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Tom
Hilton



Brandy
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Project Understanding announces new leadership

Project Understanding and its Board of Directors has selected Brandy Beesley as the organization's new Executive Director. Brandy is a local resident and comes with a wealth of knowledge in the nonprofit sector, as well as years of administrative and business management work.

"I am honored to be part of Project Understanding's vision and mission as the new Executive Director. I am thankful for the confidence entrusted in me to help build the future of the organization and its impact on our community. Going to work each day knowing you are able to make a positive difference in the lives of so many, is a huge blessing. I look forward to continuing the growth and accomplishments of an organization with 40 years of success."

Tom Hilton was selected as their new Vice President of Development. Tom comes with years of fundraising experience and will help take the organization's fundraising efforts to the next level.

Brandy and Tom are sure to provide the organization with remarkable guidance and success, in supporting the mission and growth of Project Understanding, while improving their practices and programs and increasing overall effectiveness.



K9 and VPD officer showing their stuff at June 10 event held in the Harbor by the Herman Bennett Foundation to raise funds for our K9 officers.

Barking out loud

by the VPD

On Friday, August 18, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Ventura Police Department (VPD) will hold the 6th Annual "Bark Out Loud" Comedy Night benefiting the department's K9 Unit. The event takes place at the historic Olivas Adobe.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the comedy show will begin at 8:00 p.m. Comedy will be provided by the Ventura Comedy Club.

K9 Teams will be on site conducting demonstrations throughout the evening and also roaming the crowd so individuals can meet the officers and their partners. The evening's festivities also include a silent auction and raffle.

Tickets are \$60 and are available for purchase at: www.venturapdk9.com/bark-out-loud-events/.

On average the cost for a canine is \$12,000, with an additional \$8,000-\$10,000 for training and certification, all of which is paid for through donations to the VPD K9 Unit. All of Ventura Police canines, past and present, have been purchased through community donations and event fundraising. The K9 Unit appreciates the support of the community and the many businesses and organizations that have sponsored the crime fighting team!

The Ventura Police Department

currently has three K9 teams and two K9s in the canine academy. K9s are assigned to the Patrol Unit so that a team is on-duty seven days a week, providing around the clock service to the community. We have used K9 teams for over twenty years. Our agency was one of the first law enforcement agencies in Ventura County to use canines. All of our canines are German Shepherds and they live at home with their handler/officer and their families.

Our department, along with other law enforcement agencies from Santa Barbara and Ventura County, train weekly with Dave Inglis, one of the foremost K9 trainers in the United States. Weekly training sessions typically cover such skills as searching, apprehension, drug detection, obedience, agility, and confined searches.

K9 teams are used for a variety of public safety assignments. The two most frequent uses are to locate fleeing suspects and to find illegal drugs. Canines can search an entire warehouse, for example, in much less time than a team of officers could perform the same job. Canines can sniff out hidden suspects thereby making them more effective in this situation than their human counterparts. Using K9 teams allows us to perform a variety of dangerous tasks in a quick and safe manner.



Diane Underhill, Carol Lindberg and Steve Bennett accepting Social Justice Award.

Democratic Club's first "KEEP IT BLUE" fundraiser a success

The Democratic Club of Ventura's inaugural summer fundraiser Sunday, July 30, sold out with more than 200 guests in attendance. The fundraiser will support Democratic candidates and causes now and leading up to the 2018 election. Club campaign funds increased by thousands of dollars due to impressive ticket sales and sponsors whose support will help the Democratic Club of Ventura (DCV) promote good candidates.

Attendees filled the Historic Ventura City Hall's Atrium with energy and enthusiasm as community members and elected representatives met and discussed important issues while attendees enjoyed great music and food prior to the start of the program.

Following opening remarks by DCV 2nd Vice Chair & Fundraising Chair Diana Sparagna, DCV President Matty Park introduced the master of ceremonies, California State Democratic Party Chairman, Eric C. Bauman. Speakers included Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko, Ventura Councilmembers Cheryl Heitmann and Matt LaVere, Ventura County Supervisors Steve Bennett and John Zaragoza.

DCV Awards Chair Carol Lindberg presented the Social Justice Award to

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New League of Extraordinary Women kickoff unites local women

Women's Economic Ventures (WEV) hosted a group of influential women leaders from Ventura County at the kick off of their new League of Extraordinary Women held at the Atmore Ranch on Tuesday, July 25th. More than 50 guests gathered at the ranch to hear several speakers discuss how the new group will help to strengthen women-owned businesses and elevate women in our community.

"This was an extraordinary evening for all of us," said City Council Member Cheryl Heitmann, a co-chair of the event who serves on WEV's Board of Directors. "The outdoor setting was beautiful and the information shared was important. While women now own 36% of all businesses, 71% of those businesses generate less than \$25,000 in annual revenues. We need to support women in our community so they can be more successful."

Already including more than 40 members, WEV's new League of Extraordinary Women will provide an opportunity for members to meet and combine their efforts and resources to help strengthen women-owned businesses and elevate women in our community.

Along with Heitmann, the event was co-chaired by WEV board member Elena Brokaw, hosted by Bonnie Atmore and featured Penny Henschel, owner of Ever After Designs, a WEV client business. Henschel, who has been participating in WEV's business consulting program Thrive in Five® for 3 years, is a perfect example of the type of business

owner the League is working to help. "Since joining Thrive in Five® my gross income has nearly tripled" said Henschel. "I'm in my third location and have gained some really great corporate clients. I like to say this is where preparation meets opportunity."

Marsha Bailey, Founder and CEO of WEV also spoke at the event. "Women entrepreneurs have the capacity to grow U.S. GDP by 9 points or more," said Bailey. "Unfortunately, neither our government nor private investors are banking on women in a big way so we must find other means to get them the capital and support they need. The League provides its members a great way to lend their voice, guidance and financial support to promote women's business success."

The League of Extraordinary Women is for business executives, entrepreneurs, professionals, artists and philanthropists living and working in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. To find out more about how to become a member, contact Danelle Coyle at 456-2347 or dcoyle@wevonline.org.

Since 1991, WEV has provided business training and consulting to over 14,000 women and men throughout Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, and made more than \$4 million in loans, assisting over 4,000 local businesses. WEV is a U.S. Small Business Administration's Women's Business Center, and a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).

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Sheldon:

I must agree with your opinion in the August 2 issue about the city funding of the Ventura County Museum. The Museum must get its house in order and strive to fulfill its mission to preserve and tell the story of Ventura County. I know that the new Director, Ms. Brokaw, will do a great job. If anyone can turn the museum around it is this accomplished woman. I believe Ventura County needs its own Art Museum. We have grown and should have a museum of art to rival that of Santa Barbara County. We have the art and we are becoming known as an art capital in the west. We also need an expanded history museum to tell the

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

Regarding the **Ventura County Fair**, I was glad to see that Harbor Blvd. was left open as an accessible route to the Fair this year. Never did understand why traffic was diverted at Sanjon. So much easier to just take Harbor all the way through.

Odd to me why folks attending the concerts (or comedy show this year) on the main stage start waiting in line as early as 11am for shows that start at 7:30pm. Each row of seats has 80 chairs so the 400th person entering would need to sit way back in row 5. And if a person wanted to stand by the stage, he/she could do that even after the show has started.

I was going to bungee this year, but I wasn't able to because they had to shut the attraction down due to a malfunction. Oh well, maybe next year.

Amazing to me that in just a short few days all of the rides, businesses, etc. are gone and on their way to the next fair.

I have always wondered if the Breeze should have a column covering international, state or government news, etc. So we took an informal poll and asked 20 readers to weigh in (poll in this issue). Fourteen people said they like the Breeze just the way it is. Of the six that said yes, only a few were a definite yes, so we'll keep the coverage just the way it is.

The **Ventura City Council** has approved a funding agreement that will finalize \$125,000 of support for the Museum of Ventura County. We'll have an article on this topic in our next issue.

The agreement reads:

"Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Funding and Services Agreement, including milestones, with the Museum of Ventura County for a term of six-months, August 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018; \$125,000 to support general operations."

The document can be found at <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9152> if you want to read the whole thing.

To me, the most important thing is to hire a professional (curator) to make the Museum much more enjoyable, which the Museum says they will do.

Mailbox

elaborate story of this blessed corner of California. These two museums--each with its own mission--could well make Ventura a cultural hub of the South-coast.

Richard Senate, Ventura

Dear Sheldon (Governor) Brown:

This is in response to your Editorial of 8/2/17. You are entitled to your Opinion/Editorial, but you shouldn't judge a book by its cover as you did re the Ventura County Museum. I have to walk 6 blocks on my WW II disabled legs to the bus stop and then make two transfers to get to the Ventura Museum. But it has always been worth the effort as I had been a speaker at the Museum once and other times as part of the audience. The last visit was one of the best with four UCLA Doctors who spoke on cancer.

It's what is in the museum that is of importance. Just as you don't marry a girl by her beautiful dress but by other qualities like personality thoughtfulness, kindness, Inner beauty. Even the Reagan Library/museum is more beautiful and meaningful on the inside than the outside.

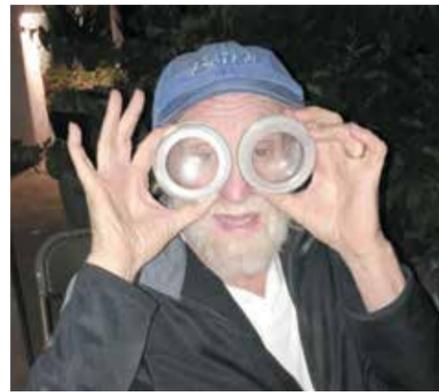
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An **artificial intelligence** program just annihilated its human competition at a world championship video game contest. The AI win stunned the gaming community, because bots (robots) are generally considered inferior to expert human players.

This one is from Open AI, a nonprofit artificial intelligence research firm with backing by entrepreneur Elon Musk, of Tesla (TSLA) and SpaceX:

Even though he supports it, Musk wants to ensure that AI doesn't grow unchecked and become the death of humanity. Musk



"Always keeping my eyes open for Ventura news."

said that AI is "more of a risk than North Korea." Computers have also defeated the best humans in traditional board games like chess and Go.

Maybe a computer can publish the Ventura Breeze, and I can find something else to do.

An update on the **Ventura Police Officer** who recently attempted suicide on July 28th while at the police headquarters. Good news, the officer is expected to survive.

On August 2nd, the Ventura County Star parent company Gannett Co. of McLean, Virginia, made a Public Records Request to the City for the release of the officer's name.

Even though the City believes there is a

strong argument to not release the officer's name under exclusions to the Public Records Act, they have decided to do so rather than engage in a protracted and potential costly legal proceeding, which would not be in the best interest of Ventura.

The attempted suicide was a very personal and tragic event for the family. To respect the privacy of officer and his family during this very difficult time, the Breeze is withholding his name. We can tell you that the officer is a sixteen-year veteran of the Ventura Police Department.

Regarding **North Korea**, when President Donald Trump stated that he will bring "fire and fury" that the world has never seen," I assume that he knows that we dropped two atomic bombs on Japan. So the worst "fire and fury" would need to exceed "Little Boy" and "Fat Man". So, my question is, would we need to drop three nuclear bombs or just one that exceeds the tonnage of "Little Boy" and "Fat Man"? Certainly hope that we won't find out.

According to an annual report compiled by scientists around the globe, 2016 was the **warmest year** on record for the planet as a whole, surpassing temperature records that date back 137 years. The conclusions contained in a draft federal report on climate change is conclusive that human-induced global warming is real and if left unchecked the consequences could be dire.

So, quit complaining when our local temperature reaches 80 and we are all sweltering.

Even though the closing of Ringling Bros. circus is a win for animals and animal rights, I think it is sad that they shut down completely. Still would have been great family entertainment without the animals.

As if you care, these are the cities of **Ventura County** (total population of about 850,000).

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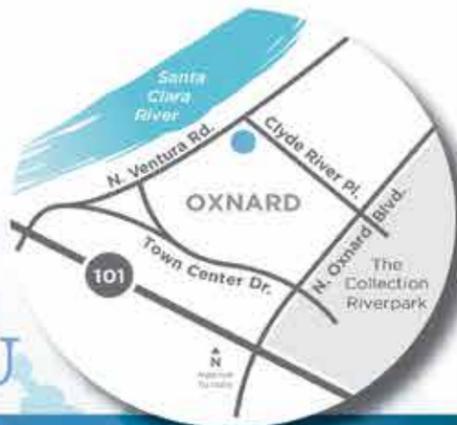
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by Victoria Usher

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The restaurant is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 450 E. Harbor Blvd. 652-5151.

City News

Nominations for the 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards are due

The 13th annual Mayor's Arts Awards nomination forms are now available online at <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/maa>, until August 31. These awards recognize the artistic achievements and contributions to the cultural community of Ventura residents in seven categories:

Arts Patron, a business or individual whose strong support of the arts has been ongoing through philanthropic and/or volunteer service

Artist in the Community, an established individual artist in any discipline for artistic excellence and singular efforts in contributing to Ventura's cultural vitality

Creative Entrepreneur, a locally owned for-profit business which exemplifies the impact and vitality of Ventura's creative economy

Arts Leader, a nonprofit arts professional who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, organizational stewardship, and partnership within

the arts community

Arts Educator, an individual or organization whose achievements and contributions to arts education have been significant and far-reaching

Emerging Artist, a working artist under 40 who has demonstrated outstanding promise and commitment to Ventura's arts community (students are ineligible)

Student Artist, an active student artist in any discipline under the age of 19 who has demonstrated outstanding promise and commitment to the arts

"Ventura's thriving art community allows us all to experience the beauty, stories, and diversity of our city," said Mayor Erik Nasarenko. "The Mayor's Arts Awards are an important way to showcase the exceptional work and talent of local artists, teachers, and patrons that enrich our city and contribute to the economic and cultural well-being in Ventura."

In September, a panel of community members representing the arts and business worlds, will review applications based on: the significance and magnitude of the nominee's contributions; leadership in the arts community and commitment to service to the arts; benefit and impact of the nominee's contribution to the citizens of the City



Community Events

of Ventura; and potential contribution to the arts in the emerging artist and student artist categories. The panel's selections will be presented to Cultural Affairs Commissioners who will make recommendations for the Mayor to approve. The Mayor will announce honorees on October 9, and present each recipient an award, at a reception on November 2, including a limited edition artwork, Mark of Excellence, created by Lis J. Schwitters. The awards are presented as a joint project of the City Manager's Office and the Office of Cultural Affairs.

Tango in no time with our "true basics in six weeks" class. Classes held at The House of Dance, 3007 Bunsen #E in Ventura.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club meets every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill. Ballroom, swing, Latin, mixers and line dancing. Members \$10, non-members \$12. Call Rick at 415-8842 for more information.

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

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

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

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

Ventura County Philatelic Society meets the first and third Mondays each month. Do you collect stamps? Come spend the evening with us. We are a fun group. 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Rd. Admission and parking free. Contact Bill Garner 320-1601

Assistance League of Ventura County creating "A Brighter Tomorrow for Today's Children" will hold its regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month at the Chapter House, 913 East Santa Clara St. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. more information at assistanceleagueventuracounty.org or alvconline@hotmail.com. Monday thru

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City dancing classes

City of Ventura August dance classes. Check out more classes on web-site. Call 658-4726 to register, if you already have an ACTIVENET account online, visit www.cityofventura.net. Classes held at the Barranca Vista Center, 7050 E Ralston St in Ventura. To register call (805) 658-4726. Unless noted.

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Community Events

Ventura events

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Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 643-2458

August 17: East Ventura Community Council: A member of the Surfrider Foundation will present an overview of Surf rider's various campaigns and talk about opportunities to become involved. Ventura Police Dept. will update the Council on crime and safety in the area.

John McNally will present a brief overview of east Ventura development. Books in good condition are accepted 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, Chairperson, EVCC 804-7558

August 19 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. & August 20 at 2 p.m. celebrate the singers and songs of the silver screen when Broadway leading lady Teri Bibb debuts her new concert Once Upon A Song as part of the 2017 Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Broadway Concert Series at Rubicon Theatre Company. Bibb's soaring soprano has thrilled audiences across the continent and throughout the world. In addition to performing on Broadway and tour as Christine in The Phantom of the Opera she has given a command performance at the White House, on the stages of Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall and London's Royal Albert Hall.

August 20: The Ventura and Santa Barbara County chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will meet Sunday, in the Campus Student Center of Ventura College, 4667 Telegraph Road. The regular meeting starts at noon and at 11 a.m. There will be an informal workshop where a topic on clocks or watches will be demonstrated and discussed. Program by Dave Coatsworth

on collecting private label watches. There is a \$3 admission charge. Lunch is available for \$5 more.. More information can be found at www.nawcc-ch190.com.

August 21: CA Zeta Chi parliamentarians will meet at 7 p.m. and will feature a lesson by Jill Martinez entitled "Subsidiary Motions." Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main St. Those wishing to eat should arrive at 6 p.m. Non-members are welcome. Membership is \$25 per year. For information, contact Sharon Hillbrant, 479-6738, or zetachi.webstarts.com.

August 23: The College Area Community Council will meet on Wednesday, at 7 p.m. Adrienne Stephens from the Ventura Hillsides Conservancy will discuss the 14 year-old nonprofit land trust's ongoing work in the Ventura region. An officer from the VPD will be there to discuss issues related to crime in the area. Wright Event Center at 57 Day Rd. on the Ventura College campus. Free parking is available adjacent to the Event Center. CACC represents citizens between Mills and Victoria bordered by Foothill and Hwy. 126. Call 644-8695 or 844-4158 for more information.

August 27: The Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network is hosting its signature, "Write for Your Rights," event to bring together our community's collective voice during a time when threats to reproductive rights are at an all time high. The event will be from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston Street. VCRRN will have letters on a range of reproductive health care topics prepared for the public to sign. The event is free of charge and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Ample parking is provided in the lot in the rear of the building

Sept. 3: The 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum will be open for docent-led tours 1 to 4 p.m. accompanied by period music in the parlor and upstairs library landing. Admission is free. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood. For information 642-3345 or www.dudleyhouse.org.

Sept. 5: Cardiologist, Dr. Omid Fatemi, will talk about the latest restorative heart advances at the Tuesday program of Mended Hearts. The presentation will be in the Nichols Auditorium on the 8th floor of Community Memorial Hospital. Dr. Fatemi is a frequently requested speaker due to his easy-to-understand presentations and is very open to questions from the audience. The program, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, is open to the public and is free.

Sept. 13: The Ventura County Camera Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. The first part of the meeting will be an instructional workshop on the techniques of image processing followed by the showing of member images. A professional photographer will critique member's prints and digital images. This is not a competition but rather an anonymous discussion of the images.. Only members may submit images for critique. See the club's web site for more information about the club and examples of member's work or call 908-5663. www.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com

hosting a live stream viewing of the 2017 Solar Eclipse. A partial solar eclipse will be visible from Southern California, while certain areas of the country will be able to witness a total solar eclipse. We will project a live stream of the eclipse in the library meeting room, and a limited amount of eclipse glasses will be available for those present.

A solar eclipse occurs when the sun is partially or completely obscured by the moon, revealing the solar corona. These events are rare; the next solar eclipse that will be visible from North America will not happen until the year 2024. More information on the eclipse can be found by visiting <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 19 the Ojai Library will host a screening of the documentary film Seeds of Time. After the screening there will be a discussion facilitated by members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

A perfect storm is brewing as agriculture pioneer Cary Fowler races against time to protect the future of our food. Seed banks around the world are crumbling, crop failures are producing starvation and rioting, and the accelerating effects of climate change are affecting farmers globally. This film follows Fowler on a passionate and personal journey that may save the one resource we cannot live without: our seeds.

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

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

Events at the Ojai Library

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 21 the Ojai Library will be



News & Notes



The Barcelo is one of the new home neighborhoods at Solana Heights.

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Decorated model homes will open in September.

Solana Heights offers home shoppers an opportunity to purchase a spectacular new home only 2 miles from Ventura's downtown and close to shopping and dining, the Pacific Coast and local freeways. Solana Heights is perfectly situated close to local freeways including the US-101 and SR-33, sandy beaches, sought-after shopping and dining, Ojai and Santa Barbara.

Alondra showcases two- and three-story attached, low maintenance townhomes with up to 2,045 square feet of living space, up to 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, large Great Rooms, cook's kitchens and 2-car garages. Included front yard landscaping and covered porches beautifully frame the homes featuring Spanish-style architectural designs.

Ladera's single-family homes are priced from the mid \$500,000s and provide up to 2,604 square feet

of living space. Elegant interiors feature up to 5 bedrooms and 3 baths, generous Great Rooms, contemporary kitchens, 2-car garages and plentiful natural light. Distinctive architectural styling, covered entries, included front yard landscaping, elegant owner's suites and significant storage enhance these new homes.

Barcelo showcases large single-family homes priced from the low \$600,000s. Two-story floor plans highlight generous family gathering spaces and compelling indoor-outdoor living possibilities. Residents will enjoy up to 2,971 square feet, up to 5 bedrooms and 3 baths, dens or lofts, oversized Great Rooms, gourmet kitchens, coveted storage space and 2-car garages with drop zones.

The sales center is located at 204 Chickasaw Street in Ventura and is open daily. Call 665.6085 or visit SolanaHeights.com for details and driving directions.

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KEEP IT BLUE fundraiser a success

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Maricela Morales, Executive Director of Central Coast Alliance United for A Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) and the Environmental Award to co-recipients Diane Underhill, Ventura Citizens for Hillside Preservation (VCHP) and Steve Bennett, Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR).

The afternoon wrapped up with photo opportunities and more discussions on issues of importance by those in attendance.

Watch for events to come from the Democratic Club of Ventura at venturademocrats.org or look for Democratic Club of Ventura on Facebook.



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Three local breweries; Casa Agria Specialty Ales, Topa Topa Brewing Company, and Ventura Coast Brewing Company, will be joined by Labrynth Winery and Ventura Spirits Company to provide samples for everyone.

Play games including Cornhole and Ringtoss to win prizes. Have your picture taken at the photo booth. Dance to great

music. Enter the raffle for your choice of great prizes. Enjoy a special sunset celebration featuring Pulse Drumming (audience participation invited) and a bubble machine.

"We're so excited to have this first-ever public event at Summit Plateau—the community has been asking for something like this for a very long time," said Peggy Dolan, Event Coordinator. "It's going to be a really fun event."

Tickets are \$35 and are available through venturabotanicalgardens.com or by calling 232-3113, ext. 4. No one under 21 will be admitted and no pets are allowed.

The event will be held at Summit Plateau (formerly known as the barbecue area). Park in the upper parking lot behind City Hall. Shuttle busses will run to the location as there is no parking at the celebration site, or you are invited to walk up the trail.

A Contest

What did OpenAI defeat?

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Combat the dangers of hot weather

With summer here and the temperatures rising (even in Ventura), it is important to understand the health risks that excessive heat can bring and know the signs of heat-related illnesses. Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are particularly susceptible to hyperthermia and other heat-related illnesses. The National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health, offers advice to help combat the dangers of hot weather.

Heat stress, heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after exercising in the heat), heat cramps and heat exhaustion are all forms of hyperthermia. Hyperthermia is caused by a failure of the body's heat-regulating mechanisms. The risk of hyperthermia can increase with the combination of higher temperatures, underlying general health, and individual lifestyle.

Lifestyle factors that can increase risk include not drinking enough fluids, living in housing without air conditioning, lack of mobility and access to transportation, overdressing, visiting

overcrowded places and not understanding how to respond to hot weather conditions. On hot and humid days, especially when an air pollution alert is in effect, older adults, particularly those with chronic medical conditions, should stay indoors in cooler places. If possible, people without air conditioners or fans should go to places that do have air conditioning, such as senior centers, shopping malls, movie theaters and libraries. Cooling centers, which may be set up by local public health agencies, religious groups and social service organizations in many communities, are another option.

There are many factors that can increase risk for hyperthermia, including:
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increased risk; however, salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.

Use of multiple medications. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician. Age-related changes to the skin such as poor blood circulation and inefficient sweat production

Heart, lung and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever
 Being substantially overweight or underweight

Heat stroke is a life-threatening form of hyperthermia. It occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature. Signs and symptoms of heat stroke include a significant increase in body temperature (generally above 104 degrees Fahrenheit), changes in mental status (like confusion or combativeness), strong rapid pulse, lack of sweating, dry flushed skin, feeling faint, staggering or coma. Emergency medical attention is critical for a person with heat stroke symptoms, especially an older adult.

Livingston Hospice plants Memory Trees

by Lori Harasta

It has been said trees are the earth's effort to speak to heaven.

Livingston Hospice is a participating sponsor of the Los Padres National Forest's Penny Pines Reforestation Program. This conservation

program began in the early 1960s and has been meeting the ongoing need of restoring fire-and-pest devastated areas of the magnificent national forest that stretches through Ventura County. Each year, Livingston purchases two acres of seedlings which will eventually produce approximately 400 trees.

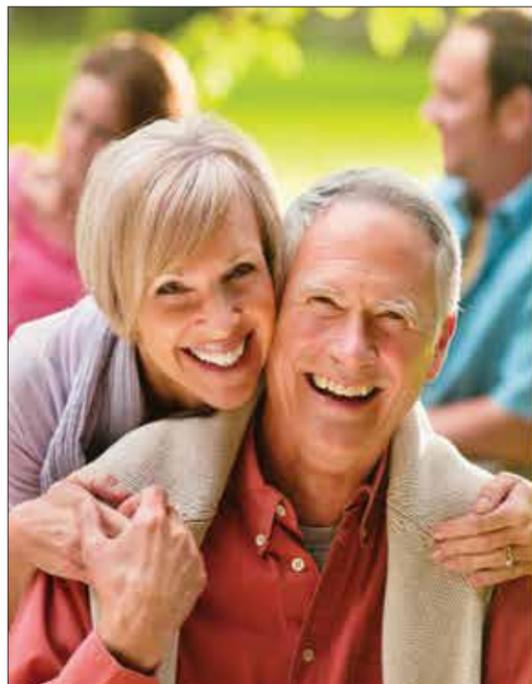
These will not be just ordinary trees, for each seedling has been planted in memory of a beloved hospice patient. The bereaved family receives a card from Livingston Hospice with local artist Susan Florence's beautiful forest artwork along with the inscription, "A tree has been planted in the Los Padres National Forest in memory of..."

The Penny Pines Reforestation Program plays a vital role in renewing the national forests in California. For Livingston, it provides the opportunity to comfort families by letting them know they are thought of and will never be forgotten. Livingston is honored to help preserve the memory of their loved ones.

A recently bereaved family sent in this note, "Thank you for the tree planted in Mom's memory in the Los Padres National Forest. She loved the outdoors and trees!"

A tree planted in someone's memory is a living tribute that benefits present and future generations, and is perhaps the most fitting memorial gift of all. It is enduring and symbolic; it will grow stronger and blossom with life, year after year.

"Our death is not an end if we can live on in our children and the younger generation. For they are us, our bodies are only wilted leaves on the tree of life." - Albert Einstein.



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How aging affects driving

As people get older, their driving patterns change. Retirement, different schedules, and new activities affect when and where they drive. Most older adults drive safely because they have a lot of experience behind the wheel. But when they are involved in crashes, they are often hurt more seriously than younger drivers. Age-related declines in vision, hearing, and other abilities, as well as certain health conditions and medications, can affect driving skills.

When people retire, they no longer drive to work. With more leisure time, they may start new activities, visit friends and family more often, or take more vacations. Like drivers of any age, they use their vehicles to go shopping, do errands, and visit the doctor. Driving is an important part of staying independent.

Most people 70 and older have drivers’ licenses. They tend to drive fewer miles than younger drivers. But, they are also keeping their licenses longer and driving more miles than in the past, often favoring local roads over highways. As the overall population ages, there will be more older drivers on the road.

Driving is a complicated task. It requires people to see and hear clearly; pay close attention to other cars, traffic signs and signals, and pedestrians; and react quickly to events. Drivers must be able to accurately judge distances and speeds and monitor movement on both

sides as well in front of them.

It’s common for people to have declines in visual, thinking, or physical abilities as they get older. As a result, older drivers are more likely than younger ones to have trouble in certain situations, including making left turns, changing lanes, and navigating through intersections.

Driving errors can lead to traffic accidents, injuries, and death. The risk of crashes rises with age, especially after age 75. Studies show that older drivers are more, and less, likely to be involved in certain types of crashes than other drivers. Older drivers are less likely to be involved in crashes related to alcohol use, speeding, and driving at night.

Fortunately, the rate of crashes among adults 65 and over has decreased in recent years. Research suggests that this decline is due to a number of factors, including older adults’ better health, safer cars, and safer roads. In addition, older drivers’ ability to “police” themselves — like not driving at night — and stricter state laws for renewal of driver’s licenses may help.

Most traffic deaths of older drivers occur during the daytime, on weekdays, and involve other vehicles. Older adults are more susceptible to death or serious injury in a crash if they are physically frail, but the good news is that older people are more likely to survive crashes than in the past.

Is Plan F and C going away?

by Jayson Cohen

American Legacy Solutions

You may have heard about new legislation affecting Plan F and C. It’s called the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) in the following article we will discuss some key point that you need to know.

FACT: Consumers currently enrolled or looking to enroll in Plan F prior to January 1, 2020 will have complete flexibility in their cover. They will be able to choose any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare patients.

FACT: Anyone Eligible for Medicare Part A before January 1, 2020, can enroll in Plans F or C even after 2020 and can keep their plan as long as they choose.

FACT: Anyone who becomes eligible for Medicare Part A on or after January 1, 2020, will not be able to purchase a Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans

F or C. Most Medicare Supplement Insurance companies currently offering F will start to offer Plan G, as some already do.

FACT: Consumers that are already enrolled in Plan F or C don’t need to take any action. Plans F and C will still be available for consumers eligible to purchase then in 2020 and beyond.

FACT: The plan F will you the freedom to travel. The plan goes with you when you travel anywhere in the U.S. and pays a benefit if you receive emergency medical services outside of the U.S. [up to plan limits]

As the Plan F is currently the most comprehensive Medicare Supplement/ Medi-gap plan on the market, make sure that you do not allow an agent to talk you out of your rights under the Reauthorization Act of 2015. If you like your coverage now or want the ability to see any doctor that accepts Medicare, anywhere in the country with no referrals or pre-authorizations, then make sure you keep the plan that has worked for many years. If you are new to

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Medicare and want to get the plan F then take a look at the companies in your area that are currently offering them.

As some companies will offer small fringe benefits to entice enrollment, the heart of the plan (how it pays your bills) is the same from company to company. They only difference you will find between companies is price and customer service. Take some time and make sure you compare all plans on the market to find the best for you and your family.



"If I start now I should be able to retire when I'm 10."

Why it pays to keep a careful eye on your earnings records

by **Essie L. Landry**
Public Affairs Specialist Social Security Administration Sierra West Area

Whether you're ready to retire, just joining the workforce, or somewhere in between, regularly reviewing your Social Security earnings record could make a big difference when it's time to collect your retirement benefits. Social Security prevents many mistakes from ever appearing on your earnings record. On average, we process about 236 million W-2 wage reports from employers, representing more than \$5 trillion in earnings. More than 98 percent of these wages are successfully posted with little problem.

Don't Get Schooled, Get Smart About Social Security – Young workers are in the best position for planning, investing, and saving for their retirement, growing that nest egg as large as it can be. The sooner young workers start, the more money they will have. There are two easy ways to get started in preparing for retirement open a free online my Social Security account with Social Security and start a myRA account. myRA is designed for people who don't have a retirement savings plan through their employer, or are limited from other savings options.

It's More Convenient Than Ever to Apply for Social Security Benefits – Social Security is working hard to make it as quick and seamless as possible for you to apply for benefits online. Social Security benefits should be the icing on the cake at your retirement party.

Your Retirement Planning Starts With Social Security - Right now is the perfect time to start planning for a secure, comfortable retirement. And you can count on Social Security to help you begin the process. First, we encourage you to set up an online my Social Security account so you can verify your lifetime earnings record and make sure you get credit for all of your

contributions to the Social Security system through the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) payroll taxes. Then, you can use your earnings history and our online retirement estimators and calculators to get a glimpse of what your Social Security retirement future looks like.



All shingles are not equal.

Vaccine approved to prevent shingles

In May 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a vaccine to prevent shingles in people age 60 and older. The vaccine is designed to boost the immune system and protect older adults from getting shingles later on. Even if you have had shingles, you can still get the shingles vaccine to help prevent future occurrences of the disease. There is no maximum age for getting the vaccine, and only a single dose is recommended. In a clinical trial involving thousands of adults 60 years old or older, the vaccine reduced the risk of shingles by about half.

To reduce the risk of shingles, adults 60 years old or older should talk to their healthcare professional about getting a one-time dose of the shingles vaccine. Even if the shingles vaccine doesn't prevent you from getting shingles, it can still reduce the chance of having long-term pain. If you have had shingles before, you can still get the shingles vaccine to help prevent future occurrences of the disease.

Vaccine side effects are usually mild and temporary. In most cases, shingles vaccine causes no serious side effects. Some people experience mild reactions that last up to a few days, such as headache or redness, soreness, swelling, or itching where the shot was given.

The decision on when to get vaccinated should be made with your health care provider. The shingles vaccine is not recommended if you have active shingles or pain that continues after the rash is gone. The shingles vaccine is available in doctors' offices, pharmacies, workplaces, community health clinics, and health departments.

Most private health insurance plans cover recommended vaccines. Check with your insurance provider for details and for a list of vaccine providers. Medicare Part D plans cover shingles vaccine, but there may be costs to you depending on your specific plan.

If you do not have health insurance, visit www.healthcare.gov to learn more about health insurance options.

The shingles vaccine is basically a stronger version of the chickenpox vaccine, which became available in 1995. The chickenpox shot prevents chickenpox in 70 to 90 percent of those vaccinated, and 95 percent of the rest have only mild symptoms. Millions of children and adults have already received the chickenpox shot.

Interestingly, the chickenpox vaccine

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may reduce the shingles problem. Widespread use of the chickenpox vaccine means that fewer people will get chickenpox in the future. And if people do not get chickenpox, they cannot get shingles. Use of the shingles and chickenpox vaccines may one day make shingles a rare disease.

Bicycle gateway to get ocean-friendly makeover

A high-profile section along the Ventura River bike path will soon become Ventura's newest ocean-friendly garden. The Ventura Hillside Conservancy (VHC) and the Ocean Friendly Gardens team of the Ventura County Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation have teamed up to re-landscape and reinvigorate land at the entrance to the Willoughby Nature Preserve.

The two organizations will host a series of community work days to transform the property, the first taking place on Saturday, Aug. 19 beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers will help remove old vegetation to prepare the area for future plantings of coastal native plants.

Located next to the "Welcome to Ventura" sign along the Ventura River Parkway the landscaping will be updated using ocean-friendly garden techniques designed to capture rainwater and eliminate urban runoff. The project, funded by the City of Ventura's Community Partnerships Grant Program, seeks to beautify the area and educate the public about the benefits of ocean-friendly gardening.

The new garden will be named in honor of Paul Herzog, Surfrider's National Coordinator for the Ocean-Friendly Garden program, who recently passed away at age 49.

The volunteer work day will begin at 9am with an orientation at VHC's informational kiosk located along the bike path at the Main St. Bridge in downtown Ventura (Main St. and Peking Streets). All volunteers should wear pants, long sleeves, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen and bring a refillable water bottle. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Volunteers can RSVP online: http://www.venturahillside.org/ocean_friendly_garden_work_day

For more information, call the VHC office 643-8044 or www.venturahillside.org.



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The healing power of books

by Maryann Ridini Spencer

In October 2014 I learned the devastating news that my mother was suffering from a massive brain tumor. Doctors gave her six to eight months to live. As it turned out, we celebrated for six weeks with family and friends, enjoying dinners and the most beautiful moments together. She died on November 25, 2014.

Although she lived a long life – she was in her 80s – I was deeply affected. As I discovered, no one knows what it's like to lose a parent until they have that personal experience. You can sympathize with people, but until it happens to you, there are no words to describe the depth of what you feel. Thankfully, there were no words of love that weren't shared over and over again with my mother.

To help heal, I turned to reading books of a spiritual nature, an activity that kicked into full swing a few days after my Mom's funeral. Books such as Proof of Heaven by Dr. Eben Alexander, Raymond Moody's Life After Life, Judith Marshall's My Conversations with Angels, Theresa Caputo's You Can't Make This Stuff Up, and There's More to Life Than This, and the Bible, have provided me with comfort and affirmation beyond words.

I was in the midst of writing "Lady in the Window," a novel about family and healing when my dear mother passed. I poured my heart into my work, drawing from some of my experiences and observations, and family home in Hawaii. In the book, my main character Kate experiences a series of events that turn her

life upside down.

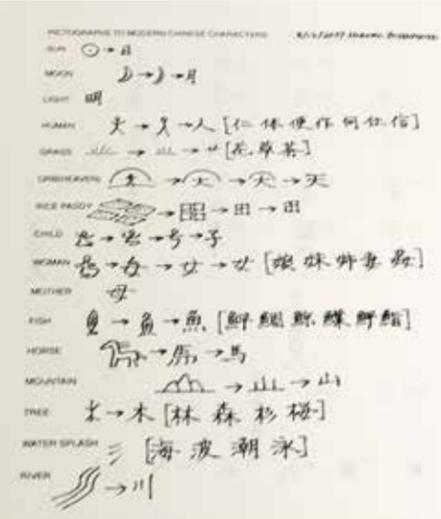
When she retreats to Hawaii to welcome the land and its beauty into her healing process, angelic and other worldly occurrences transpire that are too poignant to ignore, which ultimately lead her to her destiny and provide proof that our loved ones live in spirit and surround and guide us. A belief I hold to be true.

To this day, in addition to finding great comfort in reading and praying, I also find solace in life's synchronicities or "signs."

Shortly after my Mom passed, my sister and I decided to dine out for breakfast. Driving around looking for a venue and busy in conversation about Mom, we turned into the parking lot of what looked like might be an eatery without even taking note of the name. When we finally looked up at the sign, we turned to each other at the same time in complete awe. "Sweet Momma's Good Kitchen" was the name and the sweet retro-looking woman with a short dark bob pictured on the logo was an absolute cartoon version of our mom if there ever was one! We both felt chills. Sweet Momma was a name we often called our Mom. It was no accident that we just happened to land at Sweet Momma's; it was our sweet Momma letting us know that she was with us and that she would be with us always.

Maryann Ridini Spencer is a local author of the Lady in the Window (SelectBooks), a new novel sold at Barnes & Noble and Amazon, which captures Aloha Magic, Hope, Healing & the Infinite Mother-Daughter Bond. Please visit her website at MaryannRidiniSpencer.com.

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Her presentation included the written history of China.

The Origin and Art of Chinese Characters presented by Hiroko Yoshimoto

What began on a single day with a single march has since evolved into a full-fledged coalition consisting of nine distinct task forces, each with a particular issue at its focal point. The grassroots organization Justice for All was formed after the resounding success of January's March for Justice, which assembled an estimated 2,500 people in Ventura to coincide with the Women's March on Washington.

On August 12 the Cultural Equity Taskforce for Justice for All in Ventura, presented The Origin and Art of Chinese Characters a lecture, demonstration, with audience participation presented by Ventura artist Hiroko Yoshimoto at

the Museum of Ventura County. Her presentation included the written history of China and Japan and the evolution of modern Chinese characters explained in hand-outs and her lecture. She demonstrated, and discusse the history, and evolution of calligraphy as she drew (painted)examples on the set-up drawing easel.

The event was attended by a standing room (or sit on the floor) enthusiastic crowd who tried their hands at calligraphy after her demonstration and the answering their questions

For more information, including ways to get involved, visit Facebook. com/justiceforallventura.

Wheel Fun Rentals to support Big Brothers Big Sisters

Wheel Fun Rentals, the number one recreational rental company in the country, announced it is renewing a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters for a program called "Biking & Boating Buddies." For the eleventh consecutive year, "Biking & Boating Buddies" provides free rentals to underprivileged children and their mentors around the nation. To date, \$1,280,000 in free rentals have been distributed to Bigs and Littles at over 20 BBBS chapters around the nation.

Wheel Fun Rentals launched the "Biking & Boating Buddies" program in 2006, offering free rentals to Bigs and Littles any time matches are together. Each year, more than 32,000 individuals directly benefit from the Biking & Boating Buddies program. Over 16,000 underprivileged youth and their mentors have the opportunity to rent products that range from a fleet of unique bikes, including multi-passenger Surrey cycles and a plethora of other specialty bikes, to a variety of water rentals including kayaks, canoes, and more. The program is valid at more than 60 locations nationwide and supports over 20 Big Brother Big Sister chapters.

"At Wheel Fun Rentals we like to see children moving, biking, paddling, laughing, and enjoying the great outdoors," said Sheena Walenta, Marketing Director at Wheel Fun Rentals. "We chose to partner with BBBS because they target children who would benefit the most from mentorship and wholesome quality activities. Physical activity builds confidence and resiliency, releases endorphins, is good for the body, nurtures the soul, and is above all - FUN! We believe every child deserves a bright future, and that starts with wholesome extracurricular activities and good role models."

"I'd like to thank Wheel Fun Rentals for extending this very generous donation to BBBS," said Mike, a Big Volunteer at Big Brothers Big Sisters San Diego Chapter. "Much of today's youth spend their time inside, off their feet, completely reliant on electronics for entertainment; so it's great to have a fun outdoor activity readily available."

Throughout the country, Wheel Fun Rentals supports tens of thousands of individuals involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

If you'd like to become a volunteer or support BBBS programs, please visit www.bbbs.org. To find out more about the Biking Buddies program visit <http://wheelfunrentals.com/big-brothers-big-sisters/>

Founded in 1987, Wheel Fun Rentals started with four wheel Surrey cycles, evolved into specialty bike rentals and bike tours, and now offers recreational rentals of all kinds from more than 100 outlets in 16 states.

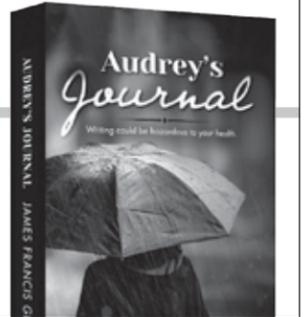
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Pam Baumgardner, VenturaRocks.com, Staci Brown and Jaime Baker from the Ventura Breeze were there at their booth enjoying the large throng that attended the recent Surf Rodeo. Held at Ventura's Pierpont Beach it was a 2-day surf and music festival for all to enjoy. It featured surfing competitions, rodeo games and a full-on music festival on multi stages as well as an outdoor street fair.

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Realty Watch

by Patricia Fasen

2017 begins with spike in number of renters shopping for homes

In a sign that consumers may be shifting preferences from renting to homeownership, an analysis by TransUnion found that 55 percent of those who shopped for a mortgage in Q1 2017 were non-homeowners - most of whom are renters. This is a significant rise from Q1 2016 (50 percent) and Q1 2015 (45 percent).

TransUnion's report found that millennials' interest in homeownership is growing steadily over time. In 2017, three in 10 (29 percent) non-homeowners who shopped for mortgages were millennials, up slightly from 28 percent in 2016 and

27 percent in 2015

In addition, 34 million renters between ages 25 and 44 - typically a prime age range for homeownership - were credit eligible for a mortgage. Just 36 percent of renters under 44 years old had a VantageScore 3.0 credit score below 580, a common benchmark used by some institutions to determine whether a borrower qualifies for a low down payment loan.

A prior TransUnion survey of renters found that more than half (51%) would be more likely to choose a property if they knew their landlord would report their rental payments to credit bureaus. Nearly eight in ten (79 percent) survey respondents said they prioritize rental payments above all other monthly bills.

Property managers use TransUnion Resident Credit to report the amount and timeliness of a monthly rental payment, or any balanced owed for a payment. Renters' payments appear on their credit report along with other financial obligations. Some consumers, especially subprime consumers, may experience an increase in their credit score as a result of on-time payments being reported.



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The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

At the end of a road

by Mary-Jo Murphy

“Does anyone want a dog? Tim’s going to shoot that Border Collie.”

I was on a road trip, 40 miles off Highway 80 in Nevada, wandering around a historic site where Mark Twain had tried his hand at silver mining. The woman was delivering mail and an opportunity that changed my life.

Tim lived in a run-down trailer. Tragically widowed months before when his wife died in an off-road vehicle accident, he already had two Border Collies when his stepdaughter abandoned another. Tim’s work took him away for days at a time. The one-year old pup was more than an inconvenience, and it was clear that arranging a rescue was beyond this grieving man.

Another dog was the last thing on my mind. Back home, I had only Karl, a Shepherd-Pitt Bull mix. I was in no hurry to fill the emptiness left by Pumpkin, a goofy, willful Labrador.

I can’t be responsible for every dog in trouble, I told myself as I reluctantly made my way across the dirt road, biscuit in hand. I was prepared to resist. After all, not all dogs are a match.

Approaching the chain-linked enclosure I noticed her nose was bloody. Tim explained, somewhat annoyed, that the doomed dog had just gotten into the garbage. I concluded she had found the trash preferable to the contents of her food bowl, a combination of unnatural shades.

Classically beautiful, her brown eyes made intense contact that I was later to learn was natural for the breed. I spoke quietly to her, offering the treat through the fence. She showed no interest.

Her gaze remained strong, but she offered no response to my overtures.

Taken by her elegance but torn by reluctance, hers and mine, I reached my fingers between the metal fence. I wanted to touch her, to reassure her that though I might not be her liberator, I was at least friendly.

As I did, she moved close to my outstretched hand, resting her neck contentedly against my welcoming caress.

“I can’t take her now. I’ll come back for her. I promise.”

Tim, in turn, promised not to shoot her.

All the way to Cheyenne, anxious thoughts filled my brain. At the first opportunity, I called Tim. “Is she still there? I am coming back for her.”

Tears of relief filled my eyes as I heard his monotone reply.

“She’s here.”

A week later, on the deserted road toward Unionville, I felt jumpy. What if Tim hadn’t kept his promise? What if...?

Ten years later the what-ifs still echo. What if I hadn’t decided to explore Samuel Clemens’ historical site? What if I had arrived a few hours later? What if the postal woman hadn’t been delivering her mail at that exact moment? What if Sam hadn’t been there at the end of the road, wagging her tail, joyfully greeting me on my return?

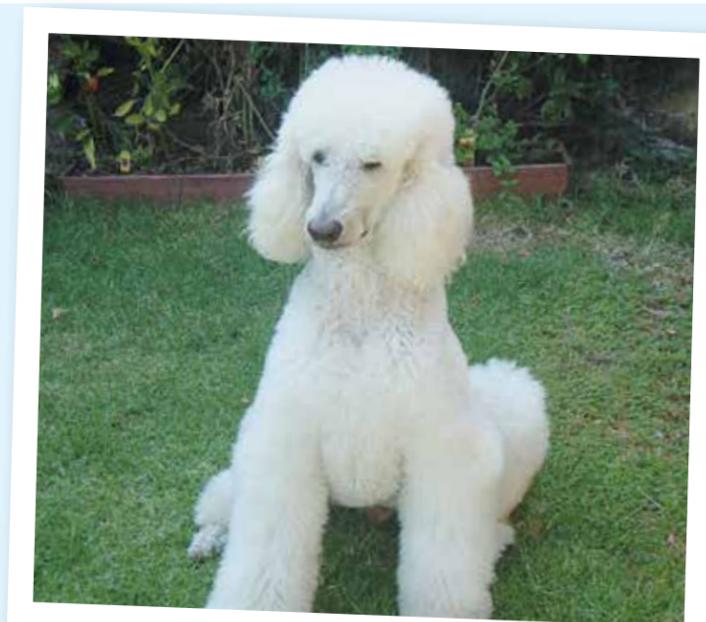
No need to ask. We forever dog owners know how this works.

■ With National Homeless Animals Day approaching and the cost of owning a pet ranging from \$227 to more than \$2,000, depending on the type of animal, WalletHub (A website) took an in-depth look at 2017’s Most Pet-Friendly Cities.

In order to determine where Americans’ furry and slimy companions can enjoy the best quality of life without breaking the bank, WalletHub’s analysts compared the creature-friendliness of the 100 largest cities across 21 key metrics. The data set ranges from minimum pet-care provider rate per visit to pet businesses per capita to walkability.



Tim, in turn, promised not to shoot her.



Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi, I’m Indy. I take two of my three daily walks on Main St. We (me and my human) can’t go more than a few feet without someone coming up to us to pet my furry head. We love meeting out of towners, and many people we meet are from other countries.

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Most Pet-Friendly Cities Least Pet-Friendly Cities

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	Charlotte, NC	
2	Phoenix, AZ	92
	Anchorage, AK	
3	Tampa, FL	93
	Philadelphia, PA	
4	San Diego, CA	94
	Buffalo, NY	
5	Orlando, FL	95
	Santa Ana, CA	
6	Birmingham, AL	96
	Boston, MA	
7	Austin, TX	97
	New York, NY	
8	Cincinnati, OH	98
	Honolulu, HI	
9	Atlanta, GA	99
	Baltimore, MD	
10	Las Vegas, NV	100
	Newark, NJ	

Key Stats

Columbus, Ohio, has the lowest average veterinary care costs (per visit), \$33.25, which is 2.5 times lower than in New York, the city with the highest at \$84.47.

Miami, Florida, has the most veterinarians (per square root of population), 88 times more than in Newark, New Jersey, the city with the fewest.

St. Paul, Minnesota, has the lowest monthly dog-insurance premium, \$33.71, which is 2.4 times lower than in New York, the city with the highest at \$80.78.

San Francisco, California, has the most pet businesses (per square root of population), 23 times more than in Laredo, Texas the city with the fewest.

Of course Ventura would have been number one if we were a bigger city!

To view the full report and your city’s rank, please visit:

<https://wallethub.com/edu/most-pet-friendly-cities/5562/>

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■ Is wagging related to smell?

Yes. Many of a dog’s identifying smells are in the anal glands. Those sacs transmit how a dog is feeling — anxious? playful? — and the essence of who the dog is. To greet one another dogs wag, basically dispensing their personal odors from their rumps.”

Researchers have found that dogs have 300 million olfactory receptors, compared with about six million for humans. No wonder they can smell a hot dog several blocks away.

■ On Sunday, September 24, from 9am-noon an Animal Career Fair will be held at Ventura Pet Wellness & Dog Training Center located at 3521 Arundell Circle #B in Ventura. This event is free to the public!

Are you interested in a career with animals but aren’t sure what is available or how to get into the field? Attend the Animal Career Fair where you can meet animal professionals from different fields and ask questions about their careers.



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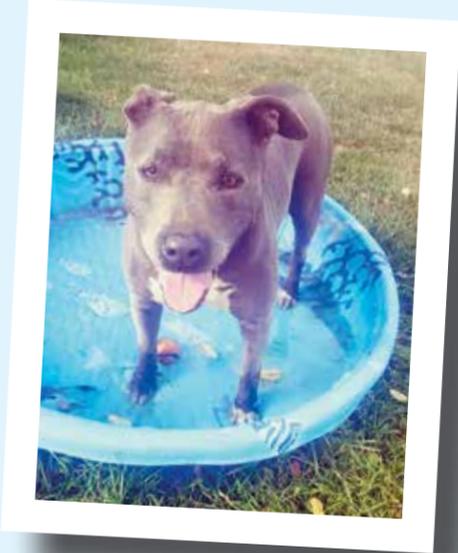


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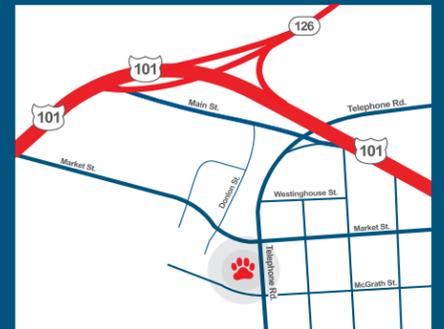


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Rock on the Dock

It's all hands on deck as the Rock on the Dock Concert Series launches at Ventura Harbor Village every Saturday this September from 3-6pm featuring an electrifying line-up of musicians performing free to the public on a floating stage in the Ventura Harbor. Visitors to the series catch the show from the water aboard kayak or from the promenade.

Kick off the Labor Day weekend with the not-to-be-missed spectacle of the shimmer from the heat of the September sun on the waters of Ventura Harbor September 2 and continuing the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Dine and relax as the entertainment plays on, surrounded by scenic harbor and mountain views. Rock on the Dock is presented by Ventura Port District and sponsored by Ventura Boat Rentals:

An appealing bonus of Rock on the Dock is the free admission and free parking. For more information, visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com or call 477-0470.

News survey

by Jennifer Tipton

I asked 20 Venturans that read the Ventura Breeze: What are your other sources for news?

And -do you think the Breeze should have a column for international news, state or government?

Lucy Maddux age 55 also reads the VC Reporter. I don't think that's why people pick up the Breeze, they just want to see what's going on locally,

I like to look for new businesses or things to try out."

Boni Howery age 59 also gets news from the internet and the VC Star. "No, I personally don't think it's necessary. There are a multitude of news outlets readily available, community news is about what is going on in our own backyard. I enjoy reading about my hometown, a place I feel connected to. I learn something new about Ventura every time I read a Ventura Breeze issue - leave all the world weariness to another news source."

Ashley Pope age 27 gets her other news from Facebook, KTVA and the VC Star Sunday edition. "No, I think people read the Breeze because they want to know what's happening in Ventura. Maybe ok to do some statewide news but definitely wouldn't go international, I'd skip that page."

Bob Emerick age 58 also watches CBS news. "I think it should stay local."

Frank Boross age 64 gets other news from KTVA and online. "I don't think it would hurt. It's a good idea, everybody seems to be a news junkie."

C.J. Barnett age 35 also reads the LA Times, BBC, NPR, USA Today and The Wall Street Journal - all on her phone she says. (Did someone just say news junkie?) "Yes, it should, how else do you know what's going on in Sacramento?"

David Glaser age 57 gets news as well from the internet. "Maybe some, but that's not why I look at the Breeze."

L.B. Tempkin age 56 gets other news from radio, KCLU and KRW. "I like local news, there's enough of the other stuff going on."

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Steve Somann, President of DCVC is cutting the ribbon assisted by supporters. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

Ventura County welcomes new community resource center for the LGTBQ community

Diversity Collective Ventura County was proud to hold the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the Community Resource Center on Thursday, August 3rd at their new location at 2471 Portola Road, Suite 100 in Ventura.

The LGTBQ Community in Ventura County has been without a community resource center since 2009 when Rainbow Alliance moved to smaller offices due to cuts in HIV-AIDS funding at the state level, and ceased operations completely in 2011.

Diversity Collective Ventura County will run its HIV-AIDS Education and Prevention Program from the center as well as house partner organizations The Free 2 Be Me Foundation, Rainbow Umbrella, HOPE Counseling Center, and Baumer Law Group.

“It is our hope to expand free rapid testing services to the most critically needed areas of the county such as Oxnard. Currently, there is no com-

munity-based organization providing these free services and according to a 2014 needs assessment there are over 1,400 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Ventura County and the numbers continue to increase” said Michael MacDonald, Board of Directors.

This year’s Ventura County Pride Festival is a fundraiser for the Community Resource Center. Joseph Summers, Vice-President of DCVC states “Diversity Collective relies on proceeds raised at the festival to sustain the new center. Proceeds raised from the minimal cover charge, sponsorships, and beverage and merchandise sales go to sustain the new center. Ventura County Pride is an all-inclusive family friendly festival celebrating our diversity in the LGTBQ community. It’s is our main objective to celebrate, educate and advocate for the LGTBQ community. There will be live entertainment all day long, over 60 vendors offering education and advocacy

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for our community, food trucks, retail booths, and adult beverages”.

Steve Somann, President of DCVC stated, “An LGBTQ Community Resource Center has been in the back of my mind since Diversity Collective Ventura County started in May 2014, and a priority for me personally since becoming President in January 2016. I’m elated that the LGBTQ community as well as anyone else who needs information about programs and services will now have a safe place to call, visit, volunteer, which brings about an awareness to all in the community.”

Diversity Collective Ventura County is a community based nonprofit 501c3 organization. Promoting advocacy, education, and mental and physical health for the LGTBQ community in Ventura County via the community resource center, programs and community events. It is the parent organization of Ventura County Pride, AIDS Walk Ventura and The Diversity Gala. All proceeds raised through fundraising efforts go to fund DCVC and its community programs.

premier wine, beverage and food event. Restaurants, cafes, wineries and breweries serve their signature dishes and beverages from tented booths along the seaside Promenade while guests enjoy live music, dancing under the stars and an amazing silent auction. It’s a community celebration to honor the City’s 144 year old pier.

The sell-out event hosted by Pier Into the Future—a non-profit 501 c (3)—“is a much anticipated community gathering of friends that raises funds for our beloved Pier”, said Pier Into the Future Executive Director Jenise Wagar. The organization was founded by a group of dedicated community leaders, in partnership with the City of Ventura, to establish an endowment fund to maintain and enhance the historic Ventura Pier for future generations to enjoy. The organization has contributed over \$540,000 to the City of Ventura over the last 24 years to enhance the Pier.

General admission tickets are \$75.00 and include food and beverage tasting and a commemorative Pier wine glass. A limited number of VIP tickets are offered at \$150 each. VIP tickets include all of the benefits associated with General Admission, plus early entrance to the event at 4:30 pm and a reserved seat at a VIP table along the promenade. Local restaurants, wineries and breweries who are interested in sampling their food/drink at the event can call 804.7735.

Tickets are available on line at www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling 800.838.3006. Visit www.pierintothefuture.org for more information.



Pam Baumgardner, Staci Brown and Diane Brown enjoying a previous Pier Under the Stars.

Tickets on Sale for “Pier Under the Stars”

Tickets are now on sale for Pier Under the Stars—the 24th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier on Saturday, October 7th, from 5-8 PM. Each year more than 800 residents and visitors attend this beachfront culinary fair adjacent to the pier to sample the county’s best food and spirits provided by over 50 area businesses. This year marks the 24th anniversary of Ventura’s

Tech Today with Ken May Backup and recovery

If you use a computer or mobile device long enough, sooner or later something will go wrong, resulting in you losing your personal files, documents, or photos. For example, you may accidentally delete the wrong files, have a hardware failure, lose a device, or become infected with malware, such as ransomware. At times like these, backups are often the only way to rebuild your digital life.

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The ongoing dispute between Ventura Realty & Investment Company and the City of Ventura continues regarding the commercial building located at 51 Oak Street. The reasons include a writ of mandate, a demolition permit, appeals, Ventura Building Official, the Historic Preservation Committee, the San Buenaventura Conservancy, City Community Developments Director Jeff Lambert and Sid White partner at Ventura Realty. In the meantime the building sits there vacant and deteriorating. The City and Ventura Realty have had other problems in the past. The ironic part is that Sid White is the former Ventura economic development director. The issue is not getting immediately addressed while City staff and the property owner discuss mutually acceptable next steps.. Hopefully this can be resolved so that this mess is taken care of soon.

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.

Stabbing

On August 4, at 11:53pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call of a stabbing victim outside Rookies Bar, 419 E. Main St. Officers, along with Ventura City Fire and AMR personnel, responded to the call and found the victim, later identified Nathan Little, suffering from a single non-life threatening stab wound to his torso. He was immediately transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries. The suspect was last seen fleeing from the scene on foot northbound on Oak St.

Officers began checking the area and located the suspect, later identified as 29 year old Santa Paula resident Jaime Vazquez, several blocks away in the Downtown parking structure. Vazquez was taken into custody without incident.

During the investigation, officers learned from bar security that the victim, who was working as a security guard, and Vazquez got into a verbal argument over Vazquez cutting in line outside the bar. A physical altercation occurred, and the victim was stabbed. Vazquez and a couple of his friends fled from the area on foot.

A second involved subject was located, but was not arrested. At the conclusion of the investigation, Vazquez was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon.

Resisting Arrest

On August 4, at 6:10pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from a cyclist reporting a suspicious subject walking on the Ventura River bike path carrying two large machetes.

When one of the patrol officers arrived on scene he saw the subject, later identified as 31 year old vagrant Armando Mendoza, walking near the intersection of Olive St. and Main St., and attempted to stop him. At the time, Mendoza was carrying a 3' long machete and a large pair of cutting shears. Mendoza refused orders by the officer to stop and began running towards a nearby shopping center. He then ran into an open Vons Store, still carrying both weapons.

Officers pursued Mendoza into the store and chased him until he entered a restroom towards the back of the store.

Once the area of the store surrounding the restroom was safely cleared of customers and employees, and it was determined Mendoza was inside the restroom by himself, officers gave him orders to come out. Mendoza refused to exit on his own, so with the assistance of a police K-9, officers entered the restroom and took Mendoza into custody after forcing their way into a locked restroom stall.

Mendoza was found to still be in possession of both weapons, although never threatened anyone with them. He was arrested for resisting arrest and booked into the Ventura County Jail.

Residential Burglary Arrests

In May 2017 the Ventura Street Crimes Unit detectives began an investigation into several residential burglaries that had occurred in the east end of Ventura. Numerous items of property, jewelry, and credit cards were stolen during these crimes.

One suspect identified as 40 year old Oxnard resident Frank Orta JR was determined to be on active parole for burglary. He did not have any permanent address which made it difficult for detectives to track him down. The second suspect identified as 39 year old Ventura resident Stephanie Bura also had no permanent address however her vehicle was often seen parked in front of a residence on Amherst St.

On August 4, Street Crimes Unit detectives

served the search warrant on Amherst, however, Bura was not present. During the search of this residence detectives located stolen property, stolen mail, and other evidence linking Bura the recent string of burglaries.

Later that same afternoon VPD patrol officers responded to a report of a residential burglary in progress on the east end of Ventura. The suspects fled in a vehicle and witnesses provided the responding officers with a license plate and description. A short time later the suspect vehicle was observed entering the 101 freeway from Rose.

The male that was apprehended was identified as Frank Orta Jr. he was arrested and transported back to VPD to be interviewed by detectives. Orta made several incriminating statements and was later booked into the Ventura County Main Jail for residential burglary and a parole violation.

On August Street Crimes Unit detectives canvases several areas of Ventura and Oxnard and at approximately 9:30 am they observed the outstanding suspect Stephanie Bure driving north on Ventura Rd. A marked police unit was called in to make a stop and Bura was taken into custody without incident.

Bura was interviewed by detectives and also made incriminating statements re the burglaries and credit card theft. She was later booked into the Ventura County Main Jail on one count of residential burglary, seven counts of forgery, eleven counts of commercial burglary, and twelve counts of identity theft, all felony crimes. Her bail was set at \$750,000.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this crime please contact the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit at 805-339-4325.

Residential Burglary

On August 13, at 4:50pm the Command Center received 911 calls from residents in the 1300 block of Saratoga Ave., reporting that several subjects had been prowling in the area and were now attempting to gain access into a neighbor's residence.

As officers were responding the witnesses observed two males and a female enter the residence through an unlocked rear door. Moments later, the three were seen exiting with a large amount of stolen property. The suspects placed the property into a vehicle and were in the process of fleeing when officers arrived. A traffic enforcement stop was conducted and all five occupants in the vehicle were taken into custody.

All are Ventura residents. Luke Forehand 23, Austin Capelli 20, Kendall Sanders 26, Tara Riley 38, Alexis Keirn 19.

All suspects were placed under arrest and booked into the Ventura County Jail for residential burglary, possession of stolen property and criminal conspiracy. Forehand was additionally booked for an outstanding parole violation warrant.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

8-02 10:27am: a medical at marina mobile home park. Officers responded and assisted a female complaining of difficulty breathing with medics from AMR/Ventura FD. She was transported to local hospital.

5:22pm: a traumatic injury at the new Jetty at South Beach. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire/State Parks/AMR with placing the victim who suffered an injury in the surf onto a backboard. The patient was eventually transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

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8-03 11:10am: disabled personal watercraft in the surf near lifeguard headquarters. Officers responded in the fireboat, towed the vessel back to the launch ramp and de-water the craft. The operator was uninjured.

2:35pm: a tow from a recreational vessel having fuel issues 3 miles offshore. Officers responded, escorted the vessel for a mile, then took it en tow back to the launch ramp where it was released.

6:35pm: a pump out of a motor vessel taking on water and unable to keep up with the water coming in. Officers responded in the fireboat, dewatered about 12 inches of water from the bilge. After a short search, officers located the source, engine through hulls. The hulls were secured and the owner placed an auto sump pump on the vessel.

8-04 2:40pm: water rescue at South Beach. Officers responded and assisted State Parks with two victims caught in a rip current. The lg's and the victims were pulled from the water and taken to

Harbor Cove. 5:20pm, received a report of a person in the water near the launch ramp. Officers responded, located the victim who self-rescued by climbing onto L/R.

8-05 10:45am: a trawler taking on water a few miles SW of the Harbor from U.S. coastguard. Officers responded and located the trawler, the captain had mitigated the issue and they were no longer taking on water.

12:27pm, received a report from State Parks that 3 PWC operators were having difficulty getting back on the vessels. Officers responded and assisted the operators return to the launch ramp.

8-06 10:45pm: a fuel sheen near VHV I dock. Officers responded and found a small sheen in the area reported. The area was searched but officers were unable to locate the source of the sheen.

8-07 2:00pm: a possibly dangerous containers in the marina mobile home park. Officers responded and found the canisters to be benign.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

I'd like to start off with sharing a couple of my favorite music highlights from the past few weeks. First there was Shinedown at the Ventura County Fair; Brent Smith's vocals are just incredible! And then Squashed Grapes hosted Don Randi on Friday, August 11. Randi was one of the original members of the Wrecking Crew and opened The Baked Potato (famous jazz club in LA) in 1970. He not only played the keyboards like none other, but he shared so many anecdotes from the Wrecking Crew days. Stories about working with Glen Campbell, Neil Diamond, Nancy Sinatra and Brian Wilson, but learning that he actually played on Pet Sounds, and tunes like "Good Vibrations" and "Cracklin' Rosie" well, it was an amazing evening. Kudos to Squashed Grapes for their continuous support of jazz and bringing artists like this to our town. Yeah, I confess I dusted off my copy of Pet Sounds; it really holds up as one of the top LPs of all time.

Attention Deadheads! The Museum of Ventura County will host a special concert on Saturday, August 26 with the Grateful Dead tribute band Cubensis as they recreate the era's unique and eclectic styles of rock, psychedelia and experimental music. Doors open at 4 p.m. The concert runs from 5-8 p.m. Admission is \$15/members, \$20/non-members. A no-host bar will be available.

Spencer Makenzie's End of Summer Block Party will be held the final weekend of August with free music. On Friday, August 26, you can catch Rey Fresco, then on Saturday, August 27, it will be Highway Starr followed by Mandex. During the day, it's their annual cornhole tournament called "The Throw Down" pulling in contestants from all over the U.S. competing for over \$32,000 in cash payouts. There will be 192 teams competing so get out and cheer them on!

PRIDE Festival returns to Promenade Park this year on Saturday, August 19. All proceeds raised will go to sustain the Community Resource Center serving the LGBTQ community here in Ventura County. Entertainment will include Sean Wolf G & the Country Bear Jamboree, DJ Joseph with Music Box and Michelle Rosenblum. Lady Bunny will be on hand as Pride's emcee.

Music Under the Stars continues with its summer concert series. Coming up Saturday, August 19, it's a tribute to Oingo Boingo with the band Dead Man's Party; and then Saturday, August 26, it's a night of Motown sound with the Blues Breeze Band which has already sold out. For ticket information on all remaining shows go to the City's website (www.CityofVentura.ca.gov).

Quick Notes: Goodnight Kiss EP release party will be held at Bombay's Saturday, August 19; Fallen Saints will be opening for Great White at the Canyon Club on Friday, August 25;

Agent Orange takes over Discovery on Sunday, August 27;

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: Musician's Night Out
Tuesdays: Open Mic w/ Beer Bros.
Wednesdays: Smokey & Friends
Thurs 8/17: Crooked Eye Trio
Fri 8/18: 5 pm Madeline Deveroux; 9 pm The Right Amount of Wrong
Sat 8/19: 5 pm Alfred Morales; 9 pm The Dive Bar Messiahs
Sun 8/20: 5 pm Corsican Bros; 9 pm Karaoke
Thurs 8/24: Mark Masson & Phriends
Fri 8/25: 5 pm Frank Barajas; 9 pm Inna Rude Mood
Sat 8/26: 5 pm Brandi Loves Danny; 9 pm The Barrelhouse Wailers
Sun 8/27: 5 pm Action Down; 9 pm Karaoke

Boatyard Pub

Ventura Harbor

Tuesdays: Jason Ho
Wednesdays: Mark
Thursdays: Bluegrass Jam

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street
Fridays: DJs; Karaoke
Saturdays: DJs
Sat 8/19: 5 pm Goodnight Kiss EP Release, Brothers Fortune, Honey Owl

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street
Wed 8/16: Donna Butler
Thurs 8/17: Fabulous Hangovers
Fri 8/18: Boogie Wonderland
Sat 8/19: Drunken Monkeys
Sun 8/20: After the Smoke
Tues 8/22: Donna Butler
Wed 8/23: Amber & Smoke
Thurs 8/24: Coso Live
Fri 8/25: The Collective
Sat 8/26: Instone
Sun 8/27: Casey Jones
Tues 8/29: Instone

Cask Alexhouse

5952 Telegraph Road
(805) 765-4201
Wed 8/16: Jonathan Russell
Sun 8/20: Sarah Lightman
Sun 8/27: Dogfish

The Cave

4435 McGrath Street
Weds & Sats: 5:30 - 8:30 pm Varon Thomas
Thurs & Fris: 5:30 - 8:30 pm Warren Takahashi

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village
Week nights 7 pm; Sundays 3 pm
Tuesdays: Down Home Trio
Fri 8/18: Havana Cinco
Sat 8/19: Estrada Brothers
Sun 8/20: Havana Cinco
Fri 8/25: Havana Cinco
Sat 8/26: Havana Cinco

Sun 8/27: Karen Eden

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd
Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback Fridays
Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl
Thurs 8/17: Reggae Fusion
Sat 8/19: Led Zepplia
Wed 8/23: The Selector, The Upbeat
Thurs 8/24: Mike Pinto
Sun 8/27: Agent Orange

El Rey Cantina

294 E. Main Street
Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and Friends
Saturdays: 9:30 DJ Erock

Four Brix Winery

2290 Eastman Avenue
Fri 8/25: Karen Eden & Cary Park

The Garage

1091 Scandia Avenue
Thurs 8/17: Archer Nation, The Ashes
Sat 8/19: Vasas, The Spires, Buildings Breeding

Golden China

760 S. Seaward
(805) 652-0688
Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm
Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic
Sat 8/26: D!SK!LL, Kaos Flux, Mr. Low

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street
Fri 8/18: Pete Muller
Sat 8/19: The Barrelhouse Wailers
Sun 8/20: Alastair Greene & Debbie Davies
Fri 8/25: Hot Cuppa Three
Sat 8/26: Tex Pistols
Sun 8/27: Jerry w/ Cibara

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd
Mondays: Karaoke
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band
Fri 8/18: Hi Hat Entertainment presents A.C. Myles Band
Sun 8/20: Misunderstood Band
Fri 8/25: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Doug MacLeod CD release
Sat 8/26: Brian Faith Band

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road
Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke
Thursday: Open Mic
Sunday: Karaoke
Fri 8/18: Cross Cut
Sat 8/19: Rick Miller Band
Fri 8/25: Strange Weather
Sat 8/26: Pull the Trigger

Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street
Thurs 8/17: Shea Salisbury
Sat 8/19: Ventucky String Band

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street
Sun 8/20: DJ Quik, Scarface

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village
Tuesdays: Dave Rea
Fri 8/18: James Broz
Sat 8/19: Vertigo Blend
Sun 8/20: Mike Martinez
Fri 8/25: Firestick
Sat 8/26: Cross Cut 805
Sun 8/27: Corsican Bros.

Museum of Ventura County

100 E. Main Street
Sat 8/26: Cubensis
Olivas Adobe
4200 Olivas Park Drive
Sat 8/19: Music Under the Stars: Dead Man's Party
Sat 8/26: Music Under the Stars: Blue Breeze Band

Paddy's

2 W. Main Street
Wednesdays: Karaoke
Fri & Sat: DJs
Fri 8/18: Pre-Pride Party featuring Echo V
Sat 8/19: After-Pride Party with Vivian Vicious and the Dragalicious Spice Girls tribute.

Plan B Wine Cellars

3520 Arundell Circle
Sun 8/27: Johnny and the Love Handles

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road
Mon 8/28: Dick Parent Band
PRIDE Festival
Promenade Park

Sat 8/19: Sean Wolf G & the Country Bear Jamboree, DJ Joseph, Michelle Rosenblum
Red Cove

1809 E. Main Street

Thursdays: Music Club Open Jam Night
Fri 8/18: Bridget the Midget Band, The Big Problem

Rookees Sports Bar & Grill

419 E. Main Street
(805) 648-6862

Fri and Sat: Rotating DJs
Saloon BBQ

456 E. Main Street

Fri 8/18: Noble Grizwald
Sat 8/19: The Black Hips
Fri 8/25: Ishmael & the Deep Blue Sea
Sat 8/26: Bad Leaf

Sandbox Coffeeshouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd
805-641-1025
Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon
Thursdays Open Mic
Sat 8/19: Tequila Picnic
Sun 8/20: Grant Doughart
Sat 8/26: DJ Indakut, Hip Hop Concert
Sun 8/27: Western Waters

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut
Sundays: DJ Darko
Mondays: Karaoke
Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean
Wednesdays: Open mic
Thursdays: DJ Spinobi
Fri 8/18: The Jelly
Sat 8/19: Johnny Hellhole
Sat 8/26: Sin Chonies

Spencer Makenzie's

End of Summer Block Party
806 E. Thompson Blvd

Fri 8/25: Rey Fresco
Sat 8/26: Mandex, Highway Starr
Squashed Grapes
2351 E. Main Street
Music 7-10 pm
Wed 8/16: Dogfish
Thurs 8/17: Blue Dog Project
Fri 8/18: Hans Ottsen Project
Sat 8/19: Paul Weitz Quartet feat. Donna Deussen
Wed 8/23: Greg Spaulding Trio
Thurs 8/24: Dogfish
Sat 8/26: Rachel Flowers Trio

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street
Tues: Karaoke
Thurs: DJ Trolbe
Fri 8/18: Old Soul, Strange Weather, The Brambles, The Jelly
Sat 8/19: The Bomb
Sun 8/20: Irie Smith
Fri 8/25: Action Down
Sat 8/26: Whiskey Stone
Sun 8/27: After the Smoke

The Tavern

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

Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve
Tuesdays: Karaoke
Metal Wednesdays
Get it Right Thursday DJs
Fri 8/18: Sin Chonies
Sat 8/19: Big Lizard
Sat 8/26: The Black Hips

Totally Local VC

Dinner at the Mission
Downtown Ventura

Thurs 8/17: Francisco Leon
Ventura at the Wine Rack

14 S. California Street
(805) 653-9463

Thurs 8/17: Lazy Millennials
Fri 8/18: Trust Fall, Johnny Flores
Sat 8/19: 4 pm Epitome of Dreams; 8 pm Paul Mars Black

Sun 8/20: Jason Ho
Thurs 8/24: Kaplan, Sarah & Dave

Fri 8/25: Spectrum
Sat 8/26: Sheldon & Cunnane

Sun 8/27: Epitome of Dreams

The 805 Bar

Ventura Harbor
Music at noon Sat & Sun
with Kenny Devove

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Moose and Molly



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: ♦♦

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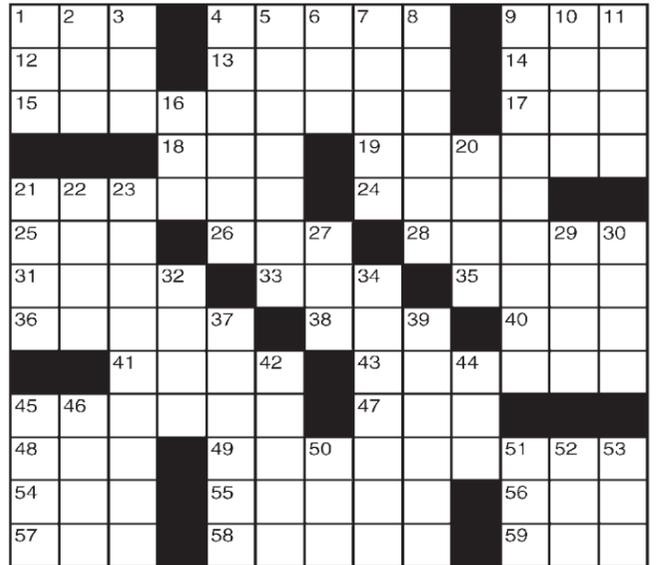
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Solutions on page 19

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — out a living
- 4 Chops clumsily
- 9 Zodiac feline
- 12 "The Thin Man" actress
- 13 Foolish
- 14 Sixth sense, for short
- 15 Students' excursion
- 17 Chubby
- 18 Oklahoma city
- 19 Ranking
- 21 Laundry container
- 24 "I'll — and I'll puff ..."
- 25 A Gershwin brother
- 26 Just out
- 28 Corn
- 31 Outlet
- 33 Depressed
- 35 Oboe insert
- 36 Relaxed
- 38 Pouch
- 40 Trail behind
- 41 Bus rider's payment
- 43 Walk like a duck
- 45 Original
- 47 Modern-day evidence
- 48 Fib
- 49 Voles, e.g.
- 54 Every bit
- 55 Terrycloth



DOWN

- 1 Sprite
- 2 Japanese pond carp
- 3 CBS logo
- 4 Stashed
- 5 Scorpio's brightest star
- 6 Automobile
- 7 Doughy
- 8 Anatomical wall
- 9 Where the unexpected "comes out of"
- 10 Birthright barterer
- 11 Chooses, with "for"
- 16 Sitter's creation
- 20 Somewhere out there
- 21 Bee's home
- 22 Neighborhood
- 23 Actress Jayne
- 27 Existed
- 29 Ardor
- 30 Advantage
- 32 Squad
- 34 Time waster
- 37 Conscripts
- 39 Something wicked?
- 42 His work inspired "Cats"
- 44 Beaver's structure
- 45 Blueprint
- 46 Anger
- 50 Female sheep
- 51 Ailing
- 52 Spy org. (abbr.)
- 53 And so on (abbr.)

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career.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been your usual busy-bee self, gathering nectar wherever you can find it. But now's a good time to kick back, relax and just enjoy smelling the roses.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That pesky personal situation seems to be improving. But change comes slowly, so be patient. Expect someone to bring more positive news by week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Whoa! Ease up on that hectic pace you've been putting yourself through. Take time to recharge your energy levels before going full gallop again.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Try to be intrigued, not intimidated, by the issues you're suddenly facing, and you'll be ahead of the game. Don't be afraid to demand answers to your questions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New associates freezing you out of their inner circle? Never mind. Put a warm smile on that friendly face of yours, and you'll soon thaw them all down to size.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your wise guidance helps colleagues agree to compromise and move forward. Meanwhile, there are still vital issues you need to deal with in your personal life.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy being free with your emotions, but you also can exercise disciplined focus. You would make a fine artist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As eager as you are to take on that new challenge, it would be best to temper that spurt of "Ram"-bunctious energy until you have more facts to back up your decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time for hardworking Bovines to take a break from their hectic on-the-job schedules to bask in the unconditional love and support of friends and family.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to what you hear in the workplace. You could pick up some hints about possible changes. Meanwhile, a new infusion of creative energy sets in by week's end.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to be more flexible in dealing with a suddenly difficult situation, whether it's on the job or in the home. Others might have some good points to offer. Listen to them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might think you're not getting the royal treatment you deserve. But be careful not to become a royal pain by complaining about it. Be patient and allow things to work out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Watch that penchant for being super-judgmental at work. It might create a bad impression with someone whose decisions could determine the course of your

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Show Time

This issue does not have a movie review so enjoy this Hollywood gossip:

Hollywood

by Tony Rizzo

We told you that Daniel Craig, who said, “I’d rather slash my wrists than do another Bond film,” was sure to sign for the next Bond movie, tentatively titled “Bond 25.” What was really happening was that Craig was already contracted for the next Bond film, which producers conveniently didn’t tell us because they were trying to get Craig to sign for an additional 007 film. They stood by while columnists rambled on about Idris Elba and Tom Hiddleston as the next Bond. That’s why he’d been offered \$150 million to return for an additional Bond film.

To sweeten the deal, Christopher Nolan, riding high on rave reviews for “Dunkirk,” is all but set to direct, something producers knew would appeal to him as well. Quite a raise in pay grade for 007; Craig was paid “only” \$39 million for his last Bond film, “Spectre.”

Oscar-nominee and Emmy-winner Benedict Cumberbatch will do at least three more films as “Doctor Strange”: “Thor: Ragnarok,” due Nov. 3; “Avengers: Infinity War,” due May 4; and the untitled “Avengers” sequel, due May 2019. Somewhere in between he’ll star in another “Doctor Strange,” now in development. When a film costs \$165 million and grosses \$670 million, you can bet a sequel is in the works.

In addition, he has “The Current War,” with Michael Shannon, Nicholas Hoult and Tom Holland (“Spider-man”), due Dec. 22; the animated fantasy “Magik,” with Matthew Goode; will be the voice of Shere Khan in the new live-action “Jungle Book” (out October 2018); and will voice the Grinch in a new animated version of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” opening November 2018. Could it be that he and wife Sophie Hunter, who have two young sons, wanted animated films the boys can watch?

Mark Wahlberg, who hit it big with “Transformers: The Last Knight,” will have “Daddy’s Home 2,” with Will Ferrell, John Cena, John Lithgow and Mel Gibson, opening Nov. 10. The original “Daddy’s Home” cost \$69 million and grossed \$243 million. He’s currently shooting the Ridley Scott crime drama “All the Money in the World,” with Michele Williams and Oscar-winners Kevin Spacey and Timothy Hutton, for a Dec. 8 release. Mark has been producing and starring in “Wahlburgers” since 2014 and exec produces the Dwayne Johnson HBO series “Ballers” (which returned July 23 for season three) and the USA series “Shooter” with Ryan Phillippe (which began season two on July 18).

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A View from House Seats

Camarillo Stages *The Last Five Years*

by Shirley Lorraine

Currently playing through September 10 on the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse stage is the Drama Desk award-winning musical *The Last Five Years*. The musical is performed by

only two characters and is essentially two one-person shows being presented simultaneously. Book, music and lyrics penned by Jason Robert Brown tells a story of unfulfilled expectations based on his own failed marriage.

Jamie Wellerstein (Daniel Cohoon), a budding novelist, relates his story in forward fashion, walking the audience through their five-year relationship from meeting to dissolution. At the same time, aspiring stage actress Cathy Hiatt (Darrienne Lissette) tells her version of the story in reverse order – from the end going back to the beginning. The two follow distinct individual career paths that pull them apart instead of allowing them to work as a couple. They talk but they don’t communicate. The result then was no surprise.

In the early 2000’s the show garnered numerous awards and accolades. The approach is different while the plot points are intimately familiar. Performed almost entirely in song, the show by some definition, could be categorized as light opera. What little dialogue is present is used to accentuate certain incidents rather than explain what is going on between the characters. In fact, except for one song where the timelines meet, the two do not interact – they perform separately.

Because it is almost continuous singing, both actors are stretched throughout the show. The taped accompaniment was kept at a level that each seemed to struggle vocally at times to rise above. This resulted, for me (and a few others in the audience overheard discussing at intermission), in increased volume which then lost clarity. I was unable to make out quite a few lines that just weren’t clear. They were, however, loud. Musically, the score was nice although the song lyrics provided little variety in type or tone. One doesn’t go out humming the score.

Both Cohoon and Lissette do have strong voices and often pushed them to voice-worthy pitch. For me, however, that doesn’t work so well in musical theater, especially when the story is told through the songs which makes catching the lyrics critical to the plot. Fortunately, the premise is stated in the program as I would not have been able to discern the two varying viewpoints without assistance.

Cohoon’s character of Jamie is given almost rock-star enthusiasm in contrast to Lissette’s more pragmatic approach. Jamie’s disillusionment over the five-year relationship is told in ways that make him sound whiny and self-absorbed (which Cathy alludes to in song). I felt that if both were presented with more sensitivity than power the impact would have been greater. Too, perhaps because the Skyway Playhouse has concrete walls, more careful modulation of amplification is required than of other theaters.

The bare-bones setting, designed by Director Eric Umali, provided no distractions which allowed all the focus to be placed on the two actors and their stories. Occasional projections on the blank flats offered generalized city background.

The Last Five Years runs Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. through September 10
Camarillo Skyway Playhouse
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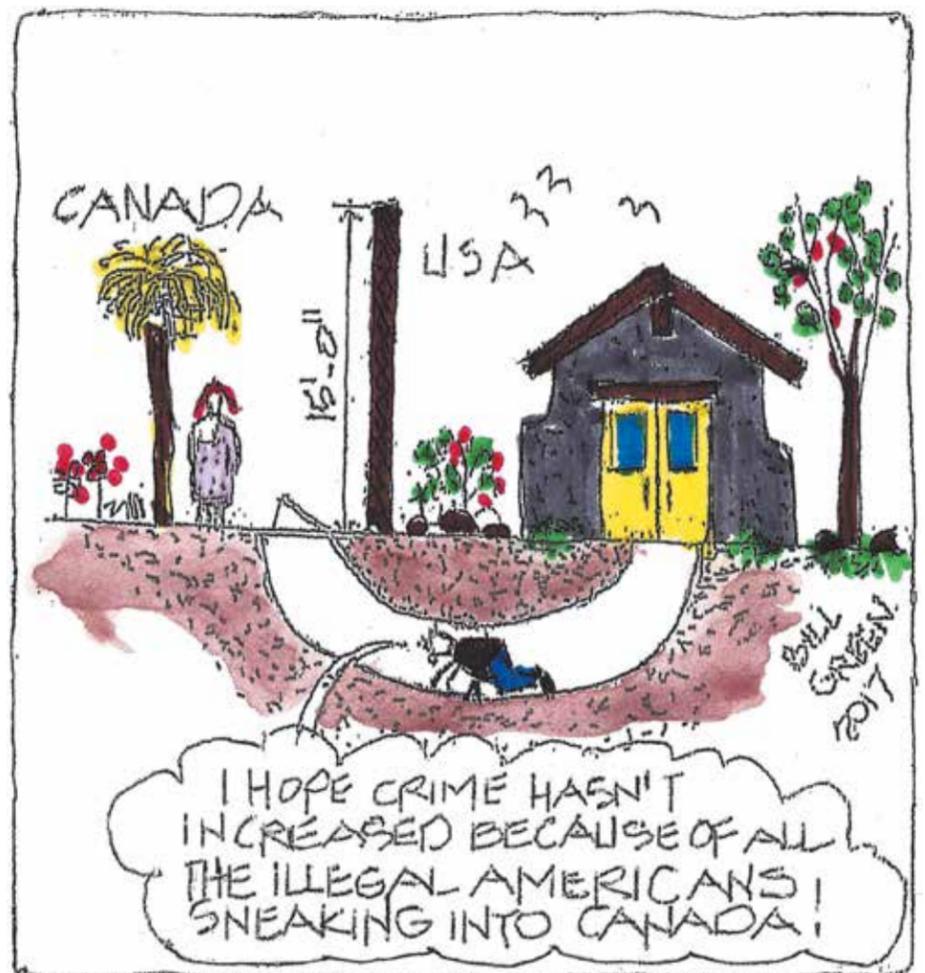
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Residents at Buena Ventura Mobile Home Estates are in a bitter dispute with management. Photo by Michael Gordon.

Disaffected seniors are fighting for their mobile homes

by Jared Brewer

For decades, mobile and manufactured homes have afforded those of advanced ages and fixed incomes a viable way to achieve homeownership at a considerably reduced price point.

Interested parties need only pay a monthly “space rent” to their parks on top of the price of their unit. And for the most part, owning a mobile home remains the cheaper alternative to paying a mortgage on a standard wood-framed home. In recent years, however, precipitous rent increases compounded by deteriorating tenant-management relations have left many—particularly seniors—feeling disheartened, distraught, and even desperate.

Take residents at Buena Ventura Mobile Home Estates who are currently embroiled in a bitter dispute with La Cumbre Management over the park’s new capitalization plan. The plan, which took effect July 1, has already initiated blanket rent increases. And while costs pertaining to capital improvements may be passed along pursuant to the city’s rent-control ordinance, these costs are distinguished from routine maintenance. The Mobile Home Rent Stabilization ordinance defines “capital improvements” as “...the addition, substantial repair or replacement of any improvement to a unit or property within the geographic boundaries of a mobile home park which materially adds to the value of the property and appreciably prolongs its useful life or adapts it to new uses...”

Some have contended that the new costs under the plan constitute maintenance, not capital improvements. In an op-ed to the VC Reporter, Buena Ventura resident Leo Lewis enumerated some of these costs, which included replacing the park’s electric golf cart, pool heater, and painting the shuffleboard and clubhouse structures. “Capitalization means items that are new or additional items to the park, or new construction,” said Lewis. “Why are the above maintenance items being charged off as capitalization? They are repairs or replacement items.”

Beyond Ventura, residents of the Ojai Valley Estates mobile home park are fighting a rent increase of \$588.83 per space per month for all but one of the park’s 90 spaces. They are scheduled to plead their case before the Ventura County Mobile Home Rent Review Board on August 24.

So why not just leave? The simple truth is that it’s not that simple. For most, relocating a unit is far too expensive—in most cases between \$2,000 and \$5,000 for shorter distances and upwards of \$8,000 when longer. And that’s only if a new spot can be found in the first place. “Most of us are living on small pensions,” said Jill Martinez, a retired Presbyterian minister with over 30 years of experience working in affordable housing. “And every \$100 increase devalues our units by \$10,000. We’re simply getting priced out of the market. There’s no place else for us to go. It’s

News survey

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Boid Goodman age 56 says he only gets other news when he hears about it, then he looks it up on his phone. “I think local events are fine.”

Alex Guertler age 54 gets all other news on his phone and says his wife can’t believe how many news apps he has. “I like the Breeze just the way it is.”

Barry Pillard age 66 also gets his news from the internet, telephone and word of mouth. “If they’ve got the space, fine. It would give people a chance to see what they might not see anywhere else.”

Danny Blanco age 46 gets other news from the internet – online news. “Of course! It’s very important, I was a political science major.”

Jack Doughty age 68 also reads the VC Star, the VC Reporter and Ventana. “Everybody’s getting news on their device and it changes every minute (shows me CNN on his phone). If it has a direct effect on Ventura then yes, it makes sense.”

This 'n' That

Melinda Escalante age 41 catches her other news on channel 3. “No, because if you want the extras, pick up the LA Times or watch another channel.”

Jim Molina age 58 also gets news from the internet, the VC Star and TV. “Probably a little bit, but I read the Breeze because it’s about what’s going on around here.”

Teresa Ramirez age 45 gets other news on the TV (15 minutes in the morning while she gets ready for work). “No, I like just our stuff.”

Kristy Campos age 30 also checks the Independent, an online news source. “No, I like the local news in the Breeze.”

Colleen Russell age 60 acquires other news from the VC Star and TV. “No, I like the local stuff, everything in there is light and breezy.” (gotta love this answer!)

Marshall Culver age 32 only reads the Breeze. “I think so, it’s always helpful.”

Edie Fowkes age 75 also reads the VC Star, the LA Times and the Wall Street Journal. “Well, for people that only read the Breeze – yes!”

And there you have it!

Tech Today with Ken May

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Backups are copies of your information stored somewhere other than on your computer or mobile device. The first step is deciding what you want to back up. There are two approaches: (1) backing up specific data that is important to you; or (2) backing up everything, including your entire operating system. If you are not sure what to back up or want to be extra careful, back up everything.

Second, you must decide how frequently to back up. Common options include hourly, daily, weekly, etc. Other solutions offer “continuous protection,” in which new or altered files back up immediately each time you save a document.

There are two ways to back up your data:

physical media or Cloud-based storage. If you are not sure which approach to use, you can use both at the same time. Physical media is devices you control, such as external USB drives or network devices. The advantage of using your own physical media is it is very quick. The disadvantage is if you become infected with malware, it can spread to your backups. Also, if you have a disaster, such as fire or theft, it can result in you losing not only your computer, but the backups as well.

Cloud-based solutions are online services that store your files on the Internet. An advantage of Cloud solutions is their simplicity--backups are often automatic and you can usually access your files from anywhere. Cloud backups can help you recover from malware infections, such as ransomware, as many Cloud solutions allow you to recover from pre-infected versions. The disadvantages are it can take a long time to back up or recover very large amounts of data.

Finally, don’t forget your mobile devices. Your mobile app configurations, recent photos, and system preferences may not be stored in the Cloud. By backing up your mobile device, not only do you preserve this information, but it is easier to transfer your data when you upgrade. An iPhone/iPad can back up automatically to Apple’s iCloud. Android, or other mobile devices depend on the manufacturer or service provider. In some cases, you may have to purchase an app for backups.

Backing up your data is only half the battle; you must be sure that you can recover it. Check periodically that your backups are working by retrieving a file and making sure it is the same as the original. Also, be sure to make a full system backup before a major upgrade (such as moving to a new computer or mobile device) or a major repair (like replacing a hard drive) and verify that it is restorable.

Person to Person

by Jennifer Tipton

What’s Your Favorite Thing at the Fair?



**Irene Vagi
age 52 with
daughter
Tatiana Vagi
age 28**

“The art and the animals, it’s different every year. You get to look at what people in your community are capable of, and of course those baby pigs!”



**Alexa Garner
age 30**

“The animals! All the animals! My best friend’s niece just won Grand Champion for her pig named Leo” (after Uncle Leo’s Little Red Barn?)



**Michael Reed
age 64**

“Besides the beer? I always like to look at the landscaping and it’s a tradition to ride the Ferris wheel – I love it! That’s why I come to the fair, to ride the Ferris wheel.”



**Shannon
Culligan age 58
with Jordyn Hill
age 23**

“Ventura Cattlemen’s Sorority! We have an event that’s all about the cows and horses, they are numbered from 0 – 9 and we must sort them in less than 60 seconds.” Shannon’s been doing this for seven years.



**Keith Moore age
42 with sons
Tyson 17 and
Taite 13**

“My favorite part is going home! Nah, people watching I guess and getting dressed up to go with my wife and family. This is about as dressed up as I get.”



**Byron Gin age
58 with Patty
Jenkins age 52**

“The fish tacos from Palapa, this is our second time! They are healthy, tasty, generous and easy to eat. We like to mix the hot and mild sauces. We also like the polish dogs and kettle corn.”