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## Ventura Water's General Manager Kevin Brown

by Jennifer Tipton

Before becoming Ventura Water's General Manager, Kevin Brown, now a retired Navy Captain, worked in the Pentagon as chairman of the Strategic Laydown Assessment for the Chief of Naval Operations, a nine-billion-dollar annual program.

With an annual revenue of around \$94 million, Ventura Water brought in Brown specifically for his strategic planning experience for infrastructure. He had been on the job only 2 short months when the Thomas Fires erupted.

On that fateful night, December 4th, 2017, Brown was at City Hall with most of the city staff for the initiation of Mayor Neal Andrews. "We were getting ready to celebrate our new mayor when phones started blowing up", said Brown. Grabbed to the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) he was still so new to the job, he was just happy to be told we had one! In the Navy, they would routinely practice drills, but according to Brown, "for a city that had not had to do this for a very long time, the response was tremendous, all of the city came together quickly and that was impressive!"

I asked, "are you aware some have asked where was the water when we needed it most? Do you feel we had enough water to combat the Thomas Fires?"

Brown assured me that there was ample water supply, "more than enough with what was brought in from Lake Casitas". I then asked if there was a

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On Monday morning, May 14, thousands waited anxiously for the start of Stage 2 of the 2018 Amgen Tour of California at the Ventura Pier. According to Amgen, 117 riders representing 30 countries are competing in the race. The field includes seven world champions and two current national champions. The athletes will have gone 645 miles before finishing Saturday in Sacramento. Local elected officials spoke briefly, including Ventura City Council members Matt LaVerre and Christy Weir and Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett.

## VPD and allied agencies, conducted enhanced patrols

As part of the City of Ventura's ongoing efforts to respond to concerns from the community as well as business merchants regarding illegal behaviors in the parks and surrounding areas of the downtown corridor, 4000 block of E. Main St, and the Victoria corridor, the Ventura Police Department, partnering with allied agencies, conducted enhanced patrols in the those areas on May 9. The officers involved included Ventura PD Motor Unit, Ventura PD Patrol Task Force, VCSO Mounted

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The senior winners are Jonathon Saldana, Alaina Hooks and Aspen Levitt.

## Rotary Club Of Ventura South holds First Annual Speech Contest for Ventura high schools

The Rotary Club of Ventura South conducted its first annual speech contest for Ventura high school students with the finals held on Thursday, May 17, at the Tower Club in Oxnard. At the event,

the Club awarded more than \$4,000 in scholarships for first place, second place, and honorable mention to students from Buena, Foothill, and Ventura High

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## Summertime is Ventura County Fair time

The Ventura County Fair is Ventura County's original Social Network, come out and connect with your neighbors, friends and families as we gather for a celebration of our great County. The Fair runs from August 1 through 12 and will feature unique exhibits, exciting contests, and entertainment, free with Fair admission.

The Ventura County Fair carries out the tradition of great values. Special admission days offer these opportunities to enter the Fair free or at low prices:

- Wednesday, August 1: Dollar Day, \$1 admission until 3PM.
- Thursday, August 2: "Feed the Need" Food Drive. Bring 5 cans of food to donate to FOOD Share to receive a free return ticket to the fair, valid August 6-9.
- Friday, August 3: Youth Day, children under 12 are admitted free all day.
- Tuesday, August 7: Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Day, Seniors (62+) and Persons with Disabilities are admitted free all day.
- Wednesday, August 8: "\$3 Before 3"

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# Business



*The Island Packer family was presented commemorative plaque celebrating 50 years. Photo by Samantha Crisp.*

# Island Packers celebrates 50 years of serving the islands

Island Packers celebrated its 50th year of providing transportation, education and research support for Channel Islands National Park on Saturday, May 12 at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center located in the Ventura Harbor.

The celebration included food from Harbor restaurants and inspirational and historical speeches for the over 200 who attended.

Fifty years ago Bill Connally, co-founder of Island Packers, had a dream to share the beauty of the Channel Islands by providing excursions to the islands. To do this he bought a World War II vintage converted navy boat. The family christened the vessel Island Packer on Mother's Day in 1968.

Island Packers continues to be a family tradition run by three generations. Island Packers is managed by siblings Mark Connally as company president, Cherryl Connally as vice president and marketing director. Lil Connally is retired but still consults

the business, Jason Wendel (Cherryl's son) is a boat captain. Longtime employee-turned-partner Alex Brodie is the fleet manager.

In 2001 they purchased their first 145-person catamaran, 2 years later, they added another and in 2013, they added still another.

Island Packers provides opportunities for the public to learn about the islands, whales and marine life. They have been educating school children and youth groups through their “floating classroom” field trips since 1998.



*Attorney Thomas E. Olson has been at the firm since 1978 and is managing director.*

# Benton, Orr, Duval & Buckingham storied Ventura law firm

by Richard Lieberman

The law firm of Benton, Orr, Duval & Buckingham has served Ventura since 1882. Moving to their current location at 39 North California Street in 1960 the firm has been in continuous service for many years. The firm in the 1950's employed Erle Stanley Gardner attorney and prolific writer. He penned the well-known Perry Mason series of detective and attorney stories.

One long term attorney at the firm, Thomas E. Olson, has been at the firm since graduating from U.C. Davis in 1978. Occupying the same space since 1986 Olson said "you can tell I like

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*Recently Ventura Chamber ribbon cuttings were held at these businesses:*  
*(Top left) The Vent: Human Performance Center, 4013 Main St. 995-9030.*  
*(Top right) Dena Rogers State Farm® Insurance Agent, 970 S. Petit Ave. 642-9715*  
*(Bottom left) Ventura Bike HUB, 490 N. Ventura Ave. 641-2665*  
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*Photos by Michael Gordon.*

# Island View Apartments

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A collage of images related to a pirate-themed event. It includes a cartoon parrot, a treasure map with the text "DREAMING OF PIRATES", a woman in a pirate costume, a man in a blue shirt juggling, a person in a black and white costume lying down, and a large metal cage with people inside.

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## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher-Editor

Hopefully the **Amgen** bike tour that went through Ventura brought us some positive publicity. I don't watch channels 2-13, or listen to KFI, but I hope that those who jumped

on the bandwagon to talk about how dangerous Ventura is, also informed these media outlets that they should cover this wonderful event. Media should also shine a light on the thousands of Venturans who came out to support it and who volunteered their services.

In the past, I have commented on the horrible workmanship performed on the **pedestrian crossing** bridge that runs over the freeway to the promenade.

This is what the work consisted of per the Department of Transportation (DOT): "The department is working with the City of Ventura to provide for a safe and accessible pedestrian overcrossing that gives access to people shopping, recreating and living in the area. This polyester concrete overlay will improve the surface and the replaced handrail will provide comfort and safety for users."

Even though painting was not in the contract for Guills, Inc. of Pasadena, I would think that for almost \$400,000 they could have taken a little pride in their work and spent a day painting it.

I have contacted the DOT suggesting that they do the painting. If they won't, perhaps Ventura could paint it (it reflects upon us) or the Ventura Breeze could have a painting party and we can all paint it. Of course, we would need permission from the DOT and probably need to provide a million-dollar liability insurance policy.

Fire related debris removal has basically been completed. The **debris removal** process was performed by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for a cost of about \$67 million. About 670 properties were enrolled in the CalRecycle debris removal program and over 250,000 tons of debris has been removed.

Some properties still require soil samples to pass tests or need erosion control assessments. Others are ready (after permits) to start building, but I see more and more lots for sale as owners (some elderly) just aren't willing to go through the re-building process.

Even without the help of El Nino, 2017 was the third **hottest year** on record just slightly below the record high temperatures of 2016.

**Homelessness** is certainly not unique

to Ventura as some may think. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has increased spending to address homelessness. Their new budget calls for \$402 million to spend on programs that include homelessness prevention, rent subsidies, outreach, preservation of affordable housing, employment services and shelters. It's all about the money.

A judge has suspended the criminal case against **Jamal Jackson**, who was charged with premeditated first-degree murder for the April 18 attack that left Anthony Mele dead, ordering the defendant to undergo a mental health evaluation. The ruling came after Jamal Jackson's public defender expressed doubt as to whether the man's mental competency allows him to be judged at this time.

Jackson is due back in court on June 14 for a mental health competency hearing where results of his evaluation will be heard to determine if he will be able to stand trial.



Should we have a painting party?

At a recent City Council meeting, a group of residents attended with a different message, the kind that we need. They held up signs that read, "**Don't use tragedy to spread hate**" and spoke of a need to work together on solutions to address homelessness, as criminalizing the issue is not the solution.

Interim City Manager Dan Paranick asked residents who have possible solutions to share them with city officials. He said city staff was looking at the issue from all directions and taking into account everyone's opinions and ideas to help solve the situation.

The city is working with the county to identify a site appropriate for a year-round shelter with necessary services. The goal is for a shelter to open in both Ventura and Oxnard and ideally be run by the same operator.

Congratulations to **Fox Jewelry** (article in last issue) for raising almost \$60,000 to be used by fire victims. Wonderful how most of the community has come together to help so many in need.

Perhaps it is too easy to run for office

in California. There are 28 candidates running for governor and 32 for senator. Want to run? Get 10 friends to support you and send in your \$25.

Recently **Trump** had the nerve to tell the French that the reason they had a mass killing is that they don't own enough guns like we do. This statement suggests that we are much safer than the French because we own more guns, so I decided to look at the facts.

Gun ownership: France has 2.83 guns per 100,000 residents. USA citizens own 11.96 guns per 100,000 people. That means USA residents own 4.2 times more guns than the French.

Gun related deaths: France 14.96 per 100, USA 101.05 per 100. Almost 7 times more gun deaths in the USA than France.

The recent killing of 10 high school students in Texas, where everyone (I think you need to be over 6 years old) is allowed to carry a gun, didn't stop that awful tragedy.

The City Council has approved an ordinance that sets rules for those wishing to **rebuild** following the Thomas Fire. It is rather complicated but has good intentions and will expedite the process. The council listened to architect's suggestions and concerns to help them make the guidelines.

Joseph James DeAngelo, 72, the man suspected to be the **Golden State Killer**, was charged with murder in the bludgeoning deaths of Lyman and Charlene Smith in their Ventura home in March 1980, along with at least 10 other deaths. An ex-police officer, his list of crimes and murders is on-going.

I can imagine the euphoria of the police personnel who worked on this case for almost 40 years and the moment current investigators realized they had solved it (because of DNA). "We have found the needle in the haystack," Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert said at a news conference.

As you know (I hope), we recently held an un-official naming of the St. Pats parade green pig. **Hamlet** was selected as the winner. It was suggested that we print a few of the other suggested names, so here they are; Greasy, Erin Go Oink, Darby O'por-tchop, Megan O' Piggy, Sean O' Bacon, Hamschock, Piggly-Wiggly, Pigasso, Ham L. Ton, Harley Hog, Iggy Piggy, Ham Solo, Cris P. Bacon, Pig A Choo, Albert Einswine and Chubby Buns.

Perhaps Green Eggs and Hamlet (thanks to Dr. Seuss) would be good. And next year at the parade, the pig might still be named Bacon. We were just having fun.

## Mailbox

Sheldon:

Beautiful column in the issue about the homeless issue. I found it both heartfelt and well thought-out. Thank you.

Tom Jacobs - Ventura Keys resident  
Senior Staff Writer, www.psmag.com

Dear Sheldon:

I read with interest your opinion and Christy Weir's article in the Breeze edition May 9, 2018 and have a few comments. First thank you both for your common sense approach and "calming" influence. Second, Ms. Weir's warning about not giving cash to panhandlers is supported by experts in mental health and community support activists.

When we started the St. Vincent DePaul chapter at OLA church several years ago we investigated this issue and found out that since we were vetting

the families that we could help it would be better to direct those panhandlers to the nonprofit that was already set up. Therefore we reached the conclusion that it is better to donate to the charity of your choice (in this case the St. Vincent de Paul Society) rather than take a chance that your well-meaning cash would be misused. Instead give the panhandler a card or letter or otherwise notice (in our case we handed out cards) informing them where to get help. I will leave it to another article to show where they can get help but for now this simple solution should work.

Lou Vigorita Ventura

Sheldon:

How can we best address the needs of those in our community who are without proper housing?

Allow me to suggest something that

will not appear in cell in a spreadsheet or in an Outcomes-Based Evaluation report.

I am convinced love for others is the key element. and as we are involved with this action and that action it is important that from time to time we check back that love is our primary motivation – that which leads us.

Mahatma Gandhi said "Love is the strongest force the world possesses and yet it is the humblest imaginable." -

I say this as I am aware of instances where I shifted from love being the primary to correcting or fixing others

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We encourage you to send your opinions to [opinions@venturabreeze.com](mailto:opinions@venturabreeze.com). Please limit them to about 300 words

The history of the planet is a history of idiocy highlighted by a few morons who stand out as comparative geniuses.

– William S. Burroughs

# City News



Rest in peace Shawn.

## Shawn McCarthy

On May 18th, Shawn McCarthy lost his long battle with cancer. He and wife Linda are franchise owners BNI Business Network. He would have been 64 in December.

Shawn never stopped smiling and reaching out to all that were in his presence. Being with him was a joy. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Even in his last days he reached out to his many friends by sharing “No words can express the gratitude that I feel for the amount of support I’ve rec’d during this cancer journey. Way too many people to thank, so this will have to be enough. I have been truly humbled to hear how so many of you share that I have impacted your life...it was an honor and pleasure to do so. And you need to know that you’ve impacted my life even more. I’ve lived thru a really great life and marriage and I hope that inspired you too.”

Linda said “He has had the rare opportunity to live to see and hear his celebration of life...thanks for the multitude that helped contribute to it.”

**VPD and allied agencies**  
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Enforcement Unit, Ventura County Probation and Ventura County Behavioral Health

The goal of the City of Ventura’s Safe and Clean Initiative is to ensure safe and clean public places for the entire community to enjoy. One of the core elements of this effort is to direct and leverage limited resources to better address illegal activity and quality of life behaviors in public spaces.

As a result of this effort a total of 13 arrests were made in the focus areas:

- 4 arrests for being under the influence of a controlled substance (misdemeanor)
- 1 arrest for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia (misdemeanor)
- 1 arrests for possession of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous weapon (Felony)
- 6 arrests for violation of probation
- 1 arrest for a possession of a stolen vehicle warrant (Felony)

The locations of these arrests included:

- 1 at Plaza Park, 600 E. Santa Clara St.
- 2 at Mission Park, 190 E. Main St.
- 4 at Promenade Park, 398 Figueroa St.
- 6 at various other locations in the downtown corridor

The City of Ventura is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the community by making a concerted effort to support the Safe and Clean Initiative.



“I’m thankful that I’m alive, happy, healthy and I have my independence!”

*My Daily Greeting  
by Edie Marshall - Resident*

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## Business

### A family affair: three generations of family open consignment shop in Ventura

by Richard Lieberman

Lynn Dralle originally from Bellingham, Washington has opened Lynn's Consignment Shop, 1975 East Main St. With her mom and daughter working together the family has put together an impressive site. Specializing in antiques, collectables and a

wide variety of consignment pieces.

Lynn a talented author has penned several instructional books about



*Daughter Indiana Wilson, mom Lynn and grandma Sharon Chase are all smiles as they greet you.*

selling on eBay, some of the titles include "The 100 Best Things I've Sold on eBay", "Money Making Madness", The 3rd 100 Best Things I have Sold on eBay, and "The 4th Best Things I've Sold on eBay".

Lynn's saga begins with her late grandmother Cheryl Leaf who was running an antiques business from her home starting in 1950. "I learned about business and life from her" said Dralle. "I went to antique shows and sometimes even missed school." added Dralle. Dralle has earned a BS in Business Administration from USC, and later earned an MBA from USC.

A first time visit to Ventura convinced her she found the right place to live and open her business. "I fell in love with Main Street, I knew this was right" she said. Clean, classy and well-priced this new Ventura business is a great addition to the midtown area. "I am so happy I found this place." She said.

The store opened on March 1st and has already exceed their monthly cash flow projections by 25%.

"My location at 1975 E. Main Street is the perfect place to start and may be all I need if I can turn my inventory as fast as I think I can," Lynn added.

"Our marketing plan includes advertising in the Ventura Breeze, and word of mouth which is so important in a city like Ventura."

We welcome Lynn and her family to Ventura. Stop by and see this beautifully arranged store, and browse some of Lynn's treasures.

#### Storied Ventura law firm

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change, 32 years in the same office" he stated.

Olson added, "the bulk of my practice consists of estate planning, probate, trust, and litigation. I have a good aptitude for numbers, so I know how to do accounting, there are a lot of attorneys I know that is an Achilles heel for them they don't understand numbers really well." "That is how my practice has grown through the years. Probate Court is the area I live in."

"The firm since I started has always had a major litigation component." The firm's litigation department has for many years done work for Ventura City, County of Ventura, and various other entities. The firm has also done considerable amount of Pro-Bono work for various Ventura non-profits.

Since 1998 Olson has had responsibility as managing director handling the business side of the firm. Currently the firm has 7 attorneys working on various aspects of the business. Olson also reports his most interesting case goes back 60 years. "It's a case where I got my best result ever" he said." The case concerned real estate and probate over an extended period. Eventually winning the case and having property in question returned to a legal heir.

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# Community Events

## Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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**There will be a regular Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St., Wednesday from 4 - 5:45 p.m.** Bring an interesting topic to discuss if you can. Start discussing the July 5 ballot measures and candidates.

May 23 – Prop 69, Transportation taxes only used for transportation

Prop 71, Date for ballot measures to take effect

Prop 72, Rain capture systems exemption from property tax

May 30 - Prop 68, \$4B bond fund for natural resources

Prop 70, Supermajority for cap-and-trade funds

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

**Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. Instruction every night.** Located at the Moose lodge, 10269 Telephone Road. More information at [countrylovers.com](http://countrylovers.com).

**The Ventura County Philatelic Society meets on the first and third Mondays each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Rd.** Admission and parking are free. Come for a great evening. Contact Bill Garner 320-1601 or [vcps-foryou@lycos.com](mailto:vcps-foryou@lycos.com).

**Mended Hearts of Ventura. Come share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant.** Group meets the first Tuesday each month at noon at Lemon Wood Mobile Homes, 850 Johnson Dr. Excellent speakers leading Cardiologists, Nutritionists, and Dietitians etc. from our area. Contact Richard Hatcher at 644-2733.

**Letters for the Lost, an exhibit marking the 90th anniversary of the St. Francis Dam Disaster, commemorates the lives lost during one of America's worst civil engineering disasters of the 20th century.** At the Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula. The exhibit runs through July 16. Located at 26 Railroad Avenue, Santa Paula open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. For more information [venturamuseum.org](http://venturamuseum.org) or call 525-3100.

**First Wednesday, of each month, 6-10 p.m., Gold Coast Modular Railroad Club meets at the Murphy Auto Museum.** Now exhibiting Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10-4 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. 2230 Statham Blvd., Oxnard. [www.gemre.com](http://www.gemre.com) or 229-74294 for more information.

**Cross Town Hikers, Join in on**

**Wednesday nights for a moderate-paced hike that includes views of Ventura from the cross, a walk out to the end of the pier, and a stroll along the Promenade back to the Museum.** Four miles with an 800-foot elevation gain. Meet at 7 p.m. sharp at the fountain across the street from the Mission. Facebook for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/800215670039426/>

**May 23: The College Area Community Council Wednesday, at 7 p.m.** A representative from the Public Works Department and the police department will give brief updates and answer questions. A final vote will be taken on the proposed boundary change for the CACC. Wright Event Center at 57 Day Rd. Free parking is available adjacent to the Event Center. 644-8695 for more information.

**May 24: Portuguese Fraternal Society of America - The local chapter of PFSA Council #128.** This meeting is open to any person of Portuguese descent, or, interested in the Portuguese culture. Marie Callendars Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria. 11:30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. no host luncheon/meeting. For more information and a reservation, please call Cora Corella at 483-6285.

**May 24: Patrice Lambourne, from Ventura Modern Quilt and Camarillo Quilt Guild, will speak about quilting at the Friendship Connection 08's monthly luncheon at Marie Callendar's Restaurant at 11:30 am.** The Friendship Connection is a group of retired ladies. Prospective members are welcome to attend. For more information, call 644-3172.

**May 24: The County of Ventura Human Resources Department will host its annual Family Care and Volunteer Resource Fair on Thursday, from 10 - 1 p.m. Main courtyard at the County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave.** Visitors to the fair can receive information and resources on family care – including child care, elder care and senior services. The event is hosted by Work Life Program of the County of Ventura. Both the event and parking are free.

**May 25: Percussionist Extraordinaire C.G. Ryche brings his massive drum set to the Namba stage on Friday, at 8 p.m. for performance you'll feel in your bones.** C.G. Ryche is the ultimate showman with a long and distinguished career as an entertainer. Within this multimedia presentation is candid conversation on how never giving up on your creative dreams is critical to long term success. Tickets are \$20 and available at <https://nambaarts.com/upcoming-events/>. More about C.G. Ryche at <https://www.cgryche.com>

**May 26: The Ventura Tennis Club, in partnership with the Ventura Recreation and Community Services, are hosting a bi-annual Ventura Tennis Day on Saturday, from 9 – 3 p.m. at the Camino Real Tennis Park.** Clinics for adults and kids from 9 – 12 p.m. with pro Hoss Salehi and staff. After a break for refreshments, raffle and announcements there will be organized doubles play in the afternoon. The Ventura Tennis Club is a non-profit community based club bringing tennis enthusiasts of all ages and abilities together for social and competitive play. Information <http://www.venturatennisclub.com> and Facebook.

## Trash & Recyclables or Green Waste Pick Up Delay Due to the Memorial Day Holiday

Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 28, trash and recyclables or green waste will be collected one day later than usual the entire week of May 27 - June 2 in the Cities of Ventura and Ojai.

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**May 26: Volunteers needed for Ormond Beach/Wetland clean up, Saturday, 9-11 a.m.** The Nature Conservancy is hosting a clean-up of the wetland and beach area of Ormond Beach at the end of McWane Blvd. Clean up supplies will be provided. Please wear durable shoes and note that there are no facilities at this location. A naturalist will be on site to provide information on the natural history of the area. Please contact Amy Davis at [guideamy@gmail.com](mailto:guideamy@gmail.com) or 770-853-4715.

**June 1, 2: Gold Coast Concert Chorus concert will feature the best of their last 30 years.** They will feature their favorite songs and share them with you, along with their memories and the joy they find in making music with each other and for the audience. They look forward to singing for you for many more years! Friday June 1st at 8 p.m. and Saturday June 2nd at 2 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church – 1500 North C St., Oxnard. Tickets: Adults \$18, Senior /Student \$15, Child under 12 \$5. For more info call 616-7269 or [tickets@goldcoastchorus.org](mailto:tickets@goldcoastchorus.org).

**June 2: NAMBA Performing Arts Space step into summer with a sizzling Flamenco music and dance event at 7p.m.** Experience the pure essence of Andalusian song, the strumming of the guitar and the heart palpitating rhythms created by dancers striking the stage with thundering footwork. Spanish Wine will be available for purchase. 47 So. Oak Street

**June 3: Old-Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Assoc. meeting will be Sunday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 36 Figueroa.** Free admission, stage music and jamming, free parking in the rear, Open to Public. For more information 517-1131 or Facebook: OTCBGMA

**June 3: Docent-led tours of the Dudley Historic House Museum, and an orchid sale.** From 1 to 4 p.m. and admission is free. Located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood. For information 642-3345 or [www.dudley-house.org](http://www.dudley-house.org).

**June 8: Prism of Thought. An artistic exploration of LGBTQ mental health and opinion.** Join NAMI Ventura, Diversity Collective VC, and Each Mind Matters for a special free event on Friday, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Feature special speakers will have a conversation focused on the mental health needs of the LGBTQ community. Food provided by Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar and music provided by DJ Vince Franco at Diversity Collective VC's Community Resource Center 2471 Portola Road Suite 100.

## Ojai news and events

**Join Totally Local VC's Agricultural Education Foundation and California Women for Agriculture to mix, mingle and meet our local farmers, ranchers and Ag leaders.** Taste the flavors and libations of Ventura County.

Listen to the amazing sounds of Karen Eden and Cary Park. Bid at a silent auction hosted by the California Women for Agriculture for their scholarship fund. Hosted by Totally Local VC, Topa Mountain Winery and California Women for Agriculture.

Over the past ten years Totally Local VC has worked as an advisor for agriculture and culinary arts programs at both high school and college levels. Thursday, May 24, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The event is free to attend. Wine tastings or bottles are available for purchase. Located at Topa Mountain Winery, 821 W. Ojai Avenue.

**Ojai plant guide Lanny Kaufer will lead a herb walk and native plant sale at Arroyo Hondo Preserve on Saturday, June 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Cost is \$25. Kids 5-12 are free, by prior arrangement. No dogs or smoking, please. To register or for more information, visit [www.HerbWalks.com](http://www.HerbWalks.com) or 646-6281.

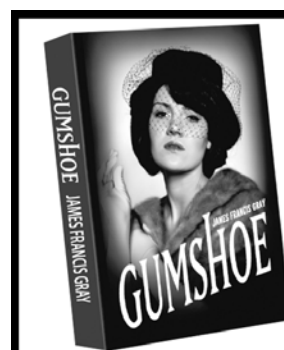
**Professor James Adams of USC School of Pharmacy will return to Ojai on Saturday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a Summer Medicinal Plant Workshop.** Based on Dr. Adams' pharmacological studies on local native plants. For information and registration, visit [HerbWalks.com](http://HerbWalks.com) or call 646-6281.

The cost of the workshop is \$75 including all materials. Registrants will receive an email during the week prior with all necessary information including directions, what to bring, etc. After the workshop, participants will receive a complete list of all plants that are identified and utilized as well as recipes and other information.

**The Ojai Art Center will feature a Literary Branch Salon with author, dancer, and journalist Jennifer Fisher.** Her topic will be: From Ballet to Journalism to Academia and Back to Ballet. The event will be on Monday, June 11 at 7 PM. \$5 Donation at the door.

For additional information, please contact: Ilona Saari, [ilonalonia@gmail.com](mailto:ilonalonia@gmail.com)

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# This 'n' That

## Ventura College proudly hosted Climate Action Summit

Ventura College GeoSciences Department partnered with the 350 Ventura County Climate Hub to host an informative Climate Action Summit held on Tuesday, April 24, in the Applied Sciences Building.

"I am honored to be included in an opportunity to provide clarity and truth to the discussion of climate", says Professor Patty Ridenour who opened the doors to bringing this event to the college.

One of the presenters was Kitty Merrill, the founder of 350 Ventura County Climate Hub. She explained "We hear that climate change is coming, but what can you do? The Ventura Climate Action Summit will give you tools to survive and push back against climate change here in Ventura."

Speakers included, Dr. Omar Clay, an Environmental Physicist who has been researching writing and teaching on subjects related to sustainable development, environmental challenges, climate change and global security for over a decade. He is the Research Director of Science for the People, an Environmental and Sustainability Research Center

in Baja California, Mexico.

Dr. Clay is concerned about the Trump Administrations bludgeoning of the EPA and the associated attacks aimed at undermining the credibility of science and scientists. His interest in what is taking place in our biosphere has also spurred his own move towards a more conscious sustainable life style.

The Summit addressed a variety of climate change related topics with a focus on what can and must be done to make the changes needed in our own community.

Ventura City Councilmember Christy Weir was enthusiastically chosen to be a "Climate Action Presenter" on the panel as well. Weir has played an active role to ensure that Ventura will be moving toward a clean energy future.

Jan Dietrick, a local business leader active with the Citizens Climate Lobby had far more of value to impart than time allowed, as did Kimberly Rivers, the Executive Director of Citizens for Responsible Gas and Oil.

A vigorous Q and A followed the presentations.

feature a different production on Sunday, June 3rd (2 pm), with the matinee performance of the well-known children's classic, Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev. "In our version of Peter and The Wolf, we include original and fun variations. Of course, you will see your old favorites, including the Wolf, Peter, Grandfather, the Bird, Cat and Ducks—but we will also feature lively performances by leaping Frogs, Villagers, Squirrels and Hunters, and an additional dream sequence for the Wolf," says Laurin Boland, Director of the Children's Division. "Kirsten always adds wonderful twists to the story, making our audience laugh while allowing more artistry for our dancers."

Since the story ballet Peter and the Wolf is only a one-act production, Kirsten Oakley has added yet another genre of dance to the mix: Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, a George Balanchine-inspired ballet choreographed in the neoclassical style. A more sleek and modern style, it features classical ballet movements but with increased energy and speed, pared-down sets and costumes, and without any reliance on a narrative.

Footworks Youth Ballet is a nonprofit ballet company located in Ventura, California, whose purpose is to provide educational opportunities to young people and the community through the art of ballet. Each season, Footworks Youth Ballet coordinates Outreach events for school children, which occur this year on June 1st. The events are completely filled, allowing over 3,000 school children to experience the high-quality artistry of young dancers, ages 5 to 17, in a production that includes professionally created costumes, lighting and sets.

Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
June 2nd: Giselle, 2 pm and 7 pm  
June 3rd: Classical Symphony and Peter and the Wolf, 2 pm  
Tickets: \$14/\$18/\$22  
For info/tickets:  
[www.footworksyouthballet.org](http://www.footworksyouthballet.org), or call 486-2424.

## Harrison Industries remains a sustainability leader

Harrison Industries retains its Climate Registered™ status for the ninth consecutive year, by successfully measuring its carbon footprint according to The Climate Registry's best-in-class program, then having it third-party verified and reporting the data on The Registry's website.

Harrison is among a diverse group of about 300 leading organizations across North America that have adopted a truly sustainable approach to doing business and reported it for verification and inclusion on the nonprofit registry.

Measuring its carbon footprint with The Registry allows Harrison to prepare for future regulation, identify inefficiencies and potential for cost savings, and provide real and meaningful data to its customers and shareholders about its environmental performance. It is the first step toward reducing energy usage, costs and carbon emissions.

"With our work revolving around proper waste disposal, we have special incentives to maintain our place on The Registry," said Harrison's Nan Drake. "It's a great gauge for us to know we're succeeding in our efforts to reduce waste in every possible way."

Said David Rosenheim, Executive Director of The Climate Registry. "Harrison is a prized, longtime member of a powerful community of Climate Registered organizations, with substantive data guiding and supporting its sustainable activities."

The Climate Registry helps hundreds of public and private organizations measure, report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions with integrity. For more information, visit [www.theclimateregistry.org](http://www.theclimateregistry.org).

## Thomas Fire Evacuees invited to complete survey for chance to win \$200

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) and University of California, Berkeley Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (UC Berkeley) encourage Ventura County wildfire evacuees to participate in a study VCTC and UC Berkeley announce the launch of a research project, Understanding the Decision Making Process of Evacuees, designed to learn more about evacuation decisions by households that experienced the December 2017 Southern California Wildfires, including the Thomas, Rye, Creek, and Skirball Fires.

The research project will help gain insight about wildfire evacuations and analyze how individuals make decisions after receiving a mandatory or recommended evacuation order. According to

The New York Times, these four wildfires resulted in the evacuation of more than 200,000 California residents.

"VCTC is one of many local partners helping UC Berkeley collect survey responses for this study. The Commission recognizes the critical role transportation systems play in a safe, effective evacuation process," said Darren Kettle, executive director of VCTC.

Surveys take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Participants are not required to be evacuees to take the survey. All participants will be entered into a drawing to win one of five Amazon Gift Cards each valued at \$200. All participants will also have the opportunity to participate in a future focus group.

To participate in the survey, visit this link: [https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_5A2yZRTA2HI5ebb&Q\\_JFE=0](https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5A2yZRTA2HI5ebb&Q_JFE=0)

For more information about the Understanding the Decision Making Process of Evacuees survey, contact:

Susan Shaheen, Professor (Faculty Sponsor) [sashaheen@tsrc.berkeley.edu](mailto:sashaheen@tsrc.berkeley.edu) or 510-642-9168

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The Ventura County Transportation Commission is the regional transportation planning agency committed to keeping Ventura County moving. Program information is available at [goventura.org](http://goventura.org).

### Summertime is VC Fair time

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Day is; admission is \$3 until 3PM.

Thursday, August 9: Military Appreciation Day, all military personnel holding a current, valid military ID will be admitted free. Thank you for your service!

If you are a kid or a kid at heart, Carnival Wristband Days are back again this year. On August 2, 6, 7, and 9, purchase a \$30 wristband, good for unlimited carnival rides until 7:00 pm.

Grandstand concerts are a Fair favorite, visitors can see their favorite musicals acts and rodeos free with paid admission to the Fair. The Grandstand Entertainment begins on August 1 with Motor Sports, a great way to get revved up for 12 days of amazing fun. (Motor Sports requires a \$5 admission in addition to paid fair admission.) Rodeo Days at the fair are Saturday, August 11 and Sunday August 12.

Everywhere you look at the Fair you will see performers singing, dancing, playing music, making magic and more. This year's grounds entertainment features Fair favorites like the All Alaskan Pig Races, Sweet Caribbean Steel Drums, Hypnotist Tina Marie and some new treats including Fido 500 Dog Show, Dezmo's Blues Band and masking tape sculpture from Tapigami.

The Ventura County Fair makes transportation easy with free shuttle rides to and from the Fair. Convenient and comfortable, the shuttles begin ½ hour before the fair opens and bring visitors to the Fair's front gate. No traffic hassles, no parking problems, free parking and free shuttle bus service to the Fair is available from 10:30 am until 11:00 pm. Wheelchair capable busing is available from all sites.

Follow the Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. For hours, admission, schedules, and more information, please visit [www.venturacountyfair.org](http://www.venturacountyfair.org) or call 648-3376.

## Ventura's Footworks Youth Ballet delights with dance

With Ventura's Footworks Youth Ballet, students and audiences alike get to experience the utmost in classical ballet repertoire. Students fill lead roles whenever possible in productions like The Nutcracker every December, or Cinderella, Snow White, Swan Lake, and others every spring. "Our overall goal is to share the experience of quality classical ballet through the performances for all of our dancers, at all levels, and also for our entire community," shares Kirsten Oakley, Artistic Director of Footworks Youth Ballet.

"This spring, we are especially thrilled to present three ballets almost completely cast with our students," she continues. "Most students dance for the joy of dance and for the positive experience of participating in the production. Others have studied seriously for many years and are headed to prestigious summer programs and, eventually, to a professional career in dance. We encourage and nurture all levels."

On Saturday, June 2nd, Footworks brings Giselle to the stage for a matinee (2 pm) as well as an evening performance (7 pm) at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Giselle is the epitome of Romantic ballet. First performed in 1841 to the music of French composer Adolphe Adam, it is the story of love lost, remorse, and forgiveness. Not often performed, Giselle will offer Ventura County residents a special opportunity to experience a ballet that is often dubbed as moody and ethereal with a touch of the supernatural.

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## News & Notes



ECTV interviewed Ventura Fire Chief Endaya at CAPS studio.

### Thomas Fire Stories Project premieres on CAPSTV

The Thomas Fire Stories project will premiere on Friday, June 1 at 6pm on CAPS Media TV Channel 6. Every Friday evening a new story will debut and repeat throughout the week on channel 6 and on CAPS Radio (104.1FM). The ongoing series features personal stories by fire fighters, first responders and community members impacted by the fire. The stories are supported by photos and videos contributed by the public and news agencies.

For the past few months CAPS Media has recorded dozens of first-person stories in the CAPS Media studio and at radio recording events throughout the county. The diversity and depth of the individual experiences is captivating, breath-taking and heart-warming. The Thomas Fire stories include first-hand accounts from fire fighters in the field


and directing the army of response from command posts to citizens helping others, fighting to save their homes and fleeing for their lives. The unscripted accounts capture personal experiences of extraordinary heroism, sacrifice, tragedy and healing surrounding the Thomas Fire.

Each 30 minute story will rerun throughout the week. The stories also stream on capsmedia.org and are available on the CAPS Media website at capsmedia.org/videos. Audio recordings will air and stream on CAPS Radio, KPPQ 104.1FM.


The Museum of Ventura County is gathering all of the stories into an all-inclusive archive and will include some of the material in the museum's Thomas Fire exhibit in the fall. Selected stories

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### MUSEUM OF VENTURA COUNTY'S 2018 WEARABLE ART FASHION SHOW



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## Circus Vargas – The Big One Is Back!

Preserving an American Tradition Like No Other, Circus Vargas Delivers the Ultimate Entertainment Extravaganza for 2018! Debuting their latest, new and crowd-pleaser production in Ventura, the much-anticipated tour runs May 24th through 28th at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, returning to the area next month in Santa Barbara at the Earl Warren Show Grounds, June 21st through 25th.

Always fun for the entire family, Circus Vargas' incredible new production highlights an amazing cast of world-renowned performers! See Death-Defying Acrobats, Daredevils, Flying Trapeze Artists, Jugglers, Contortionists, Comedians, Clowns, Motorcycles and much, much, more!

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Join us for a swashbuckling circus spectacular, with this year's theme "Dreaming of Pirates!" A fantastic voyage of nonstop action and adventure guaranteed to thrill and enchant children of all ages! Prepare to witness the impossible and experience the unforgettable!

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

For Circus Vargas performance dates, show times and to purchase tickets, visit [www.circusvargas.com](http://www.circusvargas.com), call 877-GOTFUN-1 (877-468-3861) or visit the box office at each location. Follow Circus Vargas on Facebook and Twitter for updates, discounts and behind the scenes video. Veterans, catch our Memorial Day Special; present military ID at the box office and get 1 free member in per family.

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

**Thursday, May 24 –**

**Monday, May 28**

**Ventura County Fairgrounds (10 W. Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001)**

Thursday, May 24 - 7:30pm

Friday, May 25 - 4:30pm, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 26 - 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:30pm

Sunday, May 27 - 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm

Monday, May 28 - 2:30pm, 6:30pm

**Thursday, June 21 –**

**Monday, June 25**

**Earl Warren Showgrounds (3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105)**

Thursday, June 21 - 7:30pm

Friday, June 22 - 4:30pm, 7:30pm

Saturday, June 23 - 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:30pm

Sunday, June 24 - 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm

Monday, June 25 - 6:30pm



Throughout the night Zane would gaze upon his date with a warm and bright smile.

## It was and will most definitely be a night to remember

by Kelli McLaughlin

A "Night to Remember" lived up to its name on May 19. The event is a special prom sponsored by the Mission Church

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On Monday, May 7, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County presented their annual fund-raiser golf classic. The event was held at the Saticoy Country Club and featured a sit down dinner, golf, auctions and former LA Rams quarterback Vince

Ferragamo as the event's celebrated host and keynote speaker. By grossing over \$250,000 it delivers the resources necessary to support 1,500 youth who are facing adversity in Ventura County.

Said Ferragamo, "The day was beautiful, the course played great. We played as if we were the only group on the course despite us having a field full of golfers; the volunteers and staff were very hospitable. It was fun, and we raised a lot of money."

Big Brother Aaron Kirby and Little Brother Elijah were recognized as Big & Little Match of the Year, and were celebrated throughout the day. Representing the Breeze at the event were publisher Brown and Senior Account Executive Breezy Gledhill.



# Senior Living

Pull Out Section



Joan is enjoying her new home.

## Joan Egeris is always busy

by James Francis Gray

Joan Egeris lost everything in the Thomas Fire. She received a phone call from her handy man, the caretaker of her Ondulando neighborhood home while on vacation, informing her of the December 4th Ventura tragedy.

Joan left the Seychelles Indian Ocean island resort and headed back home to view the damage—a total loss. She, being an optimist, decided to move on and move she did—to a comfortable Ventura Townhouse Garden Villa apartment here in beautiful Ventura. It was no picnic dealing with insurance, the city permit process, the clearing and lot decontamination. She is enjoying her new home and intends to stay.

Joan's motto: "We have only one body and mind—take care of them with love."

The decision to sell the Ondulando lot and move from the home she lived in since 1965 came with much thought. It was a relief that she had her passport, driver's license, luggage and her travel clothes. She had to replace the amities of life, a daunting task.

Joan hails from New England, born to Lithuanian parents in Nashua, New Hampshire, on January 7, 1936. The family lived in Hudson, New Hampshire, on a poultry farm. She was active in two 4H clubs and won a trip to the National 4H Club Congress representing her state in the gardening division.

Joan, a hardworking student, graduated from Nashua High School with salutation honors. Her next quest found her graduating from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts with a diploma in physical therapy. She continued her studies at Harvard Medical School for a career in physical therapy.

After college, Joan had a long and fruitful career, beginning with em-

ployment at Children's Hospital in San Francisco. After her move to Ventura, she worked as Director of Rehabilitation Services at Saint John's Hospital in Oxnard. She was director for 25 years and during this time, she attended night school earning a master's degree in Health Care Management from La Verne College.

Busy, busy, Joan went on to open a private practice in health care services providing in-home care for local residents and for The Ventura Townhouse residents as well.

Joan, a world traveler, (she has been to over 100 countries, going for 200). She enjoys many activities, walking, cooking, live theater and reading.



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part of their services, they host free monthly education classes throughout the county, which include the following:

Diabetes Class-Tuesday, June 5th from 1-2:30pm. These meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. General information is provided about Type 2 Diabetes including prediabetes, with emphasis on meal planning, medication, exercise, blood sugar monitoring, and new developments in diabetes. Call 642-0239 for more information.

Joint Replacement Classes-Monday, June 11th for both English and Spanish speaking. English 4:00-5:00 pm and Spanish 5:30-6:30 pm. You will learn what to expect before, during and after knee or hip replacement surgery and how to be an active participant in your care.

For information or to RSVP call Dinah Davis at (805) 642-0239 ext. 739.

Ventura Adult Bereavement Support Group: Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20, and 27, from 6:30-8:00. These groups are open to individuals who have experienced loss and are free of charge. Call 642-0239 for more information or email [griefinfo@livingstonvna.org](mailto:griefinfo@livingstonvna.org).

Newly Bereaved Support Group-Thursday, June 14th from 6-7:30 pm. This monthly group is designed for adults who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one and is free. Call 642-0239 for more information or email [griefinfo@livingstonvna.org](mailto:griefinfo@livingstonvna.org). These groups meet every 2nd Thursday of each month.

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## Senior Living



*Classes consist of a core eight-form routine of Yang-style Tai Chi.*

### Tai Chi Balance classes seeking volunteers to train in June

RSVP will offer volunteer instructor training in June for a senior Tai Chi program, providing active retirees a way to serve their community through teaching classes while also improving their own balance and staying fit.

The two-day training with the Master Trainer for Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, in Camarillo. Volunteers must practice at least 30 hours before being certified to teach; often those trained practice together for support. Certified instructors teach at one of the free 12-week classes held in the four west county cities served by the Oxnard RSVP.

Attendance at quarterly in-services will be required. No experience is necessary, but volunteers must be age 55 or older and make a six-month commitment to teach three hours per week. Since instructors work as teams, time away for illness or short vacations is possible.

For more information on the instructor training or to register to be trained as an instructor, please call 385-8023.

A federal grant received by the City of Oxnard and its RSVP program funds the free exercise classes, which follow curriculum developed at the Oregon Research Institute where studies showed improved strength and balance, increased mobility and reduced incidence of falls among seniors who participated in the classes.

Classes consist of a core eight-form routine of Yang-style Tai Chi with built-in exercise variations. It teaches participants balance skills and good body alignment by using coordinated and flowing movements. The classes are intended for adults age 60 and older who can walk easily with or without assistive devices.

RSVP is a volunteer recruitment and placement program, helping people 55 and

older find volunteer positions that match their interests, talent and available time. The Oxnard RSVP has almost 575 members and is sponsored by the City of Oxnard. To learn more about being an RSVP member or to discuss other volunteer opportunities, call 385-8023.



*Board-Certified Music Therapist Lori Sunshine strums the harp for hospice patient Geneva Fergusson.*

## Music that comforts the soul

Geneva Fergusson, diagnosed with bone cancer, was given six months to live, and was placed on hospice care. Three years later, she was holding strong at age 95, as she and her husband Fergie enjoyed a music therapy session with Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association's Board-Certified Music Therapist, Lori Sunshine.

Sunshine arrived at the Fergusson home with a myriad of exotic instruments. The collection included a harp, Tibetan bells, xylophone, ocean drum, and various percussion instruments. Instruments are chosen for their beautiful sound and the ease of participants playing them. Songs are selected to stimulate meaningful memories and joy.

The purpose of hospice is to provide comfort care and emotional support to the terminally ill in their homes so that quality of life is maintained and family members may be active participants in care.

Music Therapy is a vital part of the interdisciplinary team Livingston Hospice provides. The interdisciplinary lineup also includes a medical doctor, nurses, therapists, social workers, home health aides, and chaplains to provide for the patient's physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. Volunteers that provide respite for caregivers and companionship for the patient round out the team.

According to Sunshine, the purpose of Music Therapy as an adjunct to hospice is "to increase spiritual support, peacefulness, and meaningful connections, to distract from pain, and enable participants to emotionally express themselves, both verbally



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# Senior Living

and non-verbally. To commence the session, Sunshine invited Geneva and Fergie to choose which instrument they would like to begin with. They chose the harp.

Because Sunshine has been with this couple for three years, she was able to immediately tune in to their needs and instinctively select songs that spoke to their souls. She gave Fergie an instrument, on which he strummed and gently sang as Sunshine played her harp and sang along too. They improvised together, in harmony, moving into tunes familiar and spontaneously created, as Geneva looked on lovingly, content to just listen and bask in her love for her life and husband.

At one point, Sunshine gently placed an instrument called a Kalimba on Fergie’s upper back, while playing and singing softly to him to help create positive energy with the vibrations, knowing of his tight neck and shoulder muscles.

In addition to the home visits, Lori Sunshine regularly provides Music Therapy for Livingston hospice patients at assisted living facilities. She brings drums and other instruments and welcomes other residents to join in the making of music.

Livingston is proud to have two Music Therapists. Laura Demiera Fercano brings joy to hospice patients with her keyboard and knowing just the right songs to sing.

Music Therapy is evidence-based, with research showing effectiveness for increased wellness of mind, body and spirit.

In Geneva’s case, Music Therapy may also be a part of prolonging her life. No one can know for sure, but she feels that as a part of the whole hospice experience, Sunshine’s visits have been overwhelmingly positive. “I’m sure Music Therapy has contributed to my longevity.”



“Are we sure just watching the islands helps keep our bones strong?”

## What is Osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis is a disease that weakens bones to the point where they break easily—most often, bones in the hip, backbone (spine), and wrist. Osteo-

porosis is called a “silent disease” because you may not notice any changes until a bone breaks. All the while, though, your bones had been losing strength for many years.

Bone is living tissue. To keep bones strong, your body breaks down old bone and replaces it with new bone tissue. Sometime around age 30, bone mass stops increasing, and the goal for bone health is to keep as much bone as possible for as long as you can. As people enter their 40s and 50s, more bone may be broken down than is replaced.

Although osteoporosis can strike at any age, it is most common among older people, especially older women. Men also have this disease. White and Asian women are most likely to have osteoporosis. Other women at great risk include those who:

- Have a family history of broken bones or osteoporosis
- Have broken a bone after age 50
- Had surgery to remove their ovaries before their periods stopped
- Had early menopause
- Have not gotten enough calcium and/or vitamin D throughout their lives
- Had extended bed rest or were physically inactive
- Smoke (smokers may absorb less calcium from their diets)
- Take certain medications, including medicines for arthritis and asthma and some cancer drugs
- Used certain medicines for a long time
- Have a small body frame

The risk of osteoporosis grows as you get older. At the time of menopause, women may lose bone quickly for several years. After that, the loss slows down but continues. In men, the loss of bone mass is slower. But, by age 65 or 70, men and women are losing bone at the same rate.

Whether your doctor calls it osteopenia or low bone mass, consider it a warning. Bone loss has started, but you can still take action to keep your bones strong and maybe prevent osteoporosis later in life.

For some people, the first sign of osteoporosis is to realize they are getting shorter or to break a bone easily. Don’t wait until that happens to see if you have osteoporosis. You can have a bone density test to find out how strong your bones are.

The U.S. Preventive Service Task Force recommends that women aged 65 and older be screened (tested) for osteoporosis, as well as women under age 65 who are at increased risk for an osteoporosis-related fracture.

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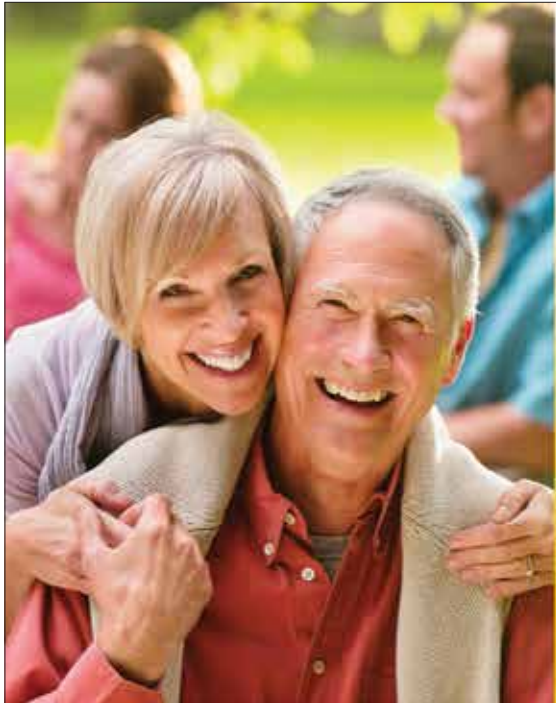
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## Senior Living



*Be active and involved, no matter where you are in life.*

## You are never too old to eat healthy, get active and be social

On May 30 from 10am - 12pm, the Ventura Family YMCA hosts Senior Health and Fitness Day in celebration of Older Americans Month. The event is free, open to the community and will take place in the outdoor sportsplex. A free lunch is provided.

Dr. Dial, former Director of the Family Practice Residency at the Ventura County Medical Center, will speak at the event about the importance of staying active throughout life. For more information on this event, contact Rejeana Mira at [Rejeana.Mira@ciymca.org](mailto:Rejeana.Mira@ciymca.org) or 642.2131 x16.

May is Older Americans Month and the Ventura Family YMCA is emphasizing the importance of being active and involved, no matter where you are in life. Ventura residents are encouraged to <https://oam.acl.gov/> "Engage at Every Age," developing behaviors that are crucial to healthy aging, including healthy eating, increasing physical activity and social interaction—especially those adults over 50.

Adults 50 years and older currently make up more than 30 percent of the U.S. population, and will soon represent 45 percent of all Americans. Here in Ventura, adults 50 and older make up at least 28 percent of the population. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that adults 50 and older have a 70 percent chance of developing at least one chronic disease. While these numbers seem daunting, the good news is that making small lifestyle

changes that include increasing physical activity, eating healthier and staying active socially can help older adults live better.

"There is no age limit to what you can do to maintain your physical wellbeing. At the Y, there is a wide range of programs suited to fit your needs and goals. The Ventura YMCA is committed to supporting you on your journey no matter how big or small," said Sherry Maresca, Health and Wellness Director, Ventura Family YMCA.

For 55 years, Older Americans Month (OAM) has been observed to recognize older Americans and their contributions to our communities. Led by the Administration for Community Living's Administration on Aging, every May offers opportunity to hear from, support, and celebrate our nation's elders.

Established in 1887, the Channel Islands YMCA is a charitable organization of seven YMCA branches serving Santa Barbara and Ventura counties including: Camarillo Family YMCA, Lompoc Family YMCA, Montecito Family YMCA, Santa Barbara Family YMCA, Stuart C. Gildred Family YMCA in Santa Ynez, Ventura Family YMCA, and Youth and Family Services YMCA which operates Noah's Anchorage Youth Crisis Shelter, the St. George Youth Center, My Home, and Support and Outreach Services.

For more information about the Ventura Family YMCA, visit [ciymca.org/ventura](http://ciymca.org/ventura) or call 642.2131.

## Millions of older adults fall prey to financial scams every year

Use these tips from NCOA and the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement to protect yourself or an older adult you know.

Be aware that you are at risk from strangers—and from those closest to you.

Over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by the older person's own family members, most often their adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others. Common tactics include depleting a

joint checking account, promising but not delivering care in exchange for money or property, outright theft, and other forms of abuse, including physical abuse, threats, intimidation, and neglect of basic care needs.

Always tell solicitors: "I never buy from (or give to) anyone who calls or visits me unannounced. Send me something in writing." Don't buy from an unfamiliar company and always ask for and wait until you receive written material about any offer or charity.

It's also good practice to obtain a salesperson's name, business identity, telephone number, street address, mailing address, and business license number before you transact business. And always take your time in making a decision.

Identity theft is a huge business. To

protect yourself, invest in—and use—a paper shredder. Monitor your bank and credit card statements and never give out personal information over the phone to someone who initiates the contact with you.

Visit Do Not Call to stop telemarketers from contacting you.

Be careful with your mail. Do not let incoming mail sit in your mailbox for a long time. When sending out sensitive mail, consider dropping it off at a secure collection box or directly at the post office.

To get more tips on protecting yourself from fraud, visit On Guard Online, which has interactive games to help you be a smarter consumer on issues related to spyware, lottery scams, and other swindles.

Use direct deposit for benefit checks to prevent checks from being stolen from

as you do your credit card, banking, and Social Security numbers and do not allow anyone else to use it. Be wary of salespeople trying to sell you something they claim will be paid for by Medicare.

Review your Medicare statements to be sure you have in fact received the services billed, and report suspicious activities to 1-800-MEDICARE.

Be skeptical of all unsolicited offers and thoroughly do your research

### What is Osteoporosis?

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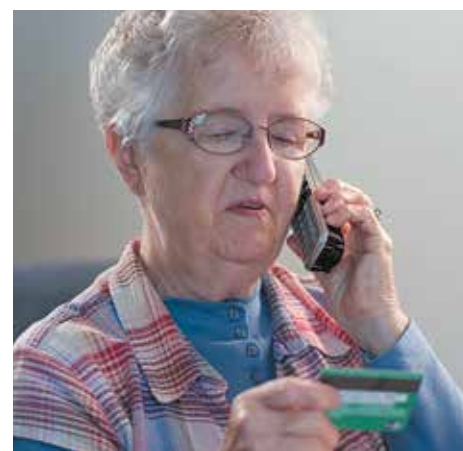
There are things you should do at any age to prevent weakened bones. Eating foods that are rich in calcium and vitamin D is important. So is regular weight-bearing exercise, such as weight training, walking, hiking, jogging, climbing stairs, tennis, and dancing.

If you have osteoporosis, avoid activities that involve twisting your spine or bending forward from the waist, such as conventional sit-ups, toe touches, or swinging a golf club. Learn how to exercise safely with Go4Life, the exercise and physical activity campaign from the National Institute on Aging.

But, lifestyle changes may not be enough if you have lost a lot of bone density. There are also several medicines to think about. Some will slow your bone loss, and others can help rebuild bone. Talk with your doctor to see if medicines might work to treat your osteoporosis.

For more information about osteoporosis, visit the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

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Never give your credit card, banking, Social Security, Medicare, or other personal information over the phone unless you initiated the call

Misuse of Medicare dollars is one of the largest scams involving seniors. Common schemes include billing for services never delivered and selling unneeded devices or services to beneficiaries. Protect your Medicare number



*The Ventura Chamber of Commerce held its Spring Carnival Business Expo on May 17 at the Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort. The Expo presented over 80 exhibitors, wonderful food, prizes and the Ventura Breeze. Making sure no one kidnapped the Breeze publisher were Jaime Baker, Ana Baker, Karen Leslie and James Francis Gray who really didn't care.*

*Photo by Michael Gordon.*

News & Notes



When you put the city club aspect together it supports the community.

West Coast Board Riders

The West Coast Board Riders are a community united through city surf clubs and competition. The top two teams from the Northern Division earn a spot to compete against the top two teams from the Southern Division for the West Coast Board Riders 2018 Finals which will be held in November in Huntington Beach. As it stands Ventura Board Riders Club sits in first place with the highest overall total points for both divisions. Ventura is on fire being lead by Team Captain Sean Hayes, Brett Jordan and Sean O’toole. They could not have asked for a better day at the Pipe. The Ventura community was out in force to support their club and the level of surfing that was on display was second to none. The waves progressively got better and better as

the day went on, with the sky’s opening up to the sun setting the stage for one of the absolute best finals the WCBR has ever seen. It was epic! The Northern clubs competing were Santa Cruz Board Riders Club, San Louis Obispo “SLO Board Riders”, Ventura, South Bay, Seal Beach and Huntington Beach Board Riders Club. The third and final qualifying event for the Northern Division is scheduled for July 7th in Santa Cruz at Steamer Lane. The West Coast Board Riders events are the most fun and exciting surfing competition around. Surfing is in an individual sport, but when you put the city club aspect together, it naturally promotes the community bringing brothers and sisters together in the water and along the coast.



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# The Pet Page



## Dedicated to Scamp

On April 27 Animal Services provided a shot clinic for the homeless in front of the SPAN Store in Ventura. They also provided leashes, collars, food and flea meds. Over 61 animals were served. Some of the homeless had up to 3 animals. It was for the homeless so the flyers were put up at Catholic Charities and other spots where the homeless go to seek services. SPAN is also working with Simi Valley Spay Neuter Clinic to have 2 mobile spay days a month.

The Humane Society of Ventura County invites the public on Saturday, June 9, and get a behind-the-scenes look at its Ojai animal shelter, learn more about its programs and meet the people who run it.

The HSVC's annual "Birthday Bash and Open House" will honor its 86 years of nonprofit service to the community. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ojai facility, at 402 Bryant St.

Visitors that day can interact with the animals – who will be available for adoption – tour the kennels and clinic, meet the staff, and learn about volunteer opportunities. Bring the whole family to enjoy refreshments, take part in a treasure hunt and learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of animals in need.

There will be a variety of activities for children along with information on responsible pet ownership. Humane officers will be available to discuss ways we all can help protect animals throughout the county.

"The Humane Society of Ventura County has accomplished quite a bit, when you add the numbers up," said Greg Cooper, Director of Community Outreach for the HSVC. "Considering our meager budget as a private nonprofit, the HSVC continues to provide valuable services to Ventura County in an extraordinary way."

For more event information 646-6505. For more on the HSVC, visit [www.hsvc.org](http://www.hsvc.org).

Amber is from a private donor in Fillmore. This gorgeous and sweet-natured Belgian Malinois has been stealing the hearts of trainers and staff alike at the

National Disaster Search Dog Foundation.

Amber has started to learn the search "game" and is working concurrently on Agility, Obedience and Direction & Control. All in all, Amber is quick on the uptake and has a blast training – a winning combination when it comes to being a Search Dog!

Amber grew up in a family of public servants and was very proud to serve her community as a 911 Public Safety Dispatcher for the Ventura Police Department and as a Tactical Dispatcher for the VPD SWAT Team.

Founded in 1996, the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) is non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Santa Paula. Their mission is to strengthen disaster response in America by rescuing and recruiting dogs and partnering them with firefighters and other first responders to find people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters.

It's not a matter of if, but when the next natural or man-made disaster will occur. To stay prepared, Canine Disaster Search Teams must constantly hone their skills through rigorous training exercises – and what better place to do that than SDF's National Training Center, specifically designed for Disaster Search Dogs and their Handlers.

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SDF headquarters 6800 Wheeler Canyon Rd., Santa Paula, CA 93060 888-4K9HERO Tax ID #77-0412509.

Top Cabaret and Jazz singers and songwriters will perform at a benefit concert and fundraiser for All For Love Animal Rescue on Saturday, June 2, at Bogart's Upstairs, inside the AMC Theatres at the Oaks Mall, in Thousand Oaks. The event features special performances by award-winning singer/songwriter Amanda McBroom and Jazz legend Sue Raney. Other performers include the singing duo, Maripat Davis and Richard Osborn, and well-known composer-pianist Shelly Markham.

## Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



I'm Enzo, a lucky rescue dog. A boy cockadoodle around 7. I like car rides, going to the park and hardware stores (so I'm a little weird).

## Join Scamp Club

Animals of all sorts can join the ScampClub. Email me your picture and a little about yourself to [Scampclub@venturabreeze.com](mailto:Scampclub@venturabreeze.com). You will be in the Breeze and become world famous.

Amanda McBroom has been called "the greatest cabaret performer of her generation, an urban poet who writes like an angel and has a voice to match," by the New York Times.

Sue Raney was signed by Capitol Records at the age of 17, and recorded her first album called When Your Lover is Gone, with Nelson Riddle.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to All For Love Animal Rescue (AFLAR), a 501c3 nonprofit animal rescue organization. AFLAR has rescued hundreds of homeless animals and placed them in loving, forever homes. AFLAR focuses on

rescuing animals in the most danger of euthanasia, and depends 100% on charitable donations to rescue, board, and provide medical treatment for the many animals they save.

The event will also feature a silent auction with many items to bid on, opportunity drawings and door prizes, and complimentary snacks and desserts. Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Seating is limited, and reservations are recommended. For reservations and tickets, call 445-3535 or purchase tickets at [www.AllForLoveAnimalRescue.org/fundraiser](http://www.AllForLoveAnimalRescue.org/fundraiser).



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He is depressed. Cowboy is as lovable, smart, goofy and charismatic as they come but people pass him over because he's a senior, a pit bull mix and will need a patient and empathetic handler.

Cowboy knows all his basic commands and his best friend and certified professional dog trainer, Genie Tuttle from Dog Genie, is offering free training services and full support to the lucky person who welcomes him into their home.

The team here at CARL ache for him but they can only do so much. Seeing seniors live out their golden years in a kennel is one of the most heart-breaking things you'll witness in the shelter world. If you are interested in fostering (even for one night) adopting or have any questions about Cowboy, text or e-mail Genie. 479-8900, [genie@doggenie.com](mailto:genie@doggenie.com).



When adoptable Nala arrived at the doors of Ventura County Animal Services in early February, this brave mama rabbit was in the midst of giving birth to four babies. The VCAS Bunny Brigade sprang into action to place Nala and her newborns into foster care. Nala took good care of her little ones until they were old enough to be weaned. Nala is now spayed and ready for a loving, indoor home of her own. To meet Nala and learn more about the importance of

spaying and neutering domestic rabbits, please visit VCAS at 600 Aviation Drive in Camarillo and ask for ID #A681274. And visit [facebook.com/VCASBunnyBrigade](https://www.facebook.com/VCASBunnyBrigade).



Noted author and acclaimed biographer Yunte Huang will be signing his book.

## Upcoming events for the Museum of Ventura County

The Museum of Ventura County has multiple exciting events coming up including:

- An Evening with Yunte Huang. Noted author and acclaimed biographer Yunte Huang will be reading from, discussing and signing his book, "INSEPARABLE: The Original Siamese Twins and Their Rendezvous with American History," on May 24. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails at a no-host bar. Huang will speak starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a discussion with KCLU's Duncan Lively. Activities will conclude with a

book signing. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the Museum. Admission to the event is free.

- The annual Wearable Art Fashion Show. See ad in this issue for details.

- The Night Bobby Died: An Eyewitness account of the assassination of Bobby Kennedy. Ventura County writer-journalist Ivor Davis was in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel half a century ago to witness the horrendous assassination of the man who would be president—Senator Robert Kennedy, younger brother of John F. Kennedy. On Wednesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. – the 50th anniversary of the assassination – Davis will appear at the Ventura County Museum with an eyewitness account, which vividly brings to life that shocking night in American political history. Admission is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-members. No host bar.

- Exhibit of Paintings by Pedro González Pulido – The Museum will host the U.S. premiere of an exhibit of paintings by prominent Cuban artist and educator Pedro González Pulido from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 8. The event will feature a reception and screening of the documentary "Hearing is Believing" by Ventura filmmaker Lorenzo DeStefano, which inspired Pulido's work. World-renowned musician Rachel Flowers, who hails from Oxnard, is the subject of the film and will perform her music at the opening reception. Advance purchase tickets to the opening event are recommended and cost \$20 each. Proceeds benefit the Flowers family, the Museum of Ventura County and Hearing is Believing Productions. Tickets may be

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## Wine in the Pines

by Mark & Debbie Bailey

Owners, The Wine Room Gallery, PMC

Fine wine lovers; mark your calendars for Saturday, June 9th, for the annual Pine Mountain Club "Wine in the Pines" in the Pine Mountain Village Center, an easy and scenic 90-minute drive from Ventura.

From 1-4pm (noon to 4pm with a VIP ticket) you'll be able to taste exciting wines from throughout California's wine-growing regions, with dozens of premiere wineries to choose from. If you need a break from too much fine wine, then enjoy some cold craft beer or cider from several

wonderful breweries. And then there's the food; some of Kern County's favorite restaurants will be on hand serving gourmet hors d'oeuvres to compliment the fine wine.

Want a food pairing for the brews? Then how about a bacon-wrapped gourmet hot dog from "Brazil's Gourmet Hot Dogs" of Bakersfield? Feel like cooling off and satisfying that exotic sweet tooth? May we suggest a late harvest viognier ice cream sundae?

Due to its immense popularity last year, we will once again have a specific Lompoc Wine Ghetto section in the PMC Village Center, featuring many of the wonderful Ghetto Wineries.

Great live music and wine-themed vendors completes this wonderful

**Wine in the Pines**  
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## News & Notes

heavenly mountain setting. Proceeds this year benefits the American Cancer Society and various local non-profits.

You must be 21 or older to purchase tickets for Wine in the Pines and ID's will be checked at the entrance. General Admission to the wine festival is just \$55 in advance and \$70 at the door if any tickets remain. VIP tickets allow for an intimate early noon entry. They are \$80.00 and must be purchased in advance. This event usually sells out, so buy your tickets early. Admission includes wine & beer tasting, a logo glass, a custom wine glass holder plate, fabulous food, live music and scenery like none other.

Pine Mountain Club is located just 20 minutes west of Interstate 5 at the Frazier Park exit. For a map and directions, hotel and cabin rental links and other information, go to [www.wineinthepines.com](http://www.wineinthepines.com), or email [info@wineinthepines.com](mailto:info@wineinthepines.com).

Tickets for Wine in the Pines can be purchased online at the event website: [www.wineinthepines.com](http://www.wineinthepines.com). Wineries wishing to pour at this world-class event, can click on the winery link also located on our website, and there is no fee to pour.



Check out the new Hill Rd. Library, it's wonderful.

## Ventura Libraries June Events

### Avenue Library

#### Children & Family Events

Summer Reading Events Tuesdays @ 3pm all ages

Nifty Balloons 6/19

Kealoha & Co 6/26

Summer STEAM Boxes

Lava Lamps 6/18

Rube Goldberg Art 6/25 Mondays @ 3pm

Create, design, and discover with our STEAM boxes aimed at kids 8+.

#### Bilingual Early Literacy Class

6/4, 11, 18, & 25 Mondays @ 6-6:45 pm

Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft & fun!

#### Adult Classes & Events

##### Adult Literacy Classes

**Laubach Literacy English Classes**  
6/4, 11, 18, & 25 Mondays @ 11am - 12pm

##### Pumarosa English Classes

6/6, 13, 20, & 27 Wednesdays @ 9-10am & @ 6-7pm

Learn English in a fun environment that combines conversation, singing, and technology. In the meeting room.

#### E.P. Foster Library

Adult Programs & Special Events

Wilder than Wild Documentary

6/22 Friday @ 6-8pm Film Screening  
6/23 Saturday @ 12-5pm Interview Sessions

StoryCenter presents the Wilder Than Wild documentary - on the issues surrounding megafires. Participants will be interviewed, apply at [www.storycenter.org/ventura-fire-stories-june2018](http://www.storycenter.org/ventura-fire-stories-june2018)

#### A California Native Plant Society Lecture

6/19 Tuesday @ 7-9pm

Join us for this lecture series presented by the California Native Plant Society, Channel Islands Chapter. See you in the Topping Room!

Children's Events

Summer Reading Shows Wednesdays @ 3pm 2nd floor

6/20 SR Show: Kick-off Show Nifty Balloons!

6/27 SR Show: Kealoha Dancers!

#### Early Literacy Class

6/5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, & 27

Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30am

Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft, and fun!

#### Teen Happenings

##### STEAM Boxes

6/19 & 26 Tuesdays @ 2-4pm

Each week will have a new and exciting challenge. 19th - Rocket Launcher, 26th - Lava Lamps

#### Hill Road

##### Children's Events

Summer Reading Events Mondays @ 3pm all ages

Nifty Balloons 6/18

Kealoha & Co. 6/25

Join us to kick off our Summer Reading Takes You Everywhere Program

##### Summer STEAM Boxes

6/19 Lava Lamps

6/26 Rube Goldberg Art

Tuesdays @ 3pm

Create, design, and discover with our STEAM boxes aimed at kids 8 and up. Aimed at ages 8+

#### Discover Science

6/12 Tuesday @ 4pm

Join Rachel Chang for this hands on workshop as she demonstrates science principles of chemistry, physics, and biology.

#### Early Literacy Class

6/6, 13, 20, & 27 Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

6/16 Saturday @ 10:30 am

Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft, and fun! Kids 0-5

#### Saticoy Library

##### Children & Family Events

Summer Reading Events Thursdays @ 3pm all ages

6/21 Nifty Balloons

6/28 TBA

##### Summer STEAM Boxes

Lava Lamps 6/20 Wednesday @ 3pm

Rube Goldberg Art 6/27 Wednesday @ 3pm

Create, design, and discover with our STEAM boxes aimed at kids 8+.

#### Early Literacy Class

6/5, 12, 19, & 26 Tuesdays @ 10am

Join us each week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft & fun! Kids 0-5

#### Adult Classes & Events

##### English Classes

6/4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, & 27 Monday & Wednesday @ 3-5pm

ESL Conversation Groups hosted by Laubach Literacy of Ventura County



# This 'n' That

## Students will present their Environmental Business Plans and will receive awards

On Thursday, May 31, over forty 5th-12th-grade students from six public schools in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties will be presenting their authored environmental business proposals to a judging panel. Students' proposals focus on water conservation, energy efficiency, or waste reduction of their school campuses, or educate a community about ocean acidification. The event will take place at the Museum of Ventura County from 4-7 pm.

In the first hour and a half, the 40 finalists will present to a panel of judges who will rank the project proposals based on merit and cost effectiveness. Then at 5:30 pm, the MERITO Foundation in partnership with NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary will award cash or in kind prizes to the young authors of top environmental business proposals.

Energy Efficiency to Mitigate Climate Change and Ocean Acidification "EECCOA" is a project-based science education program of the MERITO Foundation that provides energy, climate and ocean literacy services and products to 8th – 12th grade teachers and their students aligned to Next Generation of Science Standards (NGSS1) and Common Core

State Standards (CCSS2).

The EECCOA Awards Event is the culmination of the 9 month-long EECCOA Program. The following schools will have students present or display their project proposals:

The Multicultural Education for Resource Issues Threatening Oceans (MERITO) Foundation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization based in Ventura dedicated to protecting the ocean by facilitating education, conservation and scientific research opportunities to multicultural youth and their communities. The EECCOA Challenge empowers students to be environmental entrepreneurs by providing them through their teachers, with the tools to understand climate change, ocean acidification, drought and wildfires and address these issues with money saving project proposals for their school campuses. Students are also given the option to develop awareness campaigns that inform and involve their communities.

The EECCOA Program and EECCOA Awards Event sponsors include: NOAA B-WET Grant, Sea Forward Fund, Ventura Water, Arcturus Manufacturing Corp (through a settlement agreement filed by Wishtoyo Foundation), Island Packers and Montecito Bank and Trust.

The original Spencer Makenzie's Fish Co. is located at 806 East Thompson Blvd. The Camarillo location is at 311 Carmen Drive. For more information, please visit [www.spencermakenzies.com](http://www.spencermakenzies.com).

## Ventura College Foundation awards 103 students

The Ventura College Foundation recently awarded 103 Ventura College students with individual STEM and Phoenix scholarships.

The annual Phoenix scholarships are awarded to Ventura College re-entry students with minimal or no financial resources to cover the costs of their education. At the 19th annual event, each student received a scholarship between \$500 and \$5,000 for a total of \$48,400.

Phoenix Scholarship recipients are selected based on their applications, essays, recommendations from counselors, faculty and employers, and individual challenges overcome by these dedicated re-entry students. Now in its 19th year, the positive impact of the Phoenix Scholarship program is reflected in its results: 63% of recipients are first-generation college students, 33 % are single parents and 63 % are pursuing education and training in the growing health-related fields of nursing, paramedic and emergency medical technology (EMT).

"Our re-entry students are often part-time students, working and/or caring for a family, which requires commitment and sacrifice. Typically, these



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are students who don't qualify for most traditional scholarships or financial aid," said Anne King, VC Foundation executive director. "Individuals in our community fund the Phoenix Scholarships to help these students, making it possible for them to continue their education rather than abandoning their goals."

Since its inception, the VCF Phoenix Scholarship program has recognized more than 350 students and awarded more than \$250,000 in individual scholarships.

STEM scholarships went to 75 students pursuing education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The STEM scholarships were funded by the Gene Haas Foundation, Southern California Edison, and a partnership between the National Science Foundation and University of California, Santa Barbara.

The Ventura College Foundation received over 500 applications for the scholarships available.

Established in 1983, the Ventura College Foundation provides financial support to the students and the programs of Ventura College to facilitate student success and grow the impact and legacy of Ventura College as a vital community asset. For more information, contact Anne King at 289-6461 or [aking@vcccd.edu](mailto:aking@vcccd.edu). Or visit [www.venturacollege.edu/foundation](http://www.venturacollege.edu/foundation).

### Guest Columnist

## California needs action on flood insurance reforms

by Steve Ellis

*Vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense and a member of the SmarterSafer coalition*

The record-breaking floodwaters that recently soaked Ventura County should serve as the latest warning that unless Congress reforms and renews the nation's debt-ridden flood insurance program, more than 238,900 residents across California may be unable to rebuild after the next storm strikes.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which provides flood coverage to more than 22,000 communities across the country, expired last fall and is billions of dollars in debt to U.S. taxpayers. Due to inaction in the Senate, lawmakers have been forced to issue a series of short-term extensions to keep the broken program afloat. But with the next deadline approaching in four short months, the Senate must act now to address the NFIP's mounting debt and ensure it is sustainable in the future.

The Senate can start by passing a legislative package similar to the 21st Century Flood Reform Act, a bill that passed the House of Representatives last fall and includes several significant reforms that address the program's mounting debt.

One important aspect of the bill

would clarify that property owners in flood zones can use private flood insurance to satisfy the federal lending requirement.

Even with more than 238,900 NFIP policies, too few California residents have purchased flood insurance. Some residents may avoid the NFIP because the one-size-fits-all policy fails to provide homeowners with the coverage they need at a price they can afford. Expanding the flood insurance market with more private insurance options would encourage more residents to purchase flood coverage, since policies could be tailored to individual properties.

There are several other reforms that the Senate should pursue to help better protect people and property at risk of severe storms—several of which were included in the House legislation.

One desperately needed reform is to update FEMA's flood maps so they use the most accurate risk-assessment tools and modern technologies. Updated flood maps would give property owners an accurate picture of how vulnerable their property is to flooding and would help them take the appropriate measures to prepare for future storms. It would also help ensure that rates more accurately reflect the risk a property faces.

Floods have hit California hard in the past, and unfortunately, major storms will likely continue to hammer the state and rest of the country for the foreseeable future. The time has come for the Senate to tackle these NFIP reforms to ensure homeowners suffering from flood damage are not left hanging out to dry.

## Ventura Land Trust's 9th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Tickets are on sale for Ventura Land Trust's 9th annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival (WSFF) coming to Ventura on August 18, 2018. The popular festival offers audiences the chance to enjoy a series of award-winning short films that celebrate the beauty and bounty of our natural world.

For the first time, this year's festival will take place outdoors at the Ventura County Credit Union, 2575 Vista Del Mar Drive. In addition to films, festival-goers will enjoy live bands, food trucks, beer and wine, a high-end raffle plus family-friendly games and activities!

Ticket prices are \$25 for General Admission and \$5.00 for Children (ages 12 and under). To purchase, go to [https://www.venturalandtrust.org/2018\\_wsff](https://www.venturalandtrust.org/2018_wsff) and click on the drop-down ticket tab. The festival begins at 5 p.m.; films start at 8 p.m.

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## Award-winning fish taco eatery second location now open

Ventura favorite Spencer Makenzie's Fish Co. has opened their long-anticipated second location in Camarillo. The original is a beloved Ventura institution racking up national accolades from FiveThirtyEight, Business Insider, the Chive and Foursquare, amongst others, for their delicious, hand-crafted fish tacos, burritos, 'sushi grade' ahi tuna burgers, and more.

The new location is at 311 Carmen Drive, Camarillo. The new location features a large outdoor patio. Sporting the same beachy-themed decor of the original, but with more square-footage, the main dining room will feature a variety of seating arrangements.

Spencer Makenzie's is also nationally famous for its annual End of Summer Block Party and "Throw Down" cornhole tournament.

Originally founded in 2007 by John Karayan and his wife Jennifer as a festival concession, the Karayan's named their award-winning restaurant after two of their children – their son Spencer and their daughter Makenzie.

During that time, they perfected such signature dishes as Giant Fish Tacos, Clam Chowder, and Shrimp & Fish Ceviche and into unique recipes that provide a tastier, healthier and delicious alternative to typical "Fast Food". Everything is made to order, they only use sushi grade fish, produce is purchased from local vendors and 100% of their famous sauces are homemade.



# This 'n' That

## Put your phone down, just drive!

Drivers are using their cell phones less often while driving, 10 years after “hands-free” became the law, but distracted driving remains a serious safety challenge in California. Observing April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month and the first week in April as California Teen Safe Driving Week, safety advocates will focus on education and enforcement efforts statewide.

The Ventura Police Department will join law enforcement throughout the state to step up enforcement along with awareness efforts by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to discourage distracted driving. Officers will have a special emphasis this month on enforcing all cell phone and distracted driving laws.

The California Department of Transportation will put distracted driving messages on the changeable message signs on freeways during April.

Traffic officers have issued hundreds of thousands of citations over the past three years to those texting or calling on a hand-held cell phone. Recent legislation now makes it illegal to use your smartphone's apps while driving.

Since 2011, OTS has conducted an observational study of handheld cell phone use every year. “This year's study on the use of handheld cell phones and texting shows a decrease over past years; however, more work needs to be done to target those who were observed to still be breaking the law,” said OTS Director Rhonda Craft.

Preliminary 2017 data also shows nearly 22,000 drivers were involved in distracted driving collisions in California, a decline from the more than 33,000 drivers involved in distracted driving collisions in 2007, the last full year before the hands-free law went into effect.

Safety tips for preventing distracted driving:

If you receive a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location, but ‘never’ on a freeway. Once you are safely off the road, it is safe to text.

Designate your passenger as your “designated texter.” Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.

Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.

Cell phone use can be habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your final destination.

The Ventura Police is deploying extra traffic officers with grant-funded resources, during the month of April, in city locations with higher numbers of traffic collisions. Violators will be stopped and cited with fines set at \$162 for first time offenders. This campaign is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

### Ventura Land Trust Wild and Scenic

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“The Wild and Scenic Film Festival helps connect the Land Trust's work to the greater global environmental movement,” said Derek Poultney, VLT Executive Director. “The films are beautiful, educational, inspirational and just plain fun.”

The WSFF is supported by sponsor-

ships from local businesses, community organizations and individuals. This year's event “Celebrity Sponsors” are Rabobank and Slaughter, Reagan and Cole and the “Venue Sponsor” is Ventura County Credit Union. For a full list of the 2018 festival sponsors, go to [www.ventura.org](http://www.ventura.org) and click on Wild and Scenic sponsor tab.

For more information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.venturalandtrust.org](http://www.venturalandtrust.org) or call the VLT office 643-8044.

Ventura Land Trust (formerly Ventura Hillside Conservancy) is dedicated to permanently preserving and protecting the land, water, wildlife and scenic beauty of the Ventura region for current and future generations. Founded in 2003, the 501(C)(3) non-profit organization is supported by over 600 members, local businesses and government partners. The land trust manages 90 acres of land along the Ventura River and is negotiating the purchase of its first hillside property. Ventura Land Trust's offices are located in the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.

### Thomas Fire stories

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from the video series will be included in a comprehensive documentary scheduled to premiere in December – to coincide with the museum's exhibit and the one-year anniversary of the Thomas Fire.

CAPS Media's Digital Storytelling Summer program is accepting applications for three-day sessions on June 26 – 28, July 10 – 12 and July 17 – 19. The June 28 session will feature production in the CAPS Media studio, July 10 focuses on documentary production with field and studio production, and the July 17 session is geared to dramatic production. The sessions are geared to ages 10-15 and no experience in media or production is required. Every week crew members receive hands-on instruction in the use of video cameras, audio, lighting, studio production and postproduction editing. The fast paced, activity packed programs are directed by CAPS Media professional staff and assisted by student interns from El Camino's award winning ECTV media program. Digital Storytelling Summer Sessions will teach teamwork and skills needed to produce commercials, documentaries, news reporting, comedy shows and more that include organization and teamwork. To learn more or sign up call the CAPS Media Center, 805.658.0500 or go to [capsmedia.org](http://capsmedia.org).

Recently the CAPS Media crew recorded graduation ceremonies for Ventura College and the work continues with recording, broadcasting and streaming graduation ceremonies for El Camino High School (June 8) and Foothill Technical High School (June 14).

Everyone in the community is invited to tour the CAPS Media Center and learn more about the resources available to the public. General orientation sessions are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6pm at the CAPS Media Center which is located at 65 Day Road, on the eastside of Ventura College directly across from Foothill Technology high school. CAPS Media's mission is to create an engaged and informed community through participation in electronic media. For more information, go to [capsmedia.org](http://capsmedia.org) or call 805-658-0500.

### Ventura Water's General Manager

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problem with the fire hydrants and he responded, “no, however, there were large water tanks we just couldn't get to because they were surrounded by fire”.

He spoke of drought and disaster resiliency, “we're constantly analyzing the system to see where it can be improved, such as, how homes are built and the utility systems – do they need to be changed? The Oxnard City Water Services has over 400,000 customers, they are worried about being cut off by a seismic event, we're all looking at that”.

There are four water basins we draw from here in Ventura and four different organizations that oversee those basins, “it's complicated”, said Brown.

According to Craig Jones with Ventura Water, the basins and the organizations that oversee them are:

Mound Basin - Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Oxnard Plain - Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

Upper Ventura River - Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Santa Paula – Santa Paula Basin

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

“Since 1971, Ventura has been paying for state water but never got it, because there's no connecting pipeline”, said Brown, “this should be completed by 2022 – 2023”.

I discovered that what we've been paying for is the right to state water and we pay roughly \$1 million per year; water delivery fees will be an extra cost once the pipeline is complete.

In Fall 2018 – Fall 2021, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) will be in place. Ventura Water will be replacing all manually read meters with automatic meters that relay readings remotely. The expected results are improved accuracy in readings and customer service, advanced leak detection and notification capabilities, the ability for customers to actively manage their water usage and enhanced water quality protection and conservation. Ventura Water is excited to implement this new technology.

Lastly, I asked Brown, “if you knew what was coming (Thomas Fires) would you have taken the position as General Manager with Ventura Water?” He sat back and chuckled, “oh boy... knowing then what I know today ... yes, I would. It's in my heart as an engineer and there's so much going on here from water allocations to all the innovations, it's just exciting each day to come to work!”

Ventura Water will be looking at revenue and rate structure changes starting winter 2018.

### Ojai news and events

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**ognizing outstanding actors, the Ojai Film Festival presents An Evening with Sally Kellerman on June 3 from 4 to 8 pm at the Ojai Art Center.**

The event will include a screening of her iconic film “MASH.” Her 60-year career in film, TV and voice-over reflects her versatility as a performer. The Ojai Film Festival is delighted to present the satirical black comedy that brought her nominations for an Academy Award and Golden Globe.

Sally's monumental break came via director Robert Altman when he hired her, and she created a dusky-voiced sensation out of the aggressively irritating character Major Margaret. Both

she and the film were a spectacular success. She went on to do several more Altman classics “Brewster McCloud” and “Welcome to LA.” Her last film was in 2011.

Everyone is welcome to come to this delightful evening of film and conversation. Advance tickets are \$25 online or \$30 at the door. Visit [www.OjaiFilmFestival.com](http://www.OjaiFilmFestival.com) to purchase.

### Rotary Club of Ventura South

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Schools. First Bank in Ventura contributed \$2,000 to the project.

Bob Davis, 2017-18 President of Rotary Ventura South, commented, “We're excited to sponsor this first annual event as a means of supporting education in our community and encouraging students to develop their public speaking skills. We look forward to welcoming even more contestants in the coming years.”

Invitations to participate went out to all Ventura High Schools in March, and the initial round of competition was conducted on campus for students at the responding schools. The entrants were asked to prepare a four-minute speech on the American civil rights movement of the 1950s-60s.

The presentations were judged by panels of Rotary Ventura South club members using delivery, content, and their own discretion as criteria. They were John Weiss, Rosanna Colin, Bob Braitman, Mary Davis and Dante Honorico.

The winners are:

Kaitlyn Saldana - Freshman, Buena High School. First Place (Freshmen) - \$1,500.

Angela Tang - Freshman, Buena High School. Second Place (Freshmen) - \$750.

Joshua Cenzano - Sophomore, Buena High School. First Place (Sophomores) - \$1,500.

Alaina Hooks - Senior, Foothill Technology High School. First Place (Seniors) - \$1,500.

Aspen Levitt - Senior, Ventura High School. Second Place (Seniors) - \$750.

Jonathon Saldana - Senior, Buena High School. Third Place (Seniors) - \$300.

The Rotary Club of Ventura South is one of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs with 1.2 million members around the world. The clubs work together to promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; and grow local economies. Rotary Ventura South meets at noon every Monday at the Tower Club in Oxnard. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, visit [ventura-southrotary.org](http://ventura-southrotary.org).

### Museum of Ventura County events

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purchased at [http://bit.ly/MVC\\_HearingisBelieving](http://bit.ly/MVC_HearingisBelieving). There may be limited tickets available at the door.

The Museum of Ventura County celebrates, preserves and interprets the art, history and culture of Ventura County, the California Channel Islands and the surrounding region through its collections, exhibitions, events, educational programs, publications and its research library at 100 East Main Street, open Tuesday - Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit [venturamuseum.org](http://venturamuseum.org) or call 653-0323.

# Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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

## Felony Vandalism, Conspiracy, Battery on a Peace Officer & Resisting Arrest

On May 7 at 12:30am, the Ventura Police Command Center received several 911 calls from residents in the 1500 block of Echidna Place who were reporting having heard what they believed to be someone spray painting near the community pool house.

As officers arrived on scene they observed the suspect, 18 year old Ventura resident Alberto Lara, spray painting graffiti on the exterior walls of the pool house while two females stood by as lookouts. Officers approached the group, announced their presence and attempted to detain the trio. One of the females, 18 year old Ventura resident Juliana Munoz refused to cooperate with the officers and fled on foot. Munoz was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit, yet she continued to resist by spitting and kicking at the officers.

Lara was placed under arrest and booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony vandalism, criminal conspiracy and providing false identification to a peace officer. Munoz was booked into the Ventura County Jail for felony vandalism, criminal conspiracy, battery on a peace officer and resisting arrest. The third suspect was determined to be a juvenile and was issued a citation for felony vandalism and criminal conspiracy before being released to a guardian.

No officers were injured as a result of these arrests.

## Multiple Commercial Burglaries

On May 12 at 1am, the Ventura Police Command Center received a report of multiple window smashes in the 300 block of Ventura Ave. As officers arrived on scene they detained several juveniles who were fleeing down the street. During the course of the investigation it was discovered that one of the juveniles, a 15 year old female Oxnard resident, had smashed the window to a coin laundromat and entered the business to steal property. She then moved down the street and smashed a glass door and entered into another store to steal property. When she was detained, she still had the property on her person. The other two juveniles were found not to have been involved in the burglaries, however were out past curfew and were issued citations and released to parents.

The suspect in the burglaries was arrested for two counts of felony commercial burglary and released to parents. The Ventura Police Department would like to remind parents there is a curfew for juveniles under 18 from 10 pm until 6 am.

## Brandishing a Replica Firearm in a Threatening Manner, Negligent Discharge of an Air Gun and Obstructing a Police Officer Arrest

On May 17, at approximately 6:15am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call from the clerk of Motel 6, 3075 Johnson Dr., reporting that there was a subject in the parking lot armed with a handgun. It was reported the subject, later identified as 31 year old vagrant Spencer Westerberg, was standing near a parked vehicle, waving the gun around and pointing it

in different directions, including in the direction of Highway 101.

When the first officers arrived on scene and attempted to make contact with Westerberg, he got into the vehicle and started the engine. Westerberg refused numerous orders by the officers to turn off the vehicle and exit the vehicle. Additional officers arrived on scene and using the Department's armored vehicle, the officers blocked Westerberg's vehicle to keep him from leaving the parking lot. After additional orders, Westerberg exited the vehicle was taken into custody.

During the investigation, officers determined the handgun was a BB gun, although Westerberg admitted to shooting several BB's towards vehicles on the freeway.

Westerberg was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for brandishing a replica firearm in a threatening manner, negligent discharge of an air gun and obstructing a police officer. Westerberg received a minor injury to during the arrest, but did not require a medical clearance.

There were no other injuries as a result of this incident.

## Hit and Run and Driving a Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On May 17, at approximately 10:30am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of a none injury hit and run traffic accident that just occurred near the intersection of Loma Vista Rd. and Palomares Ave. The caller reported the suspect vehicle, a black Chrysler sedan, collided into their vehicle and was last seen fleeing westbound on Loma Vista Rd.

As officers were responding to that location, additional callers reported a second hit and run accident that just occurred at the intersection of W. Barnett St. and Snow Ct., describing that a similar described vehicle hit a parked vehicle and the driver fled on foot. Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect driver, later identified as 24 year old Ventura resident Brittany Caro, walking in the area and detained her. Shortly after being detained, a relative of Caro's called from a residence in east Ventura to report that Caro had stolen her vehicle.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Caro was arrested for hit and run and stolen vehicle. After being medically cleared from VCMC for minor injuries she sustained during the second accident, Caro was booked into the Ventura County Jail.

No citizens were injured as a result of these incidents.

# Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**5-02** 12:45pm, received a report of a transient disturbing people in the elevator next to Brophy Brothers. Officers responded and assisted Ventura PD with the individual who was eventually arrested for disturbing the peace.

**5-04** 11:15am, officers deployed the swim line at Harbor Cove beach to help keep boaters out of the swim area of the beach. The swim line is deployed at Harbor Cove before summer and is retrieved before winter each year.

**5-09** 7:15am, contacted by an individual who observed an injured pelican near



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Surfers Knoll. Officers responded and found the injured seabird and captured it with a net. It was held until bird rescue picked it up for rehabilitation.

**5-10** 7:21am, received a dispatch to a stroke victim at Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with the patient who was treated at the scene and then transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

**5-11** 11:30am, received a report of an injured pelican near Surfers Knoll. Officers responded and discovered the bird. They captured it and released it to sea bird rescue for rehabilitation.

**5-13** 7:00am, final day/Graduation of Oxnard College Lifeguard Academy being conducted at the Ventura Port District.

**5-14** 6:39pm, received a dispatch to a water rescue, kite surfer in distress off the Ventura Pier. Officers responded in rescue boat 19 and assisted VFD/AMR and State Parks with the call. The kiter was safely returned to shore uninjured.

**5-15** 8:00am, officers raised flags to half-staff in observance of National Peace Officers Day.

## A night to remember

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in Ventura for special teens and young adults at the Ventura Fairgrounds.

My name is Kelli McLaughlin and I recently moved to Ventura from San Francisco. My son Zane has physical and cognitive delays and uses a wheelchair, so it is often hard for us to attend and participate in events like this. The event was incredibly well planned for accessibility and fun, from beginning to end.

The number of volunteers was inspiring, as was all of the effort and care that was taken to create such a fun and inclusive event. It was a tender and heartfelt night full of fun and joy.

Preparing and planning for this

event was no easy task. Every guest was fitted with a tux or an evening gown prior to the night. Each guest was also paired with a host, if he or she did not already have a date. Also, hair and make-up was provided by local talented hair and make-up artists.

My son was fitted for a tux at Mission Tux on Telegraph - and the person who did the fitting was gracious and professional. Many organizations and unsung heroes worked behind the scenes to make this special night a possibility.

The night of the event, my son got dressed and was already excited by the fact that he was wearing a tux with a violet bow tie. Then we went to pick up his host/date, Zane was smitten.

Zane and his date were then swept away into a big white stretch limo and dropped off at the red carpet where many hundreds of people had gathered to greet the guests. This part was particularly touching and heartfelt as the group hollered and cheered for each couple as they arrived. If a particular guest was sensitive to noise, the music would stop and the crowd waved their hands in the air, a sign used for clapping in American Sign Language (ASL).

Throughout the night Zane would gaze upon his date with a warm and bright smile, certain that he was the luckiest boy alive.

I am feeling so grateful today for being able to participate in such a wonderfully inspiring and fun event - thank you Ventura.

If you'd like to be part of this magical evening next year, please look into volunteering.

MissionChurch  
www.missionentura.com 626-8850  
Kelli McLaughlin is a new account executive for the Ventura Breeze. We welcome her to the Breeze and Ventura. You should be meeting her soon.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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by Pam Baumgardner  
VenturaRocks.com

One of the highlights we Venturans (Venturians? Venturanites?) look for every summer is the release of the Ventura County Fair music schedule. The fair has updated their website and once again it's a well-rounded musical roster from Reggae to Country and most points in between. Of course, the biggest perk has always been that the grandstand entertainment is included in the price of admission.

Let's get to it, the Ventura County Fair music schedule kicks off on the second night (Motor sports on the first night), with UB40 featuring Ali, Astro and Mickey on Thursday, August 2; the Plain White T's return on Friday, August 3; it's LeAnn Rimes on Saturday, August 4; there's a full afternoon for your Sunday with what they're calling Dia de la Familia concert, though the performers have not been named yet; on Monday, August 6, it's Sublime with Rome (a musical collaboration between Eric Wilson formerly of the band Sublime and singer Rome Ramirez); there are two shows on Tuesday with The 5th Dimension at 1 pm and Frankie Vallie & the Four Seasons at 7:30; Boyz II Men perform on Wednesday, August 8, and we'll most likely be hearing new music off their upcoming October release called Under the Streetlight; it's country artist, Hunter Hayes performing on Thursday, August 9; and rounding up the music lineup will be Creedence Clearwater Revisited featuring two members from the original line up of CCR, with bassist, Stu Cook, and drummer, Doug Clifford, on Friday, August 10. There will be a professional rodeo over the final weekend in the grandstand arena.

Unfortunately, it happens every now and then that a band has to cancel due to illness, and so it went with Billy Vera and the Beaters Hi Hat Entertainment show on May 11, but they have rescheduled, so go ahead it mark it down for Friday, June 29, at the Hong Kong Inn.

Quick notes: Cubensis returns to Discovery for a show on Saturday, May 26; hip hop recording artist Antwon King has his album release party at Discovery Sunday, May 27; the Star Lounge continues with their Reggae Sunday afternoons with The Question, on May 27 and Bomba Fiya on June 3; Winchesters continues with live music over the weekend including Sunday afternoons now; and Jill Martini and the ShrinkenHeads perform island styled music at the Harbor Cove Café on the first and third Fridays of the month down towards the end of Spinnaker Drive in the Ventura Harbor.

And finally, don't forget to tune in for my local radio show gone worldwide, I call it The Pam Baumgardner Music Hour and it features mostly local artists out of the 805. It airs Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 pm and Sundays at noon on KPPQ-LP, 104.1 FM here in Ventura and on the internet at [www.CAPSMedia.org/Radio](http://www.CAPSMedia.org/Radio).

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Please send all information short or long to [Pam@VenturaRocks.com](mailto:Pam@VenturaRocks.com), and for updated music listings daily, go to [www.VenturaRocks.com](http://www.VenturaRocks.com).

## Music Calendar

For more events go to [VenturaRocks.com](http://VenturaRocks.com)

- Boatyard Pub**  
**Ventura Harbor Village**  
Mondays: Milo  
Tuesdays: Jason Ho  
Wednesday: Mark David McKinnis  
Thursdays: Bluegrass Jam  
Fri 5/25: Teresa Russell  
Sat 5/26: Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson  
Sun 5/27: Blue Motel Room  
Mon 5/28: Corsican Bros (4 pm); Milo (7 pm)  
Fri 6/1: Whatcher Moon  
Sat 6/2: Karen Eden  
Sun 6/3: Beach City Sound Club
- Bombay Bar & Grill**  
**143 S. California Street**  
Friday and Saturdays: DJs
- Café Fiore**  
**66 S. California Street**  
**(805) 653-1266**  
Wed 5/23: Donna Butler  
Thurs 5/24: Fabulous Hangovers  
Fri 5/25: Self Righteous Bros.  
Sat 5/26: Young Dempsey  
Mon 5/28: Jangala Roots  
Tues 5/29: Jazz Express  
Wed 5/30: Fabulous Hangovers  
Thurs 5/31: Coso Live
- Cask Alehouse**  
**5952 Telegraph Road**  
Sat 5/26: Capt Quirk  
Sun 5/27: GLAM  
Sat 6/2: Sarah Lightman  
Sun 6/3: Will Breman
- The Cave**  
**4435 McGrath Street**  
5:30 – 8:30 pm  
Weds & Saturdays: Varon Thomas  
Thurs & Fridays: Warren Takahashi
- Copa Cubana**  
**Ventura Harbor Village**  
Week nights 6 pm; Weekends 7 pm;  
Sundays 3 pm  
Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio  
Wednesdays: Creative Open Mic Jazz Jam  
Fri 5/25: Native Vibe  
Sat 5/26: Havana 5  
Sun 5/27: Karen Eden  
Fri 6/1: No Duh  
Sat 6/2: 40 Oz. to Freedom
- Discovery**  
**1888 Thompson Blvd**  
Thurs 5/24: Sammy J  
Fri 5/25: Sgt. Pepper  
Sat 5/26: Cubensis  
Sun 5/27: Antwon King  
Thurs 5/31: Jordan T, CRSB, Johnny Luv
- El Rey Cantina**  
**294 E. Main Street**  
Fridays: Xoco Moraza & Friends (5-7 pm)  
Sat 5/27: Sin Chonies
- Four Brix Winery**  
**2290 Eastman Avenue #109**  
Music 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Fri 5/25: Big Adventure  
Fri 6/2: Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson
- Garage**  
**1091 Scandia Avenue**  
Mondays: Karaoke  
Fri 5/25: Big Business, Chill Child, Brain Vat  
Wed 5/30: Veers  
Thurs 5/31: Subhumans UK, Final Conflict, Detoxi  
Fri 6/1: Wired

- Sat 6/2: Behold the Arctopus, Hessian Wolf Children
- Golden China**  
**760 S. Seaward**  
**(805) 652-0688**  
Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm  
Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic
- Grapes and Hops**  
**454 E. Main Street**  
Wed 6 pm; Thurs 7 pm; Fri & Sat 8 pm,  
Sun 4 pm  
Wed 5/23: Bluegrass  
Thurs 5/24: The Groove Lounge  
Fri 5/25: Ray Jaurique & the Uptown Brothers  
Sat 5/26: The Salty Suites  
Sun 5/27: Dive Bar Messiahs  
Fri 6/1: Mojo Monkeys  
Sun 6/3: Cranberry Sauce
- Harbor Cove Café**  
**1867 Spinnaker Drive**  
Music 4-8 pm  
Fri 6/1: Jill Martini and the Shrinken-Heads
- Hong Kong Inn**  
**435 E. Thompson Blvd**  
Mondays: Karaoke  
Wednesdays: Open Mic w/ the Beers Brothers  
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band  
Fri 5/25: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Big Jay McNeeley  
Sun 5/27: Kelp (3 pm)  
Fri 6/1: Hi Hat Enter. presents Rob Rio
- Keynote Lounge**  
**10245 E. Telephone Road**  
Tues, Wed and Sun: Karaoke  
Thursdays: Open mic night  
Fri 5/25: What the Funk  
Sat 5/26: Old School Band
- Leashless Brewing**  
**585 E. Thompson Blvd.**  
Tuesdays: Galactic Jazz  
Wed 5/23: Robert Quindaro  
Fri 5/25: Tom and Milo  
Sat 5/26: Kirby Ai  
Sun 5/27: The Swillys
- Made West Brewing**  
**1744 Donlon Street**  
Thurs 6 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 3 pm  
Thurs 5/24: RJ Bloke  
Sat 5/26: Sutton James Papanikolas  
Sun 5/27: Super Music Band  
Thurs 5/31: Hannah Jobus  
Sat 6/2: Capt Quirk  
Sun 6/3: RJ Mischo and his Red Hot Blues Band
- Majestic Ventura Theater**  
**26 S. Chestnut Street**  
Wed 5/23: Trevor Hall  
Thurs 5/24: Turbonegro, Against Me!  
Fri 5/25: The Green, Raging Fyah, Iya Terra  
Mon 5/28: Oh Wonder, Astronomyy
- Margarita Villa**  
**Ventura Harbor**  
Fri and Sat 6 pm; Sun 4 pm  
Tuesdays: Dave Rea  
Wednesdays: Karen Eden  
Thursdays: Keith & Friends Open Jam  
Fri 5/25: Inertia  
Sat 5/26: Crosscut 805  
Sun 5/27: Doc Rogers  
Mon 5/28: Misunderstood  
Fri 6/1: The Tossers  
Sat 6/2: Blown Over  
Sun 6/3: Right Amount of Wrong  
Mon 6/4: Bobby Caldwell
- Museum of Ventura County**  
**100 E. Main Street**  
Music 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Thurs 5/24: Munch w/ Shay Moulder  
Thurs 5/31: Munch w/ Shay Moulder
- O'Leary's**  
**6555 Telephone Road**  
Wed: Karaoke  
Fri 5/25: Live Band Karaoke
- Paddy's**  
**2 W. Main Street**  
Wednesdays: Karaoke  
Fri & Sat: DJs

- Plan B Wine Cellars**  
**3520 Arundell Circle #107**  
Sun 5/27: Teresa Russell Duo  
Sun 6/3: Jen Staves
- 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 5/25: the Mentors, Agression, Modern Enemy, Idecline, Bootleg Brigade
- Rookees Sports Bar & Grill**  
**419 E. Main Street**  
Fri and Sat: Rotating DJs
- Saloon BBQ Co.**  
**456 E. Main Street**  
Music 10 – Midnight  
Fri 6/1: Noble Grizwald  
Sat 6/2: Bad Leaf
- Sandbox Coffeehouse**  
**204 E. Thompson Blvd**  
**805-641-1025**  
Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon  
Thursdays Open Mic  
Sat 5/26: Peasant Boy  
Sun 5/27: Ruby Skye  
Sat 6/2: Bridget the Swagg Master
- Sans Souci**  
**21 S. Chestnut**  
Sundays: DJ Darko  
Mondays: Karaoke  
Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean  
Wednesdays: Open mic  
Thursdays: DJ Spinobi  
Fri 5/25: DJ Pistolero  
Sat 5/26: Porcelain Hill
- Star Lounge**  
**343 E. Main Street**  
Sunday music 3 -6 pm  
Tues: Karaoke  
Thurs: DJ Trovlbe  
Fri 5/25: Action Down  
Sat 5/26: Mini Driver  
Sun 5/27: The Question
- The Tavern**  
**211 E. Santa Clara Street**  
**(805) 643-3264**  
Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve  
Tuesdays: Karaoke  
Metal Wednesdays  
Get it Right Thursday DJs  
Fri 5/25: Tequila Steve  
Sat 5/26: Solar Sons
- Topa Mountain Winery**  
**821 W. Ojai Avenue, Ojai**  
**(805) 640-1190**  
Music 4-6 unless otherwise noted  
Sat 5/25: Brandon Ragan Project  
Sun 5/26: Bryan Titus Trio
- Vintura at the Wine Rack**  
**14 S. California Street**  
**(805) 653-9463**  
Sundays music at 2 pm  
Thurs 5/24: Tam & Dev duo  
Fri 5/25: Frank Barajas & the Corsican Bros.  
Sat 5/26: VJC Jam  
Sun 5/27: Paul Mars Black  
Thurs 5/31: Peasant Boy Gregg  
Fri 6/1: Mark Masson & Friends  
Sat 6/2: Epitome of Dreams
- Wicked's Brew**  
**4561 Market Street**  
Wed 5/23: Robeka, the Harpist  
Sun 5/27: Steve Ormond
- Winchester's**  
**632 E. Main Street**  
(805) 653-7446  
Music at 8:30 pm; Sundays at 2:30 pm  
Fri 5/25: Tommy Quayle  
Sat 5/26: The Corsican Bros.  
Sun 5/27: Preston Smith
- The 805 Bar**  
**Ventura Harbor**  
Music at noon Sat & Sun with Kenny Devoe  
Fridays 5-7: Sing-a-long with Kenny Devoe



Four years from conception to funding, the BeeCause art installation has finally been realized. Community members painted hubcaps, under the direction of **MB Hanrahan** who designed this latest public art project for our Barranca Vista Recreation Center.

The project was funded by the California Arts Council, and City of Ventura Community Partnerships.

In addition to being colorful and fun, and involving our community, the project advocates for awareness and protection of native bees and honey bees.



Grand Opening Gala **John Nava** exhibit preview matching fundraiser event. Thursday, May 31 from 6-8:30 p.m at Vita Art Center new location: 28 W. Main St. \$75 Donation Advanced purchase suggested (limited tickets available).

Join in for a festive evening of food, libation and art. Vita Art Center is celebrating its exciting new location and 10 years of bringing arts education and exhibitions to Ventura with a spectacular exhibition from nationally renowned painter John Nava. The exhibit will highlight a monumental 27-foot long tapestry of Surfer's Point in Ventura. Inspired by Georges Seurat's iconic, "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte." The show will also feature a series of paintings and other tapestries.

Your \$75 donation will be matched by Buena Tile & Stone who, along with an anonymous donor, have pledged a matching gift of \$5,000!

Your generous contribution helps Vita to continue to serve the Ventura community. 28 West Main St. • 644-9214 • [www.VitaArtCenter.com](http://www.VitaArtCenter.com)



A conversation with **Alison Saar** Sunday, May 27, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Oxnard's Levity Live at The Collection, 591 Collection Blvd.

Can artists help us understand and deal with complex issues of the day? Alison Saar uses bold symbolism, literature and mythology as she explores the role of African-Americans, especially African-American women, in our society and our consciousness. A native of Los Angeles, Alison Saar was born to well-known African-American artist Betye Saar and Richard Saar, a mid-century modern ceramicist and art conservationist. To learn about Alison Saar, visit [www.LALouer.com](http://www.LALouer.com)

Free to FOTM members, \$15 for public; \$10 for seniors.

The Artist Spotlight is open to students attending as a class assignment free of charge. FOTM is happy to assist with tracking attendance and sign-in sheets. Reservations required.

To RSVP visit [www.FocusOnTheMasters.com](http://www.FocusOnTheMasters.com) or call 653.2501.

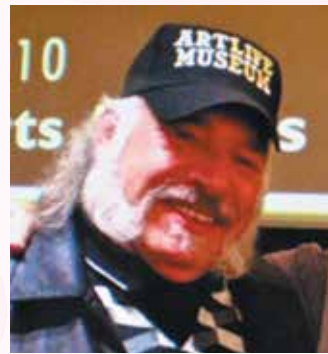
**Lupe Vasquez**, a talented and valued Guild member of many years passed away last month. She will be sorely missed.

Ventura County Potters' Guild 61st Anniversary Annual Potters' Guild Show Libbey Park, downtown Ojai. June 9 & 10, Saturday 10 - 6 pm Sunday 10 - 5 pm

The Ventura County Potters' Guild is a collective of ceramic artists is made up of professional and recreational potters and ceramists; instructors from local high schools and colleges; as well as people with a passion for ceramics. The VCPG began with ten Ventura area potters who came together in 1957 to form a potters' guild.

This year's spring sale will be their 61st anniversary of celebrating the Guild's fine ceramic artists. Various Guild members will demonstration during the day. For more information, call 985-5038.

In July 2010 the VCPG opened its first full-time gallery located in Ventura Harbor at 1567 Spinnaker Drive. The gallery currently features 32 juried VCPG members who take turns working shifts and selling their wares. The Guild has grown from the original 10 to more than 135 members and has expanded beyond Ventura to represent much of southern and central California.



**Joe Cardella**, who published an art publication for 25 years and was an important part of Ventura's arts community has passed away from esophageal cancer.

He was involved in art in many ways but is best remembered as the publisher of ARTLIFE. The publication came out of his midtown Ventura home and featured art and poetry from artists through out the world including many Ventura artists.



Buenaventura Art Association, the grassroots Ventura arts group started in 1954, has found its new home and will open soon amid many other creative endeavors centered on and near Ventura Avenue.

On May 19, BAA celebrated the sale of the Buenaventura Gallery location it has occupied for 28 years, 700 E. Santa Clara St. Attendees toasted the group's colorful history, founding Vice President Clophine Dooley's generous bequest that bankrolled the longtime headquarters, and its bright outlook going forward.

Members of the nonprofit co-op now will turn their energies into making a new home within a few weeks at Bell Arts Factory, 432 N. Ventura Ave., in space formerly occupied by Vita Arts Center.

BAA's board views the move as a chance to reinvent its business model and continue developing as a cohesive and sustainable group. It is also looking at possible collaborations with the Museum of Ventura County, building a venue for online art sales, and starting a Ventura Studio Artists Tour.

For more, visit BAA's website, [www.buenaventuragallery.org](http://www.buenaventuragallery.org), or call 648-1235.

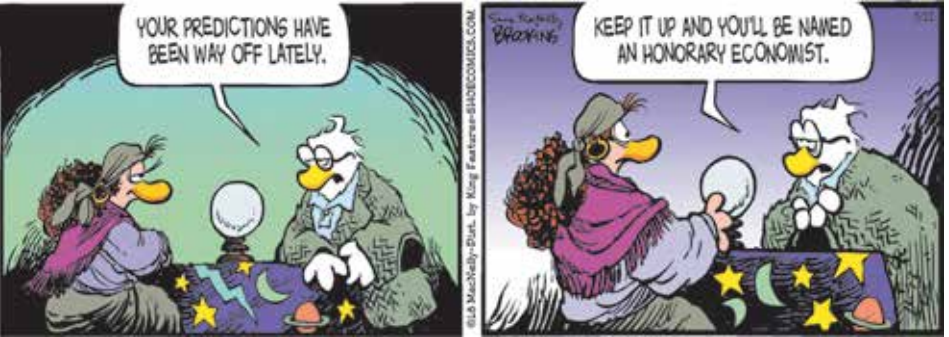


# Lighter Breeze

Mother Goose and Grimm



Shoe



Pros and Cons



Hi and Lois



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith



Crock



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(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to [venturabreeze.com](http://venturabreeze.com))

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gorilla  
4 Lathers  
9 Justice Dept. div.  
12 Felon's flight  
13 Violinist's stroke  
14 Young chap  
15 Shift back and forth  
17 Work with  
18 Have a bug  
19 Texas city  
21 Suppress the sound  
24 Landlord's due  
25 Web address  
26 Finish  
28 Nephew's sister

- 31 Author Bellow  
33 — -tac-toe  
35 Pharma-ceutical  
36 Spritlike  
38 "Bow-wow!"  
40 Historic period  
41 Pedicurist's target  
43 Got away from  
45 Supernatural spirit of Islam (Var.)  
47 Existed  
48 Regret  
49 Confuses  
54 Where — at

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- 55 " — Grows in  
Saabs  
oars, maybe  
9 Discomposed  
37 Local, often  
10 Low voice  
39 Fires  
11 Concept  
42 Cultivated  
16 Half- —  
(Starbucks  
option)  
44 Gls' entertain-  
ment org.  
20 Oklahoma city  
45 Faucet prob-  
lem  
21 Clio or Erato  
46 Twine fiber  
22 Caspian feed-  
er  
50 Spoon-  
bender Geller  
23 Most superfi-  
cial  
51 End of the  
alphabet  
27 24 horas  
29 Remedy  
52 Comedian  
30 "Zounds!"  
Philips  
32 Friend of  
Dorothy  
53 — Paulo,  
Brazil  
34 Guys with

DOWN

- 1 TV alien  
2 Chum  
3 Ostrich's  
cousin  
4 Vain  
5 Rich  
6 Lawyers' org.  
7 Engine  
8 Home of  
Volvos and

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**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

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# Show Time

## Tully



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Tully is a 2018 American comedy-drama film directed by Jason Reitman and written by Diablo Cody. The film stars Charlize Theron, Mackenzie Davis, Mark Duplass, and Ron Livingston.

Tully follows the life of Marlow, an overworked, underappreciated mother of 2, and her budding friendship with her new night nanny, Tully.

Diablo Cody has never shied away from portraying every cut and bruise that the normalcy of life so effectively leaves us with. Tully pulls back the dainty veneer placed on motherhood and really lets it all hang out for us. Plenty of films have presented radical solutions to the very real problems of postpartum depression and midlife crises. Wild solutions such as embracing some abrupt change in one's character, or to zealously remain steadfast to one's current track in life; Tully takes a more nuanced stance. To plant roots, embrace normalcy, but also be flexible. Change may be scary and inevitable, but it can be just what we were looking for.

Diablo Cody's script is a bit of a slow burn hinging on some witty lines that may or may not work for you, but really shines with its portrayal of the struggling mother. Particularly visceral and carried by the performance by Charlize Theron, Marlow was a character who was both nuanced and believable. With Tully's arrival, these two women only further develop into richer and more complete characters. It's unfortunate that a lot of the others won't feel nearly as fleshed out.

As our protagonists grow and develop, it's hard not to care for these people as we learn of their desires and goals. They are deeply relatable, whether you're a mother in a similar situation or just one sensitive to the struggles women face. On top of this, what Marlow want is just the same fulfillment and security that anyone can relate to. For me, it was how we get that security was what made this film resonate. To remain strong but not hesitate to face change head on.

Also funny enough, I was really appreciative of the short run time of Tully. 90 minutes with little padding and concise storytelling is almost refreshing at this point as movies are seemingly inflating to ever longer times. Diablo Cody gets the point across quickly, and director Jason Reitman kept a very snappy and consistent pace throughout the film.

There isn't much else left for me to say, other than that I just really enjoyed this film. My gut reaction has me feeling like I'm longing for more somewhere in this script. To really go deeper into the world of postpartum depression and family rearing. However, by this film's own merits, it hold up incredibly well. I try to keep away from saying what a film should or shouldn't add, so I won't try to. What we got was a wonderful ode to motherhood, and a poignant cautionary tale. It's short and it's sweet, and an all-around well told movie. Rated R 1h36m



Husband-and-wife duo Kirby and Beverly Ward step into a new role at the Rubicon.

## Students of Rubicon's Education & Outreach Summer Program in need of scholarships

This summer at Rubicon, Broadway performers and husband-and-wife duo Kirby and Beverly Ward step into a new role as the Directors of Education and Outreach. Over the last decade,

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5/25: SGT PEPPER BEATLES TRIBUTE  
5/26: CUBENSIS  
5/27: ANTWON KING ALBUM RELEASE  
5/31: JORDAN T W/TENELLE  
6/1: NO DUH  
6/2: SUBLIME DAY  
6/7: ARISE ROOTS  
6/8: HERBAL ROOTZ  
6/16: MJ DEJA VU - MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE



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## Students of Rubicon's Education

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audiences have seen them in main stage productions of *She Loves Me*, *King Lear* and *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, but now they'll be teaching performing arts to youths within the community.

The summer program was created and led by Brian McDonald 15 years ago and has enjoyed a stellar reputation for presenting high-quality productions and exceptional performances from young people. Some students have gone to work as professional actors both locally and in New York City. Kirby and Beverly Ward are thrilled to continue the summer program and have already conducted auditions for *Madagascar Jr.*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Grease* (the musical celebrates its 40th anniversary). They have been "over the moon" at the level of talent and enthusiasm exhibited by the kids.

The Wards have seen firsthand how a youth program like the Rubicon's can change lives. They grew up studying at San Diego Junior Theatre - a place that not only turned out some amazingly talented theatre professionals but also countless doctors, lawyers, designers, engineers and more. For them, they want to inspire confidence, and a sense of community for the kids who train at Rubicon.

Of the kids who auditioned some need some financial assistance. It is the Rubicon's goal to see every one of these extraordinary kids get the opportunity to participate, and in so doing we need the community to lend their support. By providing scholarships, a real difference will be made in these young people's lives. There are options at many levels. No amount is too small (or too big!) to ensure every student can experience this program and be enriched by it.

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To donate online please visit [rubicontheatre.org/donate](http://rubicontheatre.org/donate) or by mail at Rubicon Theatre, 1006 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

2018 Summer Youth Productions:  
*The Grunch* on June 30 performed by kids ages 5-11  
*Madagascar, Jr.* on July 6-8 performed by kids ages 11-14  
*Julius Caesar* on July 20-22 performed by kids ages 15-24  
*Grease* on August 3-5 and August 8-11 performed by kids ages 15-24

## Mailbox

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or changing others taking the lead. Are there times we can correct others? Certainly – and if in loving others we correct them or assist them in making change where needed that's fine – but let's allow love to be the primary.

And I would not limit this love to only those who need assistance/help in addressing their lack of housing. I must be open to extending love to those who may have a drastically different viewpoint on those experiencing homelessness than myself. This would certainly include those who speak before City Council, with a great deal of heartfelt passion related to their personal experiences. For I must not return anger for passion – I must return love, and encourage that passion be channeled in a manner that uplifts our entire community.

And love and appreciation for others certainly includes our City Council and our Police Department.

We should avoid relegating the responsibility to only our City Council or only our Police Department or our community's homeless service providers but rather recognizing that all us can contribute to concerns raised. Addressing housing needs and ensuring public safety are not contradictory objectives.

John Sanders Jones