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Mark Watkins announces retirement as City Manager.

The following was sent by Watkins to city employees

"After much thought and discussion with my family I have decided to retire from my position as City Manager effective December 28, 2017. Working for Ventura has been a dream job for me. I was a 26-year old engineer when Amy and I arrived here in November of 1987, we welcomed the birth of our first daughter just a month later and have loved living here ever since. I took a 12 year hiatus to work for the City of Thousand Oaks and was thrilled to come back to Ventura in early 2013 as City Manager."

"As I reflect on my time here it is easy to think of all of the physical attributes that make Ventura such a great place to live and work. We have a wonderful downtown, beautiful beaches, a great harbor, the pier and promenade, hiking in the hillsides, and cultural amenities. However, what I will remember the most fondly is all of the outstanding city employees that bring their energy and enthusiasm to work every day to continue making this one of the best cities in America."

"I am providing a long notice to assure a smooth transition for the organization. I have appreciated the trust the City Council has placed in me and am extremely proud of all that we've accomplished during my tenure. In the past 4 years we have been able to restore fiscal stability, refocus the organization on core services and infrastructure, pursue the water resources required for our future, and make headway on com

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Seth Shinden with a volunteer buddy of the Best Day Foundation.

Foundation delivers adventures for kids with special needs

by Rebecca Wicks

Seth Shinden, 13, is like other Balboa Middle School students. He enjoys live music, bowling, gymnastics, and just being outside. He has always loved the beach and ocean. Seth is however, autistic and epileptic, which at times makes some activities less accessible.

His parents have worked to keep him close to the sea, making regular visits. While he frequently enjoys time in the sand with his sisters and family, some of his most memorable moments are those surfing and kayaking. Many of these adventures have been made possible by the

Best Day Foundation, where volunteers tandem surf or kayak with Seth. Last month, he surfed C-Street tandem-style with one of the Best Day Foundation volunteers, as part of a day organized by the group that works to host activity events for families that have children with special needs.

"Seth loves everything about surfing," said Katie Shinden, Seth's mother. "He first did it when he was 5. He was a little nervous at first, but the organization's volunteer buddies that helped out were great about carrying him into the water and getting him comfortable."

Nancy Pedersen first started working with the organization in 2010, helping out at events. Today she serves as the co-chair of the Ventura Chapter, and sits on the organization's national advisory board. She explained how she has been drawn further into the organization, how making memories for kids, their families as well as volunteers - all in the span of one short day - is something she thinks is "cool."

"I just love the community aspect of each event, the fact that the likes of surfers, high school kids, and seniors come together to make it happen," Pedersen explained. "We start each event on an empty beach and then with the help of volunteers great stuff happens."

Seth and thousands of other special needs children have enjoyed tandem surfing, body boarding, kayaking, stand up paddling, outrigger canoeing and more through the organization's many events around the nation. The group conducts events in Virginia, Florida, New Jersey and five communities in California including Ventura. The Foundation has already held four events this year in Ventura and has four additional upcoming events which will take place at C-Street, on September 10, and Harbor Cove, on August 5, August 26, and October 7.

The Best Day Foundation was founded to share the knowledge and experience developed by Ride a Wave, a similar organization started in Santa Cruz. Each year the group's event count grows, also adding new locations annually. This year the Foundation will hold upward of 50 events across the country.

Pedersen likes what the organization offers to people who don't have a way to experience these sports on their own, and

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National Night Out

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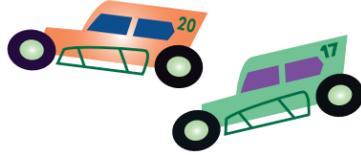
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- Tuesday, August 8 1:00 PM: **The Spinners**
- Tuesday, August 8 7:30 PM: **Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds**
- Wednesday, August 9 7:30 PM: **Shinedown**
- Thursday, August 10 7:30 PM: **Gabriel Iglesias "FluffyMania" 20 Years of Comedy Tour**
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"We're excited to introduce the up-and-coming brand Churro Stix to Ventura as the company's very first franchise, and support their business growth through our agency's social media marketing expertise," said CM + PR President and CEO Denise Bean-White. "The success of the Ventura site is important for long-range expansion goals of the company and CM + PR is delighted to be their agency of record."

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Pastor Jim Duran recognizing City Center staff and board members to the large gathering.

City Center celebrates eight new rooms

by Jennifer Tipton

Thursday, July 13th was a cool and breezy evening, nonetheless, about 150 folks showed up to support the ribbon cutting for the new rooms at the City Center. Including our City Council-member Matt LaVere who addressed the crowd "I am so honored to be here tonight. We're all here to recognize Jim Duran and the Board for everything they do for the City of Ventura and for making a huge difference in our community!"

The City Center is a transitional living program to help the homeless get their lives back on track. "It's not a

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 Sun. August 6th - The Ataris & The Queers
 Thu. August 10th - Soul Majestic
 Fri. August 11th - TATANKA
 Sat. August 12th - Through The Roots

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Dear Sheldon:

Thank you again for putting Estella's pic & plea in The Breeze (needed medical treatment). It has brought in well over \$1,000 in a week ... yay! The best people read The Breeze, that's for sure.

Cappi Patterson

I second that thank you Sheldon! Such amazing and compassionate people are in the world. It helps restore my faith in humanity when I see people pull together to help the innocents. Because of your piece in the Breeze we are so close to our goal! Thank you!!! Debi Reeves, President & Founder Buddy Nation helping the homeless dogs of Ventura

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ My talk-interview radio show on KPPQLP Ventura (104.1FM) can now be listened to at www.venturabreeze.com "Face of Ventura" (top left). I know that the station is low wattage (not to interfere with other nearby FM stations), so some of you have had a difficult time hearing it so here is your chance. Find out more about the VPD, the Rubicon, Ventura Music Festival, the Fair and much -much more.

Always looking for suggestions of who should be on my show and the good and bad of it.

■ **Music Under the Stars**, at the Olivas Adobe has started another concert season, so if you have never attended here is your chance. Concerts on Saturday evenings until September 9. The next concert, on July 22, is the The Swing Kings. See the ad in this issue for details. And be sure to come say hi to me.

■ As reported in this issue, Ventura City Manager **Mark Watkins** will be leaving his position in December of this year. I was quite surprised to hear of this. In my opinion he has been a very good city manager and will be missed. Some people think that his position is overpaid, but I'm not one of them.

These are the top salaries in Ventura, including benefits:

Kenneth Corney, Police Chief \$220,117.00 +\$124,337.00=\$344,454.00

Kris McDonald, Fire Battalion Chief \$255,634.00+\$70,845.00=\$326,479.00

David M. Endaya, Fire Chief \$198,815.00 +\$112,906.00=\$311,721.00

Darin S. Schindler, Assistant Police Chief Ventura \$197,985.00+\$107,718.00=\$305,703.00

Mark Watkins, City Manager \$242,059.00+\$58,289.00=\$300,348.00

I believe that the city manager should be our highest paid official. He (or perhaps she one day) is similar to a CEO running a very large corporation. He only answers to a board of directors that we call our City Council. His duties are very large, complicated and important. The City Manager and City Attorney are the only positions

that are hired (and can be fired) by the City Council. The City Manager hires the head of all departments.

■ **The Museum of Ventura County** is in deep financial trouble. Interim Executive Director Elena Brokaw was brought in to decrease the Museum's operating costs which she has greatly done, but even she has stated that she is not a museum curator and that the Museum needs one to keep afloat.

In my opinion, the Museum really needs a professional museum curator to run it. The museum needs to be much more interactive and appealing to entire families. In its current state, it is hardly appealing to anyone.

The addition made several years ago to the museum is atrocious. That is my professional opinion (I'm a graduate of the USC School of Architecture and had my own practice starting in 1968, so it means something). This is also the opinion of several museum board members that I have spoken with and also most folks that I speak with. The design completely ignored the Spanish look and feel of the Museum and of the surrounding buildings.

At a recent City Council meeting (referring to the "metal bars" in the front of the Museum), member Mike Tracy (our ex-chief of police) said, with sarcasm, "I like bars" but in this case the bars are not keeping people in but people out.

Our next issue will have an article about the Museum.

■ No one from the six **Trump** banned countries has killed anyone in a terrorist attack in the USA since 1975. In the years since the September 11 attack, only three of the over 780,000 refugees from these countries have been convicted of terrorist related crimes. In this amount of time, more Venturans have been killed by Venturans. Perhaps the six countries should ban visitors coming from Ventura.

■ Some people are willing to take less for the good of the "company". Kevin Durant is a basketball player for the Golden State Warriors. He recently agreed to terms on a contract worth only about \$53 million for 2 years for the good of the team. I certainly hope that he can manage to live on only \$26.5 mill a year. My hero.

■ The City of Ventura is now a "**Bicycle Friendly City**." The Cycle California Coast (<http://www.cyclecentralcoast.com>) has identified the following benefits for communities, nonprofit organizations, businesses and government agencies who are a "Bicycle Friendly City."

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This will be good if it increases tourism, but I'm not sure if it greatly increases Venturan's biking to work and using their bikes for everyday use. We are just not a bike culture, but I certainly hope it will increase bike usage. Look for the coming "Grand Loop Signs".

■ In 2014-15, Ventura paid \$13.8 million to its **retirement system** for past and present employees. That amount could grow to almost \$18 million during the current budget cycle.

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) oversees Ventura's retirement system, which is funded through employer and employee contributions and is dependent on a strong showing by stocks, bonds, real estate and other investments.

CalPERS says that the costs will rise even faster in the years ahead.

The City Council voted to pay the annual bill in its entirety at the start of the year, rather than in monthly payments. The move will save \$390,000 in interest in 2017-18 and the savings could really add up over time.

This is just a temporary fix, as the cost of Ventura's retirement system needs to, somehow, be reduced by the City Council.

Mailbox

Sheldon:

I like your coverage but wish you had said Mark Watkins made \$300,000 last year.

Historic Preservation is out of control and just adds cost and delay; 40 year old test is ridiculous, and notable architect is over reach (Where is the marquee now from Mayfair Theatre that sat in the dirt for years after all the fuss and \$\$ the city spent in having it moved) No mention of Ventura Realty four prior suits against the city. Mike L Merewether

Dear Mr. Brown

Just want to say "Thanks" again for your coverage of our Harbor Gallery 1st Yr. anniversary and my exhibit at the Ojai Art Center. The pictures are great, and Mary-Jo looks wonderful! She also sends her thanks to you -- we need all the publicity we can get at our little gallery and the turn out that day was terrific! We will help keep our customers aware of your special paper. Karen Wu

Breeze:

A recent report paints an interesting picture of bottled water marketing practices, claiming the industry has been working to convince consumers that bottled water is more pure than tap water despite no

evidence to support the claims. The report claims bottled water costs over 1000 times more than tap water per fluid ounce and uses more than 2000 times more energy to produce; the purity of tap water is better regulated and in fact, most bottled water is filtered tap water, anyway.

According to a Scientific American article, bottled water is ripping off consumers to the tune of 1900 times the cost of tap water, and bottlers aren't revealing where their water comes from: "...18% of the 173 bottled waters on the U.S. market today fail to list the location of their source; a third disclose nothing about the treatment or purity of the water inside their plastic bottles." The Natural Defense Council reports that 90 percent of the money consumers pay for bottled water actually covers everything but the water itself: bottling, packaging, shipping, marketing and other expenses, and profits.

Nate Spencer-Ventura-who drinks tap water that is cold

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City News

City Council approves portion of Measure O revenue

On June 12, the Ventura City Council voted unanimously to approve \$1.64M of Measure O revenue annually to keep all fire stations in Ventura open. Consistent with the Measure O ordinance, the ongoing funding will maintain

nine rotating full-time firefighters who staff Fire Station 4 (three firefighters daily), located at Telephone Road and Montgomery Avenue, and ensure the fire station remains open for the next 25 years. The Measure O funding was approved with the adoption of the City's fiscal year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of \$278M; Ventura's General Fund budget is \$110.6M.

"The City Council is upholding the promise we made to Ventura voters," said Mayor Nasarenko. "All revenue from Measure O stays right here in Ventura and this initial allocation will help to maintain fire and paramedic response times for the 15,000 calls for service received each year from citizens

who need emergency care."

The FY 2017-2018 balanced budget reflects the City Council goals to steward Measure O dollars responsibly, create and maintain economic development and vitality, and enhance the response to homelessness. General Fund budget highlights include: increasing the City's operating reserves by \$1.5M to prepare for the future, funding for public safety to improve emergency communications center response, and one-time funding for the parks ambassador program. The City held four public workshops and two public hearings regarding the proposed operating budget for FY 2017-2018.

In November 2016, Ventura voters approved Measure O, a half-cent trans-

action and use tax for 25 years that will generate \$10.8M annually to maintain vital services. In accordance with the San Buenaventura Municipal Code Section 4.129.160, the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee reviewed and unanimously recommended that the City Council approve ongoing funding to staff Fire Station 4.

The City established a separate Measure O Fund to review expenditures and ensure that they are appropriate under the Measure O ordinance. An annual, independent financial audit of the funding is required.

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City News

Not all repellent methods are equal

by Kevin O'Connor

Mosquitoes and ticks have started biting again. In the Eastern USA you can expect to start seeing mosquitoes as early as April and ticks by May. In California in warmer areas, the pest season can be much longer. In the next few months you can also expect to be hearing a bit more about diseases spread by these arthropods. As we move into our second summer of Zika you will likely be hearing a lot about mosquitoes, but it is important to keep ticks in mind as well.

For the first time, ticks have been reported in areas of California. They are not only back East. Ticks and mosquitoes are not just annoying pests that leave you itchy. Together these arthropods are responsible for most of the emerging infectious diseases in the world today. Additionally, with only a few exceptions, the diseases spread by these arthropods cannot be prevented by vaccinations.

The best defense against these highly efficient arthropods is taking measures to avoid getting bitten, such as using insect repellents. However, not all repellent methods are equal. Here are some facts regarding repellents that your family may want to know.

DEET is commonly considered the gold standard of repellents, this chemical ingredient has for decades proven itself as effective against mosquitoes and ticks. Decades of use of DEET have not resulted in any significant detriment to health including no evidence of causing cancer or resulting in birth defects when used as directed. We have learned that DEET should not be worn under sunscreen or clothing and is a strong eye irritant and may damage some plastics and fabrics.

Picaridin is a chemical found in plants that produce black pepper. Some studies have indicated that picaridin may be slightly more

effective at repelling mosquitoes than DEET and may also provide longer protection times. It is odorless, non-irritating, and does not melt plastics.

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Community Events

Hillsides Conservancy serves up "Nature on Tap"

The Ventura Hillsides Conservancy (VHC) is teaming up with Topa Topa Brewing Company to host a series of environmental lectures entitled "Nature on Tap" this summer. The public is invited to join VHC staff once a month in July, August and September to learn about local environmental topics and VHC's mission, projects and programs.

Monday, 7/24/17: Go with the Flow - The Health of the Ventura River: Listen and learn as Dash Dunkell, Ventura Hillsides Conservancy's Conservation Director, highlights current projects in the Ventura River and discusses what is being done to protect this unique ecosystem.

Monday, 8/28/17: Our Wildlife Neighbors: From coyotes to crows, raccoon to rattlesnakes, opossums to osprey ... Ventura has it all! Join Jessica West, Ventura Hillsides Conservancy biologist, to learn about the wildlife that lives on VHC properties, what is being done to preserve their habitat, and how the public can (and has!) become involved in studying our animal neighbors.

Thursday, 9/28/17: Preserving Ventura's Open Space - Rivers, forest, and farmland: Dash Dunkell, Ventura Hillsides Conservancy's Conservation Director, will discuss the past, present and future of open space preservation in and around Ventura.

Each free lecture will begin at 7 p.m. at Topa Topa Brewing Company, located at 104 E Thompson Blvd.

To RSVP, visit: <http://www.venturahillsides.org/events> and, for more information, call the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy 643-8044.

The Ventura Hillsides Conservancy is dedicated to preserving and protecting Ventura's hillsides, waterways and wildlife. Founded in 2003, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is supported by over 500 members, local business and government partners. The land trust currently manages 80 acres of land along the Ventura River and is working toward the purchase of its first hillside property. Further information about the Conservancy is at: www.venturahillsides.org.

Just a few of Ventura libraries August events to tease you

Avenue Library

8/7 3:00 pm Pulse Drumming

8/14 4:00 pm Kona Ice Party

8/2 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Build Machines

Bilingual Early Literacy Class 8/7, 14, 21, 28

Mondays 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

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8/5, 12, 19, & 26 Saturdays @ 10:30am in the Rentfrow Room

Ukulele Jam Session

8/14 & 28 Mondays @ 7-10pm

Children's Events

Summer Reading (SR) Shows:

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8/16 End of the Summer Kona Ice Party!

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8/15 4:00 pm Kona Ice Party

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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

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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/DBSA.Ventura) or 746-3106 for more information.

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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.

Find out the answers to 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.

Tuesday semi-monthly meetings of the Ventura Retired Men's Group will resume in August on the first and fifteenth at the Ventura Elks Lodge. Men in or near retirement are encouraged to gather after 11 AM for a social good time, lunch(\$15) at noon, and a program to follow. Steve Carroll has details at 642-1359.

July 20: The Community Environmental Council's Solarize Program offers discounted, top quality solar electric systems for homeowners in Ventura County. The non-profit organization has negotiated limited-time discounts with vetted solar installers until September 8, 2017. The Solarize workshop will explore the ins and outs of going solar. Learn how going solar can save you money. For more information, please visit solarizeventura.org or call the Community Environmental Council 963-0583 x101. At the Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room at 6 p.m.

July 20: The East Ventura Community Council, Nancy Schramm, Deputy Director of Ventura County Library System, will report on the status of the new Hill Road Library. John McNally, Chairperson of East Ventura Community Council will provide an update on new construction. Ventura Police Department will report on crime and safety issues. Books in good condition are always accepted



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by San Buenaventura Friends of the Library, 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. For more information contact John McNally, 804-7558.

July 26: The College Area Community Council will meet on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. A member of the Surfrider Foundation will make a presentation on the Coastal Protection projects in the Ventura area and a Public Works Department representative will discuss the long-awaited road repairs to the Loma Vista Hospital area. VPD will be there to discuss issues of community concern. The Council meets in the Wright Event Center at 57 Day Rd. on the Ventura College campus. CACC represents citizens between Mills and Victoria bordered by Foothill and Hwy. 126. Call 644-8695 for more information.

July 29: Ventura Family YMCA 18th Annual 5K & One-Mile Survivors Walk for Livestrong. All proceeds benefit the community through the Y's Open Doors scholarship program. Saturday, 7 a.m. check-in, 5K starts at 8 a.m. Registration/ Race Start Location: Ventura Family YMCA, 3760 Telegraph Rd. Cost: Regular - \$40 individual, \$80 family One-Mile Survivors Walk - \$15 individual. For more information, contact Sherry Gutsch at 805.642.2131 x 20 or Sherry.Gutsch@ciymca.org

July 29: City of Ventura Residents, get

your free Smart Sprinkler Controller at the City's Public Works maintenance yard, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 336 Sanjon Road. Just bring your most recent water bill and a photo of your existing controller(s). You'll be required to fill out an application on site and then schedule a time to replace your sprinkler/drip controller. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. For more information or inquiries 866-983-9232.

July 30: The SoCal Chapter of the American Handwriting Analysis Foundation, AHAF President Sheila Lowe and chapter Vice-President Lena Rivkin will lead the two hour-long discussions. Handwriting of business leaders - what does it say about their leadership style? Introduction to questioned document examination - learn about forgers and forgery. Guests are welcome to bring a handwriting sample to add to the discussion. EP Foster Library, Topping Room from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 30: The Democratic Club of Ventura will provide a chance for members of the community to meet with elected representatives during the "Keep It Blue" fundraising luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30. Congressional representatives, local elected officials, the Democratic Party State Chair, members of the Democratic Club of Ventura and inter-

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A Contest

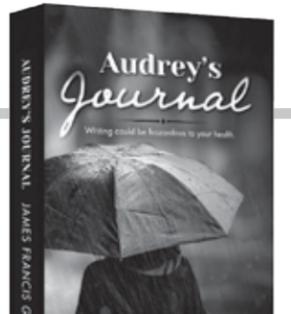
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There's more than video happening at the CAPS Media Center. The recently launched and highly successful CAPS Radio station (KPPQ-LP, FM 104.1) gives Member/Producers a dedicated and professionally equipped studio to record and produce the radio programs

they want to share with the community. Experienced and aspiring DJs are trained by the talented CAPS Media staff in all aspects of radio production. After a few hours of instruction Member Producers are ready to produce their own radio programs. The program formats, topics, guest lists and more are all up to the desires and direction of the individual CAPS Radio Producer/Members.

In a few short months FM 104.1 is already alive with locally created and produced programs in talk, music, information, education and more. Check out CAPS Radio on FM 104.1. Radio orientation and training classes will be held July 26 & 27 at 6pm at the CAPS Media Center. The two-part class provides Member/Producers with the tools needed to produce original radio shows.

On the video side, upcoming CAPS Media Member/Producer video classes include: new member orientation, August 3, HD videography/camera, August 10 and postproduction editing, August 17. 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.

Recent CAPS Media productions included programs on the Two Trees planting, the groundbreaking of the new Gold Coast Transit Center, and the Mayor for a Moment Class of 2016-2017 compilation video featuring 5th graders from elementary schools throughout the city.

Upcoming CAPS Media productions include live coverage of the annual Ventura County Fair Parade on Saturday, August 5. The festive event with floats,

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Senior Living

Pull Out Section



Norman and Joan George with their senior 14 year old dog Nellie. Photo by Michael Gordon.

The two met when they both worked for Shell Oil

by Jennifer Tipton

Norman and Joan George are a dynamic Ventura senior couple, in fact, they are my neighbors. Not a day goes by that I don't notice their car is in the driveway, and then it's gone, and then it's back, and then it's gone ...

Norman is 85 years young and Joan is 83. "Norm" (as Joan calls him) can't get around as well as he used to, he needs the assist of a power chair for any distance, but that certainly doesn't keep him down! He volunteers at Catholic Charities to feed the homeless, and has done so for the last 24 years. Joan belongs to a women's retiree group, and between them they have been active with many other organizations.

Married for 35 years, this is the second marriage for both. They have 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren between them. "We put two families together with no problems", says Norm. Together the blended family enjoyed activities such as camping and houseboating in the Delta.

The two met when they both worked for Shell Oil, Norman in the field and Joan in the office. Although they spoke on the phone often, Joan always thought he was still married and would have nothing to do with THAT! Then one day when Joan was coming out of the office, (the Shell offices were by Plaza Park at that time) and Norman was going in, Norman told a co-worker, "I'm going to ask her to join me for a cocktail", and the co-worker responded, "take her out to dinner!"

"It's been a great 35 years", says Joan. They've lived several places such

as Bakersfield and Sacramento but returned to Ventura in 1989 when Norman retired from Shell because according to Norm, "we wanted to see if the ocean was still there" and according to Joan, "I don't think you can find a better place to live than Ventura -the weather, the beaches, the mountains - it's just beautiful!" When they first retired, the couple became active with the Elderhostel, a non-for-profit organization established in 1975 which offers travel and educational programs in the United States and around the world.

Joan reports their adventures included China, Italy, The Bahamas, France, London and The Panama Canal on Al Capone's whiskey boat. Often staying in college dorms while traveling, the Elderhostel provides guides as well to accompany the senior adventure seekers. Norman tells me that one time, while in China, a Chinese guide asked him where he got his big tennis shoes, so he reached down and pulled off the tag that read, "made in China."

Both Norman and Joan like to play games on the computer although she does more Facebook and internet stuff but he likes Solitaire and Mahjong, they even have a computer room with His and Her computers that are positioned side by side and the walls are lined with many years of family photos.

They've been known to play tricks on each other, he held a surprise 50th birthday party for her and she gave him a surprise 70th. Joan says, "it took me 20 years to get even!"

Norman George will be 86 on July 20.

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New Medicare cards offer greater protection

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April 2019. Today, CMS kicks-off a multi-faceted outreach campaign to help providers get ready for the new MBI.

"We're taking this step to protect our seniors from fraudulent use of Social Security numbers which can lead to identity theft and illegal use of Medicare benefits," said CMS Administrator Seema Verma. "We want to be sure that Medicare beneficiaries and healthcare providers know about these changes well in advance and have the information they need to make a seamless transition."

Providers and beneficiaries will both be able to use secure look up tools that will support quick access to MBIs when they need them. There will also be a 21-month transition period where providers will be able to use either the MBI or the HICN further easing the transition

CMS testified on Tuesday, May 23rd

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Senior Living

Tips for having the difficult end-of-life conversation with your parents

by Marie Villeza

Sometimes the hardest things to talk about with your loved ones are the most important, and when it comes to their end-of-life wishes, this certainly holds true. There are many reasons why this

conversation is difficult. For one, you don't want to think about your parents dying. Your parents may also be reticent, making it a painful process to attempt to draw out their true feelings. Difficult as it may be, it must be done. There are few things worse than not knowing your parents' true wishes for their end of life care and what should happen after their death, and being blindsided by it all. Here are some tips to help.

Emotions can run high when you get in the moment, so like most things where this is the case, you should go into the end-of-life conversation with a plan - and some practice. Ask your friends about conversations they've had with their parents. What worked? What didn't work? What were some of the

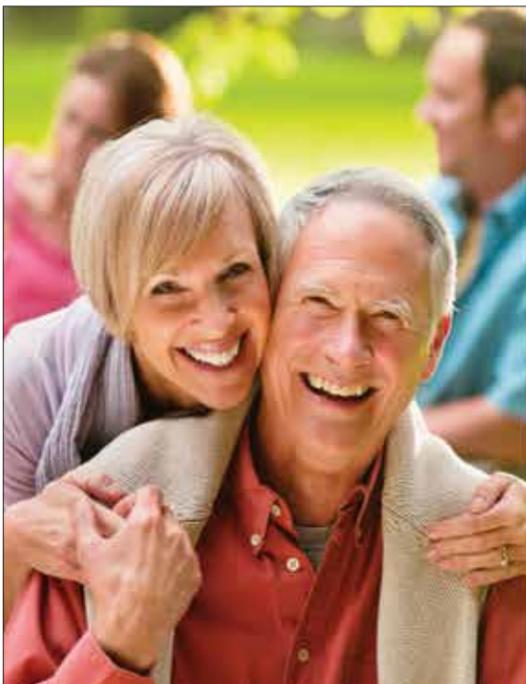
things that caught them off guard? Do they have any advice? Once you figure out how you're going to approach the conversation, practice with someone. If you need help knowing where to begin, The Conversation Project has a handy template and guide.

So hey mom, what do you want us to do if you're dying? may not be the best way to ease into the conversation. As Daughterhood.org points out, having a "prop" story can help get the conversation started. It doesn't even have to be a true story, but it may help if it is and your parents know the people involved. You can say something like I heard about Jane Doe and her family, and how their mom didn't have end-of-life plans. Do you have those?

It may help to make it about you, your siblings, and the grandkids. We don't want to have to go through that with you - it would be too painful. We need to get this figured out.

It's a good idea to plan a time to begin the conversation that meets some criteria - first, it's in a comfortable, non-threatening location. Next, you may want to make sure that you are not alone. If you have brothers and sisters, involve them in the process. You want to keep the participants small - the conversation can be tricky and you don't want it to feel like some sort of ambush. But the core members of the family can help instill a sense of the gravity of the situation in your parents.

There's more to the end-of-life con-




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versation than simply asking what your parents want as funeral arrangements of what they want to happen if they end up on life support. There are many different aspects to the end of life process (legally and financially), and you'll want to cover them all. You may not want to try to do it all at once, however. The conversation is actually not just the conversation. It's a series of conversations.

In the end, talking to your parents about the end of their lives is your duty as a child. They may be hesitant to discuss it, or you may feel to awkward to broach the topic, but it has to be done. When it is done, both you and the rest of your family will feel a great sense of relief. Death is a part of life, and you must be prepared for it as you would for anything else.

planning is especially vital for a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. The sooner planning begins, the more likely it is that the person with the disease will be able to participate. Plan ahead to reduce stress and know you are following the wishes of those involved.

Tuesday, August 8th from 10 a.m. to noon for a free presentation by Attorney Craig Ploss at SCAN Health and Wellness located at 6633 Telephone Road. RSVP to 658.0365.

Instructors needed for award-winning fall prevention course

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) and Oxnard RSVP are partnering to offer volunteer training for individuals interested in teaching courses in Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance. No experience is needed. A six-month commitment to teaching the program is requested of volunteers.

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance follows curriculum developed to improve strength, balance, increase mobility, and reduce incidents of falls among seniors 55 and older who participated in the classes. Nationally recognized research shows that one in three adults over the age of 65, and half of the population over the age of 75, fall each year. Of those individuals, half will die within

Alzheimer's Association legal and financial issues – free presentation

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a year from complications and injuries sustained from the fall.

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without assistive devices.

There is currently a need for volunteers to lead classes in Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo, and Port Hueneme. A two-day training with a master trainer will be followed by at least 30 hours of practice with other trained volunteers before individuals can be certified to lead a class. Attendance at quarterly in-

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Dr. Lanyard K. Dial, President awarded Champion in Underserved Care.

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association serving the community

by Lori Harasta

The focus of this year's Pacific Coast Business Times' Champions in Health Care was on aging and elder care. Among those recognized for excellence was Dr. Lanyard Dial, President/CEO and Medical Director for Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association, who was awarded Champion in Underserved Care.

Livingston is a critical safety net in Ventura County, serving 90% of the underinsured and indigent patients needing quality home health, compassionate hospice care, and essential personal care. It is a vital part of Livingston's mission to ensure that everyone receives care, regardless of their financial situation. During 2016 Livingston provided subsidized care to 636 patients at a cost of \$750,777.

In 2017, Livingston expects to deliver subsidized care, services and programs to 300 unduplicated seniors through Home Health, Hospice programs and Care Giver programs. An estimated total of 2,600 seniors will be served.

Since 2014, Livingston has provided nurses for a program serving the underserved called COPD Access to Community Health (CATCH) Program. In its last few months of funding, CATCH is a free-of-charge program designed to improve health outcomes for people with respiratory disease. As a result of the program, according to Ventura County Health

Care Agency data, there has been a 36% reduction in COPD-related emergency room visits over baseline.

In addition to these programs, Livingston is partnering with Ventura County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in a program intended to prevent unnecessary transport of hospice patients to a hospital emergency room; instead treating them in their homes, according to their wishes. Livingston has participated by training first responders to assess patients, talk with family members, and determine whether the patient needs a hospital visit or if the emergency can be managed in the comfort of one's home. This has reduced the rates of ambulance transports from 80% to just 36% of hospice patients (August 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016).

These are just a few ways Livingston, under the leadership of Dr. Dial, has been serving the underserved in Ventura County for the past 31 years. This year, Livingston celebrates 70 years of service in Ventura County.

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, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:30-8:00 pm. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge.

Newly Bereaved Support Group Thursday, August 10th from 6-7:30 PM. This monthly group is designed for adults who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and is free. These groups meet every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Diabetes Classes Tuesday, August 1st from 1-2:30pm. These meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of each month. General information is provided about Type 2 Diabetes including prediabetes, with emphasis on meal planning, medication, exercise, blood sugar monitoring, and new developments in diabetes.

Joint Replacement Classes Thursday, August 3rd from 1:00-2:00pm. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care. These meetings are 1st Thursday of each month.

Monday, August 14th 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.

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All classes at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association office, 1996 Eastman Ave., Suite 109. Call 642-0239 for more information.

Fainer/Tauber, MD Awards

Ventura County Medical Resource Foundation (VCMRF) has announced the recipients of the 2017 Fainer/Tauber, MD Awards. They will be honored on Thursday, August 17 at Ancient Creek at Petersen Ranch, in Somis.

Hospital Physician of the Year:

Deborah Carlson, MD Community Memorial Health System-Pacific Inpatient Physicians

Community Physician of the Year:

Richard Rothschild, MD Cabrillo Cardiology Medical Group-affiliated with Dignity Health/St. John's Regional Medical Ctr.

Vision Care Specialist of the Year:

Michael McQuillan, OD Owns a private practice Camarillo

Oral Health Specialist of the Year:

Joel Goldenberg, DDS Goldenberg Family Dentistry, Ventura

Hospital Nurse of the Year:

Amy Querol, RN, BSN Community Memorial Health System

Community Nurse of the Year:

Shirley Scott, JF Charge Nurse California Forensic Medical Group at Juvenile Facilities

Behavioral/Mental Health Professional:

Patrick Zarate Ventura County Behavioral Health - Chief Operations Officer/Substance Use Disorder Services

Community Service Award:

Denise Carter Mission Home Health - Regional Director of Sales

Allied Health Professional of the Year:

Bonnie Subira, MSW Community Memorial Health System - Director, Social Service/Case Management

Trailblazer Award: Kaiser Permanente (Mary Jarvis, Public Affairs Director is the contact)

The \$225- plate event (\$195 for past award winners) includes a champagne reception, entertainment by the Midnite Band), dessert, live and silent auctions, formal dinner and the awards ceremony. Funds from the event will benefit oral health and vision care services for low-income children and seniors, homeless outreach for those less fortunate, and survivorship wellness retreats for low-income women undergoing cancer treatment at local hospitals through the InnCourage program. The event MC's and Live Auctioneers are Bonnie & Rich Atmore

Founded in 1956, Ventura County Medical Resource Foundation's mission is "To improve, in partnership with others, access to needed health care for the most vulnerable and underserved residents of Ventura County."

For more information please contact Victoria Chandler at the Ventura County Medical Resource Foundation 641-9800, email at vcmrf@vcmrf.org, or visit website at vcmrf.org.

New Medicare cards

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before the U.S. House Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Social Security and U.S. House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee on Information Technology, addressing CMS's comprehensive plan for the removal of

Social Security numbers and transition to MBIs.

Personal identity theft affects a large and growing number of seniors. People age 65 or older are increasingly the victims of this type of crime. Incidents among seniors increased to 2.6 million from 2.1 million between 2012 and 2014, according to the most current statistics from the Department of Justice. Identity theft can take not only an emotional toll on those who experience it, but also a financial one: two-thirds of all identity theft victims reported a direct financial loss. It can also disrupt lives, damage credit ratings and result in inaccuracies in medical records and costly false claims.

Work on this important initiative began many years ago, and was accelerated following passage of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). CMS will assign all Medicare beneficiaries a new, unique MBI number which will contain a combination of numbers and uppercase letters. Beneficiaries will be instructed to safely and securely destroy their current Medicare cards and keep the new MBI confidential. Issuance of the new MBI will not change the benefits a Medicare beneficiary receives.

CMS is committed to a successful transition to the MBI for people with Medicare and for the health care provider community. CMS has a website dedicated to the Social Security Removal Initiative (SSNRI) where providers can find the latest information and sign-up for newsletters. CMS is also planning regular calls as a way to share updates and answer provider questions before and after new cards are mailed beginning in April 2018.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/ssnri/index.html>

Instructors needed

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services will also be required.

Training will be held from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29, in Ventura. Attendance at both training days is required.

To volunteer as an instructor, please call Oxnard RSVP at 385-8023. To register for a Fall Prevention class, including Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance, please call the VCAA at 477-7347.

RSVP is a volunteer recruitment and placement program, helping individuals 55 and older find volunteer positions that match their interests and talent. Oxnard RSVP has nearly 600 members, and is sponsored by the City of Oxnard.

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, an agency of the County of Ventura, is the principal agency in Ventura County charged with the responsibility to promote the development and implementation of a comprehensive coordinated system of care that enables older individuals and their caregivers to live in a community-based setting and to advocate for the needs of those 60 years of age and older in the county, providing leadership and promoting citizen involvement in the planning process as well as in the delivery of services.



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News & Notes

Realty Watch

Home sales expected to soar through 2018

by Patricia Fasen, Realtor

By now just about every would-be buyer out there knows there simply aren't enough homes for sale these days to appease the hordes of competition. But despite the shortages, rising prices, and bidding wars, more homes are expected to be sold this year than in more than a decade.

In 2017, the number of sales of homes is expected to rise about 3.5%, to 5.64 million, according to the midyear forecast from the National Association of Realtors®. The group predicts that existing-home purchases will rise an additional 2.8% in 2018, to 5.8 million.

"The combination of the stock market being at record highs, 16 million new jobs created since 2010, pent-up household formation, and rising consumer confidence are giving more households the assurance and ability to purchase a home," NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said in a statement. "However, prices are still rising too fast in many areas and are outpacing incomes."

Sales of brand-new homes, which builders can't seem to put up fast

enough, are expected to jump 10.7%, from 560,000 in 2016 to 620,000 this year, according to NAR. They're expected to rise an additional 8% in 2018, to 670,000 sales.

New homes are typically more expensive than existing homes, as builders must contend with shortages of land and labor, plus rising costs of materials and difficulty obtaining financing.

The price tags of all homes are expected to keep rising. NAR predicts prices will jump 5% in 2017 and an additional 3.5% in 2018.

"As a result, buyers are compromising on the number of rooms, length of a commute, or other home qualities," says Senior Economist Joseph Kirchner of realtor.com®. "Meanwhile, builders are mostly building for the mid- to upper-price range. This mismatch in supply and demand is making affordability more acute for those with modest incomes."

In some white-hot markets along the coasts, prices are rising by double digits because of the dearth of homes. That's led many current homeowners who might be interested in trading up to a larger, nicer home in their area to hold off—because those homes are simply out of their price range.

Bidding wars have gotten so bad in Seattle that buyers are driving up prices 30% over asking in some cases, says local real estate broker Chris Bajuk, of HomeSmart Real Estate Associates. (Seattle prices were up 12.2% year over year in February, according to the latest S&P CoreLogic Case-Schiller report.)



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"It is crazy," Bajuk says. "There's strong demand and lack of supply."

Buyers are coping by putting ever-higher percentages of their incomes toward homeownership—even when it means eating at home every night and doing without new clothes or annual beach vacations. Sometimes they're spending half of their take-home pay on housing, he says.

Others are purchasing homes farther from the city center where they work, settling for smaller homes or even purchasing residences in need of some work.

"They may need to spend more of their disposable income," Bajuk says. "Or they may need to lower their expectations on what kind of home they get."

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The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

■ The British Veterinary Association reported nearly 11,000 UK pet poisoning incidents last year, with e-cigarette materials high in nicotine as a threat on the rise. Vitamin

D tablet poisonings were also up, with rat poison, chocolate and artificial sweeteners also on the list.

■ David Krall nearly died after he was infected with *Capnocytophaga canimorsus*, a rare bacteria that can be transmitted to people from dog saliva, when he was bitten by a neighbor's dog, and although he's recovered, he was left with partially amputated toes, hearing loss and other deficits. Krall's condition, which was plagued by a series of mistakes and misinformation and was complicated by the fact that his spleen had been removed two decades earlier, left him in a medically induced coma for over a week.

■ By Victoria Usher

The sense of fair play is an important human trait, but new research suggests that it's a key behavior for dogs and wolves as well. This new research with wolves suggests that this aversion to unfairness predates the domestication of dogs. Scientists tested similarly raised dogs and wolves that lived in packs. Two animals of each species were placed in adjacent cages, equipped with a buzzer apparatus.

When the dog or wolf pressed it with their paw, both animals got a reward on some occasions. Other times, the dog or wolf doing the task got nothing while the partner did. The key finding was that when the partner got a high value treat, the animal doing the task refused to continue

with it. "When the inequity was greatest they stopped working," said Jennifer Essler, from the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna. "The fact that the behavior was found in both wolves and dogs helps to overturn the idea that dogs learned this concept because they were domesticated. It makes much more sense to say that this would be something shared from a common ancestor than to say it evolved twice, or to say that it came from domestication."

Pet dogs are less sensitive to being treated unfairly - probably because of their experience with humans. "I think it's clear that this is affected by both domestication as well as their life experience with humans because you do see a difference between pet dogs and pack-living dogs," said Essler.

■ *Dear Dr. Weldy's: My fiancé and I have been shopping for a new puppy, but after speaking to some friends of ours, we are blown away at the cost of veterinary care. We don't think that we'll move ahead with getting a puppy because the necessary care and surgery costs aren't in our budget. Why is it so expensive to visit the vet?!*

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This conversation should be prefaced by saying that everyone at your vet clinic cares about your pet. The hustle and chaos may distract from it, but those individuals are extremely hard working and they've dedicated their lives to ensuring the betterment of you and your pet's lives.

The obvious holds true — veterinary



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clinics are commercial entities with large utility bills and lots of overhead. Additionally, medications, surgical instruments, x-rays, ultrasounds, etc., all cost a lot of money to purchase and maintain. Most importantly, though, vet clinics charge what they charge so that veterinarians, receptionists, nurses, and support staff can continue to keep pets healthy. What many people don't understand is that the amount of money that a clinic generates rarely reflects the enormous amounts of work, education, sacrifice, blood, sweat, and tears that go into a regular day on the job.

This is well-illustrated by comparing veterinary medicine to human medicine. Veterinarians have very similar training to physicians on the human side — four years of college followed by four years of veterinary school. And many veterinarians go on to specialize, just like medical doctors. That education comes at a price for everyone; vets and physicians graduate with a similar amount of debt (approaching \$200,000 for recent graduates). However, veterinarians make anywhere from a quarter to half of what physicians make.

Meanwhile, veterinary nurses and

assistants (arguably the hardest working and most caring members of the veterinary team) are also suffering from a large debt-to-income ratio. Though many people are aware of the education required for vets, very few realize that many of the nurses they see at the vet have two-year, and sometimes four-year degrees. Despite their education and on-the-job training, most veterinary nurses make half (at best) of what their human counterparts bring in. The same holds true for all support staff involved. They are all extremely qualified individuals who work very hard to bring you and your animals better lives.

I haven't pointed all of this out to complain, however. All of us enjoy our work and we're proud of what we do. We signed up for this. I've pointed this out to illustrate that the veterinary team, in many ways, makes a financial sacrifice, so that we can all continue to enjoy the love and fulfillment our animals bring.

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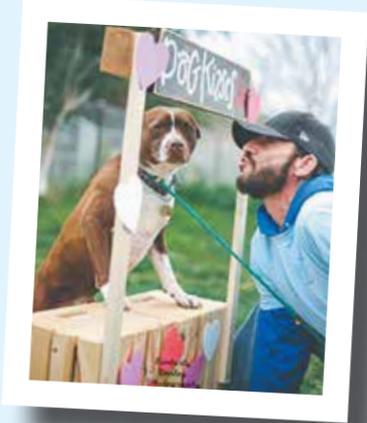


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“Wet Wednesdays” are drenched with fun for the entire family

Ventura Harbor Village packs in a rousing good time every Wednesday in July and August, when locals and visitors can take off midweek and enjoy great dining discounts and specials along with one-of-a-kind retail shopping offering everything for a perfect day seaside on the waterfront.

Entertainment abounds with live steel drum entertainment from noon to noon to 3 p.m. This weekly attraction entices visitors and locals to discover weekdays

seaside at the Village, with selected stores, boutiques and restaurants offering specials and discounts.

Stop by the Wet Wednesday booth from noon to 3 p.m. for special giveaways and to send a postcard to a friend for free, postage paid by Ventura Harbor Village Harbor shops and restaurants to take advantage of Wet Wednesday offerings.

For a complete list of everything that's offered for Wet Wednesday, visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

Ventura Harbor is a vibrant, working harbor village and fishing marina boasting 35 shops, galleries, restaurants and waterfront activities including a Village Carousel & Arcade, Comedy Club, Harbor Cove Beach and Surfer's Knoll Beach, dive and fishing boats, harbor tours, boat, kayak and peddle boat rentals, and a beautiful walking Promenade. The Village offers visitors an escape to a sun-kissed, seaside playground

with transportation to and from the Harbor via the new Ventura-Downtown Harbor Trolley, annual special events, live weekend entertainment, dog-friendly facilities, soft adventure, and spectacular sunset views of the Pacific coastline. Home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, this coastal playground features its own viewing tower, exhibits and bookstore, it is easy for travelers to visit the five islands right off the Ventura coast. It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing.

CAPS Media wants your story

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horses, marching bands and more will kick off at 10AM and CAPS Media will

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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.

Felony Resisting an Officer, Battery on a Police Officer

On July 6, at approximately 4:15pm, the officer assigned to work inside of the emergency room at the Ventura County Medical Center was contacted by hospital security and told that a subject, later identified as 30 year old Ventura resident Van Null, was disturbing and refusing to leave the front lobby. When the officer contacted Null and asked him to leave, Null immediately took a fighting stance and tried to punch the officer.

The officer attempted to take Null into custody, but he began to violently resist the officer. Additional officers who were inside of the ER, along with an ER staff member, went to assist the officer and after a brief struggle, Null was taken into custody.

After being handcuffed, Null spit on one of the officers.

Null was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony resisting arrest and misdemeanor battery on a police officer.

Armed Bank Robbery

On June 30, at approximately 2pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from an alarm company reporting a robbery alarm being activated at Rabobank, 1171 S. Victoria Ave. Shortly after the call, an employee of the bank called 911 and confirmed that a robbery did in fact occur. Upon arrival of the officers, they determined the suspect had already fled the bank and was last seen leaving the area on a small BMX style bicycle, westbound through the shopping center.

During the investigation officers learned the suspect entered the bank and approached one of the open teller windows. At the counter, the suspect produced a black semi-automatic handgun from inside a large envelope he was holding and demanded money from the clerk.

The clerk gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money, and he fled the bank. He was last seen fleeing the scene on the bicycle.

Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. No one was injured as a result of this incident.

The Ventura Police Department Major Crimes Detectives, along with investigators from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, continued the investigation into this crime and were able to identify 39 year old Ventura resident Francisco Hernandez as a person of interest. On July 13, at approximately 6:30am, the Ventura Police Department's SWAT Team and Major Crimes Detectives conducted a search warrant at Hernandez's residence in the 500 Block of Cedar St. During the search, a Ventura Police K-9 was deployed and helped locate Hernandez concealed inside of a couch. He was taken into custody without incident.

Possession of a controlled substance arrest

On July 12, at 8:30am, Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit Detectives assisted city Code Enforcement officers with an inspection warrant in the 100 block of James Dr.

This location has been the subject of several prior narcotic investiga-

tions and two of the residents recently pleaded guilty to maintaining a place of drug use.

This morning when detectives and code enforcement arrived two subjects were located sleeping in an unauthorized converted garage and four more subjects were located sleeping in an unpermitted back house.

All of these subjects were detained and later cited by code enforcement. One of the subjects identified as 38 year old Ventura resident Jose Hernandez was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest re narcotic violations. He was later booked into the Ventura County Main Jail.

During the inspection of the property, numerous items of narcotic paraphernalia were observed that indicated to detectives that drugs are still openly being used. One of the residents, 43 year old Ventura resident Victor Leon, was arrested for possession of a small amount of methamphetamine that was located in his makeshift sleeping area.

Detectives also noticed a small coin type purse in a vacant parking lot directly behind the converted garage. It was believed that this purse was discarded through the open garage window over the back fence.

Detectives constructed a pole with a hook and were able to retrieve this purse that was found to contain over two ounces of methamphetamine, over one-half ounce of heroin, and a small quantity of cocaine. It was estimated that the street value of these narcotics was approximately \$2,000.00.

It was not known who discarded the purse over the fence and detectives will conduct further forensic tests to determine who was in possession of this item.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

7-5 11:55pm, received a dispatch to a commercial fire alarm at the Four Points Sheraton. Officers responded and were cancelled en route due to false alarm.

7-6 6:05pm, received a report of an intoxicated male on the roof of the Comedy Club appearing to jump off into the Dive shops pool. Officers responded but were unable to locate the subject or find anyone jumping into the pool.

7-7 12:33pm, received a report of a vessel operating recklessly near the Ventura Pier from State Parks lifeguards. Officers responded and issued written warning to an individual operating in a speed restricted area, near swimmers.

9:03pm, received a dispatch to a medical at the marina mobile home park. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire/AMR with a fall victim who fainted and fell in his kitchen. He was later transported to local hospital.

7-8 2:15pm, received a report of a missing father and child near Kingston Lane in Pierpont from VPD. Officers responded and aided State Parks, Ventura Fire and PD with the search. Both missing persons were safely found on the beach.

4:15pm, received a report that a vehicle crashed through the entrance gate to VWM II. Officers responded and found

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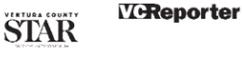


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a truck had tried to follow a vehicle into the lot but the wooden gate came down on the vehicle. No injuries were reported but the gate was destroyed.

7-9 10:18am, received a report of a vessel aground at McGrath State beach. Officers responded and found a large powerboat aground just south of Santa Clara River. No injuries occurred and the vessel was towed by TowBoatUS.

5:30pm, received a report of a small sailboat on the rocks near parcel 18 in the mid harbor area. Officers responded and assisted a sailboat with 4 persons on board. The vessel was safely towed back to its slip in VWM.

5:33pm, received a request for a tow from a disabled electric boat secured to the district long dock. Officers towed the vessel to their dock in the keys.

7-10 6:15pm, received a report of an injured sea lion on a dock near Ventura West Marina E-dock from a tenant. Channel Islands Marine Wildlife rescue was summoned to investigate the report.

7-11 1:55pm, while on patrol officers observing swell from Hurricane Eugene arriving at Surfers Knoll. State Parks lifeguards were conducting water rescues from the increase in rip current activity.



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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Ventura Music Scene by Pam Baumgardner *VenturaRocks.com*

The Tequila & Taco Music Festival will take over Plaza Park the weekend of July 22 and July 23. DJ Cue will be entertaining both days with live music from Metalachi and Sambadá on Saturday, and then on Sunday, Sambadá returns followed by a tribute to the late great Selena by Adelaide. Proceeds from this event help to benefit Food Share, Ventura County's food bank. Get the low down and ticket information at www.tequilaandtacomusicfestival.com.

"An American Season" is the theme this year for the Ventura Music Festival which is underway at several locations around town; the full itinerary and ticket information can be found at VenturaMusicFestival.org; I'll be taking in Perla Bataalla on Friday July 21 (sold out) and Simply Three on Saturday, July 22. I'm really looking forward to attending my first concerts at the Ventura Performing Arts Center too!

Summer just wouldn't be the same without Music Under the Stars at the historic Olivas Adobe on Saturday nights. Many of these shows sell out so be sure to find out before you head over hoping to buy tickets there. The City hosts the extremely popular "The Swing Kings" on Saturday, July 22 and then "Steely Jam" on Saturday July 29. Call the City of Ventura during regular business hours at (805) 658-4726 for ticket availability.

We're just days away from the Ventura County Fair opening and with it another fun line up of musical entertainment on the Grandstand stage. There's a wide array of genres from disco with KC and the Sunshine band to modern country and Wynonna and the Big Noise. All concerts are included in the price of admission to the fair. I hope to catch several of the acts this year including Sugar Ray (I had the privilege of interviewing Mark McGrath years ago), and Shinedown who have had eleven number one singles on the Billboard Magazine rock charts (third most of all time behind Van Halen and Three Days Grace).

I have to say that I've been having fun on my radio show and playing so much great music from local artists. I love it when I can play relevant tunes from events happening, like playing a set of bands playing at Surf Rodeo (Raging Arb and the Redheads, Birdbrain, 50 Sticks of Dynamite, Rey Fresco and All-a-Blur), music from artists participating in the Ventura Music Festival (Simply Three rock!), and I've even been playing tunes from bands playing this year at the Ventura County Fair (KC & the Sunshine Band, Shinedown, Sugar Ray); but I'm always looking for more music to share. Please drop me a line if you have any suggestions! "The Pam Baumgardner Music Hour" airs Tuesdays 5-6 pm with rebroadcasts on Friday at 5 and again on Sunday at noon on KPPQ-LP here in Ventura at 104.1 FM.

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

**546 E. Main St.
805-874-2232**

Mondays: 6 pm Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson; 9 pm Musician's Night Out
Tuesdays: Open Mic w/ Beer Bros.
Wednesdays: Smokey & Friends
Thursdays: Mark Masson & Phriends
Fri 7/21: 6 pm Frank Barajas; 9 pm Bad Leaf
Sat 7/22: 5 pm Amargoso & Danielle Stacy; 9 pm Wax Off
Sun 7/23: 5 pm Crooked Eye Trio; 9 pm Karaoke
Fri 7/28: Pull the Trigger
Sat 7/29: 6 pm The Swillys; 9 pm Heathers on Fire
Sun 7/30: 5 pm Inna Rude Mood; 9 pm Karaoke

Boatyard Pub

Ventura Harbor

Fri 7/21: Teresa Russell
Sun 7/23: Corsican Brothers
Sat 7/29: Billy Mac & Smokey
Sun 7/30: Deja Vu

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street
Fridays: DJs; Karaoke
Saturdays DJs
Sat 7/29: Medicine Hat, Honey Owl, The Cha Cha Chas

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street
Wed 7/19: Amber & Smoke
Thurs 7/20: Fabulous Hangovers
Fri 7/21: Johnny Hawthorne
Sat 7/22: Instone
Sun 7/23: Casey Jones
Tues 7/25: Bernie Meisinger
Wed 7/26: Donna Butler
Thurs 7/27: Coso Live
Fri 7/28: Action Down
Sat 7/29: Rick Whitfield
Sun 7/30: Traci Niu Roots

Casa Bella

**391 E. Main Street
(805) 340-1119**
Music starts 7 pm
Tuesdays: Adam Tunney
Fridays: Encore
Saturday: Ricky Williams

Cask Alexhouse

**5952 Telegraph Road
(805) 765-4201**
Sun 7/23: 4 pm Dogfish Jazz Collective
Sun 7/30: 4 pm Sarah Lightman

The Cave

4435 McGrath Street
Wed & Saturdays: 5:30 - 8:30 pm Varon Thomas
Thurs & Fridays: 5:30 - 8:30 pm Warren Takahashi

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village

Week nights 7 pm; Sundays 3 pm

Tuesdays: Down Home Trio

Fri 7/21: Brandon Ragan

Sat 7/22: Havana Cinco

Sun 7/23: Havana Cinco

Fri 7/28: Havana Cinco

Sat 7/29: Estrada Brothers

Sun 7/30: Havana Cinco

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback Fridays

Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl

Thurs 7/20: Law

Sat 7/22: Trevor Hall

Thurs 7/27: Johnny Love

Sat 7/29: Molly Ringwald Project

El Rey Cantina

294 E. Main Street

Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and Friends

Saturdays: 9:30 DJ Erock

Four Brix Winery

2290 Eastman Ave

Sat 7/22: 5:30 Kelly's Lot

Golden China

760 S. Seaward

(805) 652-0688

Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm

Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic

Sat 7/22: American Hoss, COA, The Kane Gang, Kyle Smith

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Wed 7/19: The Swillys

Fri 7/21: Ricky Z

Sat 7/22: Maggie & Shane

Sat 7/29: Johnny Hawthorne Band

The Greek Mediterranean

Fri & Sats 7:30 pm

Belly Dancing, Greek music and show

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mondays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band

Fri 7/21: Hi Hat Entertainment presents

James Harman

Fri 7/28: Hi Hat Entertainment presents

Rob Rio

Sat 7/29: RJ Mischo

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke

Thursday: Open Mic

Sunday: Karaoke

Fri 7/21: Red Rhythm

Sat 7/22: Rick Miller Band

Fri 7/28: What the Funk

Sat 7/29: Cross Cut

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Tuesdays: Dave Rea

Fri 7/21: James Bros.

Sat 7/22: Cross Cut

Sun 7/23: Vanie & John Band

Fri 7/28: Freedom of Expression

Sat 7/29: Dive Bar Messiahs

Sun 7/30: Greasy Kid Stuff

O'Leary's

6555 Telephone Road

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 7/28: Live Band Karaoke

Olivas Adobe

4200 Olivas Park Drive

Sat 7/22: Music Under the Stars: The

Swing Kings

Sat 7/29: Music Under the Stars: Steely

Jam

Pierpont Inn

550 San Jon Road

Fri 7/21: Ventura Music Festival presents

Tea & Trumpets Festival Brass Quintet

Plan B Winery

3520 Arundell Circle

Sun 7/23: 4:30 pm Native Vibe

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

Rookees Sports Bar & Grill

419 E. Main Street

(805) 648-6862

Fri and Sat: Rotating DJs

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd

805-641-1025

Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon

Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 7/22: DJ Inkjet

Sun 7/23: Jam Murray

Sat 7/29: Bailey

Sun 7/30: Eight Years Gone

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: Transform Tuesdays w/ DJ

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 7/21: Ramones Tribute

Sat 7/22: Sickboy

Sat 7/29: Focke Wolves

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main Street

Wed 7/19: Rick & Lisa

Thurs 7/20: Coda with Music Festival

student winners

Fri 7/21: Hans Ottsen Trio

Sat 7/22: Equinox

Wed 7/26: Native Vibe

Thurs 7/27: Trio Ash

Fri 7/28: Eric Harrington

Sat 7/29: Doug Webb feat. Danny Carrey

(TOOL)

Tues 8/1: Jazz Jam

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Tues: Karaoke

Fri 7/21: Mini Driver Band

Sat 7/22: The Bomb

Sun 7/23: 3 pm Herbal Rootz

Thurs 7/27: DJ Nolan Trovblbe

Fri 7/28: Jan Michael & the Vincents

Sat 7/29: CRV

Sun 7/30: 3 pm The Question

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

Music 6-8 pm

Sat 7/29: Moss Man

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

(805) 643-3264

Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve

Metal Wednesdays

Get it Right Thursday DJs

Fri 7/21: The Caverns

Sat 7/22: The Black Hips

Fri 7/28: Sin Chonies

Sat 7/29: I Want My 80s

Tequila & Taco Festival

Plaza Park, Downtown Ventura

Sat 7/22: DJ Cue, Metalachi, Samba Da

Sun 7/23: DJ Cue, Samba Da, Adelaide

Ventura College Performing Arts

Center

4700 Loma Vista Road

Ventura Music Festival events

Fri 7/21: Perla Batalla

Sat 7/22: Simply Three

The Wine Rack (Ventura)

14 S. California Street

(805) 653-9463

Fri 7/21: KTL Guitarz

Sat 7/22: Spectrum

Sun 7/23: Juanita Acoustic

Thurs 7/27: Boscoe's Brood

Fri 7/28: Paul Mars Black

Sat 7/29: Rebel Rose

Sun 7/30: Andy D

The 805 Bar

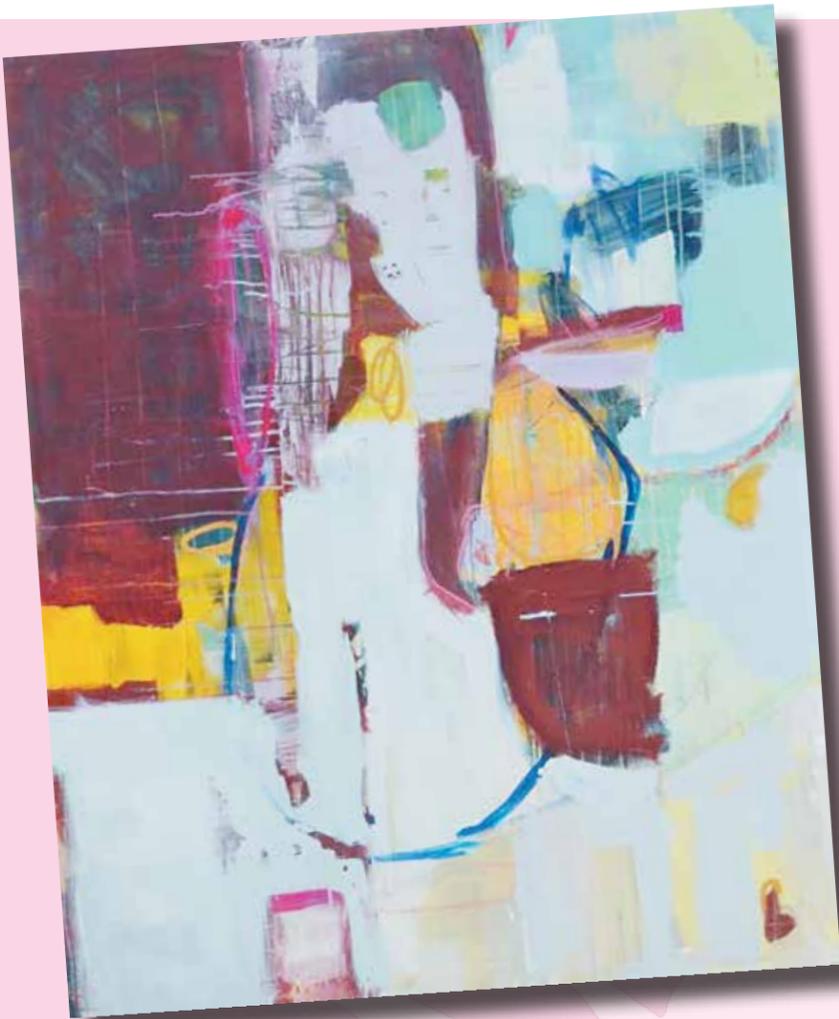
Ventura Harbor

Music at noon Sat & Sun

with Kenny Devoe

Sat 7/22: 8 pm Steve Sunnarborg

Sat 7/29: 8 pm Jason Ho



Vita Art Center presents an Abstract Art Exhibit To July 30 from 6-9 p.m.

This exhibition presents the work of four regional abstract artists. Each artist uses a visual language of shape, form, color and line to create a composition with a degree of independence from visual references in the world.

Exhibiting Artists: **Scott Gordon, Elana Kundell, Mary Neville, Linda Saccoccio**



At the July 4 Street Fair Kids' Arts held a T-shirt design contest for children to their logo for the 4th of July. The experts at Ventura Creative Services chose a winning design and it was printed live at the Street Fair for visitors to purchase. A portion of all sales, of the contest winning design and a limited edition Ventura design, will be donated to Kids' Arts. Visitors loved watching the process of creating a screen printed T-shirt and the little girl who won the contest was thrilled to see her artwork come to life. She is **Aliyah**, age 8 wearing her winning shirt.

The VC Arts Collective Studio classes Kids N' Canvas Class on July 21st 4pm to 5:30pm Teacher Lorrie Milton .Kids 6 to 16 welcome. Cost \$25.00 including materials

Now the kids can have a Painting party all their own and go home with a completed work. Bring your friends! Minimum 5 kids.

Paint N'Sip Class July 23rd 2pm - 4pm Teacher Lorrie Milton 21+ Adults only. Cost \$35 including materials, wine and nibbles

Lorrie Milton will instruct and/or guide you to create your own artwork. It's an event that is filled with laughter and creativity. Of course, you will have some wine to sip and a few nibbles.

Class at VC Arts Collective Studio, Pacific View Mall, 2nd floor, next to Sears 676-1540 vcartcollective@gmail.com



Focus on the Masters is pleased to shine the Artist Spotlight on **Porfirio Gutierrez**, an extraordinary weaver who combines ancient Zapotec traditions with a modern sensibility. Growing up in Teotitlan del Valle in Oaxaca, Mexico, he was immersed in the ancient art of weaving. Using natural dyes and employing traditional designs, he and his family, it can be said, are making certain that the artistic and spiritual values of his ancestors continue to be known and admired around the world. Through August, he is featured as a Guest Studio Artist at the Carnegie Museum in Oxnard.

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.

AfterGLOW Fundraising Event: Immediately following the program join us for an AfterGLOW, a celebratory dinner at the Ventura home of Terry Willison immediately following the program. The AfterGLOW is \$25 for FOTM members, \$35 for non-members. Paid reservations are required prior to July 25. For RSVP & tickets visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 653-2501.



This multidisciplinary collection of abstract work features 22 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. Not confounded by generic limits, the visual comprehension of each piece in this exhibition introduces a sense of infinite possibility in highly controlled compositions

Dab Art | H Gallery + Studios until July 30

1793 East Main Street | Midtown Ventura Gallery Hours | WED - SAT | 1 - 5 p

Lynn Creighton is a Ventura sculptor creating bronze female figures of women experiencing the full vibratory rate of their inner core. They are metaphors for women awakening to the gift of their own energy and what it is meant to do. These figures represent women learning to celebrate their own lives from a deep inner connection to the creator profoundly sensed as the creator creates through them.



Creighton's female figures are abstractions, or, more precisely and meaningfully, essentialities. In strictly art historical terms they are related to the pioneering visions of Henry Moore, Jean Arp, or Constantin Brancusi. Her sculptures can be seen at her new sculpture garden located at 39 E. Harrison. No need to make an appointment they can be admired at any time.



A group exhibit *Medium of Choice* featuring the art of **Janet Black, Duane Dammeyer, Ray Harris, Hilda Kilpatrick and Rex Kochel** will be on display at D.A. Davidson located at 60 S. California, Suite 301. Hours 6:30am to 3:45pm.



"Fiery Morning" by Fredda Leiter One gallery, three unique visions

Three Buena Ventura Art Association members dedicated to sharing their perceptual insights will present recent artworks Aug. 1-Sept. 2 in concurrent solo exhibitions at the Buena Ventura Gallery in downtown Ventura.

Mark Hafeman's "Magic Garden" will be on the main gallery's red walls, while **Fredda Leiter's** "Birds, Beasts, Figures, Sky" and **Kimberly-Ann Talbert's** "The World Through My Eyes" will fill the Clophine Dooley Gallery. The artists plan to attend an opening reception 5-7 p.m. Aug 5.

Hafeman, an Oxnard painter whose mother and grandmother also were artists, said he will show about two dozen pieces, both watercolors and oils with acrylic underpainting.

Leiter plans to have about 18 watercolors on paper in her show. She lives in Ventura, has been painting about nine years.

Talbert is a lifelong artist who lives in Los Angeles and will be showing digital photographs and handmade jewelry, perhaps 30 pieces.

An exhibition by association members will fill the remainder of the main gallery, along with a hallway display by the last show's honorable mention winners Louisa Wallace Jacobs and Doug Fossati.

Buena Ventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St., is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. For more information, visit BAA's website, www.buenaventuragalery.org, or call 648-1235 during gallery hours.

Lighter Breeze

Mother Goose and Grimm



Baby Blues



Rhymes With Orange



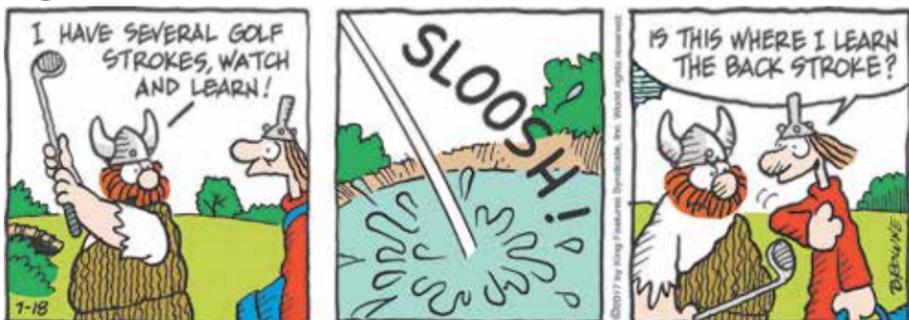
Crock



Arctic Circle



Hagar the Horrible



Solutions on page 19

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

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 19

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Finished
- 5 Western state
- 9 Netflix rental
- 12 Tragic
- 13 Mexican money
- 14 Debtor's letters
- 15 Doctor's determination
- 17 Beer cousin
- 18 Family member
- 19 Hides
- 21 Contribute to the mix
- 24 "Galloping dominoes"
- 25 Destroy
- 26 Proud birds
- 30 Alias (abbr.)
- 31 "No man is an island" writer
- 32 Cravat
- 33 Maryland city
- 35 Ill will
- 36 Wedding shower?
- 37 Breakfast side dish
- 38 Part of Hispaniola
- 40 Tolerate
- 42 Recede
- 43 Vibrating part of a micro-phone
- 48 Honest politician

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- 52 American Beauty, e.g.
- 53 Allows
- lodging
- 9 Science of logic
- 10 Chevrolet model
- 11 Union payment
- 16 Sister
- 20 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
- 21 Bedouin
- 22 Noble title
- 23 Bitter speeches
- 24 Carvey or Delany
- 26 Sit for a shot
- 27 Conclusion
- 28 Narc's measure
- 29 Spotted
- 31 Tie-breaking game, e.g.
- 34 Smack
- 35 Keg
- 37 "Humbug!"
- 38 Leader
- 39 French cleric
- 40 Luggage
- 41 Duel tool
- 44 Altar affirmative
- 45 Rd.
- 46 Understand
- 47 Wife's address

DOWN

- 1 Peculiar
- 2 Half of XIV
- 3 Historic period
- 4 Get back
- 5 "Once — a time ..."
- 6 Examination
- 7 "— was saying, ..."
- 8 Monastery

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That uneasy mood could be your Libran inner voice reminding you that while it's great to be with your new friends, you need to take care not to ignore your old ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A sudden spate of criticism could shake the Scorpion's usually high sense of self-confidence. Best advice: You made a decision you believed in -- now defend it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your reluctance to help restart a stalled relationship could be traced to unresolved doubts about your partner's honesty. Rely on a trusted friend's advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The capricious Sea Goat is torn between duty and diversion. Best advice: Do both. Tend to your workaday chores, then go out and enjoy your well-earned fun time.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cutting back on some of your activities for a few days helps restore your energy levels. You should be feeling ready to tackle your many projects early next week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker might be secretly carping about your work to mutual colleagues. But associates will come to your defense, and the situation will ultimately work to your advantage.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ambition makes you a success at whatever you choose to do -- especially if it's in the world of the performing arts.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor socializing with family and friends, but an irksome workplace situation could intrude. No use grumbling, Lamb. Just do it, and then get back to the fun times.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There's still time for you Ferdinands and Fernandas to relax and sniff the roses. But a major work project looms and soon will demand much of your attention through the 24th.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your enthusiasm persuades even the toughest doubters to listen to what you're proposing. But don't push too hard, or you'll push them away. Moderate for best results.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are rising, and you feel you can handle anything the job requires. That's great. But don't isolate yourself. Keep your door open to your workplace colleagues.

LEO (July 23 August 22) A workplace change could lead to that promotion you've been hoping for. But you'll have to face some tough competition before the Lion can claim his or her share of the goodies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your rigidity regarding a difficult workplace situation could be the reason your colleagues aren't rushing to your assistance. Try being more flexible in your demands.

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Show Time

Spider-Man: Homecoming



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Spider-Man: Homecoming is a 2017 American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics character Spider-Man. The film is directed by Jon Watts, with a screenplay by the writing teams of Jonathan Goldstein and John Francis Daley, Watts and Christopher Ford, and Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers. Starring Tom Holland as Spider-Man, alongside Michael Keaton and Jon Favreau.

Every time I see a marvel movie, I always tell myself this is the last one. That these series really doesn't do it for me, or that they're not what I'm looking for in a superhero movie. But I always end up dipping my toes back into the Marvel Cinematic Universe every so often just to see what I'm missing, and to be honest, it didn't really feel like I was missing much. We've all seen Spider-Man's origin story; we've seen marvels movie magic. *Spider-Man: Homecoming* simply offers more of the same. Great acting, great visual effects, but a simple story. But if you're a fan of the MCU it's worth the watch.

These reviews are always the most difficult for me to write as I don't really find anything that stands out to me. Every story beat follows the generic hero's journey arc and doesn't try to differentiate itself further. It's a story about Spider-Man. Not about Peter Parker. That's an important distinction to make as one story is about action, the other about character. Personally I very much prefer the latter and if you do too, I can't find anything special about the story. It's competent and well told as most Marvel movies, but lacks serious character development. Thankfully, the great visuals afforded by a bottomless budget makes it a fun watch.

Marvel Movies rarely suffer from a lack of spectacle and *Spider-Man: Homecoming* is no different. There are some great high flying moments throughout the film, and I would be lying to myself if I was to say I didn't have fun watching them. The third act was a little bit of a let down compared to the rest of the film. Which strange enough seems to be par for the course for many of the MCU films.

For me personally, casting was superb. While I admit to having a certain amount of nostalgia for the original Spider-Man, Tom Holland is a great fit for Peter Parker. Much more fitting than perpetual high schoolers, Tobey Maguire. Plus I'm always a fan of literally whatever Michael Keaton decides to portray. They both did a stellar job and Michael Keaton's portrayal of the Vulture really carried the film for me.

So really, *Spider-Man: Homecoming* is just fine. It's really not my type of movie but I can't in good conscious fault a movie for not conforming to my tastes. There isn't going to be much technically wrong about the film, it accomplishes being a solid (and hopefully final) reboot of Spider-Man and if you're a fan of Spider-Man or the MCU, it will likely be worth the watch. Quickly for the sake of transparency, I'd like to quickly explain

how I rate the movies I watch. Typically, If a film does not have any egregious technical problems, whether that be in its writing, cinematography, or whatever else, I won't rate it any lower than a 2.5. Anything above 2.5 comes down to my personal preferences in film. So while I rate *Spider-Man: Homecoming* a 2.5, it can vary much be your very own 4 outa 4. Pg-13 2h13m

A View from House Seats

Catch Anything Goes on Ojai stage

by Shirley Lorraine

Love on the high seas lends itself to high energy on the Ojai Art Center Theater stage, a welcome summer offering. The toe-tapping hit with memorable music and lyrics by Cole Porter is a favorite for both audiences and actors. Why? It's just plain fun.

The S.S. America is sailing to England. Aboard is heiress Hope Harcourt, her fiancée Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, and Hope's mother, Mrs. Harcourt. Also sailing is Reno Sweeney, a nightclub singer, and her back-up singers. Public Enemy number 13, Moonface Martin, boards with an assumed identity, as does Billy Crocker, a young Wall Street broker who once had a magical evening with Hope. A large cadre of other colorful characters fill out the passenger list.

The plot twists and twines with intrigue and humor as Reno and Lord Evelyn find themselves attracted to each other, Billy works to win Hope over and Moonface struggles with his disguise. It's all good, clean merriment played to comedic heights and laced with energetic tap dancing and striking costumes.

Familiar Porter songs fill the stage including "You're the Top", "Friendship", "Let's Misbehave" and "Take Me Back to Manhattan". Many in the audience left the theater humming the tunes and smiling from ear to ear.

In the starring role of Reno is Holly Sewell who embraces the brash persona with everything she's got. Her Mermanesque song style rings through the rafters of the theater center. She fits the role of Reno like a glove.

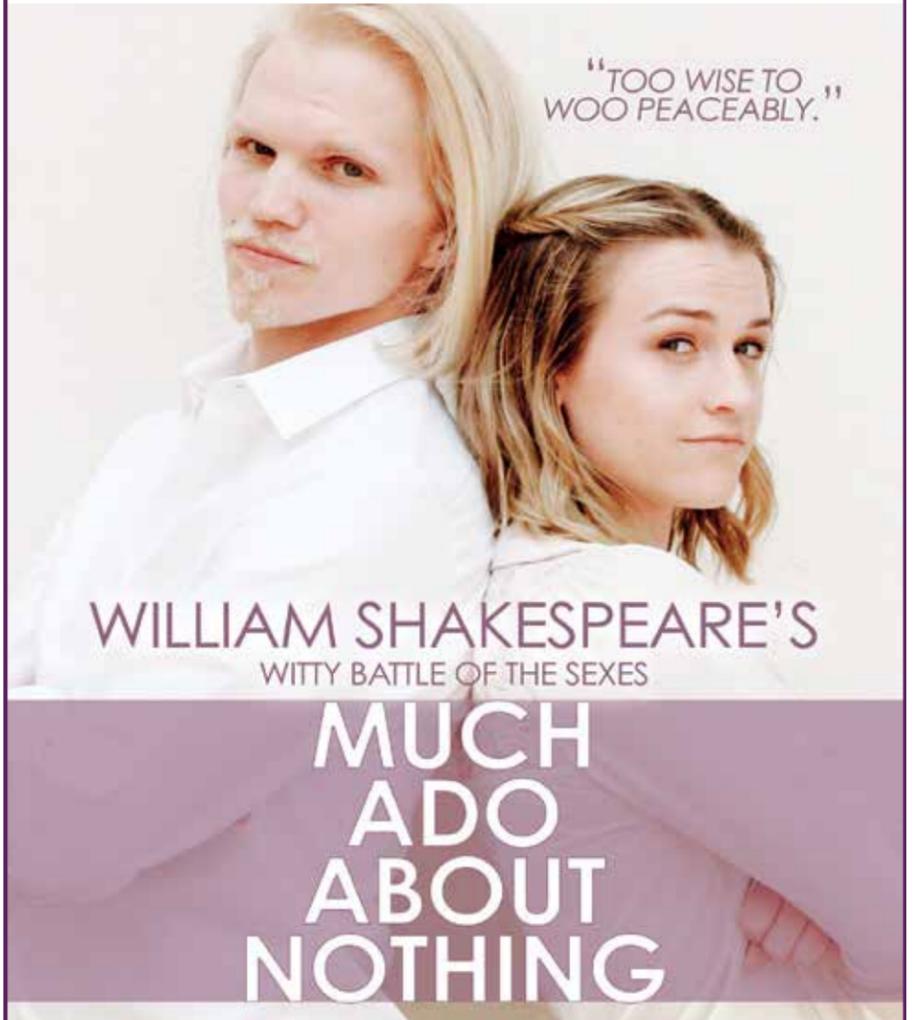
Sewell is well matched by Troy Dailey, as Billy, who displays strong and clear vocal ability. Haley Weed plays the frail and beautiful young ingénue with panache. Her socialite mother characterized by Jill Dolan is a picture of grand stature. Sean Mason as the stuffy Englishman, Lord Evelyn, delivers throughout with a solid character.

The gangster Moonface Martin is given life by the talented John Medeiros who provided ample moments of laughter with just a look or expression. Kena Worthen portrays his sidekick, Bonnie, with verve. Medeiros' solo of "Be Like the Bluebird" was a highlight among many highlights.

Kudos to Andy Street, musical director and pianist, and Dan Willard who added emphasis with a variety of wind instruments. They kept the pace lively and engaging. Musical and vocal director Jaye Hersh did a superb job of blending the voices.

All the players handled the extensive choreography by Janet McNeil well. The numerous tap numbers were a crowd favorite. Flattering costuming by Celia Williams and Haley Weed added sparkle

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This 'n' That

Person to Person

by Jennifer Tipton

I asked vacationers “why are you vacationing in Ventura?” Asked at the Crowne Plaza..



Karen Ratlen age 50 (originally from the Fiji Islands)

“My sister hasn’t been to Ventura and Ventura’s really nice, especially the surf today. There are picturesque sunsets, the ocean, we like to swim and watch the surfers.” (And to read the Breeze of course)



Brandon Bailey age 42 from Harrisburg, Pa. vacationing with Beth Seitz age 33 and Parker Seitz age 14

“Brandon’s here for two days on business so we figured we would stay 7 days and vacation. We plan to spend a lot of time at the beach, we love the Ventura beach and the sunny weather!”



Debbie Asadurian age 62 from Moorpark vacationing with her grandkids Carl and Audrian

“We come up here because it’s so nice! We have the pier, the beach, the pool and all the great food!”



Kelly Miller and Dan Miller both age 57 from Bakersfield

“To escape the heat, we like to take a week and relax, fish, walk the dog on the beach and shop in the Harbor”



Ginger Plumley soon to be 15 from Redding, Ca. vacationing with her grandmother and friends

“I just love the beach and coming here, everyone’s so nice! The weather here is much nicer and the ocean is my favorite!”



Tom and June Hartnell both age 52 from Hawthorne vacationing in Ventura celebrating their 30th anniversary!

“We like it here because it’s right on the beach, nice views, nice breeze and we love looking at the ocean!” Romantic indeed! Happy Anniversary to The Hartnells!

National Night Out

Continued from page 1 awareness.

Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts.

Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.

Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Ventura Police Department. Over 38 million neighbors across 16,000 communities around the nation participate in the annual community building campaign.

Participating neighborhoods are

asked to turn on outside lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events. Some event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues or setting neighborhood goals, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day or beautify a common area. It’s up to you! Be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood! For additional ideas or questions, contact VPD Civic Engagement at 339-4317.

Register your neighborhood for this year’s event today on the Ventura Police Department’s website. Registration is free and gives police and other city representa-

tives an opportunity to attend neighborhood gatherings as time and circumstances permit. Register now and begin planning your event with your neighbors!

National Night Out is an opportunity to enhance relationships between neighbors and police officers while bringing back a true sense of community. In 2016, Ventura neighborhoods hosted chalk drawing contests, BBQs, ice cream socials, front yard chats, children’s bike parades and more. National Night Out started in 1984 and has since swept across the nation. It is an annual event in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada and military bases worldwide.

Mark Watkins letter

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plicated issues such as homelessness. With Measure O funding the City is now poised to address Ventura’s highest priority needs, make critical investments in our community, and insure that Ventura remains one of the best places live, work, and recreate.”

“One of the items that I am most proud of is the employee agreements that we have reached over the past several years. We have made progress on increasing salaries and improving contributions to health benefits while balancing the other needs of the city and recognizing our increasing PERS contributions. Our employee groups and all of our employees have shown leadership and understanding in this critical area so that we can continue to have the best work force to serve our community.”

“This has been both the most challenging and rewarding position that I have held in my 33 year career. It has been an immense pleasure to work with our outstanding department head team, city employees, and our community, and I am confident that the City organization is now well positioned for the future.”

“I clearly remember that day in November 1987 when I walked out the front door of City Hall, looked down California Street to the ocean and historic pier, and wondered how I could be so fortunate to live and work in such a beautiful place. I still feel blessed to be in Ventura and Amy I plan to remain here and serve the community in other ways. Ventura is a 150 year old city with a rich and proud history, but I truly believe that its best years lie ahead. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve the City and look forward to great things in the future.”

Mark Watkins

City Manager

City Council Member Matt LaVere told the Breeze “Although it has only been a short time, I have really appreciated my time on council with Mark. He has gone out of his way to work with me on issues important to Ventura. I wish him and Amy nothing but the best as they move into retirement. He leaves Ventura a better place than when he arrived, and that is the mark of a good city manager.”

Foundation delivers adventures

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has witnessed first hand, their impact. She told of a particular father who was certain his son would not get in the water, who worried he would refuse to participate as he hadn’t shown interest in either water, or water sports in the past. Pedersen wonders if it was because the son never had the opportunity.

According to Pedersen, the son had a great time and the father relayed the

following to her, “The dad said, the only limitations are the ones I put on him, and I need to stop doing that – we’re getting beach gear.”

City Center’s eight new rooms

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handout, it’s a working program”, as one of the graduates stated. Residents do pay rent and are required to save a portion of their income. Jim Duran, who heads the City Center tells me they are also required to advance in their place of employment or go to trade school, college or any other training that would advance them financially.

The newly renovated eight rooms provide housing for the graduates of the initial phase of the program until they are fully ready to be independent, several rooms are already occupied.

With a few “hiccups” along the way, construction took longer than anticipated, so completion was truly a celebration! Jim Harrasta came in as a carpenter to do windows and says he “just ended up staying” as a project manager. There have been 3 project managers to date and Jim says, “it’s been a collaborative effort.”

Sponsors of the newly renovated rooms include:

Lowe’s Ventura, Bill & Elise Kearney, Coast Water Solutions, Shondra & Eric Vielbig, Pacific Western Bank, Lori & Andre Nintcheff, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wendy Lawson (to honor her mother Laura Sann) and Leadership Ventura – class of 2011.

Although these rooms are completed, the project is ongoing with a playground in progress, plans for a learning center and additional rooms. The goal is to have 30 functioning rooms and since the current rooms aren’t large enough for families greater than 5, there is talk of perhaps putting two rooms together.

The rooms are small with a bathroom but do not include a kitchen, but there is a large kitchen (sponsored by Leadership Ventura) available for resident’s use.

The new landscaping was done by Chris & Kristal Shreenon from Bird Dog Landscape and Irrigation, they currently have a daughter with an infant and a 4-year-old residing at the City Center.

For more information- thecitycenter.org or 628-9035. Located at 837 E. Thompson.

City classes

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shoes. Camp held at Billy Clower Dance Studio, 75 MacMillian Ave.

Sewing by Hand 9-12 years 7/25-8/29 Tu 4:30-6 pm \$60 #8985

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