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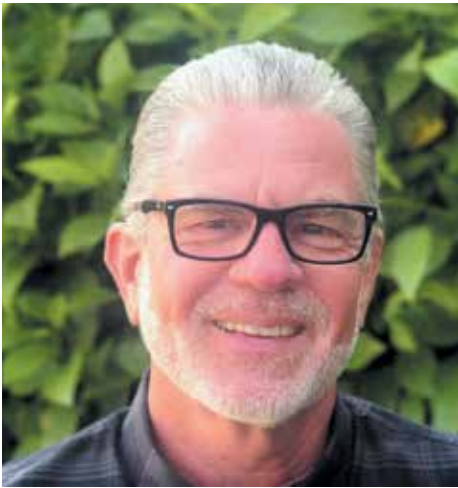
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Creswell is in the middle of his first dogfight.

New district superintendent: On settling in, board direction and contract battles

by Rebecca Wicks

David Creswell, the new superintendent of Ventura Unified School District has been in Ventura for less than three months. The Long Beach native is renting a house with an eye on buying, and has already gotten involved with the local botanical gardens and museum. He and his wife are by his accounts currently “eating their way across Ventura,” trying as many restaurants as they can. They are enjoying what most Venturans do here including surfing, biking and walks on the beach.

“It’s been fantastic, my wife and I thoroughly enjoy the community which has been incredibly welcoming,” said Creswell of his first few months in Ventura. “The reception has been amazing... the community is so involved, and there are so many opportunities to embrace what is going on here.”

On the work front, Creswell has visited most of the school campuses and is equally impressed with what he has witnessed.

“There is a great culture focused on students, and so many areas are already above par,” said Creswell who cited programs such as the district’s dual immersion and magnet programs that

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VMF brings the joy of music through unique education offerings. Photo by Michael Gordon.

VMF Children's Concert for VUSD

The Ventura Music Festival 2017 Children's Concert for VUSD featured two wonderful programs: Sneetches, with playful music and the delightful Dr. Seuss text, and Saint-Saens' fabulous Carnival of the Animals, accompanied by Ogden Nash's much-loved text. It was presented on Oct. 19 in the Ventura High School Auditorium.

VMF presented the versions developed for two pianos played by Jessie Chang and Bryan Verhoye of the San Diego Symphony. Lively narration was provided by the Festival's Artistic Director, Nuvi Mehta, acclaimed violinist, conductor and music educator known for his engaging lectures and programs.

The Ventura Music Festival was founded in 1994 in response to a need identified by the City for a cultural festival. VMF's mission is to bring diverse, world-class music to the community, provide opportunities for audiences and artists to come together and to enhance the joy of music through unique education offerings.

Educational outreach has been important from the beginning. The Festival's centerpiece program is Music in the Schools, developed to meet California State music curriculum requirements for third, fourth and fifth grades, and to foster a love of music while enhancing behavioral, social and academic learning. Nuvi Mehta presents this curriculum to up to 3,000 children annually in VUSD schools.

Breeze photographer Michael Gordon exclaimed “As the auditorium filled while waiting for the program to start I was delightfully warmed by the sounds of chatter of so many voices at

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Incident One



Incident Two

We congratulate our officers for their exceptional service

Sixteen Ventura Police Officers were recognized alongside officers throughout Ventura County at the 41st Peace Officers of Ventura County Law Enforcement Medal of Valor Awards Ceremony held on October 7 at the Ronald Reagan Library. The Medal of Valor is awarded to officers for extraordinary bravery, above and beyond the call of duty, where risk of life existed and the officer was aware of such risk.

Incident One: On December 17, 2015 at 8:30 in the morning the Ventura Police Department received a

911 call stating a female subject had been shot. There were limited details to the shooters whereabouts. Officers arrived on scene and immediately went into action. As dispatchers attempted to gather further information, a child could be heard crying in the background. As officers formulated a plan a female victim exited the residence. It was obvious that she had sustained multiple gunshot wounds. It was later determined that she had 18 wounds. As the victim exited the residence officers, without hesitation still not knowing the

whereabouts of the shooter, formed an immediate reaction team and went into rescue mode. Officers rescued the victim and immediately began first aid until medical personnel arrived on scene.

After the female victim had been rescued officers staged at the doorway of the residence. A male subject could be seen lying at the top of the stair case. He was later pronounced deceased. A child could be heard screaming from an unknown location within the apartment. The suspect's location was still unknown but officers made entry into the residence to render aid to the child in distress. The distressed child was unharmed. Officers rescued the child.

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October 28 • Food Share, Inc. Event

October 28 • Halloween Parent's Night Out

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October 31 • Halloween Family Fun Night at Pacific View Mall

November 1 • Urbane Cafe Fundraiser

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November 6 • Fall Youth Programs and Swim Lessons Begins

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November 15 • Urbane Cafe Fundraiser

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City News



Yolanda has been the Chief Building Official for three years.

Building and Safety has experienced an influx of projects

by Yolanda Bundy
Chief Building Official, City of Ventura

The Building and Safety Division is the City office that issues building permits for construction projects in Ventura, such as new housing developments, commercial structures, small residential remodeling projects, or the installation of solar panels on a commercial or residential structure. The permitting process embraces all aspects of building construction – life/safety, structural, plumbing, electrical and

mechanical – and is based upon the mandated state building codes, regulations and city ordinances.

In the past year, Building and Safety has experienced an influx of projects, ranging from large developments, to tenant improvements, to home remodeling projects. Currently our Building and Safety counter (room 117, City Hall) serves approximately 800 to 1200 walk-in customers each month. Some of the services that we provide include issuing building permits, answering building code questions, processing Public Records Requests and assisting architects, engineers, owner-builders and contractors with their building plans. We have processed an average of over 4,300 permit applications for the past two years and are on track to exceed a total of 4,500 permit applications that will have been processed by the end of 2017.

The number of plan checks received and reviewed is expected to exceed over 5,000 this year, topping last year's record number of 4,400 plan checks. Our inspection volume has increased tremendously over this past year as a result of the many projects and building activities in our community, with a steadily increasing monthly average of 1,200 per month. As a point of reference, our office was conducting an average of 600 monthly inspections just two years ago, so the increase in construction has had a definite impact on all aspects of our operations.

While this construction activity can be seen by all in the medical hub of Midtown, at the Harbor, in the housing projects on the east end, the commercial

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ The Public is Invited to meet Ventura Water's new General Manager **Kevin Brown** on Nov. 2, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli St. An opportunity to learn more about our water situation and plans for the future.

Lake Casitas, which supplies water to the Ojai Valley and parts of Ventura, dropped to 38% capacity recently. That's a little higher than this time last year, but not enough to get us out of our water shortage so drink gin and tonic instead of water (and bathe with a friend).

■ My radio show (and that of Ventura Breeze music writer Pam Baumgardner and others) on KPPQLP104.1FM can now be heard on computer, etc. even when you are in **Paris**. CAPS Radio, KPPQ 104.1 FM has joined CAPS Television (Channel 6 & 15) by streaming programming on the web 24x7. Station is a little difficult to pick up because it is low wattage but is very clear this way.

My show (13 so far) is on Mon., Wed. and Sat. at 10am and some other undisclosed times. CAPS is always looking for folks to start their own TV or radio show so go to CAPSMEDIA to find out more details. Not as intimidating as it seems and they teach you how to do it.

■ The City Council has ratified the re-appointments of City's representatives, **Suz Montgomery** and **Lori Harasta**, to the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Proud of them, both contributors to the Breeze.

■ Consortium Media + Public Relations has announced that **Lysa Urban** has joined them (see article in this issue). Lysa spent many years with the city. Wish her all the best in her new position (and keep sending us ads).

■ Ventura County's Treasurer-Tax Collector, Steven Hintz, has announced that his office has concluded negotiations with ACI/OPAY, the County's on-line and credit card processor that reduces the cost to taxpayers who use a credit card or an

electronic check to make payments to his office. The new rate for electronic checks is \$1.50, down from \$2.00. Now the question is where to spend the extra **50c**?

■ The **Ventura Unified School District** and its teacher and support staff unions could not come to an agreement on salary increases. Now a state mediator will be brought in to come up with a solution.

What I have never understood is where does the zillions of dollars brought in by the state lottery, and the school fees paid for every building permit in California go? Why do teachers still need to pay for some of their own classroom supplies?

■ In this issue we have an article regarding the state's mandate that Ventura must select council members by **council districts** and not at-large. Councilmember Christy Weir said "The council had little choice but to move to districts unless we want to spend a lot of taxpayer money fighting something we probably will lose." City Attorney Gregory Diaz stated the same thing at the recent council meeting.

Weir said moving to districts translated to people giving up rights, rather than gaining them. Instead of voting for all seven council members, now people would only get to vote for one council member every four years, she said.

Personally I am against all seven councilmembers having to live in seven different districts in Ventura. If acceptable to the state I think four by district and three at-large makes more sense.

We would not have some excellent councilmembers that would be excluded from the council because they live in what will become the same district. Some districts may not have qualified candidates that will end up on the City Council.

In September 2014, the City Council appointed a citizens Charter Review Committee and the charge to the Committee included reviewing district-based elections. This would need to be approved by Ventura's voting. It was determined at that time that other charter revisions were more important to be on the ballot which

were approved.

The direct voting for a mayor was also considered but not placed on the ballot. On page 23 we have some opinions regarding this, would love to hear yours.

■ Speaking of the City Council, I wish to thank Councilmember **Mike Tracy** for his kind words in congratulating the Ventura Breeze on our 10th anniversary at a recent City Council meeting. Always with his great sense of humor. Who would have thought that an ex-chief of police could be so funny.

■ **Trumpism** (I'm sorry I just can't help myself). Regarding Puerto Rico. "Only 16 have died (up to 50 and more coming). You are very lucky it could have been much worse." Puerto Rico father "My wife and two daughters died but I feel much better now knowing that it could have been much worse."

■ "Hypocrisy" you don't need to look it up, here it is.

Pennsylvania Republican anti-abortion congressman Tim Murphy had engaged in an extramarital affair. When he found out that she might be pregnant he told her to get an abortion.

He has previously stated "I am so proud the House passed this important bill to clearly stand for the dignity and value of all human life, both the born and the unborn. We will once again be a nation committed to honoring life from the moment of conception onward and ensuring American taxpayer dollars are never spent to end a life before it even begins."

I guess he thought it was okay because it was his dollars and not taxpayer's.

■ There is a fear of everything and a word to describe it. **Triskaidekaphobia** is fear or avoidance of the number 13. It is also a reason for the fear of Friday the 13th, called paraskevidekatriphobia or frigga-triskaidekaphobia. The term was used as early as in 1910 by Isador Coriat in Abnormal Psychology.

■ The public can report damage from **graffiti** by leaving a message on the City of Ventura's Graffiti Removal Hotline number at 654-7805.

Mailbox

Editor:

In this very confusing and hectic morning. The news coming from Las Vegas about major loss of life is heart breaking; as a result, the Ventura County Green Party Council would like to extend our love to victims and their family. We would like to remind everyone that mental illness is not an excuse for violence but if you know someone showing signs of instability, violent or not please seek help. National number 1-800-273-TALK

Local calls 211 to seek resources. And always 911 in a time of emergencies. Love and Peace from Ventura GP to all. Anthony Krzywicki

Sheldon:

Thank you Sheldon for a wonderful contribution to our community "THE VENTURA BREEZE"

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Sincerely,

Yolanda Bundy

Chief Building Official City of Ventura



Breeze:

Something that really bugs me is pedestrians completely ignoring the red "don't cross" signals that are downtown. Pedestrians ignoring them is the same as cars going through red lights. I assume that they are for safety but are actually very dangerous for pedestrians and drivers. Drivers making right

turns assuming there is no one in the crosswalk (see photo that I took) very dangerous and lots of yelling (and other things) at each other.

The city should either "remove" them or start writing tickets for breaking the law. Would bring in lots of money and keep people from doing this.

Thanks,
Sarah Blum

Ventura

Sarah:

An awful lot of cyclists out there ignoring traffic laws as well, to say nothing of motorists. I guess anarchy's a lot of fun until somebody gets seriously injured or killed. Who can say? Either way, it's often a chore to drive anywhere in our fair city.

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Business



Lynda Nabra, 2017 Trailblazer; Kathy Odell, WEV Board President; Marsha Bailey, WEV Founder and CEO honored by WEV. Photo by Theresa Gingras/Theresa Gingras Photography.

WEV honors Award Winners

Women's Economic Ventures (WEV) welcomed close to 400 guests and raised more than \$400,000 at their Empowerment is Priceless event held on October 10th at the Fess Parker Hotel in Santa Barbara. The non-profit's annual breakfast fundraiser recognized WEV's 2017 Trailblazer, Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year award winners.

Each year WEV presents the Trailblazer Award to a woman who is a pioneer in her industry. This year, WEV honored Lynda Nabra, the first female bank president in Santa Barbara and the current President of the Central Coast Region of Pacific Western Bank.

WEV's Business of the Year award honors a business owner who represents the clients the organization serves and recognizes the unique and inspiring nature of a business. Business of the Year award went to Claudia Cordova Papa, owner of Aqua Skin & Nail Care, a dedicated client who has utilized the WEV loan program and Thrive-in-Five business consulting.

WEV honored Hudson Institute of Coaching as Volunteer of the Year for their commitment and service to WEV. For more than 10 years Hudson has provided entrepreneurial coaching to push WEV clients to work at their peak capacity.

"Women's business ownership is about freedom and options, security -- and human

potential. It is about empowering women to dream big dreams, to act on a bigger stage, to become leaders," said Marsha Bailey, WEV's founder and CEO.

To learn more, visit www.wevonline.org



Lysa Urban joins local firm after working for the City of Ventura.

Urban will be fostering community relations

Consortium Media + Public Relations is pleased to announce that Lysa Urban has joined the Consortium Media team as a Public Relations Correspondent. In this role, Urban will be fostering community relations and facilitating public relations campaigns from strategy to implementation.

Urban comes to Consortium with ten years of experience at the City of Ventura, most recently as the City's Public Information Officer (PIO). During her tenure with the City of Ventura, Urban worked with the city's executive team handling media relations and public outreach, as well as performing key PIO duties during emergency operations center activations. Urban has a background in

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805 Gift Emporium had their official Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, October 12th. Owner Nancy Farrar, her dedicated staff, many friends, Chamber Members, and community supporters including Stephanie Caldwell President & CEO Ventura Chamber and Councilmember's Christy Weir and Mike Tracy joined her for this special occasion. Mike Tracy welcomed her on behalf of the City council.

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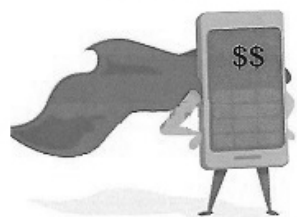


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City News

City Council districts are coming

The City of Ventura received a threat of a lawsuit relating to our current At-Large Election Process for selecting city council members from Attorney Robert Rubin which in part stated that our current method of electing city council members at-large does not conform to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and that city council elections must transition from the current “at large” method to “by district” in order to conform to CVRA requirements.

The State of California has also determined that the Ventura City Council does not represent the racial diversity in Ventura and that we need to elect our city council by districts.

The City of Ventura currently elects City Council members through an at-large election process, which means all voters elect all members of the City Council. Changing to district based elections will result in the City being divided into seven geographic districts,

each with one City Council member who resides in the district and is chosen only by the voters residing in that district.

City Attorney Gregory Diaz has instructed the City Council that to avoid a costly legal battle, that the city would probably lose Ventura should start the process to a voting system where its elected officials are seated based on where they live in Ventura.

“While a number of options are provided for the City Council’s consideration, transitioning to districts is the only one that clearly meets the requirements of the CVRA,” Diaz wrote in his staff report.

To protect the City and avoid significant legal costs the City Council adopted a resolution on October 16, 2017, declaring the City’s intent to transition to district based elections; the ordinance needs to be adopted by January 14, 2018 making district elections effective for the 2018 election.

Along with drawing new lines, the council must consider what to do with council members who find themselves living in the same district as is the case now.

The following meetings will be held to discuss the proposed new district voting.

Community Information Meeting:

Community Events

October 26, 6 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.

Public Hearings: November 6, 2017 at 6 p.m., December 4, 2017, at 6 p.m., December 11, 2017 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 501 Poli St.

For a complete list of key dates, administrative reports and frequently asked questions visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/districtelections. You may provide input via email at cityclerk@cityofventura.ca.gov. The City has created a short video that explains the district elections process at www.facebook.com/thecityofventura.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club Monday nights 7:30-9:45pm. Poinsettia Pavilion. Ballroom, swing, Latin and line dancing. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Dance lessons 6:45-7:15. \$5 for couple \$3 for single. Rick 415-8842 for more information.

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

Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. Instruction provided. Moose lodge, 10269 Telephone Road. More information at country-lovers.com.

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

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

Mended Hearts of Ventura meet the first Tuesday each month at the Community Memorial Hospital - 8th floor. We have excellent speakers - leading Cardiologists, Nutritionists, Dietitians, etc. from our area. Come share with us if you have had heart surgery or stent implant. Contact: Bill Garner 320-1601

DBSA Ventura County support group for depression and bipolar disorder meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. A free weekly peer-led support group meeting at the Encounter Bible Fellowship Church campus, upstairs, Room 426/428, 6950 Ralston St. 633-0736 for recorded information or visit www.DBSAlliance.org.

Oct. 25: The College Area Community Council will meet at 7 p.m. Richard Atmore will speak about the Rancho Ventura Conservation Trust, the home of Two Trees. Discussion of the move to city council election by districts. An officer from the VPD will be there. Wright Event Center at 57 Day adjacent to the Event Center. Call 644-8695 for more information.

Oct. 25: Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St., Wednesday from 4 - 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.

Oct. 26: Portuguese Fraternal Society of America Council #128, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday. This meeting is open to any person of Portuguese descent, or, interested in the Portuguese culture. Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse, at 11:30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. no host luncheon. For more information and reservation, Cora Corella at 483-6285.

Oct. 27: The Nature Conservancy is hosting a free bird walk at Ormond Beach to look for fall migrants passing through on their way south for the winter. The walk is about 1 1/2 miles and flat. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars. Friday, from 8-10 a.m. Ormond Beach bird walk, end of Arnold Rd. Amy at guideamy@gmail.com.

Oct. 27: Free 10th Annual All-saints, All-souls, and Halloween Fun for All the Family. Friday, from 6-9 p.m. Pizza at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Saintry Tricks & Treats, 7 p.m. Pumpkin Carving Contest, 8 p.m. “When the saints go marching in” Musical Chairs Game. Prizes and gifts. Servants of the Father of Mercy 1544 Morse Avenue, Suite A. RSVP with how many little souls and big souls attending Bro. Joseph 595-4175

Oct. 28: Ghosts of Santa Barbara and the Ojai Valley meet the author and book signing. Eerie Tales of the famous and infamous fill the pages of Evie Ybarra’s intriguing new book. Very Ventura Gift Shop & Gallery. Saturday, 12-2 p.m. 540. E. Main Street. Free. Contact Angela at 628-3540 for full details.

Oct. 28, 29, 31: “Houdini’s Secret Life” radio drama with Celeb Host Joe Mantegna. He reveals lesser known aspects of America’s first super hero. News Talk 1590 KVTa Saturday 28th at 5-9 p.m.; Sunday 29th at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Tuesday 31st at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The one hour, commercial free broadcast is presented by Every Now and Then Theatre and Conejo Players Theatre. Show benefits area foster children.

Nov. 4: Rona Barret book signing at the Bank of Books, 1 - 3 p.m., 748 East Main St. Hollywood’s Variety Magazine calls her “the lady who turned entertainment coverage into big biz.” She is the Founder and CEO of The Rona Barrett Foundation, the catalyst behind Santa Ynez Valley’s first affordable senior housing, the Golden Inn & Village.

Nov. 5: Poinsettia Pavilion 3451 Foothill Blvd. Sunday from 2-4 p.m. “Old Country Grass Band”.

Nov. 5: Open house at the Dudley Historic Museum. In addition to docent-led tours of the 1892 Dudley Historic House Museum from 1-4 p.m. Freddie the American Mini Horse will be in attendance for photos and buggy rides from 1:30 - 3 p.m. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood. For information please call 642-3345 or www.dudley-house.org.

Nov. 8: National Family Caregivers Month. The Ventura Parkinson’s Disease Support Group joins with many local and national Caregiver Support organizations in observance of National Family Caregivers Month and recognition of the challenges family caregivers face when their loved ones need Caregiving Around the Clock. See senior section for full details.

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Community Events

Ojai news and events

From over 80 submissions, “My Husband, the Dick” emerged as the winner of the second annual Ojai Film Festival Screenplay Competition. It is about a struggling mystery author who is writing a novel based on her fiancé detective’s big murder case. A live read of the entire script will be presented on Sunday, November 5 at 2 pm in the Ojai Art Center Gallery. Ojai director, Larry Swerdlow, will direct area actors for the table read.

On Sunday October 29th, Topa Mountain Winery will host the 10th Annual Concert Fundraiser for local nonprofit, Safety Harbor Kids (SHK) to support music education programs for orphans, foster and homeless children.

The event will be emceed by actor and radio personality, Hal Sparks and will feature Danny Seraphine of Chicago and Tommy Thayer of KISS, Tony Grant of AZ Yet and SHK Music Director Edward Roth on keys. Also performing will be American Idol top four finalist Jessica Meuse, Italian entertainer, Maria Elena

Infantino and a live Facebook broadcast by social media sensation singer Kirsten Collins.

The event will have door prizes, silent auction, food and drinks. SHK’s Personal Enrichment Programs teach essay writing, goal achievement, work ethic, music and art in a one on one format. Visit www.safetyharborkids.org for more information.

Daniel Champagne was described as ‘the finest guitar player of his generation.’ The young Australian born and Nashville based artist spent his early twenties touring the world with the likes of Ani DiFranco. Now with his fourth LP ‘Fault Lines’ set for release Daniel Champagne is on his most extensive tour yet.

Tickets are available at these Ojai locations for \$20: Ojai Creates, Serendipity Toys, Ojai Coffee Roasting Company, and Cardinali Brothers Music, or online for \$22 (www.ojaiconcertseries.com). Tickets will be \$25 at the door, kids 7 to 15 are \$10 at the door and youngsters on your lap are free.

News & Notes

Enjoy the last Sunday of Daylight Savings Time on the Horn Canyon Trail in the east end of the Ojai Valley with native plant guide Lanny Kaufer, observing and discussing nature and native plants. This slow-paced walk of about 1 mile round trip will take place on Sunday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The outing is suitable for hikers of all levels of ability who are capable of walking that distance and standing for periods of time.

Some native plants participants can expect to see include California Bay, Black Walnut, Yerba Santa, Black Sage, Coastal Sagebrush, Yucca, and Mugwort.

The cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors 62 years of age and up, and \$10 for students 13-18. Payment can be made by cash or check on the morning of the walk. Kids 5-12 can go free, one per adult, by prior arrangement. Toddlers must be in a carrier. No dogs or smoking, please.

To register visit www.HerbWalks.com or call 805-646-6281. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with all necessary info during the week before the event.

He recently reflected how blessed he was that he was at a point where could be his own man. Living with nature, the animals no one telling him what he had to do and how he had to live, and that he was able to do so on his terms, but life became difficult alone. His health had failed in the past year, where he could no longer fish and lifestyle and movement became limited, but he made sure his dog Baby was protected and cared for, even hindering his own medical care by not leaving Baby. He appeared tough, argumentative, rough, but was probably most sensitive, craving love of family.

Not everyone is aware, but locating and/or being the “Next of Kin” is not as simple as one would think. Bill’s sister has been his most constant family contact for communication, physically, emotionally and frequently financially throughout his adult life. She has been his primary contact with hospitalization, medical care and the one with ongoing phone communication with him. She was the obvious one to be contacted for notification of death.

However, in the case of the homeless, once the Coroner-Investigator learns there is a wife or child, then legally the appropriate individual then becomes the new Next of Kin - and a search for those people is initiated. There is no timeframe for when that search ends, and the deceased remains cannot be buried or cremated until the identified Next of Kin are located.

In this case, it took 2 weeks to locate a son. It was a team effort and the family is most grateful to Waleed Kilany of the Ventura Coroner’s Office for his kindness and effort.



Billy survived a lifetime of struggles.

Giving a face to the homeless: William Kimball - 1948 - 2017

William Michael Kimball, son of Eileen M Coogan Benesch and William Frances Kimball, was born in St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell NY on January 10, 1948. He was pre-deceased by his brothers Mark Kimball, and maternal grandmother Lena Kinne, both of whom he adored, and loving brother Richard Benesch and nephew Christopher Boisvert. Bill had one son, Marc Christopher Kimball.

Billy was independent, determined and survived a lifetime of struggles, in the elements and oftentimes against all odds. He loved working, and followed the career of one of his favorite uncle’s, Uncle Carlyle, as a mason. He worked on the oil rigs in Texas and Louisiana, and was a commercial fisherman for years out of Los Angeles, and was passionate about fishing. Bill also worked in various seafood restaurants in LA.

As he aged, he missed fishing and loved and remained in the fishing community. He loved living in Louisiana and talked about returning. He barely survived Katrina with his longtime companion, Gail Blassingame. His passions were living outdoors. Always loved his dogs, yearned for family, and once stated he could never live in a ‘Box’.



M.B. Hanrahan, Claire Villegas and Phil Taggart prepping for the ECTV 2017 Art Walk interview.

It’s always the right time to join the CAPS family

ECTV, the El Camino High School media program is in full swing with a slew of shows featuring artists, historians and local figures talking about important events and issues. Ventura’s Mayor for A Moment series where outstanding 5th graders are recognized by the City and the Ventura Unified School District launched this month with video profiles of the young Mayors for a Moment from Portola Elementary and Poinsettia Elementary with more to come. Spotlight on Business featuring unique businesses around Ventura is back in action as well. Watch for their interesting profiles to be featured at City Council meetings.

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News & Notes



Interface board members Terri McGray, Spencer Garrett, Tom Pecht and Kathy Hartley, and Interface Director of Fund Development and Marketing Catherine Kort are "Painting it Purple."

Preventing the effects of child abuse, neglect, abandonment

Interface Children & Family Services' volunteers armed with purple nail polish, are participating in dozens of scheduled and pop-up events in every major city of Ventura County and adjacent to support Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Month – their most public event was at ArtWalk Ventura. On display was Project Hope Healing Art Exhibit – a travelling display of artwork created by domestic violence survivors, their children and Interface advocates to highlight their journey and healing process.

Interface's west county regional advisory board co-lead by Ojai's Lavender Inn owner, Kathy Hartley, and Ventura County Credit Union CAO, Linda Rossi, are spearheading the effort with a highly energized small group of local professionals. The concept started last year and with little formal planning volunteers hosted 29 events reaching over 600 people.

In addition to ArtWalk Ventura, dozens of schools, businesses, non-profits and government leaders are participating including Foothill High School in Ventura, Kirby Auto Group at Ventura Auto Mall, St. Bonaventure High School, Ventura City Council and Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

With help from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals Woodland Hills, texting for help from 2-1-1 Ventura County, a program of Interface Children & Family Services, is available 24/7. Anyone can call 2-1-1, text 898211, or click 211ventura.org to be connected with information about all the health and human services available to them in Ventura County.

Founded in 1973, Interface works to prevent and heal the effects of child abuse, neglect and abandonment; domestic violence; family conflict and mental health issues. For more information please contact Interface Children & Family Services at 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Suite I, Camarillo or at 485.6114 or visit www.icfs.org.

Second Annual Haunted Housing Run/Walk

Cocina Sin Fronteras, the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura's (HACSB) associated resident services non-profit, is hosting its Second Annual Haunted Housing Run/Walk to raise funds for the HACSB's Scholarship Program. One

hundred percent of the race proceeds will benefit the HACSB Scholarship Program, which is entering its fourth year of providing support to low income families working toward educational goals.

The event will take place at the San Buenaventura State Beach on Saturday Oct. 28 and consists of a 5k, 10k, and a Kids 1k Fun Run. The course is flat, making it runner, walker, stroller, and pet friendly! Don your best costume and join in for an exciting run for a great cause!

Ventura Police Officer Jack Ortega and his K9, Miles, are the 2017 Grand Marshals.

All participants will receive a t-shirt, medal, and goody bag. Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers. There will be goodies, crafts, photos and more at the finish line. You don't want to miss it!

For more information and to register, visit www.hauntedhousingrun.com. Use coupon code "HHR20OFF" for 20% off all distances.



Pat established Family to Family to provide meals to needy families.

Family to Family to honor pioneer Pat McLean

Pioneer Pat McLean will be honored for her 35-years of service to Family To Family. Funders Leanne McSorley and Pat McLean initially established Family to Family to provide meals to needy families at Mission San Buenaventura in 1983. Today Family To Family is a nonprofit, nonsectarian, all volunteer organization that serves five meals weekly (48,000 meals annually) supported by faith communities and other organizations throughout the greater Ventura area. This must attend event is scheduled for Friday, October 27 at the Poinsettia Pavilion.

Family to Family is a unique collaboration of many churches, temples, clubs and friends coming together to serve the neediest of Ventura. Family to Family is a shining example of the community in action. Family To Family depends solely on gifts of food, time and monetary contributions from individuals, churches and organization. Each meal is prepared and served at 303 N. Ventura Ave., in the Catholic Charities Community Center Building, Suite G.

To learn more or make a reservation or if you are unable to attend and would like support to Family To Family please visit www.vcfamilytofamily.org.



Senior Living

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Treacy Villa has been serving Ventura County families since 1987.

Treacy Villa to hold 30th Anniversary Open House

Treacy Villa Residential Care Facility will hold an open house in celebration of the memory care facility's thirtieth anniversary and to honor its founder, Mr. Patrick Treacy, who will be the Guest of Honor at the three-hour long party. Free to local community members, medical providers and business people, the open house will take place on Friday, November 3, from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. at Treacy Villa, which is located at 3282 Loma Vista Road and Mills Road.

A food buffet will offer plenty to eat plus live entertainment and special

guests. Parking will be behind Treacy Villa with easy access from Mills Road.

Treacy Villa Residential Care Facility has been serving Ventura County families since 1987 when Patrick Treacy first opened the doors to his 49-bed home. Treacy Villa has provided a secure environment for its special memory care residents for the entire thirty years of its operation. In addition to memory care Treacy Villa also provides respite care, transitional care, and hospice care. Visit their web site for more information at www.TreacyVilla.com, or phone 644-1292.

November is National Family Caregivers Month

During National Family Caregivers Month, the Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group joins with the Caregiver Action Network and many local and national Caregiver Support organizations who recognize the challenges family caregivers face when their loved ones need Caregiving Around the Clock!

Everyone is welcome to join the Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group on Wednesday, November 8th from 1-3pm at the Lexington Assisted (5440 Ralston, Ventura) as we observe National Family Caregivers month. We hope to help raise awareness of family caregiver issues, celebrate the efforts of and educate family caregivers and also, hopefully increase support for family caregivers.

The value of the services family caregivers provide for "free," when caring for older adults, is estimated to be as high as \$375 billion a year. That is almost twice as much as is actually spent on homecare and nursing home services combined

(\$158 billion). Higher-hour caregivers are more likely to feel caregiving has had a negative impact on their health. (Stats from National Alliance for Caregiving and Evercare. March 2009 & AARP 2015).

A large and growing body of evidence reveals that providing care for a chronically sick person can have harmful physical, mental, and emotional consequences for the caregiver. In 2006, hospitalization of an elderly spouse was found to be associated with an increased risk of caregiver death. Elderly spousal caregivers (aged 66-96) who experience caregiving-related stress have a 63% higher mortality rate than non-caregivers of the same age. (Stats from Family Caregiver Alliance; Schulz, R. & Beach, S. (1999). Caregiving as a risk factor for mortality: The Caregiver Health Effects Study, JAMA, 282: 2215-2219; Christakis, N.A. & Allison, P.D. (2006). Mortality after the hospitalization of a spouse. New England Journal of Medicine, 354: 719-730.)

All area Parkinson's Support Group members and their Care-Partners/ Caregivers and those who are in the Caregiving field who would like to add their information to the 'resource table' of handouts, are welcome to join the Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group to learn and discuss the challenges family caregivers face and how to manage them day and night.

Speakers will be Courtney M Darrough, Program Manager of "Caregivers - Volunteers Assisting the Elderly";

Katherine Lamb Mays, Manager, and John Macias, Director, of "Livingston CareGivers"; and Samantha Carnell, MSW Care Coordinator of "Wellness & Caregiver Center of Ventura County".

Thanks to the generosity of the Lexington Assisted meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month (except December). There is a drop-off/ loading and unloading driveway in the front of the building. Extra parking is graciously available across the street from the Lexington in the Baptist Church parking lot.

Please check in at the front desk for directions to the 3rd floor and sign-in at the meeting. For more information please call Patty at 766-6070. They are an independent and volunteer-organized group not affiliated with or a part of any other organization or group.

Senior Song Circle

Nov. 14 (2nd Tues. of each month), 1:30 - 4 p.m., and Nov. 28 (4th Tues. of each month), at SCAN Health and Wellness Center, 6633 Telephone Rd., Ste., 100, led by Marty Capsuto. Center is for those 55+ and guests, so Marty will guest sponsor all Songmakers under 55. Located three blocks east of Ventura County Gov't Center, corner of Partridge & Telephone. Plenty of parking behind building. For more information, contact Marty at 658-0365 or mcapsuto@scan-healthplan.com

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Senior Living



Stacie Dawes has been working with seniors for over 18 years.

Pacifica Senior Living announces new Executive Director

Pacifica Companies, a senior living operator with 70 communities throughout the United States, has announced a new Executive Director. The company named Stacie Dawes as Executive Director of its luxury Assisted Living and Memory Care community in Oxnard. Dawes, a licensed psychotherapist specializing in senior care for over 18 years, was the Community Relations Director for the Northridge, CA community prior. Pacifica Senior Living, Oxnard is currently under construction, is located at 2211 E. Gonzales Road, Oxnard.

Stacie has been working with seniors for over 18 years. She began her rewarding career as a licensed psychotherapist of her own private practice helping senior with aging challenges as well as guiding families transition their loved ones into assisted living and memory care communities. Stacie has worked with the Pacifica family since 2012 and loves working with seniors.

She states, "It's a gift having the opportunity to meet and gain knowledge from listening to their history. I obtain simple words of wisdom through hearing their life stories."

She is proud to offer families more senior living care options, and the peace of mind that comes with the high quality standards that sets Pacifica apart. Stacie and her husband Jeffrey have been married for 21 years and are the parents of two adult children who are both attending University of Oregon.

Pacifica Senior Living and Memory Care, a 74-unit community slated to open Late 2017 is now Pre-Leasing. Featuring a range of lifestyle options from luxury, resort-style living to personalized care when you need it, they will provide services for assisted living and memory care residents.

Are you ready for open enrollment?

by Bill Decker
American Legacy Solutions

As open enrollment approaches for Medicare recipients, here are a few ideas that may help you get the most from the

options available to you this year. As you know if you have been dealing with Medicare for any amount of time you are familiar with how Medicare has updates and even changes from year to year. Those changes can range from your premium for part B going up to the deductible for part A, B or D changing. So, let's see if we can make this a bit easier for you this year.

As you probably already know the two ways to most people work with Medicare is to customize their coverage with supplement Plan (F, G, N or similar and a PDP plan for prescriptions). During this open enrollment period, you just need to check your prescriptions and your plans formulary to see if there are any changes for the upcoming year. What you are looking for is to see if your prescriptions are in the same tier as this year and if your co pays have gone up. If you don't like your results you can shop your part D plan to find one that fits your needs better. Medicare.gov can be a big help with that or call your local independent insurance representative to help you find the best choice for your needs.

Now if you have chosen the Part C or the Advantage way of working Medicare you might have some more work to do however the extra effort that you put in could pay you dividends for the upcoming year.

Step 1 Make sure your favorite Doctors are staying in your plan. As the health care industry continues to evolve physicians are being forced to make hard decisions about the plans they accept. Have you ever had a doctor stop taking a certain plan? Usually they will let you know, however just to be on the safe side just confirm that you are good for the upcoming year.

Step 2 The prescription check, Over the last several years there seems to be more and more changes in this part of plans, confirm your formulary with next year's plan and if you are a person that deals with the Donut hole (you know who you are) confirm what type of coverage you will have during that period so you can get an idea of what your cost are going to be.

Step 3 Since most advantage plans are managed care plans, companies are also trying to sweeten the deal to get you to come with them. This is where you might find the extra goodies like dental coverage, vision coverage, hearing aids, over the counter discounts and even gym memberships and transportation to doctor visits. Ask yourself what is important before you get to excited with all those freebies or extras because sometimes they tend to come at a cost. Please make sure to check the Star rating of a plan when you see all the extras. Star Ratings are updated every year and tend to show the satisfaction from other members to the specific plan. Lower star rating can mean lower reimbursement form Medicare and make approvals for service and referrals more difficult. Higher star ratings do tend to show overall member satisfaction in plans and now better reimbursement. Really what that means for you is referrals and services tend to be handled faster. If plans have higher star ratings and are offering some extra benefits you might have found something special.

So, to summarize and keep this simple check your Doctor is staying with your plan, confirm your prescription cost, see if there may be extra services from plans that meet step 1 and 2 to your satisfaction. Good luck

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Senior Living



Mary Edwards rides the mechanical bull at age 87. Yee-haw!

Cypress Place resident still a country girl at heart

Cypress Place Senior Living memory care residents visited Prancer’s Pumpkin Village in Ventura on October 18 for pumpkin picking, hay rides, a petting zoo, and an exciting ride on a mechanical bull.

The seniors reside in the “Generations” Memory Care community at Cypress Place, a specially designed area for residents with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia.

One of the residents, 87-year-old Mary Edwards, grew up on a farm and loved all the animals in the petting zoo. She also quickly volunteered to ride the mechanical bull. Based on the smile on her face it was clear that while you can take the girl out of the country, you can’t take the country out of the girl.

In addition to offering an active, nurturing environment for residents with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia, the senior community also offers an ongoing Alzheimer’s & Dementia Caregivers Support Group for family members. The support group meetings are held from 9:30a.m. to 11a.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura.

The support group meetings are free and open to the public and are led by Norma Featherston, R.N., M.S., Gerontology. Featherston is a geriatric

care consultant with New Hope Senior Services. She formerly worked for the Alzheimer’s Association. Seating for the support group is limited so please call to reserve a seat.

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Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information, please call 650-8000, or visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.

Free community education classes and events

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

Social Services/Bereavement Groups

Ojai: Caregiver Support Group Monday, November 6th and 20th from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Continuous Care Center, Fireside Room, 1306 Maricopa Hwy, Ojai (behind Ojai Valley Community Hospital). For more information call 633-9056.

Ojai: Adult Bereavement Support Group Tuesdays, November 14th and 28th (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) 10:30 am-noon at Help of Ojai, West Campus 370 Baldwin Rd., Ojai. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge.

Oxnard: Adult Bereavement Support Group on Mondays, November 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 3:00-4:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 850 Ivywood Dr., Oxnard. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge.

Ventura: Adult Bereavement Support Group Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30-8:00 pm at

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Senior Living

Senior Song Circle

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month), 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Like to play acoustic music? Songmakers.org welcomes all lovers of acoustic music—instrumentalists, singers, and singer/songwriters of all levels—to join in a free song circle at the Bell Arts Factory Community Room, 432 N. Ventura Ave. Listeners welcome! Information: Mike Wittlin, 750-8281



The Channel Islands YMCA is proud to announce that Robert J. Coles has joined its Board of Directors as the Board Chair. His term began in June, 2017 and runs through May, 2019.

Mr. Coles is the President of RJC, Inc., an architectural design and construction management company. Coles has a Bachelor's of Architecture from California State Polytechnic University-Pomona, has been practicing architecture since 1985.

"We welcome Robert to his new role with CIYMCA Board," said Sal Cisneros, President and CEO of the Channel Islands YMCA. "He has been serving on the association board since 2006 and chaired the Risk Management & Facilities Committee from 2007 to 2015. We are excited to move forward under his leadership."

Free community education classes

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English 4:00-5:00 pm and Spanish 5:30-6:30 pm at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association offices, in the Community Room at 1996 Eastman Avenue, Suite 109 in Ventura. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care.

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Art by Dawn Reily



Ventura High graduate 24-year old Nadine Jensen recently became a full time professional ballet dancer with the New Mexico Ballet Company. She stated "They offered me my first professional contract, and I was excited beyond words given it has been my life's ambition to become a professional ballerina."

After Ventura High she attended Loyola Marymount University graduating at the age of 20 with a degree in English with an emphasis in writing. In addition to this she had an additional 30 hours of ballet a week at a separate Russian ballet school in Los Angeles.

She also attended the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow, known to be one of the very best ballet schools in the world.



News & Notes



Enrollment at Pacific is 150-200.

Ventura Unified School District high school countdown!

by Jennifer Tipton

Pacific High School.

Originally Mar Vista, the school's name was changed to Pacific in 1990. Located at 501 College Drive, Pacific High School offers grades 9-12 and is based on a philosophy of individual accountability and responsibility, coupled with a commitment to maintain an atmosphere where students can feel secure, accepted, and challenged. According to Principal Diedre Monarres, "we cater to the students who have not been successful in the larger, traditional academic setting."

Enrollment at Pacific is 150-200, student population fluctuates more than at the traditional high schools because students from other high schools that are credit deficient may come to Pacific to get caught up and then return to their own school or chose to stay and graduate from Pacific.

School hours are 8:10-12:42 with a lunch break of 18 minutes.

After 12:42, students have the opportunity to attend an after school program, do credit recovery or get a job. I'm told there is no traditional homework, only credit recovery and another unique feature is onsite daycare (First Steps Center). Principal Monarres tells me, "there is a lot of flexibility and opportunity here."

Pacific High offers students the chance to acquire "21st Century Skills" (critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity), all needed to be successful in a workplace or college.

The school mascot is the shark and although Pacific does not have a competitive athletics program, the students do compete in small events with other continuation high schools such as flag football and basketball

with soccer on the horizon.

Pacific utilizes "PLAYA" which is project, learning and youth activities, a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period to investigate and respond to a complex question, problem or challenge. It is believed that this exemplifies the school's commitment to providing a different, more engaging learning curriculum.

The climate at Pacific High is designed to foster a sense of community and provide students with personal recognition and academic success in a structured yet flexible setting.

Successful alumni include Sam Cicero, a stand out graduate currently working in the music industry, playing and arranging concerts at the Ventura Theater, Jonathan Pu'u who now owns his own martial arts studio, Gillian Gilbert who went on to get her BA and Masters and is now a counselor at public schools and Dr. Trudy Arriaga who helped start the Hope Center (the school's counseling center), bus transportation and the First Steps Center.

Principal Monarres shares, "Pacific is a gem of Ventura Unified!"

For more information visit venturausd.org/pacific.



Ted Rose and his dog Lincoln found this painted rock at Arroyo Verde Park on Saturday October 14. They hid the rock at the Ventura Harbor. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/venturabreeze/> to follow along.



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On Oct. 14 a Court of Honor was held at the Museum of Ventura County for Devin Kress and Joseph Emmerich both six year Boy Scouts with Troop 119. They were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at the ceremony. Each boy completed the required amount of merit badges and in addition to merit badges, both boys completed Eagle community service projects, both for the museum. In 2015, Devin completed work on the exhibit's Chumash "ap" and Joseph fabricated six custom made wood benches. The Ventura High Jazz Quartet provided great jazz with Devin on bass. Devin's proud mom Ana is the assistant to the Ventura Breeze publisher.

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The Pet Page



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■ The Herman Bennett Foundation is having their 4th Annual “Haunted Dinner, Magic, and Dancing” at the Bard Mansion October 28, from 6:00 pm - 10:00pm.

This fundraiser is to support these dog programs:

Help Military Dogs with their medical needs when they return from service
Ventura Police K-9 Unit (not paid for by the City)
Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) Camarillo Shelter, a “No Kill” shelter
Vouchers for Low income families Spay/Neuter (cats & dogs) & Feral cats
Support of Animal Rescue Groups

This exclusive fundraising event has grown in both popularity and exposure over the past 3 years.

The event is held at the Historic Bard Mansion on the Port Hueneme Naval Base. It includes a formal sit down dinner, wine and beverages, Magician Bob Bolivar, Ghost Hunters Richard & Debbie Senate, live music by CosoLive, laughs provided by comedian Jason Love, a charity raffle and so much more!

Tickets are \$140 each, 6 or more tickets are only \$100 each.

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■ Many humans aren’t aware of the Halloween dangers to their loving pets. All that candy might be lethal for pet dogs and cats. They can’t metabolize

candy like humans.

Chocolates contain caffeine and a compound called theobromine, which can be toxic in certain doses to both dogs and cats. Cats (poor things) can’t taste sweet so aren’t necessarily as drawn to chocolate as dogs. Theobromine is more concentrated in darker chocolates so that type is particularly bad.

Symptoms of eating chocolate are vomiting, diarrhea, trembling and hyperactivity.

Xylitol, a sugar substitute found in some sugarless gums and candies can cause hypoglycemia, seizures and even liver failure in dogs. Symptoms of xylitol poisoning can include vomiting, weakness and lack of coordination.

It important to keep candy secured in a location above the animal’s reach and make sure they aren’t there when you spread it out all over the floor.

Wrappers can also be a problem for pets, especially for cats that love to play with them

Many pet stores stock up on safe seasonal and Halloween treats so check them out.

■ **A tribute to Mom Cat, by Cappi Patterson**

My precious little feral whom I fed for 10 years ... she walked down the block with me at night to her feeding place ... meowing and holding her tail straight up as she pranced along.

Mom Cat was killed by a hit and run driver.

Rest in Peace, Mom Cat. You were very loved.

■ There have now been a total of 7 SDF (National Disaster Search Dog Foundation) trained Search Teams deployed to

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



Happy 10th anniversary from Pismo. I was a Scampclub member in 2010 and here I am again, looking just as handsome. I’m a 10-year-old year old German Shepherd and I live in Ventura. My very favorite thing is playing Frisbee.

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Mexico City for the earthquake that struck the region and another 5 SDF Teams in Puerto Rico to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.

The two- and four-legged rescuers that have deployed to help them are well-trained and prepared for whatever they may face. We wish them luck in their rescue operations and know that these teams will do all that they can to help those in need.

■ Lung cancer is the biggest cause of cancer death in New Zealand largely because it is often detected late, but now Waikato University researchers believe dogs could be the key to saving lives (just another wonderful thing that dogs can do).

Dr Tim Edwards and his team are training pet dogs, including his own dog Tui, to sniff breath and saliva samples from the Waikato District Health board’s respiratory clinic.

“We will bring those breath and saliva samples into the lab and will have the dogs here evaluate those samples and see if they can tell us which ones are cancer positive and which ones are cancer negative,” stated Dr. Edwards.

Sensitive snouts are a well-known weapon in biosecurity, rescue operations and bomb detection.

And studies even suggest dogs may be able to sniff out even the lowest concentrations of aromatic compounds that come from tumors.

Here the focus will be on people with suspected lung cancer - one of New Zealand’s biggest killers.

“When the dogs sniff they are breaking an infrared beam and if they don’t like what’s in there, if it’s negative, they activate this switch which goes to the next sample, and if their nose stays in and breaks the beam for long enough it’s considered a positive sample and it’s treat time,” Dr Edwards said.

“The promise this technology brings is quick and cheap cancer detection solutions.”

Dr Edwards says one of the first things people ask him is what are the dogs smelling.

“They’re probably actually smelling a whole bouquet of compounds, and each dog’s definition is likely to be a bit different.”

He is using a range of pet dogs. “It’s not about the breed, as all dogs have ridiculously sensitive olfaction. It’s about their temperament and willingness to work,” he said.

■ It’s pit bull awareness day! If you own a Pit Bull type dog (or mix) bring them to either the Camarillo Animal Shelter or Simi Valley Animal Shelter on Saturday, October 28th, for a free Microchip Implant! Just make sure you have your Driver’s License (or similar form of ID) . 1-4pm.



“Walking of the dogs on the Promenade” by Murray Robertson.

The Pet Page

LostCatVentura.com and LostDogVentura.com are free resources for finding lost pets in Ventura County, and where you can post a notice to find your lost pet.

Forever home wanted



Hi: After being adopted by a wonderful family at the beginning of summer, Athena was returned to Ventura County Animal Services this month after her family faced a health crisis that will prevent them from caring for her the way she deserves. Athena loved to jump in the lap of the daughter and would fall asleep as her belly was being rubbed. Athena is an ideal house rabbit and deserves a new, permanent home. VCAS at 600 Aviation Drive in Camarillo and ask for ID #A643427.



“Now that I have herded these wild animals at the Highland Games I can take a nap.”

News & Notes



Over thirty conference-goers took a lunch excursion to the Ventura Botanical Gardens.

Three Ventura clubs join forces to sponsor Rotary Plaza at Ventura Botanical Gardens

Recently the City of Ventura hosted representatives from 73 Rotary clubs in the organization’s Central California district. Ventura’s three clubs are part of Central coast.

“It was a great opportunity to showcase Ventura as a place for business and pleasure”, said Mario De La Piedra, the event organizer and Past President of Downtown Rotary.

Under sunny, clear skies, over thirty conference-goers took a lunch excursion to Ventura Botanical Gardens above City Hall. Bruce McGee, past President of Ventura East Rotary Club, arranged the trip.

“We wanted to share the unique joint investment our three Ventura clubs are making in the Gardens, a spectacular viewpoint to be called Rotary Plaza. It is situated at the heart of VBG, where the trail crosses Summit Drive. Rotary parks dot 200 towns across the U.S., but we have none in Ventura. We wanted to deliver something of lasting impact to the community and we knew this was the right project for us.”

Visitors learned about Rotary’s values, history, global and local projects, and membership information via the mobile app that VBG is installing.

Bruce added, “Rotary Plaza is our public endorsement of Ventura Botanical Gardens, a decades-long project that has the power to transform our city. This world-class destination in the making for Ventura County is expected to bring millions in new



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tourist revenue for hotels, restaurants, and other services. We are proud to be among their first large investors, raising \$250,000 to build Rotary Plaza. We are past the halfway mark and are looking for additional Rotarians or other donors who believe in this legacy project. Groundbreaking for Rotary Plaza is anticipated next spring with completion by year end 2018.”



Kettle season is just one of the many ways the Salvation Army serves the community.

Kettle Kick-off time!

The Salvation Army of Ventura County invites you to the Kettle Kick-off Holiday Gala Dinner Buffet and

Dancing! Music and Dancing with the Barrelhouse Wailers at the Pierpont Inn, 550 Sanjon Rd, Ventura.

Saturday, December 9, Cocktails 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Dinner and Dancing 6:30 – 11:00 PM

Table of 8 \$350.00. Table of 10 \$400.00

Individuals tickets \$50.00

Visit salar.my/kettlekickoff to purchase tickets online.

Kettle season will be opportunity to support The Salvation Army programs. All funds raised during the annual Red Kettle campaign helps provide food ,shelter for needy county families, restocking food pantries, and supports Salvation Army social services and youth programs throughout the year.

The goal for this kettle season is to have 25% more volunteers than last year. They encouraged groups, such as churches and civic organizations, to join in.

The Salvation Army believes that kettles located at local business will add to their customers experience by spreading holiday cheer and warm wishes to all.

The Angel Tree program is different from other holiday assistance programs

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News and Notes



Ventura County Community College District Vice Chancellor of Educational Services Rick Post, VCCCD Chancellor Greg Gillespie, 26th District of California Congressman Julia Brownley, and VCCCD Vice Chair Arturo Hernández at Student Veteran Expo.

Ventura College helping our veterans

Twenty-sixth District of California Congressman Julia Brownley, member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ranking member of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health, recently joined Ventura County Community College District Chancellor Greg Gillespie, VCCCD Board Vice Chair Arturo Hernández, and Ventura College President David Keebler for the Ventura County Student Veteran Expo held at Ventura College.

The event was hosted by Ventura College and the California Transition Assistance Program (CalTap), Veterans Services Division, CalVet.

For more information on the organizations that participated in the Ventura County Student Veteran Expo, please contact Ventura College Veterans Resource Center Program Advisor Bruce McFadden at 289-6060 or bmcfadden@vcccd.edu.

In an effort to improve the college-going rate among veterans and active duty military in Ventura County, the Ventura College Foundation is helping Ventura College students who are U.S. veteran and U.S. active duty military offset the cost of tuition through the William and Helen Scarpino Veterans Promise Program. For the 2017/2018 academic year, the William and Helen Scarpino Veterans Promise Program will award approximately \$1,200 to 16 veterans. Applications are accepted until Oct. 31.

Designed to eliminate economic barriers to higher education, the Promise grant encourages students to further their education and reach their academic goals.

In addition, the Veterans Resource Center at Ventura College offers a supportive environment and a welcoming campus culture for all veteran students.

For more information, contact Anne King at 289-6160 or aking@vcccd.edu, or visit www.venturacollege.edu/foundation.



Maggie Wells is a volunteer tutor for School on Wheels.

School on Wheels provides for homeless children

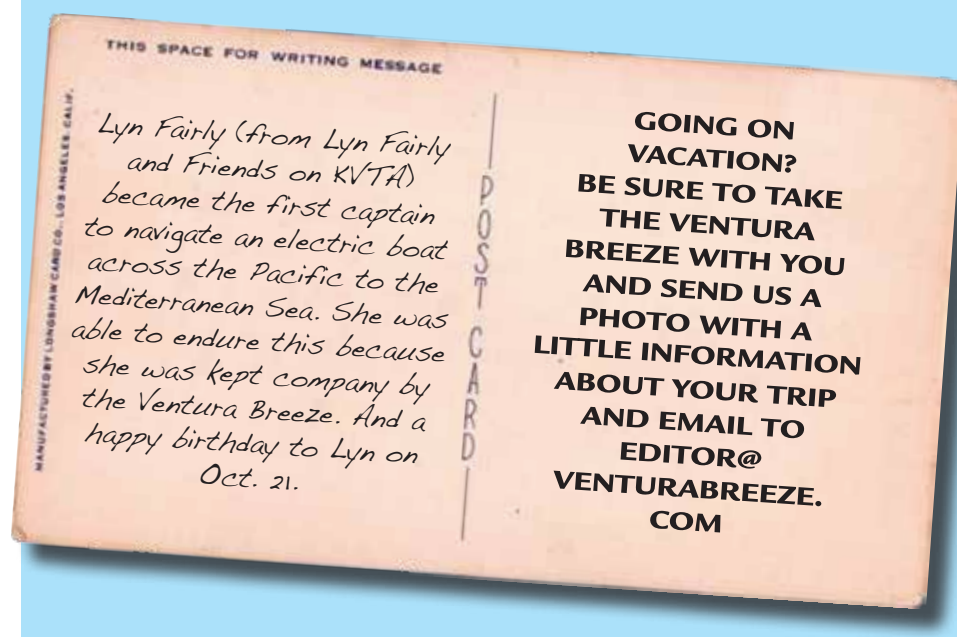
School on Wheels is a non-profit organization based in Southern California. Whose mission is to enhance the educational opportunities for homeless children living in shelters, motels, group foster homes, cars, or on the street. They do this by providing homeless children with one-on-one volunteer tutors, who work with them individually to improve their academic skills. The children and youth in their program are also provided with school supplies, reading materials, and are eligible for scholarship programs that allow them to participate in extracurricular activities they may not otherwise have access to. Each year they reach over 3,500 students across Southern California. This mission could not be achieved without volunteers like Maggie, who work tirelessly to encourage, educate, and motivate the children and youth in

our communities.

Every day, School on Wheels serves children who are eager to learn and succeed, but who may not have had the same resources and support as their peers. Education not only helps break cycles of poverty, but success in school can mean increased confidence for children on an individual level. Margaret speaks to these effects: "A year ago, Savannah had no reading skills. Whenever she came across a word she did not understand, instead of sounding it out, she looked up at me timidly. It made my heart cry out to sound it out for her. She had no confidence and when frustrated, tried all the tricks in the book to derail her hour of tutoring. Little by little, as I gained her confidence and found ways to make our time together appealing, this started to change. Now, I realize the value of tutoring."

"When I was in grade school, I was very behind in my reading. One day, a teacher embarrassed me in front of the class when I was asked to stand and read my own story and stumbled over words. My low confidence plummeted further. Fortunately, the next year I had a very kind teacher who took time with me and helped me to get back on track and on grade level. When I became a teacher, I vowed to be like the second teacher."

School on Wheels is always looking for positive role models like Maggie to work with students experiencing homelessness. If you have an hour or more a week to spare and have a love of learning you can make a difference in the life of a kid today, visit www.schoolonwheels.org/volunteer/ to find out more and apply online.



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.

Vandalism Arrest

On October 10, at approximately 10am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of vandalism in progress at Grant Park, 699 Brakey Rd. The caller reported the suspect was using spray-paint, and spraying black paint on several rock walls and fire hydrants. The suspect, later identified as 19 year old Ventura resident Gabriel Enriquez, was associated to a vehicle that was parked nearby with several other subjects inside.

During the investigation, officers determined Enriquez had vandalized several different locations of Grant Park, which caused several hundred dollars of damage to city property. He was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony vandalism.

The other occupants inside the vehicle were cited for having open containers of alcohol and released.

Possession of Stolen Property, Narcotics Arrests

On October 11, at approximately 9am, an officer was patrolling the area of Dupont Ct. and Goodyear Ave., when he saw a parked vehicle with a female inside that he knew had several warrants for her arrest. The officer stopped and made contact with the female, who was a passenger in the vehicle, and the male driver, later identified as 35 year old vagrant Brandon Benard.

During a search of the vehicle, officers found a backpack that belonged to Benard. Inside the backpack officers found property that did not belong to Bernard or the wanted female. After further investigation, it was determined the property in the backpack had recently been taken during several vehicle burglaries in the sheriff department’s jurisdiction near the Faria area of the Pacific Coast Highway. Officers also determined that Benard was showing signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Benard was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for being in possession of stolen property and under the influence of a controlled substance. At the time of this arrest, Bernard was out on bail from a previous arrest for similar charges.

Several victims who had vehicles broken into early in the day were contacted and all of the stolen property was returned to them.

The 37-year-old female was arrested for several misdemeanor warrants and for being in possession of drug paraphernalia. A second 27-year-old male, who was contacted by officers in an associated motorhome that was parked nearby, was also arrested for several misdemeanor drug related charges.

Vehicle Pursuit and Arrest

On October 15 at 2:30pm, a Ventura police officer on patrol attempted to stop the suspect, later identified as 60 year old Ventura resident Natalie Bustillos, for a moving violation in the area of Main Street and Mills Road. The officer activated his emergency lights to initiate the traffic stop, but Bustillos failed to yield and drove east through the intersection against a red signal.

The officer initiated a pursuit as Bustillos proceeded to travel east on Main Street to Callens Road. Bustillos

conducted a U-turn at Callens Road and drove back to Mills Road where she turned and drove north towards the Pacific View Mall. Bustillos entered the PVM parking lot at a high rate of speed, almost striking several pedestrians.

=Bustillos stopped her vehicle in the parking lot and fled on foot into the Target store. Officers gave chase and were able to stop Bustillos just inside the storefront. Bustillos violently resisted officers as they attempted to take her into custody. Additional officers arrived on scene, and after a brief struggle, they were able to detain Bustillos.

Bustillo was placed under arrest and was transported to the Ventura County Jail where she was booked for felony evading a police officer, felony resisting a peace officer while causing injury and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance.

Criminal Conspiracy, Theft and Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On October 16, at approximately 6:30pm, Ventura Police officers responded to a theft of lottery tickets which had just occurred at the Seaward Shell convenience store located at 2099 Harbor Boulevard.

During the investigation, officers learned a female suspect had entered the store and reported a malfunctioning gas pump. When the attendant went to check the pump, a male suspect, later identified as 44 year old Ventura vagrant Cooper Adams, jumped the counter and took a large amount of California Lottery tickets. The suspects were last seen fleeing the area in a dark colored Toyota sedan with dealer paper plates. Later that evening, the same suspects committed a similar crime at the Arco AM/PM store located at 5699 Valentine Road.

On October 17m at approximately 12pm, a Ventura Police patrol officer observed a vehicle which matched the description of the above suspect vehicle in the area of Market Street and Palma Drive. An enforcement stop was conducted and Adams was taken into custody without incident. Officers learned the vehicle Adams was driving had been reported stolen from a rental car company in July. Adams was also found to be wanted for grand larceny in connection to a theft from a retail business that occurred in September.

Adams was placed under arrest and transported to the Ventura County Jail where he was booked for criminal conspiracy, shoplifting, possession of a stolen vehicle, grand theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Felon/Wanted Parolee in Possession of Loaded Firearm Arrest

On October 18, at approximately 1pm, VPD Gang and Street Crimes Unit detectives were attempting to locate 21 year old Ventura vagrant Peter Robledo, who was a wanted parolee. Officers had information that Robledo, who is a member of a criminal street gang, may have been in possession of a firearm.

Robledo had been on court ordered electronic monitoring when he cut off his GPS device during a domestic violence incident in Santa Barbara County a week ago.

Officers were observing the house of one of Robledo’s acquaintances when a detective saw him enter a vehicle as a passenger and leave the residence. Detectives and officers in marked patrol vehicles followed and conducted a high risk stop on the vehicle. The other passengers were briefly detained while Robledo was taken into custody. Robledo

was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun.

Robledo was transported to the Ventura County Jail where he was booked for being a felon in possession of a loaded firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, felony carrying a weapon in a vehicle, a local warrant, and a parole hold.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

10-04 10:25pm, while on patrol in the boat, officers observed a vessel engaged in lobster fishing with hoopnets placed in a closed area on the outside of the harbor breakwall. Contact was made and the fishermen were educated on local ordinances and state laws pertaining to lobster fishing.

10-05 7:45am, received a report of a large fishing vessel secured without permission from Dockmaster in the commercial docks. Officers responded and convinced the captain to move his vessel until a slip can be arranged for the boat. 8:55pm, while on patrol in the vehicle, officers observed a bon-fire near Surfers Knoll. A warning was issued for violation of state/local laws concerning beach fires and the bon-fire was extinguished, coals/logs exposed.

10-06 9:22pm, received a dispatch to a dispute in the homeless community, Riverhaven from FCC. Officers were unable to respond because the community is

out of the patrol’s response area and advised FCC.

10-07 8:20am, received a dispatch to a traumatic injury at the Surfers Knoll groin. Officers responded and assisted a surfer who collided with the rocks and suffered moderate injuries. He was released at the scene and self-transported to local hospital to seek treatment for the cuts and lacerations.

10-08 6:03pm, received a report of a disabled PWC in the sandtrap. Officers responded and took 2 persons onboard the patrol vessel and the disabled PWC en tow. All persons and vessel were released at the launch ramp.

10-10 5:30pm, received a report of a disabled commercial fishing trawler ½ mile outside the harbor with four persons onboard. Officers responded, took the large vessel en long tow, then side tow to the Harbor Village fuel dock.

10-15 8:10:40am, while contacting the captain of one of the fishing vessel purse seiners to inquire about wrapping their prop, officers intervened with two crew members who were in a verbal fight. The two were separated and calmed.

2:19pm, received a dispatch to a drowning near Surfers Knoll. Officers responded by vehicle and boat to the call with Ventura Fire, AMR, VPD and State Parks lifeguards. The patient was treated at the scene and transported to local hospital breathing but in critical condition.

10-16 11:56pm, while on patrol, officers warned several transients loitering in and around the Launch ramp restrooms. One transient was removed from the restrooms for using it as an abode.



On Oct. 17, at 7:25pm the Ventura City Fire Department responded to a structure in the 2100 block of Palomar Ave. Upon arrival firefighters found a detached garage fully involved in fire threatening homes immediately adjacent to the burning garage. The fire was extinguished 22 minutes after firefighters were dispatched to the scene.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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County Museum in the news

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workshops on Tuesdays, October 31, and November 7, 14, 21 from 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Director of Education and Outreach Megan Gately at mgately@venturamuseum.org 653-0323 ext. 310.

Coming events:

Dia de los Muertos Ofrendas: A Chicano Art Practice for Honoring our Loved Ones

Thursday, October 26, 6 – 7 p.m. | Free for members | \$5 for non-members

Special guest, Roberto Vargas will present the use of ofrendas (altars) .

Sunday, November 5, 11 a.m.– 4 p.m. | Free admission

A free family event celebrating Dia de los Muertos with music, art, dance and crafts. Performances include De Anza Academy Mariachi Ballet Folklorico de Bell Arts, Danza Mexica Cuautemoc and Ballet Folklorico Mestizo of Oxnard College. Displays will include traditional alters created by Buena High School, Carpinteria Public Library, De Anza Middle School and other local artists.

Saturday, November 11, 2 – 4 p.m. | Free for members | \$5 for non-members

The Chicano Moratorium, the massive mobilization in 1969 to raise awareness of the Vietnam War as a civil rights issue in the Chicano community, is the topic of a panel discussion.

Tuesday, November 14, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Free for members | \$5 for non-members

Ventura College professor and avid art collector, Tomás Sanchez, will be the featured speaker for the “Speaking Of Ventura County” lecture series. At Ventura College Santa Paula, Sanchez teaches World History, Western Civilization History, United States History and Chicano History. Light refreshments will be served.

Kettle Kick-off time!

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because a sponsor is able to feel a special connection with his/her “adopted” child. The sponsor receives the child’s first name and a personalized needs and wish list for the child. The wish list given to the sponsor Is thoughtfully prepared by the child’s parents so the sponsor knows that he/she is buying something the child needed.

Much of the support of Angel Tree comes from local businesses and organizations that adopt multiple angels as a way to give back to people in their community.

Whether you want to adopt 5 Angels or 50, this support makes Angel Tree possible. If you are interested in adopting Angels this Christmas, check back soon and make your angel tag request before the rush!

Contact Silvia Simoes, Lieutenant Corps Officer at (310) 308-0691 or silvia.simoes@usw.salvationarmy.org for more information.

Building and Safety

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l projects on South Victoria, new dealerships at the Auto Center and prominently along the Highway 101 corridor with Kaiser Permanente’s clinic in final construction activity, it is important to note that the planned and predicted population growth rate of .88% in the 2005 General Plan remains only at .45% population growth over the ten year period from 2006-2016, per Department of Finance data. This growth rate when applied to “predicted” development activity shows that the City is growing at 45% - residential, 27% - industrial, 22% - hotel, 17% - retail, 14% - office of the totals identified in the General Plan.

These percentages through end of 2016 account for all built and under construction, but also approved projects not yet issued building permits. The city is in year 12 of a 20-year General Plan projection period with the expectation in 2018 to commence a 3-year effort to formally update the General Plan, which will include significant community and City Council engagement to determine our land uses and community development for a new projection period.

Building and Safety is committed to continuing to work with all community members to ensure that each project is reviewed in a timely manner and that we provide the best possible customer service for our city.

New superintendent

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focus on language, leadership, science and technology. “What is already in place, what is already being offered,

it’s impressive.”

According to Creswell he is focused on two categories of activities. The first is to ascertain and manage Board of Education directives. The Board is currently accessing and prioritizing its objectives, which he expects will eventually number between three and five. These objectives are expected to drive where spending and programming will be directed.

The second area Creswell plans on working on is more personal in nature and revolves around the culture of the district. Creswell understands there is a divide between the district office and the sites, or schools, and believes there is an opportunity to work with district leadership to communicate and devise a way to all work together.

“We all know what we need to do, there is no question about that ... it’s how we are treating each other, how we conduct business that is important to me,” said Creswell. “I want to work to assess what we have, and then define where we’d like to be.”

Creswell’s initial relationship building abilities are now being put to the test . About 50 days into the job of superintendent Creswell is in the middle of his first dogfight. The district and the teacher and support staff unions have hit an impasse. The topic: salary increases. It has now been determined a third-party will be brought in to mediate the discussion. It’s not new territory for Creswell who downplays the severity of the entrance of an intermediary, which comes after more than 5 months of failed negotiation between the parties.

“Would we like to have it settled, of course, but this is simply the next step in a multistep process,” said Creswell who believes the discussion will sort itself out. “The issue is fairly straightforward, we can only use money that we have.”

The Ventura Unified Education Association and the Ventura Education Support Professionals Association, which represent teachers and staff members respectively, have asked for a one-time retroactive bonus for 2016-2017 of two percent of the employee’s current salary. This is in addition to a two percent salary increase for the 2017-2018 school year.

The reply, the district has offered a 2.25 percent retroactive increase for 2016-2017 and a one percent salary raise for 2017-2018. Both include a clause that negotiations could be restarted if specific events occur for example, if the district receives additional unrestricted revenues during a school year.

In a board meeting in early October, more than 175 teachers and support staff members were present to voice their support and need for the increases proposed by the unions. Many were upset the board did not seem willing to move further when it came to negotiations.

“The district and the community continually state education is important,” said a grade-school teacher who asked not to be named. “Now it’s time for the district to actually prove they believe this.”

Creswell remained positive and confident about the situation.

“We want everyone to remain calm and ultimately aim to treat everyone with dignity and respect,” said Creswell. “Working through

this process may be in the end, an opportunity to build the relationships and culture we need.”

Congradulate officers for service

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The suspect’s location was still unknown. Agencies throughout Southern California were searching for the suspect. The Ventura Police Department posted a picture of the suspect on the department’s Facebook page. A Ventura resident was vacationing in Mexico and came across the photo on social media. She was eating at a restaurant in Rosarito Beach and noticed the suspect was also at the restaurant. She called the Watch Commander to report identifying the suspect and detectives then worked with authorities at the border to apprehend the suspect. The suspect is now awaiting trial for murder and attempted murder.

Sergeant Anselmo, Detective Acquarelli, Officer Davy, Detective Corporal Marchetti, Officer Martinez, Officer Kasper, Detective Corporal Gilbert, Officer Fowler and Officer Brittle received the Medal of Valor for their service above and beyond the call of duty during this incident.

Incident Two: On June 29, 2016 two people were shot, one fatally on E. Main Street in Ventura. The shooter fled the area in a vehicle occupied by additional subjects. Officers responded to the shooting scene but three officers began patrolling the surrounding area and located the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle drove recklessly at speeds over 100 MPH through areas of heavy pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The suspect vehicle ultimately crashed into an orchard in east Ventura. The driver fled the vehicle leaving the three injured subjects in the vehicle. The vehicle caught on fire with the subjects trapped inside. At this time, officers were completely exposed to the suspect who had fled into the orchard, the weapons used were still outstanding and the subjects were wanted for murder. The officers made the choice to sacrifice their safety and rescue the occupants before they were engulfed in flames. Officers approached and rescued the occupants with the vehicle on fire. The driver, who tried to escape, was later apprehended in the orchard. The subjects are now awaiting trial for murder and attempted murder.

Corporal Knackstedt, Detective Conger, Detective Gutierrez, Officer Almaguer, Officer Dillard and Sergeant Medina were awarded the Medal of Merit for risking their own lives to save the occupants of the vehicle who otherwise would have been trapped in flames.

VMF Children’s Concert

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one time. After the program was in full swing, I wanted to take a few shots from an audience point of view and observed that while the kids were watching and fully absorbing the program there was a fascinating and movement of the audience in all directions from most every seat.”

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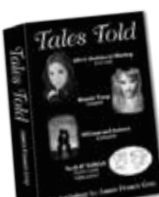


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News and Notes

Urban will be fostering

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advertising, communications and public relations, and has worked with Fortune 500 companies to develop and execute marketing campaigns through non-traditional media.
A graduate of UC Santa Barbara, Urban lives in Ventura and enjoys volunteering at FOOD Share, Project Understanding and other local non-profits as well as participating on the Women’s Economic Ventures (WEV) Community

Advisory Council.
“Lysa Urban is a very inspiring person to have join our team. Her highly regarded professional background helps her easily fit into our Consortium Media client success culture” says Denise Bean-White, Consortium Media President and CEO.
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Person to Person

by Jennifer Tipton

I asked six influential members of our community:
“Do you feel Ventura should elect our mayor rather than having one selected from an existing council member by the city council?”



**Jim Duran
Pastor and
Creator of City
Center**

We have a government that gives the power to the City Manager. This means that an elected Mayor would not have any more power than one currently has. Let’s just keep it how it is and allow the Council to appoint the Mayor of Ventura. Also, if we elect a Mayor we may miss out on excellent candidates for our City Council. If one loses the Mayor seat, you may not serve on council yet, their qualifications may be above and beyond others that ran for council.

district rather than all of the city’s 109,000 constituents. An elected mayor who can see and approach issues from the perspective of all residents will provide necessary balance to the election of other officials from narrower geographic areas.



**Barbara Hinton
Creator of
Chalk Art at the
Harbor**

It sounds as though things are going to change soon in terms of how the city council is elected, so if the citizenry wants to change how we elect our mayor, maybe now would be the time to do that. I believe it might make sense to have an elected mayor. Then the mayor would be accountable to the citizens for his or her decisions.



**Barbara Brown
President
Ventura
Botanical
Gardens**

Currently, our mayor is chosen by council members to represent them at events and sign documents. Our mayor’s vote is equal to other council member votes. Elected mayors usually have political/veto power and serve as chief executive, often in lieu of a city manager. Electing a mayor will change our system of governance, requiring retooling. Right now, the city has decidedly important issues that require compliance—including new districting policies, water and waste. I believe that now is not the time for this consideration.



**Suz Montgomery
Senior Advocate**

Yes, we do need to elect a Mayor, but with the caveat that we also have a strong City Manager who will work in tandem with the Mayor. Four eyes and four ears are better than two. (BTW, aren’t we the only city out of ten in the County who doesn’t?) Ventura is a Charter City, not General Law City, again, the only one in the County. Thanks for asking and frankly this issue needs more discussion too.



**Erik Nazarenko
Mayor of
Ventura**

The fact that Ventura is moving to geographic districts for its city council rather than at-large elections makes it even more important to elect the mayor citywide. An at-large election process for mayor, similar to Santa Barbara and Oxnard, will allow voters to select an individual with a broad vision for the entire city. While electing rather than appointing the mayor will require voter approval at the ballot, I believe Venturans will welcome this change, especially given the fact that council members will soon be representing approximately 16,000 residents per



**Matt LaVere
Attorney and
City Council
Member**

“If a majority of Venturans wanted a directly-elected Mayor, I would have no problem amending our Charter to achieve this. However, I think the current model works very well. Although all seven councilmembers have the same voting power, the council selects its own mayor. To become mayor, one must first earn the respect of all his or her colleagues. This is done through building bridges and working collaboratively towards a better Ventura. I believe the council has a strong track record in selecting its mayors.”

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by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

This issue marks my four-year anniversary writing for the Ventura Breeze Newspaper. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our publisher, Sheldon Brown, for supporting Ventura’s music scene, and yes, you can even spot him out taking in bands such as Equinox coming up at Squashed Grapes on Saturday, October 28. Live music really does make a difference in building a community and bettering its citizen’s quality of life and Sheldon helps to promote that.

With Halloween falling on a Tuesday this year, you’ll be able to celebrate longer as most venues will have their bigger soirees over the weekend with the following venues hosting their parties on Saturday, October 28: Discovery features “Dawn of the Dreads” with Arise Roots, Legalizer and Sliff Vision; Gigi’s has a special edition of Karaoke renaming it “Scaryoky; Grapes and Hops has the Brandon Ragan Project; Keynote Lounge offers the Unusual Suspects; Sans Souci has DJ Darko in the house; Time Bomb will be at the Star Lounge; DJ Nick Dean and the Black Hips will be at The Tavern; Sonic Boom with Paul Mars Black (LA Guns) at Vintura at the Wine Rack; and there’s a special “Mischief and Mayhem Halloween Ball” with the Barrelhouse Wailers at Wicked’s Brew.

Then to help keep the party going on Sunday, the good folks from SPRP (Sunday Punk Rock Party) will be hosting their Halloween bash at Sans Souci from 1-6 pm with Girl Balls, Al Duncan (Alpo) from the Boxheads, COA and Plot. Later that afternoon, Plan B Winery hosts their “Hallowine” bash with Midlife Crisis from 4:30 – 7 pm. There will be no cover charge for either of these events.

If you need help getting into the swing of things, Ventura College presents “Jekyll and Hyde Gothic Thriller Musical” over the Halloween weekend at the Performing Arts Center. Showtimes are at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday with a matinee on Sunday, the 29th at 2:30 pm.

But if you’re a true-blue fan of Halloween, then you’ll still want to celebrate on Tuesday, October 31, and though all venues which are typically open on Tuesday will continue to have their decorations up and be in “the spirit of things,” Bombay’s will be hosting an evening with tribute bands including Pressgang (tribute to Murder City Devils) and Vandalisms (Vandals tribute); Squashed Grapes will present Tony Ybarra’s annually Halloween party; and DJs will continue the party at Star Lounge with DJ Nolan Trovble, DJ Nick Dean at Sans Souci and DJ Steezy Steve at Saloon BBQ.

And finally, Topa Topa Winery in Ojai will host the 10th annual concert fundraiser for Safety Harbor Kids on October 29th featuring Robby Krieger of the Doors, Danny Seraphine (Chicago), Tommy Thayer (Kiss), Phil Chen (Jeff Beck), and a lot more. Go to SafetyHarborKids.org for ticket information.

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

cizing? Please send all information short or long to Pam@VenturaRocks.com, and for updated music listings daily, go to www.VenturaRocks.com.

Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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Mondays: Musician’s Night Out

Tuesdays: Open Mic

Sun 11/5: 5 pm The Tossers; 9 pm Karaoke

Boatyard Pub

Ventura Harbor

Tuesdays: Jason Ho

Wednesdays: Mark David

Thursdays: Bluegrass Jam

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street

Fridays: DJs; Karaoke

Saturdays DJs

Wed 10/25: 8-9 pm Lucky Devils Band

showcase

Tues 10/31: Halloween party w/ Pressgang, Vandalisms and more...

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street

Wed 10/25: Donna Butler

Thurs 10/26: Coso Live

Fri 10/27: Instone

Sat 10/28: Soul Infusion

Tues 10/31: Fabulous Hangovers

Wed 11/1: Bryan McCann

Thurs 11/2: Rick Whitfield

Fri 11/3: Action Down

Sat 11/4: Young Dempsey

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Music 7-9 pm

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Sat 11/4: Sarah Lightman

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Thomas

Thurs & Fridays: 5:30 – 8:30 pm Warren

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Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio

Fri 10/27: Havana Cinco

Sat 10/28: Havana Cinco

Sun 10/29: Havana Cinco

Fri 11/3: Brandon Ragan Project

Sat 11/4: Havana 5

Sun 11/5: Roger Bridges Jazz Express

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Wed 10/25: The Swillys

Dargan’s Irish Pub

593 E. Main Street

Sun 11/5: The Sunday Drivers

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback Fridays

Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl

Thurs 10/26: Cornerstone w/ special guest

King Zero

Fri 10/27: Sgt. Pepper

Sat 10/28: Dawn of the Dreads party w/ Arise Roots, Legalizer, Sliff Vision

Thurs 11/2: After the Smoke CD release party

Fri 11/3: Passafire, Pacific Dub

Sat 11/4: Shaky Feelin’

Garage

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Fri 10/27: Stebz Juarez Music

Fri 11/3: The Krylons; No Advisory, The Afraid, Break the Tides, Half/Measure, UntilWeDie

Sat 11/4: Detained, Worry Corner, Dross, Turbulent Hearts, Species Unknown

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Thurs, Fri & Sat: Karaoke

Sat 10/28: Scaryoky Halloween party

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(805) 652-0688

Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm

Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic

Sat 10/28: Protector 101, The Encounter, Street Cleaner, Facexhugger

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Fri and Sat 8 pm; Sundays 3 pm

Thurs 10/26: Mood Swing

Sat 10/28: Halloween Bash w/ Brandon Ragan Project

Sun 10/29: Jodi Farrell

Fri 11/3: Diane Miller Band

Sat 11/4: TD Lind

Sun 11/5: Sean Wiggins

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Mondays: Karaoke

Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band

Fri 10/27: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Deke Dickerson & the Ecconfonics

Fri 11/3: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Shari Puerto Band

Keynote Lounge

10245 Telephone Road

Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke

Thursday: Open Mic

Sunday: Karaoke

Fri 10/27: Pull the Trigger

Sat 10/28: Halloween party w/ Unusual Suspects

Leashless Brewing

585 E. Thompson Blvd.

Fri 10/27: Bad Leaf

Thurs 11/2: Danielle Stacy

Sun 11/5: Hoodoo Hoedown

Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street

Thurs 6 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 3 pm

Thurs 10/26: Anna Vera

Fri 10/27: Anchor & Bear; musicians playing

Rubber Soul

Sun 10/29: Bad Leaf

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Sat 11/4: The Devil Makes Three, Scott H.

Biram

Margarita Villa

Ventura Harbor Village

Fri 10/27: Corsican Brothers

Sat 10/28: Crosscut

Sun 10/29: Karen Eden

Sat 11/4: Inna Rude Mood

Sun 11/5: F.O.E.

O’Leary’s

6555 Telephone Road

Tuesdays: Free Jukebox

Wednesdays: Karaoke

Fri 10/27: Live Band Karaoke

Plan B Winery

3520 Arundell Circle

Sun 10/29: Midlife Crisis

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road

Sun 11/5: 2 pm Old Country Grass Band

Prime

2209 E. Thompson Blvd

Tuesdays: Danny D

Fridays: Mike Moody

Saturdays: Jessica Ash

Red Cove

1809 E. Main Street

Thursdays: Music Club Open Jam Night

Fri 10/27: D.O.S., For Sale, One Track Mind,

It Came from the Suburbs

Saloon BBQ Co.

456 E. Main Street

Wednesdays: DJ Steezy Steve

Fri 10/27: Alonzo Delano

Sat 10/28: Noble Grizwald

Tues 10/31: Halloween party w/ DJ Steezy Steve

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd

805-641-1025

Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon

Thursdays Open Mic

Sat 10/28: Hip hop concert

Sun 10/29: Late Night Episode

Sat 11/4: Jacob Vossler

Sun 11/5: Eight Years Gone

Sans Souci

21 S. Chestnut

Sundays: DJ Darko

Mondays: Karaoke

Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean

Wednesdays: Open mic

Thursdays: DJ Spinobi

Fri 10/27: Johnny Hellhole

Sat 10/28: Halloween Party w/ DJ Darko

Sun 10/29: 1-6 pm Halloween Sunday Punk Rock Party; Girl Balls, COA, Plot

Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main Street

Music 7-10 pm

Wed 10/25: Jazz Express

Thurs 10/26: Tom Etchart & Friends

Fri 10/27: Retro Funk

Sat 10/28: Equinox

Tues 10/31: Halloween party w/ Tony Ybarra

Wed 11/1: Kent Rollins & Friends

Thurs 11/2: Nee’s Bees

Fri 11/3: Rachel Flowers Trio

Sat 11/4: Barrelhouse Wailers

Star Lounge

343 E. Main Street

Tues: Karaoke

Thurs: DJ Trovbe

Fri 10/27: Mini Driver

Sat 10/28: Time Bomb

Fri 11/3: The Bomb

Sat 11/4: The Flailingtons

Surf Brewery

4561 Market Street

Music 6-8 pm

Sat 10/28: The Swillys

The Tavern

211 E. Santa Clara Street

(805) 643-3264

Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve

Tuesdays: Karaoke

Metal Wednesdays

Get it Right Thursday DJs

Fri 10/27: Strange Weather

Sat 10/28: Halloween party w/ DJ Nick

Dean; The Black Hips

Ventura College Performing Arts Center

Vintura at the Wine Rack

14 S. California Street

(805) 653-9463

Thurs 10/26: Keith Cain

Fri 10/27: Halloween party w/ Rebel Rose

Sat 10/28: Halloween party w/ Sonic Boom

Sun 10/29: 1:30 pm Jason Ho

Thurs 11/2: Andy D.

Fri 11/3: Paul Mars Black

Sat 11/4: James Broz Trio

Wicked’s Brew

4561 Market Street

Sat 10/28: 6 pm Halloween party w/ Barrelhouse Wailers

The 805 Bar

Ventura Harbor

Music at noon Sat & Sun

with Kenny Devoe

Sat 10/28: 8 pm Jason Ho

Sat 11/4: 8 pm Sunnarborg Duo



A Conversation with **John Robertson**
Sunday, October 29, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Oxnard's Levity Live at The Collection
591 Collection Blvd.

John Robertson is a self-taught, primitive, impressionistic painter, whose paintings are much more than a visual, realistic copy of the subject. Full of movement and depth, the works are created with a variety of techniques, using cement trowels, brushes, wood scrapers, cans and plastic cups to apply acrylic paint to canvas. The paintings are then hung without a structure, similar to a tapestry.

John Robertson will be presenting his new group of large-scale painting, *Fields*, at the Vita Art Center Gallery, 432 N Ventura Ave, Ventura. All are invited to the opening artist's reception, November 3 at 6:00 pm. To learn about John Robertson, visit www.StreetCredibleArt.com

Make your reservation today at www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or 653.2501. Admission is \$10 for the public; \$5 for seniors.



The inkspots of San Buenaventura, Ventura County's only fine art print-making group will be exhibiting their new works at 643 A Project Space. Come meet the artists at the opening reception Friday November 3rd 5 to 8pm at 643 Ventura Ave.

The exhibit titled "ImPRES-Sive" will showcase work by artists **Christina Altfeld, Karen L. Brown, Beverly Decker, Virginia Furmanski, Rosemarie Gebhart, Judy Gibbs, Bay Hallowell, Tiger Huang, Colleen Kelly, Ines Monguio, Minga Opazo, Jane Peterson, Leslie Plimpton, Betsy Quinn and Monica Wiesblott.**

A free drawing for their annual folio project will take place at the reception that includes a signed and numbered print by fourteen artists in the group. Three additional folios will be offered for sale.

A series of special events will be taking place at the gallery each Saturday of the exhibition:

For more information please contact Leslie Plimpton leslie@visionsofamerica.com or call

850-8848. inkspotsventura.com.



Harbor Village Gallery's Artist of the Month is **Nance Hodge**.

Nance Hodge has been making art for over 40 years. "As a lifetime member of BAA, I am proud to present an overview of my accomplishments. My artworks have been my life's journey. It is a major part of who I am." Her subjects include women, music, and horses, plus a cat or two!

Some of Nance's quotes on her art include: "Beauty is not in the face, but a light in the heart."

"You have a treasure within you that is greater than anything the world can offer."

Come see her treasures at the Harbor Village Gallery, open 7 days a week, 11am-6pm, (until 9pm on Sat.).

Re-Birth - Ventura Artists Union Membership Show marks the first official collaboration between Art City and the Ventura Artists Union. Showing until Nov.12.

Re-Birth features a refined collection of artworks by new and old Ventura Artists Union members. The organization's 20-year history brings many seasoned artist to this exhibition,



heartbreak, tragedy, and adversity.

Dab Art | H Gallery 1793 East Main Street www.DabArt.me

Dab Art is pleased to present **Underbelly**, a splendidly sordid group exhibition at H Gallery in midtown Ventura until November 26.

Large-scale installations, sculptures, and a myriad of 2D works construct a complex collection of familiar forms and visual hybrids imbued with fascinating and unsettling concepts. The impulses of the artists selected produce unnervingly beautiful images and stimulating motifs inspired by recollections of

Enigma is based on a woman's introspective contemplation by **Lili Miura**. Current exhibition runs until Nov. 11.

Tomi Murphy (Photography of faces) and **Lorna Amundson** (Watercolor), and **Julianne Martin**. Buenaventura Art Gallery 700 E. Santa Clare St.



and new members infuse the collection with a wide variety of styles and materials. **Paul Lindhard** started Art City Studios 30 years ago in Ventura as a personal carving space. It has since grown to include 20 other artists and a place for carvers to purchase quality stone from those who work it.

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Art City Gallery | artcitygalleryandstudios@gmail.com | www.artcitygallery-andstudios.com

Art City Gallery, 197 Dubbers St
Hours: Weds -Sun 10am-5pm

Mayor announces recipients of 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards

Mayor Erik Nasarenko has announced the recipients of the Mayor's Arts Awards and invites the public to attend the thirteenth annual reception, in their honor, on Thursday, November 2, at 5:30 pm at the Museum of Ventura County, at 100 East Main St. This year's celebration will include tours of the museum and refreshments beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by presentations to this year's award recipients at 6:30 pm.

Five important figures in Ventura's art community are receiving this prestigious honor for their dedication to art and to their community. Each honoree will receive the "Mark of Excellence", a special edition work on paper created by artist Lis Schwitters. Those being honored this year are:

Arts Patron- Paul Lindhard of Arts City Studio
Arts Leader- Karyl Lynn Burns of the Rubicon Theatre Company
Arts Educator- Teri Willison of Cabrillo Middle School
Artist in the Community- Charles Anthony Kubilos, sculptor, carver
Student Artist- Cameryn Boggio-Shean, musician

"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 our economic and cultural well-being in Ventura."

This event is presented in partnership between the City Manager's Office and Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships.

Lighter Breeze

Mother Goose and Grimm



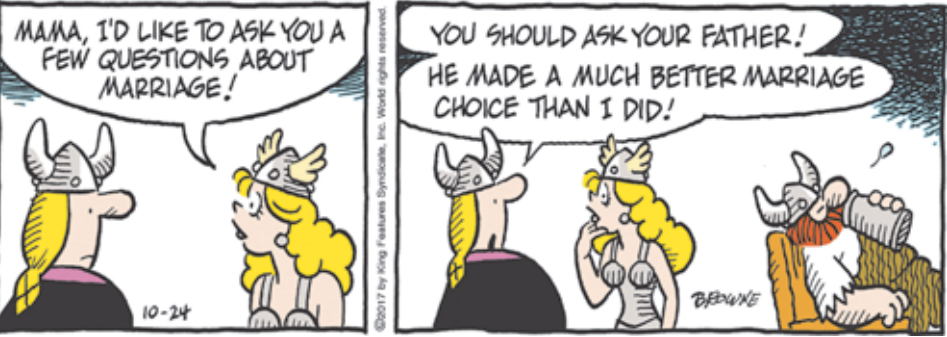
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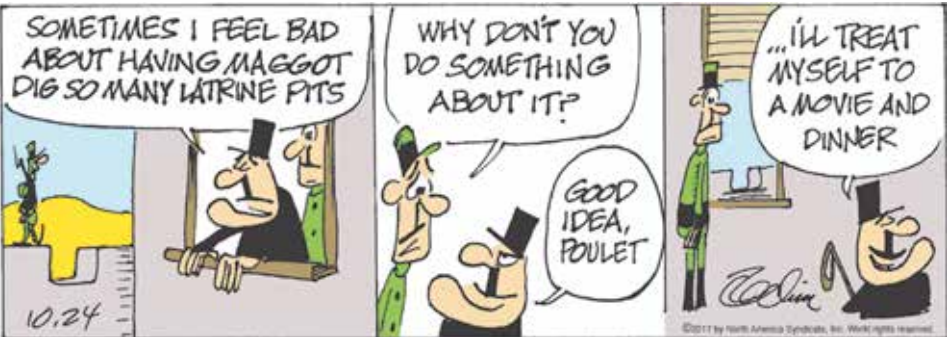
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Hagar the Horrible



Crock



Moose and Molly



Solutions on page 21

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 21

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chevy Equinox, e.g.
- 4 The enemy
- 8 Pharma-ceutical
- 12 Corroded
- 13 Wise one
- 14 Simple
- 15 Guard of a sort
- 17 Leading man?
- 18 Unlikely loser
- 19 Every crumb
- 21 Illustrations
- 22 Frank
- 26 Pamphlet
- 29 Peruke
- 30 Regret
- 31 Kind of mark or tag

- 32 A welcome sight?
- 33 Bouquet holder
- 34 Guitar's cousin
- 35 "Monkey suit"
- 36 Feelings, informally
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- 1 Cutting tools
- 2 Hexagonal state
- 3 Kill a bill
- 4 Unisex gar-ment
- 5 "I — Anyone Till You"
- 6 Id counter-part
- 7 Billion-dollar

- 8 Handed out hands
- 9 "Awesome, dude!"
- 10 "Born in the —"
- 11 Workout site
- 16 Trainer
- 20 Journal
- 23 Colorless
- 24 English river
- 25 The Bee —
- 26 So
- 27 Croupier's tool
- 28 On the briny
- 29 Candle matter
- 32 Suspect's pic

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good news: Your outspoken views about a controversial on-the-job situation could find unexpectedly strong support from a most unlikely workplace faction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to draw on your reservoir of spiritual strength to help someone special through a difficult time. Your loving attitude makes all the difference.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your proven leadership qualities make you the perfect person to take on an important workplace task.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although some compromise might need to be reached regarding your stand on an important issue, you'll still be able to get the most crucial points across.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A chance to make a career change carries both positive and uncertain possibilities. Best advice: Check it out thoroughly and don't be rushed into a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're still a staunch supporter of one side of an important issue. But be prepared to deal with new information that could cause you to question your current stand.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're perceptive and quick to act when you sense that someone needs help. You are an always-dependable friend.

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Show Time

Blade Runner 2049



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Blade Runner 2049 is a 2017 neo-noir sci-fi drama directed by Denis Villeneuve and written by Hampton Fancher and Michael Green. A sequel to the 1982 film Blade Runner, the film stars Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford and follows K as he learns of a replicant that has given birth, and attempts to find more answers.

As I've reviewed more and more films, I've grown to be far more conservative with my rating system. A film has to really wow me like no other if I'm going to give it a 4/4. I'm not just expecting excellence in its production, but it has to tell a story that pulls me in and keeps me engaged from start to finish.

Now you see, Blade Runner 2049 pulled me in. I mean really pulled me in and somehow managed to hold on tight for a remarkable 2 hours and 45 minutes. Even more amazing to me, is that the vast majority of the film revolves around superbly written dialogue, with little reliance on action. The action is great, don't get me wrong, but the dialogue is just so dense with world building, character development, and conflict. Every character has their own motivations, goals, and personality that while may clash, come together to create this living breathing world. While this is usually enough for me to hold a film in high regard, blade runner also has this neo-noir aesthetic that is gorgeously designed.

When a film finds its aesthetic and knows precisely how to build on it, that's when you go from having a setting, to a whole world. With a ridiculous budget of at least \$150 million, I haven't seen a world this painstakingly crafted outside the likes of Star Wars and other mega budget films. But blade runner has this dark, almost dystopian edge to it that just really appeals to me without it veering off to ludicrous levels of angst and despair.

While the set design and production value of the film laid the groundwork for such a strong aesthetic. Roger deakin's cinematography work and Hans Zimmer's music is what places the final touches on the films stellar production. Dealing wasn't shy to play with angles and light in unconventional ways. Zimmer's score is also phenomenal and worth a listen independently of the movie.

However, as per usual, dialogue is what's king to me, and the screenplay by Hampton Fancher and Michael Green is nothing short of phenomenal. The close personal relationship between K and Joi or the contention between K and others was mesmerizing. While some may find the film too long, I found every minute as tantalizing as the last. On top of the great dialogue, the acting was what carried it to the heights it achieved. Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford in particular were the strongest performances of the film, but I also feel the need to emphasize how surprised I was by the range Bautista showed in the film.

Two hours and forty minutes is a definite commitment to make, but a film of this caliber really deserves the attention. Seeing it in theaters really feels like the only option when Blade Runner 2049 boasts such a strong aesthetic and excellent sound design. Maybe neo-noir crime dramas just do something for me in particular, but I loved this film, and recommend all who can make it go watch it

as well. Rated R 2h 43M

A View from House Seats

Marriage musical on stage in Camarillo

by Shirley Lorraine

Camarillo Skyway Playhouse is performing the award-winning musical, "I Do! I Do!" through November 12. The play is based on the The Fourposter by Jan de Hartog. With book and lyrics are by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, the musical chronicles a span of 50 years of married life for Michael and Agnes Snow.

Almost an operetta, the play swiftly moves from the couple's wedding in 1895 to a more comfortable 1945, providing insights into their struggles and their life's highlights along the way. Many will identify with the portrayals familiar to couples of communication challenges, disloyalties and the search for identity both as individuals and as a twosome. Emotions run the gamut as the years pass, the children are born, grow up and eventually leave the nest.

Adam Womack and Lauren Rachel wear the Snow's lives as though made for them. Both are accomplished singers and move easily through the time span. The two have chemistry together. Womack is thoroughly engaging, even when he, as Michael Snow, is being a pompous ass.

Their singing compliments each other consistently as they accent their story with a steady stream of songs. Many will recognize "My cup runneth over with love" and "When the kids get married". Each makes the most of their occasions to solo. Womack is exuberant in "I love my wife" and does a little soft shoe later. Rachel pulls out the stops in "Flaming Agnes" and "What is a woman". Each sing clearly and enunciates well so the lyrics can be understood. This is very much appreciated as it adds to the enjoyment considerably. Both actors are clearly relishing their roles and thus so does the audience.

Clever costuming and small adjustments to the décor of the one set bedroom brought the audience along on the Snow's journey. Despite several lengthy pauses for scenery or costume changes, the play moves along swiftly. One glaring inconsistency however is the presence of Samsonite luggage in the opening sequence, occurring some fifteen years before the Samsonite company began. A small point perhaps, but noticeable.

There are commonalities between this production and the previous one of The Last Five Years" which piqued my interest. Both are performed by only two actors. Both feature a plethora of songs which pull the story along, many of them sounding pretty much the same in range and tone. Both plays chronicle years of married life although the presentation is treated differently and cover a different time span, one short and one lengthy. In both productions, the husband is a writer. While there are positive attributes to both productions, a selection with less in common might have been a stronger choice.

I Do! I Do! replaces the scheduled production of "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" so perhaps costs were a consideration. In any case, the change provided Womack and Rachel an opportunity to show their talents. Dean Johnson directs this solid production featuring two fine actors. I Do!, I Do! runs Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. through November 12 Camarillo Skyway Playhouse 330 Skyway Drive, Camarillo Camarillo Airport (805) 388-5716 or

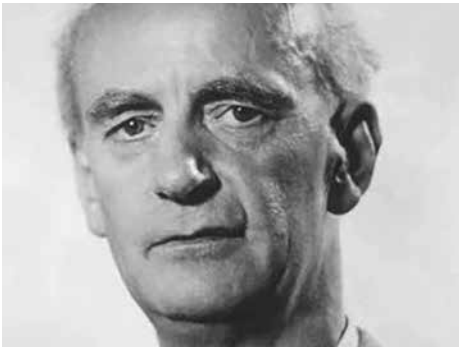
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When the Nazis came into power in 1933, Furtwängler strongly and publicly opposed the Nazi agenda.

He was Hitler's favorite conductor

The year is 1946, Hitler has been defeated and the Third Reich has fallen. In the American Zone of occupied Berlin, Major Steve Arnold (Patrick Vest) interviews Wilhelm Furtwängler (Peter Van Norden), a conductor at the pinnacle of his career, (and Hitler's favorite conductor) in preparation for his de-Nazification tribunal. Furtwängler had become increasingly controversial when he

chose to remain in Germany while many of his colleagues had fled out of protest or persecution. Did he naively believe that art was above politics? Did he allow himself to be manipulated by the Nazi propaganda machine? Or was he, in fact, a collaborator?

Taking Sides asks complicated questions about personal and artistic responsibility in the face of unspeakable horror. Furtwängler recognized that the Nazis needed him, and by many accounts often used this to effect good, flouting Nazi authority where he thought he could, helping some Jewish musicians escape, and even arguing with Josef Goebbels in the newspaper. When it became clear that Germany had lost the war, he became a Nazi target and escaped to Switzerland. But as Nazi crimes came to light during the trials at Nuremberg, and the Allied de-Nazification Tribunals took place, answers were relentlessly pursued. Where other artists who had been members of the Nazi party were allowed to quickly return to work, Furtwängler's case dragged on.

Previews: Oct. 25 @ 7 p.m., Oct. 26 and 27 @ 8 p.m.

Opening Night: Saturday, Oct. 28 (curtain at 7 p.m.). Includes a pre-show champagne and chocolate reception in the lobby and an after-party at Rhumb Line in Ventura Harbor!

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