alice Underground, Stefani Scoggan
Thurs 6/29: Synrgy, Dubbest
Fri 6/30: Roadshow Revival; Slim Jim Phantom, 50 Sticks of Dynamite
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Hong Kong Inn

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Mondays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band
Fri 6/23: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Rob Rio
Sat 7/1: Riley Real, Stebz Juarez, Lyric James, Goodnight Kiss, Dylan Garcia

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road
Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke

Thursday: Open Mic
Sunday: Karaoke

Fri 6/23: Action Down
Sat 6/24: Tasty Thieves

Fri 6/30: Sean Wiggins
Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street
Thurs 6/22: Erisy Watt

Sat 6/24: Big Tweed
Sun 6/25: The Inside Break

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street
Sat 6/24: MC Magic, Baby Bash, Mellow Man Ace

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village
Tuesdays: Dave Rae

Fri 6/23: Corsican Brothers
Sat 6/24: Cross Cut

Sun 6/25: Mike Martinez
Fri 6/30: Inna Rude Mood

Sat 7/1: The Tossers
Sun 7/2: James Broz

O'Leary's

6555 Telephone Road
Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke
Fri 6/23: Live Band Karaoke

Paddy's

2 W. Main Street
Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri & Sat: DJs
Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road
(805) 648-1143

Music 7:30 pm
Sun 7/2: 2-4 pm Old Country Grass Band

Prime

2209 E. Thompson Blvd
Tuesdays: Danny D

Fridays: Mike Moody
Saturdays: Jessica Ash

Red Cove

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

Fri 6/23: Fatal Error, Livin' Alive, Pink Mist, Sin Quince

Rookees Sports Bar & Grill

419 E. Main Street
(805) 648-6862

Fri and Sat: Rotating DJs
Saloon BBQ

456 E. Main Street
Fri 6/23: Sea at Last

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd
805-641-1025

Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon
Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 6/24: Joel Martin
Sun 6/25: DJ Inducut

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut
Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke
Tuesdays: Transform Tuesdays w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic
Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 6/23: The Pretty Uglys
Sat 6/24: DJ Pistolero

Fri 6/30: Cursed Bastards
Social Tap

1105 S Seaward Avenue
Sun 6/25: 2 pm The Tenderloin, Honey Owl

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St.
805-643-7300

Live jazz music 7-10 pm
Wed 6/21: RJ Mischo & Friends

Thurs 6/22: Hot Texas Swing Band
Fri 6/23: Mitch Forman Trio

Sat 6/24: Bruce Forman's Junkyard Duo
Wed 6/28: Native Vibe

Thurs 6/29: Coda
Fri 6/30: Mphaka

Sat 7/1: The Barrelhouse Wailers
Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street
Tues: Karaoke

Fri 6/23: Jan Michael & the Vincents
Sat 6/24: The Bomb

Sun 6/25: 3 pm After the Smoke
Fri 6/30: Alastair Greene

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street
Music 6-8 pm

Sat 6/24: Zero Likes Band
The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street
(805) 643-3264

Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve
Metal Wednesdays

Get it Right Thursday DJs
Sat 6/24: The Black Hips

Fri 6/30: The Hubcap Stealers
Topa Topa Brewing Co.

104 E. Thompson Blvd
(805) 628-9255

Music 6 pm
Tuesdays: Jeff Uzzel

Sun 7/2: 2 pm The Swillys
Traveler's Café

1070 E Front Street
Sat 7/1: The Swillys

The Wine Rack (Ventura)

14 S. California Street
(805) 653-9463

Thurs 6/22: Allisandra
Fri 6/23: Jason Ho

Sat 6/24: Spectrum
Sun 6/25: Jason Ho

The 805 Bar

Ventura Harbor
Music at noon Sat & Sun

with Kenny Devoe
Sat 6/24: 8 pm Steve Sodobern



Buenaventura Art Association's June 27-July 29 exhibitions will include diverse displays by some individual members and a general members' show in the nonprofit group's downtown Ventura gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St.

John Parker will present "Textured Tablets: A Fusion of Images, Words & Wood" on the main gallery's red wall, while painters **Florentino Bacaoan** and **Margie November** will fill the Clophine Dooley Gallery with shows named "Ocean +" and "Womanhood," respectively.

The artists will attend a reception 5-7 p.m. July 1, when awards for the members' show also will be announced.

In the gallery's central hallway will be selected works by Susan Colla and Nora Yukon, Merit Award winners from the previous member show.

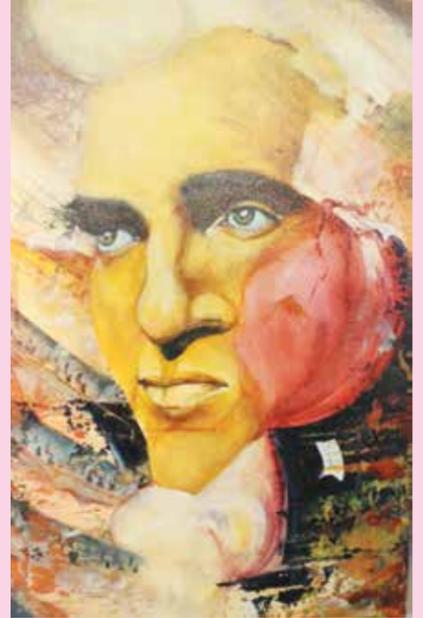
Buenaventura Gallery is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.



Focus on the Masters has highlighted where art begins -- with an artist. **Gallerist Khaled Al Awar**, a 1970 emigrant from Lebanon, moved to Ojai in 1982. He established the Primavera Gallery which features international and local artists, both individually and in group shows. Khaled's dedication to the arts and devotion to community has earned him a Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts from the City of Ojai. Please join Donna Granata and Khaled Al Awar discuss the importance of galleries in furthering an artist's career. To learn about the Primavera Gallery, visit www.PrimaveraFineArt.com

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. Not a member? Sign up today at www.FocusOnTheMasters.com.

The Artist Spotlight is open to students attending as a class assignment free of charge. Faculty and students are requested to make a reservation.



This painting by **Nahid Jafee** was also inspired by *The Other Mozart* and was on display at the Rubicon.



Ventura artist new work **Lynn Creighton Deceit** at the Core of the Shared Dream, part of a series called Love, What's it to Ya, will be exhibited at the Art Center of Morro Bay (835 Main in Morro Bay). An opening reception was held on Sunday June 18.



Dab Art is pleased to present *Departure Theory* at H Gallery.

This multidisciplinary collection of abstract work features 23 artists hailing from the United States to Australia, each selected for their deliberate deviation from representational art. These artist's theoretical compositions though dissimilar, reflect the social, emotional and intellectual preoccupations in all areas of modern culture.

An ambitious and unexpected exhibit, *Departure Theory* is a diverse medley of contemporary abstracts including a large scale hanging installation, geometric sculpture and conceptual art.

H Gallery
1793 East Main Street
Hours: Weds -Sat 1-5p



The Other Mozart was a one woman play recently showing at the Rubicon Theatre. The work of local artists are on display in the new downstairs gallery and can be viewed when attending events at the Rubicon. The gallery will be open to visitors an hour before the show starts and directly after the performance.

The paintings will constantly be changing.

Mary-Gail King displayed 15 of her painting in the gallery some inspired by the other Mozart. She stated "When I first heard the story of Mozart's sister, the saddest thing about it wasn't that she worked in obscurity but that none of her music survived. Women's work has often been seen as less important than men's. In creating new work for *The Other Mozart* I wanted to explore feminine creativity. As the work unfolded I rediscovered that creativity is about human potential which encompasses all genders."

Mary-Gail King is an award winning artist and creativity consultant. She has a BA in Communication Arts and Marketing from the University of South Alabama and continued her study in art and interior design at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC. She has painted along the Central and Southern California Coasts since 2001, had over 50 solo shows, is included in both corporate and private collections throughout the United States and is an Artist in Residence at Studio Channel Islands. Much of her work has been inspired by great music.

A member of the Los Angeles Art Association, the California Art Club, and the Santa Barbara Art Association, King's most recent large scale project was a commission for the 20th anniversary of the New West Symphony. She was a featured artist for their March 2015 100th anniversary of Gustav Holst's *The Planets*.



Lighter Breeze

Mother Goose and Grimm



Rhymes With Orange



Between Friends



Crock



Arctic Circle



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith



Solutions on page 19

Per the request of one of our readers just for this issue we present a 3D Sudoku for your pleasure. Hope that you enjoy it

Solutions on page 19

King Crossword

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- 1 Muppet master Henson
- 4 Wile E. Coyote's supplier
- 8 Low- — diet
- 12 Mimic
- 13 Make dinner
- 14 Medley
- 15 Preside over
- 17 Walden, for one
- 18 Mountain goat
- 19 Feudal lord
- 20 Choir members
- 22 You
- 24 Slender
- 25 Mao Zedong's title
- 29 Encountered
- 30 Band section
- 31 Praise in verse
- 32 Like kebab
- 34 Greek letters
- 35 Walk in the woods
- 36 Expositions
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- 16 Black, in verse
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- 21 Onion relative
- 22 Crowd?
- 23 Full house, e.g.
- 25 Stopper
- 26 Spur on
- 27 Hebrew month
- 28 Loch —
- 30 Estate recipient
- 33 Asthmatic, maybe
- 34 Deserve
- 36 Pretense
- 37 Datum
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- 39 Timely query
- 40 Campus VIP
- 42 Wrestling surface
- 43 Actress Gardner
- 44 AAA job
- 45 Storm center

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- 8 Office machine
- 9 — vera

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A more positive aspect opens up, allowing you to make some important changes in a personal situation. Remember to seek balance and avoid extremes as you proceed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good week to get out and enjoy the fine times you missed while you were so deep in those workaday projects. Be sure to share it with that special person.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Work and play are in balance this week. However, expect news that could tip things toward the workplace for quite a while. But all to a good end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're more productive on the job than you have been in some time. That's good. But be careful not to overlook some situations developing in your private life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been doing a lot for others (as usual). But now it's time to focus on your needs, including finally going on that long-delayed trip you've been hoping to make.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's all smoothly going on 'twixt you and that very special person in your life. But a colleague causes some disruption on the job that you might be called on to help settle.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are sensitive to the needs of others. But you're no pushover. You would make a fine teacher, psychologist or minister.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Information you need might be coming in sporadically, but at least what you're getting is valuable. Continue to wait until more is available before acting on that career move.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You continue on an upbeat cycle, and with that strong Taurean energy you should see favorable results from your hard work. A pleasant surprise awaits you in your private life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs more time to be worked out. Don't give up on it just yet. Remain open to providing explanations, if called for. Another friend offers good advice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Fast action can correct a seemingly minor problem that has taken on some unexpectedly difficult aspects. Stay with it until it's resolved. News on a more positive note is due soon.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some snags could cause delays in those plans you're eager to see put into operation. But be patient. The Clever Cat will soon have good reason to celebrate a job well done.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let that Virgan sensitivity dissuade you from being the hardheaded realist you should be at this time. Your goals are in sight. Stay focused on them.

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Show Time

Wonder Woman



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Wonder Woman is a 2017 American superhero film based on the DC Comics character of the same name, distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures. The film is directed by Patty Jenkins, with a screenplay by Allan Heinberg and a story by Heinberg, Zack Snyder, and Jason Fuchs, and starring Gal Gadot and Chris Pine.

The summer blockbusters continue to roll out, and I continue being unimpressed. The same jokes, the same explosions, and the same juiced up male heroes. But seeing a successful superhero movie featuring a woman superhero, directed by an accomplished woman director, now that definitely peaks my interest. Patty Jenkins really hit a homerun in comparison to the last, abysmal superhero movies coming out of Warner Brothers. While I do believe there were some missteps along the way, *Wonder Woman* had fantastic acting, strong visuals, and stellar directing.

I really feel the need to express Patty Jenkins's role in making *Wonder Woman* into the success that it is. Big Hollywood blockbusters are still primarily directed by male directors, with a male audience in mind. Time and time again do you see actress's hip dominate the screen more so than anything else. But Patty did a fantastic job of having *Wonder Woman* dominate the screen without the use of over sexualization. Outside that, Patty's

directorial style seems to be very effective at creating and maintaining a set tone for the movie, and tying that in with the films visuals to complement that.

Patty heavily relied on slow motion to create striking visuals throughout the film. This created great scenes that felt like they were ripped straight from a comic book, but admittedly they can be a little hit and miss. But don't fret, it's definitely a lot more satisfy than it is distracting. Also like any high budget blockbusters, the film looked great. The set pieces were intricate, the costume design immaculate, and special effects were solid.

I know I'm starting to feel like a broken record, but the screenplay was definitely where *Wonder Woman* lacks. Way too much screen time early in the movie is spent with bad jokes as opposed to any form of character development. Characters are two dimensional, which absolutely betrays the great acting prowess of Chris Pine and Gal Gadot. It's really just another typical hero's journey tale with a unneeded romantic subplot.

However, the biggest missed opportunity of *Wonder Woman* was how much *Wonder Woman* herself lacks agency. I see plenty of headliners proclaiming *Wonder Woman* as a kick butt, strong woman character, but I honestly don't see it. Too often does she take the passenger seat in her own story to Steve. It's too bad, but I can't help but feel that Hollywood still didn't want to have a truly strong woman character with her own agency. Whether you consider this a nit-pick or a serious issue, *Wonder Woman* was at least engaging and fun to watch. Hopefully Patty Jenkins can get more work directing in Hollywood. She deserves it. PG13 2h 21m

A view from House Seats

A Chorus Line kicks it on High Street

by Shirley Lorraine

With an energetic 5, 6, 7, 8, the High Street Arts Center's production of the acclaimed *A Chorus Line* kicks its way into the hearts of dancers and theater-lovers throughout the county. The 1976 Broadway show swept nine Tony awards out of twelve nominations and still holds the title of the sixth longest-running Broadway show ever.

The characters are based on personal experiences and acquaintances of famed Broadway dancer and choreographer Michael Bennett. Formulated in workshop for several years before hitting the big stage, the musical has become the quintessential behind-the-scenes look at the lives of those who entertain the rest of us. The spirited, engaging and memorable music written by Marvin Hamlisch and Edward Kleban stirs not only the pace but the emotions of the audience as well as the actors.

The story line captures seventeen hopeful gypsies (professional dancers) auditioning for eight coveted roles in a new musical. The audition experience delves into each dancer's background, desires and motivation for their craft. Presented without an intermission, the hectic and grueling pace of a dancer's life is examined in

detail. Their individual stories are laced with humor, sarcasm, sadness and yearning.

From the opening sequence on, the audience is swept into the frenetic world of dance. We meet the gamut of humanity – from the unqualified yet starry-eyed hopeful to the seasoned professional and all types in between. The cast is large and double-casting allows a number of actors the opportunity to take on roles throughout the run.

Director Christopher Mahr has assembled quite a capable cast to fill the roles now familiar to many. Choreographers Megan Rayzor and Kendyl Yokoyama coordinate the large assembly well and follow the scripted movements to excellent effect.

As appropriately depicted in the show, this cast is consistent in their portrayals of the individual characters. The nature of the script calls for no one person to stand out – for them to “work as one person”. However, each does have their moment in the spotlight before they meld back into the chorus line to become purposely indistinguishable.

Everyone will have their favorite characters and scenes for various reasons, but all are a delight to watch. Andy Carrillo performs solidly as Larry, the assistant choreographer, leading the dancers through their paces. His dance training clearly shows. Michael Worden and Jessica Bell have a ball with their duet “Sing” as a married couple finishing each other's sentences. The entire cast handles the choreography with grace



and ease.

In a critical subplot, the key role of Cassie is played with skill by Dawn Notragiacomo. She dances and sings beautifully as she imbues Cassie with pathos and the sincere desire to fit in, even though her chorus days are behind her. A previous relationship with Zach (John Tedrick), the director, colors her audition in myriad touching ways.

The entire company is on stage most of the show, dancing in the background as they prepare, rehearse, and finally, perform. The grand finale is an exciting spectacle of gold glitter and precision footwork.

A Chorus Line continues through July 2 at the High Street Arts Center Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. \$20, seniors \$18, 12 and under \$16 (contains mature language and content). 45 E. High Street, Moorpark. 529-8700 or www.HighStreetArtsCenter.com.



Duo is raising their voices to benefit the Young Artists Fund of the VMF.

Distinguished songbirds stage benefit

Soprano Patricia Lathrop-McPherson and baritone Steven Z. Perren will sing for a good cause on Sunday, June 25th, at 4pm at Temple Beth Torah. The duo is raising their voices with an American Songbook Sampling to benefit the Young Artists Fund of the Ventura Music Festival and to whet the appetite for the Festival's big Michael Feinstein “Great American Songbook” concert that closes their annual festival a month later. Lathrop-McPherson and Perren are each members of the VMF Board of Directors.

Benefit tickets for the June 25 concert are \$25. Temple Beth Torah is located at 7620 Foothill Road. The program includes a guest appearance by Blake Kasting, recent Ventura High grad and winner of VMF's 2016 Student Jazz Competition.

The VMF Young Artists Fund includes the annual Music in the Schools program, Student Jazz Competition, Rising Stars concerts, a special Children's Concert for VUSD, master classes and other youth education, engagement and performance programs.

Benefit Tickets are available

online at VenturaMusicFestival.org, or reserve by phone – 648.3146. Ticket and program Information on the “American Season” July Festival is also on the VMF website.



The Fair will also feature nightly fireworks. Photo by John Ferritto.

Fair announces 2017 grandstand entertainment

The Ventura County Fair, “Rooted in Tradition,” proudly presents the 2017 Grandstand Entertainment Series, including motor sports, music, comedy and rodeos.

The fair opens Wednesday, August 2 with Motor Sports, which requires a \$5 admission in addition to paid Fair admission. (Children under 12 are admitted free with paid Fair admission). Concerts and Rodeos are free with paid Fair admission.

This year's list of entertainers, each with exceptional sound and style, will entertain Ventura County Fair visitors with every performance.

Motor Sports (Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 PM) extra ticket required
Smash Mouth (Thursday, August 3 @ 7:30PM)
Sugar Ray (Thursday, August 3 @ 7:30PM)
Huey Lewis and the News (Friday, August 4 @ 7:30 PM)
KC and the Sunshine Band (Saturday, August 5 @ 7:30PM)
Dia de la Familia Concert (Sunday, August 6 @ 3:00 PM)
Billy Currington (Monday, August 7 @ 7:30 PM)
The Spinners (Tuesday, August 8 @ 1:00 PM)
Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds (Tuesday, August 8 @ 7:30 PM)
Shinedown (Wednesday, August 9 @ 7:30 PM)
Gabriel Iglesias “Fluffy Mania” 20 Years of Comedy Tour (Thursday, August 10 @ 7:30 PM)

Wynonna and the Big Noise (Friday, August 11 @ 7:30 PM)
PRCA Rodeo (Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13 @ 2:00 and 7:00 PM)

2017 Grandstand Entertainment Series is sponsored by Chumash Casino Resort.

Schedules are subject to change without notice.

The Ventura County Fair “Rooted in Tradition,” Wednesday, August 2 through Sunday, August 13. For information visit www.venturacountyfair.org or call 648-3376.



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Youth

YMCA serving as official host location of The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™

On Thursday, June 22nd, tens of thousands of kids and adults at aquatic facilities around the world will meet for the eighth year in a row to set a new Guinness World Record™. The global record attempt for The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL), will take

place locally at the Ventura Family YMCA, 3760 Telegraph Road at 2:30pm with registration beginning at 2:00pm.

Swimming Lessons Save Lives™ is the primary message for this global event. Tragically, drowning remains the leading cause of unintended injury related death for children ages 1-4, and the second leading cause of accidental death for children under 14.

Since its inception, more than 195,000 children and adults have participated in WLSL lessons generating more than half a billion media impressions about the vital importance of learning to swim. The 2016 WLSL event included 40,298 participants from 24 countries.

For more information about the WLSL or water safety programs, contact

Amber Stevens, Director of Aquatics and Youth Programs at the Ventura Family YMCA at 642.2131.

The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Channel Islands YMCA serves over 46,000 individuals and provides over \$1.3 million in financial assistance to families in need for child care.

the Ventura Unified School District's Two-Way Immersion (TWI) program that let her perfect her skills in both languages.

Starting in elementary school, TWI students get half of their instruction in English and half in Spanish. "I'm really grateful my parents put me in the program because it was helpful not just to know how to speak Spanish, but also to read it and write it," she says.

This year, Diana took fourth place in the statewide Spanish Spelling Bee at Azusa Pacific University. She says mastering Spanish spelling is just as tricky as it is in English, but for different reasons. "In English, sometimes the way you say a word isn't the way you spell it, and in Spanish there are things like accents and double letters, so they both have their challenges."

Diana also distinguished herself at Ventura High School as a leader in volunteering for the less fortunate. Through the city of Ventura's Teen Voice program, she helped with campaigns to provide Thanksgiving gift baskets to families in need and hygiene care packages for the homeless. She also helped collect food and supplies for the Canine Adoption and Rescue League in Ventura.

Diana will be the first person in her family to attend college. She plans to start at Ventura College and ultimately transfer to UC Santa Cruz. She credits her English teacher Terri Withers-Schroeder for getting her involved in the AVID program that helps underrepresented students prepare for college. She also thanks her parents who immigrated to the United States to give her a life they never had. "It makes me really proud to see all the hard work they did to give me the opportunities I have now."



Diana Lopez Luna is a shining star.

Shining Stars selected by the Ventura County Office of Education

Diana Lopez Luna will graduate from Ventura High School able to read, write and speak fluently in both English and Spanish. She got a head start speaking Spanish at home, but it was



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