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You might get to see some of the Ventura Police Officers, K9 Officers, police volunteers and Chief Corney who gathered for this photo taken at the St. Pats Parade.

Torch Run benefits the Ventura County Special Olympics

On Thursday, June 7, at 8:00 am, the Ventura Police Department (VPD) will participate in the annual Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) benefiting Ventura County Special Olympics. This will be the twenty-ninth year the Ventura Police Department has supported this effort.

At 8:00 am, Ventura Police Officers and Civilian Personnel, City of Ventura Employees, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents, Mile 26 Sports Ventura Running Club and Special Olympics Athletes, will meet at the steps of Ventura City Hall and carry the Special Olympics' Torch, also known as the Flame of Hope, through the streets of Ventura. Community members are encouraged to come out and cheer on the participants as the Flame of Hope makes its way through Ventura.

The Special Olympics Southern California LETR is comprised of nine different "legs" ranging from San Luis Obispo to the California-Mexico border. Legs are run in conjunction with various members of law enforcement agencies from throughout the region and Special Olympic Athletes. All legs will ultimately meet at the California State University at Long Beach (CSULB) as the Flame of Hope enters the stadium and the cauldron is lit to mark the opening ceremonies beginning at 10:00 a.m. on

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Winner Philip Drescher accepting his check from VPOA board members Schuyler Heard, Mike Hibdon and Bill Griffin.

Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship Award Winners

The Ventura Police Officers' Association (VPOA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 15th annual Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships are to honor Sergeant Darlon "Dee"

Dowell, who was shot and killed on August 7, 1978. Sergeant Dowell is the only officer in Ventura's history to die in the line of duty.

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The Fuller's are number one.

First Thomas Fire rebuild in Ventura is underway

by Richard Lieberman

Six months ago, the Thomas Fire raged through communities in Ventura County. Burning nearly 282,000 acres and destroying 1,063 homes and buildings. Today in our on-going series we examine the re-building process of one homeowner in the Scenic Way Dr., community. Homeowners Ed and Sandy Fuller are the first homeowners to receive

re-build permit approval from the city.

We met Ed and Sandy Fuller at the site of their destroyed home, burned to the ground during the fire. The re-build had already begun, and the organized chaos of the job site was evident. A new structure on the property was already in the final stages. The small out-building

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Proceeds from this concert will go toward the purchase of a bookmobile.

Happenings at the Museum

Live Performance Benefit and Fund-raiser was a big success on Saturday May 19 at the Museum of Ventura County. The concert featured two-time Grammy Winner Laurence Juber, lead guitarist for Paul McCartney's Wings and Fingerstyle Guitarist of the Year. Juber displayed his acoustic firepower with Beatles medleys,



Recipients of the Bonita C. McFarland awards with Barbara Barnard Smith and Elena Brokaw.

his own compositions and Won't Get Fooled Again, by the Who.

Proceeds from this concert will go toward the purchase of a bookmobile to be used by the Ventura County Library to better reach and serve all residents of Ventura County.

The Museum has announced the recipients of the Bonita C. McFarland and Forum of the Arts 2018 scholarships. This year's scholarships as recommended by the Museum's Fine Arts Committee: Kyle L. Cobian, who will be graduating from Foothill Technology High School

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Business

Downtown Ventura garden center celebrates first anniversary

If you haven't been to A Smart Garden nursery yet, you are missing out. This hidden gem is located near the Mission in Downtown Ventura, just 50 yards south of Main Street at 33 S. Palm. Owner Cari Vega has curated a garden center for the 21st century, where chemical treatments are a thing of the past and organics are simply common sense, not a newfangled fad. To that end, the nursery's soils, fertilizers, sprays, seeds and vegetable starts are organic only.

The store is located in a cavernous brick building dating back to the 1890's with huge windows, high ceilings with exposed wood beams and big skylights. It exudes a palpable charm that customers regularly comment on, and houses the nursery's selection of houseplants, pottery, gardening tools, decorative items and a splash of antiques. It also doubles as the garden center's classroom.

Since opening just over a year ago, A Smart Garden has hosted an impressive 32 gardening classes and workshops in the main building. In addition to teaching many of the classes herself—including the popular succulent wreath workshop—Vega regularly recruits other local gardening experts to share their gardening expertise on topics including California native plants, beneficial insects, edible landscapes, greywater systems, drip irrigation and other environmentally-focused topics. "Classes have been a terrific way of meeting local residents and getting a feel for what's important to them in gardening," says Vega. "We've been overwhelmed by the positive response to both the classes and the overall mission of the nursery,"

The outdoor nursery is stocked with a wide selection of drought-tolerant, low-maintenance plants displayed in a beautiful courtyard setting. "We want to make it as easy as possible for customers to succeed in their gardening efforts without drawing excessively on our limited water supply, so we focus on carrying plants that will perform well in our area with minimal care and minimal water," Vega says. That includes


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2018 Community Day
Saturday, June 2
Schedule of Events

- 10:30 AM Jolly Jumper Arrives
- 11:00 AM Welcome & Introductions
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Face Painting & Free Health Screenings, STEM Activities and Resource Information
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM LUNCH (must have a ticket)
- 12:30 PM - Martial Arts Demonstration
- 1:00 PM - Fitness Demonstration
- 1:30 PM - Zumba Demonstration
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Raffle Giveaway
- 2:00 PM - Clean Up

Thank you to our partners who made this event possible



Westpark Director Anita Diaz proudly showing off the day's activities at Community Day at Westpark Community Center, 450 W. Harrison. Booths by Aera Energy and Careers in Energy were among the displays. Aera Energy booth featured a hunt for oil and many giveaways. Many activities and demonstrations were held, including face painting, free health screening, STEM activities, resource information, martial arts and boxing demonstrations, fitness demonstration and Zumba. Photos by Richard Lieberman.



Burgerim Gourmet Burgers recently held their grand opening Chamber ribbon cutting in Downtown. Burgerim is a rapidly expanding burger franchise with 160 locations around the world. 440 E Main Street 805-667-8910. Photos by Michael Gordon.

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ The new signs at the **Promenade** stating that it closes at 10:00 PM is causing some confusion. The Promenade is officially a park and can be controlled like any other park in the city.

Based upon Sec. 20.050.040. - Closing of parks.

“Except as otherwise specified in this chapter, city park properties, as determined or designated by the director of parks and recreation, shall be closed to public use at a time to be determined by the director of parks and recreation and shall remain closed until sunrise the following day (most close at dusk). A park or portions thereof may be closed when it has been determined that: Continued use of the park or portion thereof could create hazardous conditions detrimental to the health or safety of the public or cause an adverse physical impact on the park environment.”

“The city council, director of parks and recreation, fire chief, chief of police or an authorized representative of any of said officials may direct any park or designated portion thereof to be closed to protect public safety, public property or natural resources within said city park, or any private or public property or natural resources in the vicinity of the park, from imminent damage or destruction or where there is a clear and present danger of a breach of the public peace or safety in said park or portion of a park or in the vicinity thereof.”

The ordinance goes on to say what is really the important part of the language. “That City parks and park facilities belong to all of the people of the City. That City parks and park facilities should be open for use and enjoyment by all City residents, businesses, and visitors. That in adopting this Chapter, the City Council has specifically excluded conduct and activities involving the exercise of **First Amendment rights** from its application and determines that it is not the purpose or the intent of this Chapter to regulate or interfere

with the exercise of such rights.”

Obviously, the purpose of this is to control the homeless on the Promenade. But the City needs to be very careful in excluding the homeless from the Promenade and not the folks leaving Aloha or the hotel or those just out for a stroll. Laws can't apply to just one particular group, or the City could be subject to being sued.

■ Per a cover article, we feature the first re-build permit for a house destroyed in the fire. Several more have been issued. I think the City has done a wonderful job in expediting the **permit process** and should be commended.

■ Two City Council candidates have announced their candidacy in the Breeze for the November election. Mike Marostica in district



It does?

District 4 and Marie Lakin District 5. They are both very qualified, so I hope that further candidates will also be of a high caliber.

■ A lot is going on in and around the **Harbor**. Construction has begun on an expansion of the Holiday Inn Express adding an additional 40 rooms. And the 300 unit mixed use development on the edge of the Harbor is zipping along finally (only after 20 years of first proposing it to the City). Two future wonderful developments in the harbor are in the very preliminary stages of design and approvals, so they will still be several years off but will be great additions.

■ By now you should be aware of this area code change, but just in case you are not:

As of 12:01 a.m. Saturday, people in 805 will have to add an area code to every call made, local or long distance. Those using landlines will have to add 1 and the area code. If you fail to dial 1 you should receive

an automated recording yelling at you. A new 820 area code will be coming soon in the area but existing 805 will remain.

■ I thought that the **Thomas Fire** had been officially extinguished but officials with the Los Padres National Forest just announced that it is now officially out. I wonder how much longer ashes will be falling from the hills?

Babbling by Brown:

■ California's economy has surpassed that of the **United Kingdom** and is now the fifth largest in the world, so it is time for us to become a country and elect a king and queen. If we do become our own country we could then manufacture nuclear bombs and the US government would pay us a bunch of money to destroy them.

■ **Sears** keeps closing stores with the one in City Industry shutting down in California. Will ours be next?

■ Alcohol and tobacco is found to reshape **rat's brains** making them prone to cocaine addiction. So perhaps the “gateway drugs” are not what we thought they were. I have seen several drunk rats lately in my backyard.

■ In a paper published recently in Science, researchers report that a rise in just half a degree Celsius could mean the difference between **life or death** for many species (plants and animals).

■ A survey by the American Psychiatric Assn. showed that 39% of Americans are feeling **more anxious** now than they did a year ago - this is more than double of those feeling this way last year.

■ There have been zero U.S. Commercial Airline jets deaths crashes since 2009.

■ In the last couple of months, the Commerce Department has put in place duties on producers and exporters of certain paper from Canada used in the production of newspapers. This has increased the price of certain types of paper by almost 30%. Even if this greatly increases our production costs we certainly plan to keep the **Ventura Breeze** a free newspaper, so it is important that you continue to support our only source of income, which is from our advertisers.

Mailbox



Editor:

Linda Taylor is founder and chairman of the board of Taylor Design - Irvine, which “designed” the architectural abortion known as Kaiser Permanente Ventura - possibly California's most visually disturbing building of-the-year as well as a major embarrassment to the citizens of this community. What is more disturbing is the city's Design Review Committee approved this monster. It would seem the least Kaiser Permanente could do is turn off the lighted duct tape effect

at night.

John Stewart

John Stewart and Associates

John: I completely agree with you. But I don't blame Taylor Design entirely, architects can design bad buildings (as a retired architect I know that). I blame the DRC (design review committee) for approving it or it wouldn't have happened. I keep waiting for the “ribbon cutting.” Ooops, those aren't lighted ribbons to be removed.

Sheldon

Photo by Bernie Goldstein

Editor:

I've read with sadness of the tragedy at the Aloha... along with the shaming of the mentally ill and the homeless. It's so easy to be judgmental, but much harder to walk in the shoes of those just existing on the streets. Mental illness playing tricks on the mind, blending

night into day in a never ending cycle of hopelessness and despair.

Ventura needs more transitional housing combined with targeted services to truly effect change. I look at the successful model of The City Center Transitional Living Community. Transforming the old City Center Motel into a transitional living community for homeless children and custodial parent needing to heal and rebuild their lives. Each room has been transformed into a little “home”, providing respite from the streets and a secure place to change their plight in life. Each is required to get

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We encourage you to send your opinions to opinions@venturabreeze.com. Please limit them to about 300 words

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

— Aesop

City News



New homes will soon start replacing the lost ones.

Strong Thomas Fire recovery efforts in the City of Ventura

The City of Ventura has issued the first full-home Thomas Fire rebuild permits to property owners who lost their homes in the fire last December. The City of Ventura Community Development Department worked closely with the homeowners and architects to issue building permits.

The Ventura City Council took several steps early on to help residents rebuild homes on fire-damaged properties by instituting a streamlined and expedited approach. After the Thomas Fire, policy changes were made to accelerate the recovery process such as a allowing homeowners to maintain their legal nonconforming status and instituting a 14-business day turnaround for permit plan check(normally at least 6-weeks). To help review rebuilding permits, the City contracted with

outside firms to support the workload and ensure Thomas Fire rebuilding applications are given priority.

“We have made rapid progress,” said Mayor Neal Andrews. “It’s been just five months since the Thomas Fire and we will continue to work diligently and support the needs of our residents to reinvest in their properties.”

Additionally, the City established a Thomas Fire Rebuild office to expeditiously serve residents and improve the workflow. “It’s been a tremendous team effort,” said Community Development Director Jeffrey Lambert. “Collaborating with local architects early on and working with departments citywide has been the key to our success.”


In the City of Ventura, the Thomas Fire destroyed 524 homes and damaged approximately 168 homes.

City staff has held more than 125 one-on-one meetings with homeowners and design professionals.

Street Fair staff is looking for volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of our community, and the 4th of July Street Fair staff is always thankful for the help. The Street Fair staff is currently looking for volunteers to assist with the duties listed below for this annual event. All volunteer positions receive community hour credits if required. The deadline to volunteer is June 14.

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“Welcome to Paradise.”
My Daily Greeting
by **Helmut Hoenigsberg,**
Resident

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Grants will range in size from \$1,000-\$20,000 and will be awarded on a competitive basis with a total of \$90,000 available to grant. For more information, visit the Cultural Grant Funding website or contact Kathryn Dippong Lawson at 658-4720 or kdippong@cityofventura.ca.gov.

Did you know that there is a City of Ventura Parks and Recreation sailing center that teaches residents to sail, kayak and paddleboard and provides seasonal camps for younger residents? Join the staff of the Leo Robbins Community Sailing Center at an Open

House and Safe Boating Event on Sat., May 26 from 12-3 pm at Marina Park, 2950 Pierpont Blvd.

Take a free sailboat or kayak ride, and learn more about summer programs! This event is open to the public, and no experience is necessary. For more information visit the Leo Robbins Community Sailing Center website.

Event to encourage people to get involved with the issue that is gun violence

On June 9, at noon, members of the community will peacefully gather at Plaza Park to commemorate the anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shooting and to discuss how gun violence affects people of minorities such as the LGBTQ+ community. The intent is to bring people together and encourage people to get educated and involved with the issue that is gun violence in America.

Community Events

The event will be hosted by the National Association of Students Against Gun Violence. People will gather to have an educated discussion about how gun violence affects people of minorities.

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 marks the 2-year anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub shooting in which 49 people were killed and 53 were injured. People of the LGBTQ+ community were specifically targeted in this shooting, and they continue to be victims of gun violence to this day. This is why citizens of Ventura will gather to talk about gun violence and its effect on minority communities.

Guest speakers will include students, elected officials, and members of organizations that work to protect people of minorities. This will be a peaceful event for the community to discuss gun violence, its causes, and possible solutions. Everyone is welcome.

The National Association of Students Against Gun Violence is working across the U.S. to empower students and advocate for common sense gun laws. The President of the Ventura County chapter is Eric Martinez, the head of the Foothill Technology High School chapter and the organizer of this event is student Hannah Yale.

climate change, environmental and land use policy, and managing the resource of our wilderness areas" stated Joe Lambert, Executive Director, StoryCenter

StoryCenter is an internationally recognized hub of story-based educational and community-centered media practices in service of social justice and social change. Best known as the founders of the Digital Storytelling movement, they work with a cross section of civic institutions in developing programs that capture the lives and experiences of ordinary citizens, and teach accessible media engagement practices to working professionals in the fields of education, health, social services, and human rights. For more information about StoryCenter, contact Joe Lambert, joe@storycenter.org or call 510-292-6513 #CalFireStoryProject

The theme of this year's ISD is "Protect & Enjoy"

Every day, the Surfrider Foundation and the volunteer activist network, work hard to protect our coasts. This year on, International Surfing Day (ISD), we pause to celebrate and enjoy the beaches we all love. While we band together to enjoy the stoke of surfing, we also aim to raise awareness of threats to our precious coastline.

The theme of this year's ISD is "Protect & Enjoy" on June 16th from 10am-2pm participate at Surfers' Point Cove for a very special event!

A Walk on Water (AWOW) will be demonstrating Surf Therapy from 10-12. AWOW works closely with their local communities to help those most in need experience the calming and therapeutic effects of the electrifying, living ocean.

From 10-12, Ohana Surf Camp will be giving beginner surf lessons. Ohana's Surf Camp mission is to inspire the next generation to become stewards of the ocean.

On shore activities, snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the event.

Discounts on wetsuit and surfboard rentals from Seaward Surf and Sport and Rip Curl will be given when you mention ISD!

As if that wasn't enough! From 2pm on, join in at Leashless Brewing at 585 E. Thompson for 25% off their craft beer, live music and a raffle fundraiser for your local, beloved Surfrider VC chapter!

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club
Monday nights 7:30 - 9:45p.m. Poinsettia Pavilion. Ballroom, swing, Latin and line dancing. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Dance lessons 6:45 - 7:15 \$5 for couple \$3 for single. Call Rick 805-415-8842 for more information.

There will be a regular Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St.,

Wildfire Story Project to educate the public on wildfire risk

Ventura County Library joins StoryCenter and the California State Library at the launch of the California Wildfire Story Project to educate the public on the issues of wildfire risk and prevention across California. The California Wildfire Story Project is a series of public oral history workshops.

The Ventura County Library events are at E.P. Foster Library. Join filmmakers Kevin White and Stephen Most, in viewing their recently released, Wilder Than Wild documentary film, on the issues surrounding megafires, climate change, and fire control and management policy, Friday, June 22 at 6 pm.

Participant interview sessions are Saturday, June 23 at E.P. Foster Library. To apply for interview participation, please visit: <https://www.storycenter.org/ventura-fire-stories-june2018>. All events are welcome to the general public and free.

The California Wildfire Story Project is part of California Listens, a multi-year program bringing story-based engagement process to libraries throughout California. The California State Library joins with StoryCenter, Ventura County Library, and public libraries in Mendocino, Sonoma, Santa Barbara, and Napa Counties as part of California Wildfire Preparedness Week.

"The stories of those affected by the mega-fires of 2017 are now an important part of California memory, and deserve to be collected and maintained as part of sustaining our awareness of how our state is coping with the intersection of

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Community Events

Wednesday from 4 - 5:45 p.m. Several people usually stay for a drink and a bite to eat afterward. Bring an interesting topic to discuss if you can.

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

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 805-642-1359

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.

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 805-644-2733.

Are you a stamp collector? The Ventura County Philatelic Society meet 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. They are a fun group. Contact Bill Garner 805-320-1601 or vcpsforyou@lycos.com.

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. Join Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/800215670039426/>

First Wednesday, of each month, 6-10 pm, Gold Coast Modular Railroad Club meets at the Murphy Auto Museum, Oxnard. Now exhibiting Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. Member initiation fee \$10, monthly dues \$20, \$10 for Juniors. www.gcmrc.com. For more information, 805-229-7429.

June 8: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution June luncheon meeting will feature a special program "Native Americans during the Revolutionary War," presented by Mr. William V. Wenger. The luncheon event will take place Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave. All SAR & DAR Compatriots, friends, and visitors are welcome to join us. If you choose to join us for lunch, cost is \$20 per person, including a slice of Marie Callender's pie. For additional information or for assistance in determining your possible Revolutionary War genealogical roots, please call Bill Bays 805-650-3036 or Robert Taylor 805-216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter activities, please visit the chapter website at <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

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June 12: The Ventura County Writers Club is hosting award-winning author, publisher, editor and writing coach Marcia Meier at 1605 Burnley Street in Camarillo at 7:00 PM. Meier, who recently co-edited the book *Unmasked: Women Write about Sex and Intimacy After Fifty*, has been awarded a bronze IPPY medal as a part of the 22nd Annual Independent Publisher Book Awards. Westlake resident Carol Fogel will also speak about her book, *Rosie Sees the Light*, based on the fictional experience of a spunky Mexican immigrant sent to a home for the aged after experiencing health issues. For more information call Ventura Breeze contributing writer Sheli Ellsworth at 805.300.1365.

June 19: Join NAWBO Ventura County on Tuesday, at the Wedgewood Center, 901 Sterling Hills Drive, Camarillo from 5:30 – 8 p.m. for a must-attend presentation about Proposition 64, the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana and how it impacts your business as an employer. The dinner meeting is open to all and seats may be reserved at www.NAWBOVC.org. Guest speaker Rabiah Rahman, Esq. of Strauss & Strauss, APC, will address many questions and concerns employers are raising about their rights and liabilities with regards to marijuana use by employees. "NAWBO supports business owners as they traverse the challenges and successes of entrepreneurship," stated Elaine Hollifield, President of NAWBO VC. Membership is open to women sole proprietors, partners and corporate owners as well as those businesses that support women owned businesses. Learn more www.nawbovc.org.

June 22: Like to play acoustic music? Songmakers.org welcomes all lovers of acoustic music, instrumentalists, singers, and singer/songwriters of all levels, to join in a free song circle. Fourth Friday of each month from 7-10 p.m. at the Bell Arts Factory Community Room, 432 N. Ventura Ave. Listeners welcome. Mike Wittlin 805-750-8281.

Ojai news and events

Nationally recognized singer Vivian Mason will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018, to deliver a special musical performance. Mason will be accompanied by pianist Jimmy Calire.

Mason is a versatile entertainer who has performed at clubs, concerts, festivals, and in film and television. She has toured across the country from San Francisco to New York.

Ojai local Erin McKeever will visit the Ojai Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, to host a screening of the documentary film Crazywise. During a quarter-century documenting indigenous cultures, human-rights photographer and filmmaker Phil Borges saw how these cultures often identify "psychotic" symptoms as an indicator of a person's gifts or shamanic potential. Through interviews with renowned mental health professionals including Gabor Mate, MD, Dan Siegel, MD, Robert Whitaker, and Roshii Joan Halifax, PhD, the documentary *Crazywise* explores the growing severity of the mental health crisis in America

dominated by biomedical psychiatry.

She can be reached by email at erin@innerpassage.org, or by calling (310) 463-5089.

Kathryn Padgett will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, to deliver a talk "Carved Paper: The Art of the Japanese Stencil." Ms. Padgett comes to us via the Santa Barbara Museum of Art's Community Speakers Program. Japanese paper stencils, or katagami, are the pattern-bearing tools used in a resist-dyeing textile process.

Ojai Library's Ukulele Club will resume meeting on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. for a weekly workshop and jam session.

The Ukulele Club is about sharing the fun, simplicity, and musicality that the ukulele offers, and learning and practicing with other players. Feel free to bring a copy of a song or tune that you like; the club collects these in a book of songs used during meetings.

Ojai Library's Prime Writers' group will meet on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. for a weekly writing workshop. The Prime Writers' group is a place for aspiring young authors and poets ages 8-18 to meet other writers, to share their writing with each other, and to provide constructive feedback on one another's works. The group is not a class but rather a place for young writers to explore the creative writing process.

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

The Ojai Photography Club will feature fine-art photographer Felice Willat as the presenter for June. The event, "Lifescapes," is free and open to the public and will be held June 19 at 7 p.m. in Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 W. Santa Ana Road. For more information on Willat, go to <http://www.felicewillatphotography.com/>

Monthly free presentations are part of the Ojai Photography Club's community service and education outreach. The general public is always welcome to attend.

The club, which is devoted to education, inspiration, and camaraderie, meets on the third Tuesday of each month, February – November. More information is available at www.ojaiphotoclub.com.

Ventura Music Festival announces 2018 lineup

Each year, the Ventura Music Festival fills venues across the city with top-tier music for two weekends of multi-genre music, dance performances and world-class culture. This summer, the festival is returning with a lineup that promises to be bigger and better than ever. Headlined by genre-defying "little orchestra" Pink Martini and supported by world class acts such as celebrated guitarists John Jorgenson and "El Twanguero" Diego Garcia, the festival has something for every musical taste.

In the hands of renowned

conductor and Ventura Music Festival Artistic Director Nuvi Mehta, the 2018 musical lineup:

7/12: American Gypsy Jazz featuring star guitarist John Jorgenson at the historic Olivas Adobe

7/13: Latin Grammy-winner and "fire breathing guitar hero" vocalist and composer Diego Garcia ("El Twanguero") alongside his trio at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center

7/14: "Rollicking, multi-lingual, around-the-world musical adventure" and festival headliner Pink Martini at the Oxnard PACC

7/15: Dynamic classic music ensemble Trio Céleste at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center

7/20: Celebrated and imaginative Akropolis Reed Quintet at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center

7/21: Stunning singer-songwriter Perla Batalla will present her "Frida Kahlo song cycle", inspired by the works of Kahlo and Diego Rivera at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center

7/22: Pas de deux series depicting the ups, downs and sideways of relationships – Malashock Dance at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center

Additionally, the festival will host a "Tea & Trumpets" at the Ventura Pierpont Inn, where guests will enjoy a four-course English tea with the Festival Brass Quintet's hallmark wit, humor and fanfare on 7/13, as well as a free public concert with electrifying mariachi-meets-American classics ensemble Jarabe Mexicano at Mission Park in Ventura on 7/18. For times, updates and more details in the coming months, follow the festival on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The 24th annual Ventura Music Festival will take place on July 12-15 and July 20-22, at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center, located at 4700 Loma Vista Road, unless otherwise noted above. Tickets will range in price from \$25-\$50 (special student rates excepted) and are available for purchase now. For more information please visit www.venturamusicfestival.org or call 648-3146.

Street Fair staff

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Volunteer opportunities for the 4th of July Street Fair:

Poster distribution throughout Ventura and surrounding cities. Began June 1; this schedule can be flexible.

Street Fair booth marking on Main St., Thursday, June 28 6:15-8 am.

Assist Traffic Control on July 4, 6:30-10 am, will help vendors find their location and ensure proper booth set up. All volunteers for this assignment must be over 16 unless volunteering with an adult.

Assist Traffic Control on July 4, 4-6:30 pm, will assist with vendor traffic control as they exit. All volunteers for this assignment must be over 16 unless volunteering with an adult.

Information booth on July 4, 8-11 am, 11 am-2 pm or 2-5 pm; these shifts will answer questions, assist with decoration placement and take down. You can volunteer for all three shifts if you would like, breaks will be provided.

For more information contact Michelle Godoy-Morales at 654-7749 or mgodoy@cityofventura.ca.gov.



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a job, pay rent on a sliding scale, contribute to a savings account monthly, and manage their day to day expenses with the balance. All the while the residents are supported with mentor-ship, counseling, parenting and life skills, along with financial literacy classes all geared toward healing the human spirit. While adhering to rules and responsibilities they learn to rebuild their self-confidence and self-worth.

Since December of 2013 The City Center has welcomed 62 families that were homeless, each received housing and the resources to get off the streets and into a program to help them become self-sufficient. Each of these families has returned into our community, finally off the streets.....but it all started with HOUSING! Please support TheCityCenter.org and make a positive change for both our community and the homeless.

Perhaps the name of the much needed yearlong shelter in Ventura could be named “The Aloha” and really embody to true Aloha Spirit, and the spirit of Buenaventura... one of alliance of one’s mind, heart and soul evident by thinking good thoughts, performing good deeds and sharing goodness with others.

Jeanne Benitez

Ventura Breeze:

Ojai is an anomaly. The population is too small for an accurate reflection of the ratio of population to homeless. The stat should be removed from the analysis. Oxnard is our closest comparable city. Ventura has 2.82 times as many homeless as Oxnard. As noted many times, we have a source for these individuals at the County jail. This is a County problem placed upon us as a starting point. It has been said many times as well: “Take them back”. Take them back to the cities within the County that they came from. That should be a requirement of the County sheriff department. That would give the City of Ventura relief of a never ending input of homeless and problem individuals.

Next, we need to remove the convenience of being homeless. One, remove the river beds as a campground, along with the parks, primarily State Parks. State Parks has that authority now. Camping in the river beds is an environmental, health and safety issue. We have the authority now, just as the City does on occasions. That needs to be done more frequently.

Then we need to start a “no handouts” campaign. Start with public notice mailings, then signage on public places.

Next, secure the commodities homeless use to support their lifestyle. Mostly this is recyclables such as aluminum cans. Other cities have containers in public places that once deposited in them, there is no access to retrieve them. We also have to change our ways and actually use them! Also, take your recycle trash out in the morning, not the night before. If Harrison picked up recyclables first that would get them off the streets and away from scavengers.

Once the convenience of being homeless is reduced, the actual problems can be addressed. Hopefully with tax funding and appropriate mental health and “helping hand” programs.

This will not end the problem, but it will bring homelessness into a more manageable situation.

John Whitman

Hi Sheldon,

Thanks for again mentioning that incredible fiasco of a construction project (“In the past, I have commented on the horrible workmanship performed on the pedestrian crossing bridge that runs over the freeway to

the promenade.”) Hard to imagine that even \$50000, let alone \$400000 was spent on what appears to be poor design, substandard materials, supervision and labor.

Rust now leaks from cracked concrete posts throughout the structure. The uneven hand railing is almost laughable. How the company that built this, Guills, ever received final payment for this makes one wonder about how these officials do business. I don’t see coated plastic truly fixing anything.

On that same note, how about that other new and expensive walkway over the freeway at California? Those now dingy and splattered with who-knows-what gray industrial grates that face the freeway were the worst choice (what was that designer thinking?) and last time I walked it, all the lights were out at night. Only a couple were out a few months back. It does not appear that anyone currently performs maintenance on it.

We deserve better.
Thanks as always!
Kurt Triffet - Triffet Design Group

Breeze:

In Santa Fe, Texas, another high school has faced the horror of a school shooting. We do not know the details at this point in time, but the reaction will be part of a pattern--A call for banning guns, a call to disarm the nation, people will defend the second amendment, people will call for more armed officers in schools etc... But then little or nothing of substance will be done.

But, perhaps we need to look at the dehumanized values that the shooters all have. One link that all the shooters share is an addiction to violent video games. Perhaps playing such games for hours, shooting digital humans, somehow makes killing fun, exciting, the thing to do. After killing thousands in a game--people with mental problems may well be compelled to try it in the real world. I say we ban violent video games!

In the 1950s they banned violent comic books like Crypt of Terror thinking such things twisted young minds--I contend that these popular video games are causing a culture of death, murder and violence.
Richard Senate

Breeze:

Be the Change, See the Change in Homelessness

Homelessness in Ventura is not the kind of problem we need removed; it’s the kind of problem we need solved. That’s not just our responsibility as citizens of San Buenaventura. It’s the responsibility of the state and federal governments, and I’ll tell you why. Because the beautiful weather, clean and safe neighborhood, exceptional police force, and generous social services here draw homeless people from all around the state and country to flock to Ventura.

Why solve homelessness and not remove homeless people? Because we are Ventura. We are solution-oriented, active environmentalists with a strong sense of community. And each and every homeless person is somebody’s mother, brother, sister, father, and child.

How do we solve homelessness? We seek funding at the state and federal levels to help rebuild the Vista del Mar Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, which was badly damaged during the devastating Thomas Fire.

It’s clear that mental health is a driving factor of homelessness, as evidenced by the recent tragedy at the promenade and the aggressive mumbling that we hear at parks and markets around town. According to leading studies, 20-25% of homeless people suffer from severe mental health disorders and about 45% show a history of some diagnosis of mental illness. These are real, diagnosable diseases, and we have real solutions available at treatment facilities.

Yesterday, I was having a rough time

looking for new work myself, and as I walked to my car, I was met by the smiling faces of two separate homeless people. First an elderly African-American man with a cart, and then a thin Caucasian woman who’d been dancing earlier, each said, “God bless you.” Those were the kindest interactions I had all day, and I felt real hope thanks to them. I hope through this article, God might bless them, too.

Lisa Love

Sheldon,

There are some horrible things happening in this fair City of ours right now but there are great things happening as well...just wanted to share a recent example I was fortunate to experience.

I work in the Ventura College Bookstore where I have the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of students and faculty members on a daily basis. Some come in once a semester to get textbooks, some stop in regularly for snacks and some run in 5 minutes before exams to get test forms and pencils. We don’t know each other’s names, situations or stories. This last week saw finals and Graduation on campus. It was a pretty anxious time.

Last week also saw “A Night To Remember” the annual “Prom” at Seaside Park organized by Mission Church honoring hundreds of students with special needs where each Guest gets the “formal treatment” free of charge. Along with countless unsung others, I have been honored to volunteer for this event the last few years and have seen it grow in scope exponentially. It is a rewarding experience to be part of this event.

This year’s NTR was the best and most emotional experience ever! Included in those hundreds of Guests were some of ‘my’ students from VC. I got to greet and welcome them to their “Prom.” I was surprised to see them and they were even more surprised to see me! There they were in their formal dresses and tuxedos and there I was, the “Bookstore Guy.” Suddenly, and unexpectedly – we were just People. Smiles, laughs, hugs and even some tears ensued.

We are Community.

Sheldon-Right now-some may not have it tough. Some are having a tough time. And some have had it tough for a long time. In those few hours at “Night To Remember,” people were together in one place as one. Happy, Thankful and One.

Friday night we were, and today we are, #VENTURASTRONG!
Clark K. Galbreath

I had to read it a second time

I about fell out of my chair after reading Jennifer Tipton’s article on the City of Ventura new water General Manager: Kevin Brown. In fact I had to read it a second time to figure out which Thomas Fire this person attended. Is this guy for real? He is talking about the largest fire in California’s history: The Thomas Fire??? How dare he make the statement and I quote from the article: “Ventura had ample supply of water with more than enough with what was brought in from Lake Casitas”. He went on to state that there was no problems with the fire hydrants but the largest water tanks were not accessible to his people due to the fire”. Please allow me to set the record and Mr. Brown straight at this point.

The areas of Clear Point, Ondolando, and Skyline were hit the hardest in the fire. Over 500 homes in the city were lost or severely damaged. Those that choose to rebuild are looking at the Fall of 2019 to move back into our beloved foothill areas. The huge holding tank on Foothill and Edison road across from the Brokaw tree nursery was never in danger from the path of the fire. The same is true for the water tank a half mile north of Foothill rd. on Colina Vista. The fire clearly

burned well below and above the Colina Vista tank which serves my home.

For the past 2 years the city has invested over 1 million dollars upgrading and installing new 8 inch underground water lines with new fire hydrants and Smart Meters throughout the entire Ondolando residential area. On Colina Vista street they installed 10 new fire hydrants off of Foothill and the fifth water hydrant sits on my property.

And guess what? Not one gallon of water came out of those hydrants that night and not one gallon came out of my garden hoses. So Mr. Brown here are the highlights of the fire in those 3 areas. Six fire trucks sat at the Missionary school church all night watching our homes burn to the ground with no water. Two trucks did the same thing on the corner of Foothill and Colina Vista and never moved once..

Another 2 trucks drove up and down the streets trying to look busy. We were the last to leave after the roof to my daughter’s bedroom collapsed. Not one backup generator was on location at one of the many crucial pumping stations, and there was no water for the homeowners when we turned on the garden hoses to make one last gallant attempt.

Mr. Brown please plan to attend the next Clearpoint, Ondolando, and Skyline homeowners association meeting in late June and feel free to explain to the 500 homeowners burned out that your well informed statement printed in the Breeze was fact and not fiction. Thank you.. and we will all rise and build again out of the ashes.
Chris Dryden

Hello,

My name is Stephen Wong and I am a doctoral candidate at the University of California, Berkeley. I recently saw that you had posted a story about our wildfire evacuation survey to your website with the help of VCTC. Thank you so much for helping out with the distribution process! Our team here at Berkeley greatly appreciates your assistance.

One thing that did come up is that we have received several emails and phone calls from readers who were unable to take the survey. They found that the link in the print version of the newspaper was not correct. They said that the link in the paper was “https://berkeley.qualtrics.com” when it should be “https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5A2yZRTA2HI5ebb”. The entire link does need to be included to map directly to the survey. The first link just goes to our survey management software for all of UC Berkeley.

I should note that the version online is correct! I was hoping there would be an opportunity for your next print to provide the correct survey link so that people can access the survey. Thank you and I look forward to hearing back soon!

Best regards,
Stephen Wong

Breeze

It’s amazing how someone (Kevin Brown) is so new to the job, was so confident that there was plenty of water to fight the Thomas fire. However, while watching my best friend’s home and many others burn to the ground while fire fighters idly stood by, the problem was not that we didn’t have enough water to combat the fire, the problem was and probably still is, that did the city of Ventura have backup generators in place and online to provide electrical power for the pumps to supply all that water. My guess, as well as many others, is the answer is no. I believe the answer to those important questions will be answered in a court of law when the home owners who lost everything will, in fact, have their day in court.
Bradley Johnston



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News & Notes



The program provides young videographers and storytellers hands-on training.

CAPS Media summer digital storytelling program

CAPS Media's Digital Storytelling Summer Program kicks off on June 26 at the CAPS Media Center. Designed for students ages 10-15 the program provides young videographers and storytellers hands-on training with cameras, audio, and editing equipment plus teamwork and production skills needed to produce commercials, documentaries, news reporting, comedy shows and more.

Crew members collaborate to create original productions and stories the team want to tell. CAPS Media professional staff direct the activity packed camps utilizing the complete resources of the CAPS Media Center. No prior experience is required for the three-day sessions on June 26 – 28, July 10 – 12 and July 17 – 19. The program runs from 9:30am to 1:30pm each day and the program fee includes use of pro gear, instruction, snacks, a t-shirt and a CAPS Media membership for a year. To learn more about the Digital Storytelling program or to sign up call 658.0500 or go to www.capsmedia.org/events.

CAPS Media recently wrapped production on the City's Mayor For A Moment 2017-18 season. The inspiring series recognizes outstanding 5th graders throughout the school district's elementary schools. Each month students submit essays on a theme such as kindness, responsibility or sportsmanship. School principals and staff select the young mayor based on the creative work and other individual criteria.

A video, created by CAPS Media, is shown at the City Council meeting to introduce the young Mayor prior to the student presenting her or his essay, poem or other work. The young mayor is also recognized at a Ventura School Board meeting. The 2017-2018 young mayors were: Braydon Rocco at Portola, Olivia Blomquist at Poinsettia, Vivian Ryan at Will Rogers, Allison Cabeza at Citrus Glen, Isabella Coleman at Sunset, Tlahuy Goitia at Montalvo, Adriana Perez at Sheridan Way and Holland Kemble at Lincoln. The individual video profiles and a compilation video of all the school year's mayors are posted at capsmedia.org/videos.

The comprehensive Thomas Fire Stories project continues with new first-person stories from firefighters, first responders, officials and members of the public airing every Friday evening at 6pm. The Thomas Fire Stories are produced by CAPS Media in collaboration with the Museum of Ventura County and are supported by photos and videos contrib-

uted by the public, firefighters and news agencies. Every Friday evening a new 20-30 minute story premieres at 6pm on Channel 6, on CAPS Radio KPPQ LP 104.1 and online at capsmedia.org.

The extraordinary and inspirational personal accounts repeat throughout the week and can be viewed at any time online at capsmedia.org/videos.

CAPS Media extends congratulations to graduates throughout Ventura. CAPS crews recorded and streamed the Ventura College ceremony and will record and broadcast ceremonies for El Camino High School (June 8) and Foothill Technical High School (June 14).

CAPS Media's mission is to create an engaged and informed community through participation in electronic media. To learn more about CAPS Media, the public is invited and encouraged to go to capsmedia.org or call 658-0500.



There is little this remarkable woman can't do.

Susanne Lammot – still shining

by Jennifer Tipton

Recognized as one of the Faces of Ventura in 2013 (as featured in the Ventura Breeze), there is little this remarkable woman can't do. Susanne is a pediatrician, licensed pilot, sailor, scuba diver and has served on the Board of Directors with the Boys and Girls Club in Ventura for over twenty years!

Two years ago, Susanne celebrated her 50th reunion from medical school in Montreal, Canada, where she grew up. From a class of 120, only 6 were women, "those were the days we had to be better to be equal", she said.

Much of her success she attributes to her loving family who supported her dreams, "when I was little girl, there was a board game that I loved called Pirates and Travelers and I became really good at geography". Fascinated by Africa, she swore then that one day she would go there...

Susanne's first trip to Africa was in 1970 when she worked in the Congo with her late husband, also a physician, "we were supposed to go for 2 years but stayed for 2 months because it was more politically unstable than we realized, and we had our one-year old son with us, but I knew I'd find my way back!" With passion and determination, that's exactly what she did – more than once!

After looking into nutritional supple-

ments for her young patients here at home, Susanne discovered "Nu Skin", a company that not only offers vitamin supplements for her kids here, but also funds a program called "Nourish the Children". They have provided over 500 million meals to the world's most malnourished children.

She recently returned from her 3rd trip to Malawi, after receiving yet another leadership award from the company. She and three others were selected as part of a mission trip with Nourish the Children and because she's been active with this program for years, Susanne stayed behind to visit families with young ones she has sponsored and mentored. Sharing photos of the kids then and now, her face radiated with love for her work there, "it's all about the kids", she smiled.

My favorite of her African adventures was the tale she told from January 2015 when her nephew Yuri married a member of the Kikuyu tribe in Kenya (the same tribe as in the movie "Out of Africa"). Susanne was with her family in Kenya for the traditional 3-day wedding ceremony and said that for Yuri to marry into the tribe, he had to be adopted into the tribe, "so, we were all adopted into the tribe!" This consisted of goat intestines wrapped around their wrists to symbolize umbilical cords and then ceremonially cut as they were "born" into the tribe.

Writers note: (what some people won't do for love)

Susanne stated, "I think one of the most exciting things in my life is making personal connections and seeing where they will lead you, one of my favorite places to eat with my late husband was "Jonathan's" and that's where I met Executive Chef Jason Collis.

Susanne's nephew, Yuri travels to many destinations with his environmental tourism work and met Chef Jose from World Central Kitchen along with one of his staff, Nate Mook in Haiti. Yuri and Nate became friends and all three live in Washington D.C.

On Thursday evening, December 7th, 2017 just three days after the Thomas Fire struck, Chef Jose and Nate spoke with Yuri, knowing he had family here. Susanne received a call from her nephew informing her that World Central Kitchen wanted to help Ventura and asked if she knew a local chef that could help put this together, immediately she called Chef Jason. "If I hadn't met him years ago, I wouldn't have known who to call!" Nate was on a plane the next day and by Sunday they were serving meals to those affected by the fires. A big thanks to Tim Kilcoyne, Jim Rice and Linda Jordan for their participation as well, keep shining Susanne!

Ventura County Emergency Medical Services to teach Hands-Only CPR

Through June 8, Ventura County Emergency Medical Services (VCEMS) will partner with the American Heart Association (AHA) and other emergency service providers to host free Hands-Only Sidewalk CPR trainings at several locations throughout Ventura County.

CPR instructors will demonstrate the Hands-Only CPR technique in public places with the goal being to teach more people how to respond appropriately

if they witness someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn the simple two-step technique, practice on mannequins and receive information on where they can go if they want to become fully CPR certified.

Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at any time. Nearly 300,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur in the U.S. each year and only 32 percent of the victims receive CPR from a lay person. Failure to act in a cardiac emergency can result in unnecessary death. Less than eight percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside of a hospital survive, but when an effective bystander immediately administers CPR, the chance of survival more than doubles.

Introduced by the AMA in 2010, Hands-Only CPR does not require alternating chest compressions with mouth-to-mouth breathing and is intended for bystanders untrained in traditional CPR.

For more information about the free Hands-Only CPR trainings, contact VCEMS at (805) 981-5301, go to www.vchca.org/ems, or visit: handsonlycpr.org/.

Ventura County Govt. Ctr., Main Court Yard Plaza, 800 S. Victoria Ave.

June 7 and June 8, 9:00-1:30



Local Realtor has another passion.

Linda Freeny has two new novels out

Linda Freeny, a long time successful Realtor with California Oaks Realtors has another life and passion, writing. She has two new novels out *Déjà Vu* and *Nobody's Angel*, both mysteries that have terrific reviews that can be seen on Amazon. One of them, *Déjà Vu*, was awarded Book of Excellent Merit by the review company. A third novel will be out later this year. The review of these books really say it all and give good reason to want to read them, especially if you like mysteries.

The books can be ordered from Amazon or Barnes and Noble online. Linda will sign copies on request and can be reached at 290-3982.

Partial review of *Nobody's Angel*:

"Linda Freeny has written an engrossing, multi-layered mystery and packed it with just enough police procedures to keep it as credible as it is compelling. Certainly the success or failure of most crime and mystery stories relies on intricate plotting to engage, confound, and ultimately explain just how a solution is achieved. This novel does that in spades. Fortunately it doesn't stop there. It also introduces the reader to a big cast of characters who are far less stereotypical than those often found



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Ventura Harbor Village celebrates Pirates Day

Ahoy all you landlubbers and buccaneers - head to Ventura Harbor Village for a newly designed pop-up

pirate experience at the 13th Annual Pirates Day on Sunday, June 10th from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Pirates Day 2018 offers guests an unforgettable voyage around the Village as the “Streets of Port Royal” with pirate characters, entertainment, activities, and photo opportunities around every corner.

For one day only, Ventura Harbor Village transforms into the “Streets of Port Royal”. Venture along the waterfront to find pirates in sword fights by professional Pirates for Hire, mermaids, treasure, exotic birds, live entertainment, rum drinks, and pirate eats. Keep an eye out for Reece Ryan’s on-land Kids Pirate Ship, Captain Jack, Hook & Tink (look-a-likes), belly dancing, and strolling pirate musicians. Take an exclusive look inside the underwater Mermaid Curse Ultimate Escape Room. Visit Port Royal Privateers’ historical encampment, unique vendor booths for face painting and henna body art or find precious wares, such nautical-themed loot. Unique selfie spots everywhere you turn!

Everyone is encouraged to come dressed in their best pirate garb! Strut in the Pirates Day costume contests held throughout the day for different age brackets

For grog and grub, Village restaurants offer a variety of cuisine for hungry crews; including roasted turkey legs and rum specials. Live entertainment will range from Steel Drummers to the Sword Coast Medieval Fighters Club. Ventura Harbor Pirates Day gives you a chance to get in your best piratical gear and

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For a list of shopping and dining specials and entertainment schedule please visit VenturaHarborVillage.com, or call 477-0470. The 2018 Pirates Day is supported by Cumulus Broadcasting, VC Reporter, The Ventura Breeze and The Santa Clarita Signal.

Downtown Ventura garden center
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everything from trees to groundcovers and dozens of California native plants

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To help the community recover from the effects of the Thomas Fire, A Smart Garden has instituted a special discount for residents who are replacing items lost in the fire. “The fire impacted all of us, so if we can help each other get back to normal we are all stronger for it.” Vega continued, “Together we can have a tremendous positive impact on our local and global environments. We’re looking forward to a long and successful collaboration here in Ventura.”

A Smart Garden nursery owner Cari Vega’s 30-year career in horticulture has included floral design for film and television set decorating, interior landscaping, landscape design/consultation/maintenance, and teaching a wide range of gardening classes.

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Teresa Valko and Lois Perry present a Greenfield Memory Care resident with a blanket knitted on The Longest Day in 2017.

Nationwide, knitters unite on The Longest Day

by Lori Harasta

Five years ago, Teresa Valko participated in the first Alzheimer’s Association’s “The Longest Day” by walking from dawn to dusk. Sixteen hours and 36 miles later, she unlaced her shoes, examined her blistered feet, and said, “There’s got to be a better way.”

Valko is not just passionate about ending Alzheimer’s disease, a monstrous malady that has claimed way too many of her own family members. She also loves to knit. “A day without knitting would be like....what am I talking about? I have no idea what a day without knitting is like!”

Her two passions merged last year when she joined with Anacapa Yarn Shop Owner Lois Perry to form the “Yarn Ballz

to End Alz” knitting team. On Summer Solstice, the doors opened at sunrise and closed at sunset. In the hours between, 80 fiber enthusiasts participated in the “knit-along”, assembling squares out of donated yarn into Afghans. The blankets were later donated to memory care facilities throughout Ventura County. The team’s first-time haul of \$17,500.00 wasn’t accomplished just by knitting. Non-knitters were also part of the fund-raising team, donating money, refreshments, and raffle prizes.

Perry was thrilled at the success of the event. “We owe it all to those people who worked so hard to make it happen. We just put out the call and they rallied.

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It was a lot of fun, and heartwarming to have the support of so many.”

According to Valko, “Death from Alzheimer’s disease increased 123% between 2000 and 2015. It is the only cause of death in the top ten for which there is no cure, no prevention, and no treatment.

“The Longest Day symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with the disease and their caregivers. For them, every day seems like the longest day.”

The goal is to raise funds and awareness to advance Alzheimer’s Association care, support, and research programs.

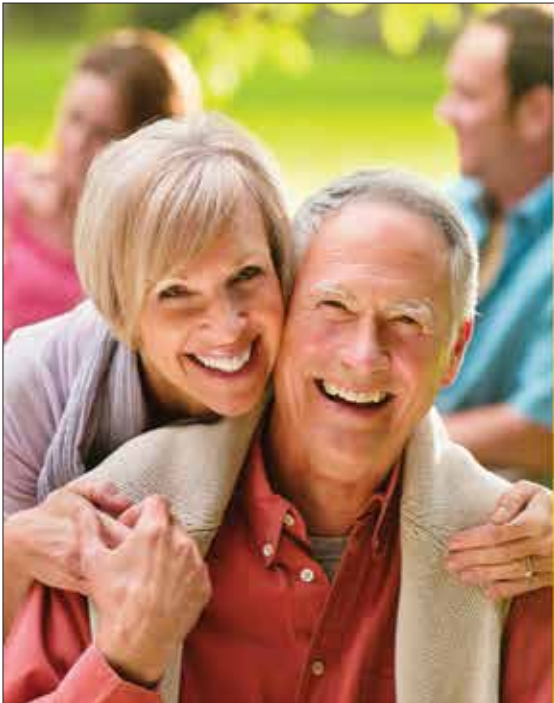
This year, Valko will unite knitters nationwide. She will fly across the country to support a team in Baltimore, Maryland. From there, she will go to Austin, Texas where a team will participate at a well-known yarn store called Hill Country Weavers. Nationally-known

knitter Ann Budd in Colorado will have a knitting team. Budd lost her mother to Alzheimer’s. Currently there are 17 teams across the nation. The journey will be covered via Instagram - @wcbelle and Twitter - @WCBelle68 all day June 20th and 21st.

On June 21 (or thereabouts), people across the country will participate in The Longest Day with team names such as “Bordeaux for Brains”, “Blistered Soles” “AZL PALZ” and “Doodling to end Dementia”. The activity possibilities are endless. Since Summer Solstice falls on a Thursday this year, it should be noted that celebrating on Saturday is perfectly fine.

According to Valko, “It is an opportunity for participants to do what they love to honor those affected by Alzheimer’s.”

If you are interested in joining and/
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The course will be launched on June 8. Course registrants will have until July 6, 2018 to complete the course.

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The course platform is Section 508 compliant and will include pre-recorded presentations, a private discussion forum available to all course registrants and practical learning assignments. This course is free, but you will need to register to gain access to the course. The course is also self-paced: participants will need to meet the completion deadline but may watch the provided videos and complete the assignments on their own time.

Course registrants will have the opportunity to:

Learn about the transportation and mobility issues that need to be considered when providing support to older drivers or drivers who have disabilities and family caregivers so that they are

able to stay connected in the community and maintain independence with or without a vehicle.

Gain a better understanding of the alternative transportation options that are available in their communities and learn how older adults and people with disabilities can best prepare for a non-driving future before it's actually time to give up the keys.

Learn about how to access information about community transportation services, the range of transportation options that may be available and important considerations for matching transportation options and specific care needs, particularly for individuals with impairments.

Learn how to help older adults and people with disabilities create "a roadmap for transportation independence" by taking advantage of community mobility and transportation services in their community.

Registration is available through the NADTC Learning Center portal. After confirming your email address during self-registration, you will be prompted to complete a user profile. Registration will be open until June 15, 2018. Course materials will be posted starting June 8, 2017. The course is self-paced and participants can work through the materials on their own time.

For questions, and to register contact Melissa Gray, Program Manager, National Aging and Disability Transportation Center at nadttcourse@n4a.org.

Hundreds of Ventura County residents will attend ceremony honoring local service members

Cypress Place Senior Living, a Ventura County retirement community, is hosting its 10th annual "Salute Our Veterans" event. Captain Douglas W. King, Chief Staff Officer for Naval Base Ventura County, will be the keynote speaker. Other headliners include County Veteran Services Officer Mike McManus, Ventura City Fire Chief David Endaya, Ventura Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Stephanie Caldwell, and nationally renowned Pipe

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Cypress Place is celebrating and honoring veterans – both residents of the community and members of the public – for their service and sacrifice for our country. Hundreds of Ventura County residents are expected to attend the recognition ceremony. A retired Bell UH-1 “Huey” MEDEVAC Army helicopter used in the Vietnam War, courtesy of Bryan Scofield Catering, will be on display, in addition to “Touching History,” a private war memorabilia collection by Tom Weaver. Cypress Place residents will also have their personal service memorabilia on display. The event is free and open to the public. A complimentary barbecue lunch will be provided, courtesy of the community.

Wednesday, June 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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What you can do to minimize the cognitive effects of aging, Parkinson’s dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease?

by Patty Jenkins

The Ventura Parkinson’s Disease Support Group is pleased to welcome the Alzheimer’s Association as our guests to our monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at The Lexington Assisted Living, 5440 Ralston St., Ventura.

Phil Chandler, Community Voices Speaker for the Alzheimer’s Association, California Central Chapter at the Ventura County Regional Office, will present the educational program by the Alzheimer’s Association: “Healthy Living for your Brain and Body”. Phil is the owner of Right at Home of Ventura County, which provides in home care, helping seniors live independently at home. He also facilitates two support groups for the Alzheimer’s Association.

We will define dementia and discuss the similarities and differences between Alzheimer’s Disease, Parkinson’s Dementia and Lewy Body Dementia. In addition, Phil

will inform us about programs available through the Alzheimer’s Association that can help everyone challenged with all forms of dementia and their caregivers such as the “Safe Return” program, a 24 hour Helpline, and support groups for those affected by dementia in Ventura County.

The Ventura Parkinson’s Disease Support Group welcomes our members and care-partners, visitors and new friends who find themselves navigating the challenging cognitive changes associated with ageing, Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s Disease. Please feel free to join us.

For those interested in attending this meeting, there is a drop-off/loading and unloading driveway in the front of the Lexington Assisted entrance. Extra parking is graciously available across the street in the Baptist Church parking lot. Reservations are not required. Attendees are invited to check in at the front desk for directions to the 3rd floor and sign-in at the meeting so we can keep in touch with you. For more information, call Patty at 766-6070.

The Ventura Parkinson’s Disease Support Group is an independent and volunteer-organized group, not affiliated with or a part of any other organization or group. Thanks to the generosity of the Lexington Assisted Living, we host our meetings every second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3pm.

Living with diabetes

Learn about living with diabetes in a special seminar presented by the Ventura Council for Seniors in collaboration with the Lexington Senior Living. Speakers include Dr. Wallace Baker, Medical Director of Academic Family Medicine Clinic and Family Medicine Residency at Ventura County Medical Center, Andrea Ricketts, RN, CDE, PHN, MSN, ACNP-BC, Manager of Healthaware and Wellness, a program of Community Memorial Health Systems, and Heather Gilliam, RD, Community Memorial Health Systems.


The event will take place on Tuesday, June 19th from 10:00 to 11:30 am at The Lexington, 5440 Ralston Street, Ventura. Topics to be covered are “Diabetes and Your Body”, “Pre-diabetes—what is it? Is it reversible?” and “Diabetic Nutrition”.

A healthy lunch, compliments of The Lexington will be served immediately following the presentation to those who RSVP to 901-4886.


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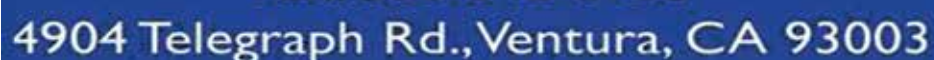
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What will you do on The Longest Day to end Alzheimer's?

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News & Notes



One of Peoples’ Self-Help Housing properties, the El Patio Hotel in Ventura, provides affordable and safe housing for County residents.

Non-profit affordable housing developer has opened a new office in Ventura

To better serve the Ventura County community, Peoples’ Self-Help Housing (PSHH), the largest nonprofit affordable housing developer on the Central Coast, has opened a new office in Ventura.

Although the office is new, the organization is not new to the community. Through its 48-year-old home ownership program, 62 families built their own

homes at Villa Campesina in Moorpark in 1991 and, in 2003, 47 first-time homeowners earned the keys to their own front doors at Citrus Pointe in Piru.

In 2011, PSHH took ownership and remodeled the landmark El Patio Hotel in downtown Ventura. The rehabilitation project preserved the historical integrity of the property while upgrading and furnishing the 41 existing rooms to studio apartments for low-income individuals, including the formerly homeless.

The new Ventura office, located at 474 E. Santa Clara, will principally be used for meetings with community groups, with office hours by appointment only. Members of the public in search of affordable housing can visit www.pshhc.org, call the main San Luis Obispo office at 781-3088 or stop by any PSHH property to speak to an onsite manager.

Founded in 1970, PSHH has the mission of building homes and providing site-based services that offer opportunities to change lives and strengthen communities. PSHH serves low-income working families, seniors and veterans; it is also provides welcoming environments for those living with disabilities and the formerly homeless. In addition to its rental properties, PSHH offers homeownership opportunities through an owner-builder, “sweat equity” program that has seen nearly 1,200 homes successfully constructed. Through its properties and offices, PSHH has a presence in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, manages over 1,800 rental units, and employs nearly 200 staff members.

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The 21st Annual PAL Golf Tournament

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“Aera has been a huge supporter of PAL since it started in Ventura more than 20 years ago,” explained Michele Newell, Public Affairs Specialist Aera Energy. “The program allows the youth of the community to see law enforcement in a different light and helps them establish a positive relationship with them which can be life changing. So we believe PAL is a worthy investment in the future of this community.”

PAL was founded in 1997 with a primary goal to provide at-risk youth with meaningful recreation, educational, and cultural programs designed to keep youth away from the influence of gangs, drugs and delinquent behaviors.

“It is the support of the sponsors, contributors, golfers, and volunteers who help to make this tournament and the Ventura Police Community Foundation a success” said Police Chief Ken Corney.

Deb Golden, VP of the Ventura Police Community Foundation said “I thought today went very well and was represented by a great group of golfers as well as sponsors. It’s always a good thing for the PAL/VPCF to come together and raise money for our youth programs and support our city. What I appreciate most is those who participate who are residents of Ventura who get to see friends, co-workers , business leaders and police officers enjoy a great day outdoors”

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■ **New deputy first dog**
By Victoria Usher

Governor Jerry Brown recently made an adorable and exciting announcement that a one-month-old female border collie puppy by the name of Cali will be serving as the state’s “Deputy First Dog” from now on. Little Cali will take on many new job responsibilities soon and one of the most important job responsibilities she will have will be assisting one of Governor Jerry Brown’s dogs named Colusa, a border collie-corgi mix who is known as the state’s “First Dog” in herding all of the state Capitol’s staff and also helping out in a variety of ways around the Colusa County family ranch. Colusa has been a constant Capitol presence and has the absolute cutest Twitter account in the world to prove it. Cali will begin her new job by helping Colusa with any and all of the important duties that must be taken care of around the family ranch.

■ Life wouldn’t be the same without our best friends. So there is now National Best Friends Day. They’re the friends that can be counted on to be there at a moment’s notice. The ones who love, laugh, support, and cherish – in both good and bad times.

Friends can be celebrated on any day of the year, but what better day than Best Friends Day? The day is largely unofficial, with no clear clue as to its origins, but that doesn’t stop the millions who mark the day each

year from enjoying their best friends. Celebrations can be as low key or as flamboyant as desired. A picnic in the park, a get together over coffee, or a nice meal in a favorite restaurant (that allows dogs) are popular ways to celebrate a close friendship. Should distance keep best friends apart, it’s enough to pick up the phone to wish that special person a very happy Best Friends Day.

June 8, a day to honor that one special person you call your “best friend”. This day is a time to show them how much you appreciate them, how special and important they are to you and how you cherish their friendship. Celebrate National Best Friends Day by letting your best friends know how much they mean to you!

■ **How to handle a territorial dog**
By Ashley Bennett

Spay or neuter your dog
If you have not already done so, having your dog spayed or neutered can reduce incidences of territorial marking. It can also extend your dog’s life, improve other aspects of their health, and reduce the number of unwanted dogs. Dogs that have been spayed or neutered can and do still engage in marking behaviors from time to time, depending on other factors. According to a report from the Humane Society, spaying or neutering your pet may help reduce likelihood that they will mark their territory, but it does not completely stop it. Allow your dog to get acquainted with unfamiliar faces

Sometimes your dog may start marking things around the house because someone new has been introduced into the household, whether it is a new roommate, pet, or even a frequent visitor. Chances are that the dog feels like this person or animal has entered their realm and it is marking to show them that they still have ownership over the territory. People are usually annoyed by this behavior, but other animals know what it means if a dog has marked

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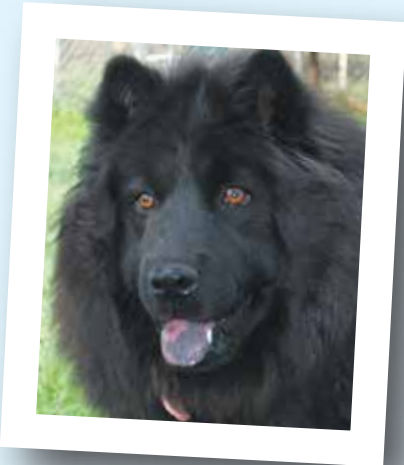
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Dee Dowell Memorial

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

- Applicants must:
- Be entering his/her freshman through senior year in college;
 - Plan a course of study related to the field of public service;
 - Ventura resident or have graduated from a high school in Ventura within the past three years, or a Ventura Police Department employee or employee's child.

- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or better (based on a 4.0 system);
- Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better if selected as a recipient;

Submit a resume of school and community activities, including a copy of transcripts through the most recent semester;

Submit an essay of 1000 words or less on "Leadership, what it means to me";

- Submit a letter of recommendation from a public servant.
- 2018 Scholarship Awards Winners:
- 1st Place \$5,000.00 Philip Drescher
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News & Notes



From Ride for the Red Allyn Rice, Jim Sennett, Denise Rice, Ken Bauer, Diane Krebbiel-Del-son, Kris Meathrell, Susan Wolf and Kevin Delson.

American Red Cross raises funds for military families and veterans

The American Red Cross of Ventura County, a leading humanitarian organization with nearly 600 volunteers, held the kickoff of its third annual Operation: Ride for the Red cycling event. The ride took place on Saturday, May 19, and all proceeds support the organization, which helps members of the military, veterans, and their families prepare for, cope with and respond to the challenges of military service.

There were three rides going through Ventura County, a century (100 miles) a metric century (about 62 miles) and a half metric century (30 miles). Each registered rider received a rider bag with several free items. All active and retired veterans road for free.

"Each time we participate in Operation: Ride for the Red, I'm overjoyed by how the community comes together to support such a worthy cause," said Ken Bauer, ride event director for Operation: Ride for the Red. "It's such a fun way to bring the community together to raise support for the military, veterans

and their families. We owe a big thanks to our sponsors for allowing the Red Cross to host this ride year after year."

The Red Cross is able to help local military families thanks to the generosity of donors who support the SAF program. This year's Operation: Ride for Red sponsors included California Resources Corporation (CRC), Wells Fargo, Premier America Credit Union, and Capital Insurance Group (CIG), in addition to many generous in-kind donors.

Ride for the Red was created by passionate, local volunteers eager to share the story and history of the Red Cross SAF program. Since 9/11, the Red Cross has served more than one million military families, and it is the only military service organization that supports military families from the day they enlist through their time as a veteran.

To donation, or learn more <http://www.redcross.org/local/california/central-california/ride-for-the-red>.



"Family and community are very important to me."

Marostica announces run for Ventura City Council's 4th District

East Ventura resident Mike Marostica has announced his candidacy for Ventura City Council in the November 6th, 2018 election. The election will be the first in the newly drawn 4th district. Marostica, 47, has significant roots

in East Ventura and wants to make sure that his community's needs are addressed while maintaining the sense of neighborhood.

I have been working on my Council candidacy for almost a year and fortunately my District was chosen for this year's election. I have received some very positive feedback and support from the people I have met with over the past few months. I look forward to addressing some of our shared concerns for the East End, like requiring that future plans include the amenities and service our community deserves. It is, also, very important to me that we work regionally on issues, like disaster preparedness and criminal vagrancy. I deal with vagrancy issues every day and I am the only candidate with "boots on the ground" experience in this area, which affects all of us. I am not going to settle for anything less than a complete solution to the vagrancy problem in this city.

I am a 25 year veteran of the Oxnard Police Department and Certified Gang Expert. I currently serve on the Ventura Parks and Recreation Commission. I was a board member, and served two terms as President of the Peace Officers Association of Ventura County (POAVC). In 2003, I started the local chapter of RAD

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This 'n' That

CMH Palliative Care Department celebrates 10 years of service

The Community Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Department is proud to announce it is celebrating 10 years of service to the community this year, offering a much-needed service to patients in the hospital and local outpatients as well.

CMH began Palliative Care services in 2008 with the goal of improving patient and family participation in decisions regarding treatment options and goals of care.

Palliative Care is a special healthcare service that aims to relieve suffering and improve a person's quality of life while maintaining their dignity. It's not the same as Hospice, which focuses on end-of-life care for those no longer seeking treatment for a terminal illness. Palliative Care can be provided at the same time as other curative treatments and may begin early in the course of a serious

or chronic illness.

A key achievement is providing Palliative Care services not only at CMH but on an outpatient basis, too. This medical service includes symptom management, goals of care discussions, completion of advance care documents, education about long-term care options, and supportive needs assessment.

The team members are involved in local, regional and national projects and organizations, and they are committed to teaching others like nurses, medical residents and social workers who will carry on this important work.

Most of the 11 team members are nationally board-certified in their respective fields to maintain quality outcomes. The CMH Palliative Care Department can be reached at 667-7975. Visit cmhshealth.org.

EDC-VC receives \$450,000 to help businesses impacted by thomas fire

The Economic Development Collaborative-Ventura County recently received contributions from the Gene Haas Foundation and Pacific Western Bank to establish a loan fund in response to the Thomas fire and subsequent mudslides. The loan program is now helping businesses at a critical time as they feel the long-term strain of recovery.

The Gene Haas Foundation quickly worked with EDC-VC to establish a \$200,000 loan fund for disaster assistance lending to businesses that were affected by the disasters. The loan fund was then augmented with an additional \$250,000 from Pacific Western Bank. The funds are benefiting under-capitalized and disadvantaged businesses impacted by the fire that may not qualify for commercial credit.

The loan fund has helped with the initial demand for assistance and provides a significant contribution to the vitality of the local retail and service economy.

Businesses located in areas declared a disaster due to the Thomas Fire whose sales were impacted by the fires can submit loan applications by contacting Clare Briglio at 805-409-9159. Loans may be up to \$30,000. Larger requests will be managed under separate review processes and credit considerations. Applications will be accepted through August 31, 2018.

As a matter of both business support and lending security, EDC-VC will provide borrowers with technical assistance advisors through its Small Business Development Centers who meet regularly with borrowers to provide comprehensive assistance, to monitor their progress and bolster their ability to repay the loans and remain in business.

Additional business disaster recovery services can be found online at <http://edc-vc.com/disaster-recoveryservices/> or on the "Business Recovery" link on the home page of [http://venturacoun-](http://venturacoun-tyrecovers.org/)

tyrecovers.org/. For assistance, please contact EDC-VC SBDC Services Coordinator Alondra Gaytan at (805) 409-9159.

The SBDC is funded by the SBA and provides professional business assistance at no cost to businesses. Participating businesses are required to follow a well-defined scope of work and report their economic successes. These SBA milestones are defined as job creation, increase in sales, capital investment, job retention and business start-ups.

EDC-VC is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as a business-to-government liaison to assist businesses in Ventura County by offering programs that enhance the economic vitality of the region. For more information about the Small Business Development Center and loan, manufacturing and international trade programs, contact Bruce Stenslie at 805-384-1800 ext. 24, or bruce.stenslie@edc-vc.com. Or visit www.edc-vc.com.

Tech Today with Ken May

FBI warning people to reset routers

The FBI is warning that a new malware threat has rapidly infected more than a half-million consumer devices. To help arrest the spread of the malware, the FBI and security firms are urging home Internet users to reboot routers and network-attached storage devices made by a range of technology manufacturers.

The growing menace — dubbed VPNFilter — targets Linksys, MikroTik, NETGEAR and TP-Link networking equipment in the small and home office space, as well as QNAP network-attached storage (NAS) devices, according to researchers at Cisco.

Luckily, the FBI has seized the domain it believes is linked to the Russian-run VPNFilter botnet that was poised to launch a massive attack, possibly against the Ukraine.

FBI Special Agent Michael McKeown stated in court documents that evidence exists showing the domain toknowall.com was to be used as part of an attack.

"There is probable cause to believe that the subject domain name constitutes personal property that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of damage to protected computers."

The effectively neutered the attack, however, here's some steps you can take to protect yourself.

Cisco said part of the code used by VPNFilter can still persist until the affected device is reset to its factory-default settings. Most modems and DVRs will have a tiny, recessed button that can only be pressed with something small and pointy, such as a paper clip. Hold this button down for at least 10 seconds (some devices require longer) with the device powered on, and that should be enough to reset the device back to its factory-default settings. In some cases, you may need to hold the tiny button down and keep it down while you plug in the power cord, and then hold it for 30 seconds.

After resetting the device, you'll need to log in to its administrative page using a Web browser. The administrative page of most commercial routers can be accessed by typing 192.168.1.1, or 192.168.0.1 into a Web browser address bar. If neither of those work, try looking up the documentation at the router maker's site, or checking to see if the address is listed here. If you still can't find it, open the command prompt (Start > Run/or Search for "cmd") and then enter ipconfig. The address you need should be next to Default Gateway under your Local Area Connection.

Once you're there, make sure you've changed the factory-default password that allows you to log in to the device (pick something strong that you can remember).

You'll also want to make sure your device has the latest firmware updates. Most router Web interfaces have a link or button you click to check for newer device firmware. If there are any updates available, install those before doing anything else.

Holistic Chamber of Commerce welcomes new chapter

With a vision of healthy people on a healthy planet, the Holistic Chamber of Commerce (HCC) is weaving together an international movement promoting holistic, natural and sustainable products, services and solutions. To that end, the HCC has announced that holistic leaders in Ventura have a local chapter.

"Ventura is the perfect place for the Holistic Chamber of Commerce. We have a community that really values those products and services. It's time for us to come together and show the standard of integrity and professionalism we bring to the work we do," stated Kristie Pedersen, President of the HCC in Ventura. She's the owner of Kristie Pedersen Coaching.

As a group associated with the international organization, the HCC – Ventura will promote and support local holistic and sustainable professionals and business owners. Meetings are

currently in the planning stages so keep a look out for those. Online presence is already at <http://www.HolisticChamberOfCommerce.com/ventura>.

The HCC is an international organization which serves as a bridge bringing consumers together with holistic and eco-friendly options. Now with 1,500 Professional Members throughout North America, consumers have easier access to high quality health, lifestyle and business products, services and solutions.

For more information on how the Holistic Chamber of Commerce can help consumers as well as holistic practitioners, professionals and businesses, visit www.HolisticChamberOfCommerce.com.

Fire, debris flow victims eligible for up to \$3,000 assistance

Residents of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties whose homes or rentals were destroyed or severely damaged by the Thomas Fire and Montecito Debris Flow may be eligible for up to \$3,000 in assistance thanks to a disaster assistance program established by the affected region's three Realtor associations.

Beginning immediately, homeowners and renters left homeless by the debris flow and wildfire may apply for reimbursement of one month's mortgage or rent payment or \$3,000 – whichever is less – from the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors, the Ojai Valley Board of Realtors, or the Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors.

The three local associations joined together and received a total of \$650,000 from state and national Realtor housing assistance funds – enough to assist more than 200 families, said Matt Capritto, President of the Ventura County association.

Victims can download application forms at www.vcrealtors.com/community-info/thomas-fire.html, www.sbaor.org/membercenter/realtor-disaster-relief-program/ or www.ojaivalleymls.com. Applicants will need to complete an application, provide a copy of their mortgage statement or rental agreement, which both must include contact information for the lender or landlord, and proof of damage to their primary residence. Each of the three AORs will assess applications and hope to disburse all the funds within three months.

None of the funds will go to administration costs – all will be disbursed to victims, said Ojai Valley association president Sharon MaHarry.

Realtors in both counties have been helping victims since the Thomas Fire broke out on Dec. 4. The associations quickly established a public online rental portal which became the top websites to find temporary housing. And in addition, associations and individual Realtors started clothes drives so disaster victims, who lost everything, could get the necessities such as clothes and shoes.

The Realtors' Relief Foundation, an arm of the National Association of Realtors, contributed \$500,000 to the fund. The California Association of Realtors' Housing Affordability Fund contributed the remaining \$150,000.

This 'n' That

Why the city should get out of the property rental business

by Venturans for Efficient & Responsible Government

The 505 Poli building adjacent to City Hall exemplifies why the City of Ventura should not be in the property rental business.

When public money is used to buy rental income property, citizens have a right to expect the city will manage the investment wisely. The City Council makes the decisions, and they rely on the City Manager and city personnel for sound, knowledgeable advice on how to acquire and operate such property.

Here's the rub. Ventura city personnel have demonstrated that they do not have the knowledge or experience needed to assist the City Council in making decisions in such matters.

505 Poli Confirms That Ventura Is Bad At The Property Rental Business

Appraised for \$3.55 million in Sept. 2005, the City of Ventura acquired it in November 2006 for \$4.03 million. To fund the purchase \$1.23 million in General Funds were used together with another \$2.8 million from the Workers Compensation Fund. The use of the Workers Comp funds should have been a warning to the City Council. Later, the interim City Manager, Johnnie Johnson, exposed that budget manipulation.

Then there is the building itself and the adjacent crime laboratory. Both are asbestos-filled, old Ferro-cement structures. The removal of asbestos and hazardous material remediation in the crime lab alone was estimated to cost \$500,000-\$700,000. The list of deficiencies abounded—seismic conditions, old air conditioning systems, old electrical systems and a 60-year-old elevator that hinders tenant usage.

In 2006, City staff advised the City Council that the city would get a return from the investment in 6.3 to 8.8 years. History proved them wrong. By our

simple accounting, the City of Ventura has spent or is obligated to pay an additional \$4.6 to \$5.0 million with no net rental income to justify the investment over the last 12 years.

Spending More Money Won't Fix What's Bad About Ventura's Property Rental

The latest proposal put forward by the Public Works Department recommends the city sink another \$2 million for tenant improvements for just the 4th and 5th floors.

City staff suggested in the report that if the City Council spends the money, 505 Poli will rent for \$3 a square foot because of its downtown location. There was no rental comparison survey to support the plan. There was no vacancy survey included. The report also ignored the fact that vacancy is running at 25% citywide on commercial property. The entire argument assumes that if "we build it, they will come." The recommendation also suggests our city would receive a monthly income of \$53,413 after the improvements at 100% occupancy. Great promise, but it lacked facts and is unrealistic.

Recommendations

The City Council should follow up on how much taxpayers have spent to acquire, improve and maintain 505 Poli. The total amount may surprise some of them.

The City Council should hold the city staff to a higher level of thoroughness and professionalism before recommending spending taxpayer money.

City government should get out of the property rental income business and find a qualified, reputable real estate company to lease and manage all city-owned rental property.

program. This program provides lunch at no charge to children 1-18 years of age. Summer Nutrition is not based on income qualification. It is available for all community children regardless of their school year qualification for free and reduced price meals. Lunch will be served June 18th through August 3rd.

Ventura Unified School District is committed to providing nutritious foods during the summer months so that students may return to school healthy, energized and ready to learn! Participating sites include the following: Lunch served: 10:45am – 12:00pm DATA Middle School Anacapa Middle School ATLAS Elementary School E.P. Foster Elementary School Montalvo Elementary School Portola Elementary School Lunch served: 10:30am – 12:00pm Pacific High School Ventura High School Lunch served: 11:00am – 1:00pm YMCA Lunch served: 11:30am – 1:00pm Buena Vida Apartments Encanto Del Mar Apartments Lunch served: 12:00pm – 1:00pm Westpark Community Center

Marostica announces run

Continued from page 20 Rape Aggression Defense to train women in our community to protect themselves and I am the current President of the Gold Coast RAD Foundation. I am the current Chairman of the Oxnard Peace Officers Association Retiree Medical Trust. I am also a volunteer with the California YMCA Youth and Government program.

Family and community are very important to me. My wife Deborah is a lifelong East Ventura resident and both sets of our parents reside in East Ventura. For the first two years of my life, I went with my parents around the country as my Dad played minor league baseball for the Oakland A's. After that, we came back to Ventura where I have lived on the East End ever since. I graduated from St. Bonaventure High School and attended Ventura College where I received an AA Degree in Criminal Justice. During that time, I worked at the Ventura Family YMCA, where I met my lovely wife. We have two children, Andrew is 22 and Emily is 19.

I know it may sound cliché; but I really do want our district and our City to be a clean, safe and economically viable place to live and work for all of us, our kids and generations to come. And, I am ready to work hard to make this happen!

Torch Run for the VC Special Olympics

Continued from page 1 Saturday, June 9th. The games will take place on June 9 and 10 at CSULB.

The LETR is an international fundraising and public awareness campaign for the Special Olympics and is comprised of the Torch Run, Tip-A-Cop, and other fundraising events. For over twenty-five years, Ventura County law enforcement agencies have been raising tens of thousands of dollars annually to benefit Special Olympics of Ventura County. The money helps Ventura County Special Olympics to offer free, year-round, sports training and competition to over 700 individuals with intellectual disabilities ages eight years and up, who participate in seventeen sports

at forty-five training sites throughout Ventura County.

Approximate Timeline of Ventura Flame of Hope Route:

8:05 am: The Flame of Hope will begin its journey from Ventura City Hall and travel south on California Street
8:30 am: Then the Flame will travel east onto Thompson Boulevard to the Five Points Intersection
8:40 am: From the Five Points Intersection the Flame will continue East on East Main Street to Telephone Road
9:00 am: South on Portola to Ralston Street where it will pass by the Ventura Police Department
9:10 am: East on Ralston Street to Johnson Drive
9:30 am: South on Johnson Drive and over the 101 Freeway Footbridge where the Flame will be handed off to members of the Oxnard Police Department on Ventura Road

Happenings at the Museum

Continued from page 1 in Ventura Lane Domke, who will be graduating from Foothill Technology High School in Ventura Marissa Gonzales, who attends Ventura College Elaine Sanders, who will be graduating from Foothill Technology High School in Ventura Elwood Walker, who will be graduating from Thousand Oaks High School

An awards reception was held on Wednesday, May 30, in the Museum Courtyard. Family members, instructors and supporters attended.

The Bonita C. McFarland scholarship is named for a generous benefactor to the arts in Ventura County. The Forum of the Arts scholarship takes its name from the organization originally created in 1961 which was the first arts organization to offer grants to the local arts community. The funds for the scholarships are generated from two endowments, held and administered by the Museum of Ventura County. The scholarships are available to any high school senior preparing to enter college in the fall of 2018 or any continuing college level student of the visual arts who is also a Ventura County resident.

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 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

Leonard Bernstein at 100 – a tribute, presented by the Ventura Music Festival and the Museum of Ventura County, to an artist whose impact has transcended genres and generations, Sunday, June 24, in the Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion. This presentation will celebrate the life of Leonard Bernstein, a great American composer, conductor, pianist and humanitarian during this, his centenary year. The reception starts at 3 p.m., with the program beginning at 4 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.venturamusicfestival.org. For more information, call 805-648-3146.

200 donated bikes were assembled

The Specialized Foundation is giving back through a one-for-one donation program to Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. Recently, 200 donated bikes were assembled by volunteers in the gym of the Robert Addison Center part of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura. With over 40 volunteers lead by Specialized experts, the bikes were unpacked and assembled in less than three hours for Boys & Girls Club kids and other children, nonprofits and Ventura families affected by the Thomas Fire.

For every Specialized Riprock, Hotrock, or Hotwalk purchased in the USA, The Specialized Foundation matched and donated a bike to Boys & Girls Clubs affected by natural disasters, including the wildfires in Northern and Southern California, and hurricanes in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico.

"We have seen, firsthand, the power of the bicycle with children and want to help put smiles on their faces. In addition, we hope the bike will serve as

a tool to help these kids live healthier, more active lifestyles," said Ted Thecheung, CEO of The Specialized Foundation.

The Specialized Foundation was established in 2015 with the intention of introducing students to cycling's positive effects on academic performance, health, and wellbeing, with a focus on students with learning differences like ADHD.

To find out more about the Bike Build for Kids or make a donation to programs that promote healthy habits at Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura, please visit bgclubventura.org or click on the "Get Involved" tab to donate. You can also visit Twitter at Facebook at Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura.

Summer Nutrition is available for all community children

Each summer, Ventura Unified School District provides a nutrition

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.

Commercial Burglary

On May 23, at approximately 3:45pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from an alert employee who saw the suspect, 21 year old Ventura resident Brian Kimball, attempting to steal money from a safe. Kimball was using a homemade device to reach into the safe and pull out money.

As officers arrived on scene they contacted the employee pointed Kimball out to them. The officers contacted Kimball who was sitting inside the building on a bench. As the officers continued their investigation it was confirmed that Kimball was stealing money from the safe. Kimball was booked into the Ventura County Jail for Commercial Burglary.

Commercial Burglary Arrest

On May 26, at approximately 1:30am, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call reference two subjects seen on video surveillance prowling on church property. The caller continued to monitor the video surveillance cameras and observed the suspects, two juveniles from Ventura, removing a window screen and gaining access into the building via an unlocked window. As officers arrived on scene, one of the subjects began to exit the building through the front door. The officer immediately detained the subject as additional officers arrived on scene. A few minutes later, the second subject exited the building and was also detained.

Investigation revealed the juveniles had taken several items from inside the church and had staged the property near the front door upon being contacted by police. The juveniles were arrested, issued citations and later released to the custody of their parents.

Felony Vandalism & Battery on a Peace Officer Arrest

On May 26, Ventura Police officers responded to a report of a subject breaking windows out of business in the 2500 block of Grand Avenue. Witnesses indicated the suspect was armed with a large hammer.

The first arriving officer observed the suspect, 35 year old Ventura vagrant Corrina Gutierrez, holding a hammer and standing next to several broken windows to the front of the business. Gutierrez dropped the hammer and began to walk away as the officer exited his patrol vehicle. The officer approached Gutierrez and ordered her to stop; however, she refused to comply. Gutierrez violently resisted and bit the officer on the arm when he attempted to detain her. The officer was able to take Gutierrez into custody after a brief struggle.

Gutierrez was placed under arrest and transported to the Ventura County Jail where she was booked for felony vandalism and violently resisting arrest.

Felon in Possession of a Firearm with Ammunition

On May 24, at approximately 9:45pm, a patrol officer was patrolling the area of Dos Caminos Avenue and Main Street when he observed the defendant later identified as 27 year old Ventura resident David Stratmann

driving with a missing registration tab and inoperable lights. A traffic enforcement stop was conducted and the driver verbally identified himself. A records check revealed Stratmann is currently on parole for burglary with search terms.

A search of the vehicle revealed a pistol grip sawed off shotgun concealed in the backseat of the vehicle with numerous shotgun slugs nearby. Stratmann admitted to possessing the shotgun with an excuse.

Stratmann was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for felon in possession of firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and parole violation.

Theft from vehicle arrest

On May 28, at approximately 4:30am, an alert citizen called the Ventura Police Department Command Center to report that he saw a male suspect rummaging through the interior of his neighbor's car. The suspect fled from the scene and the citizen followed the suspect until officers arrived on scene. The suspect was detained by officers and identified as 37 year old Ventura resident Jason Sevier. Sevier was found to in possession of property that was taken from the victim's vehicle. The victim was contacted and confirmed that his property was taken from his car.

Sevier was placed under arrest for theft from an unlocked vehicle and possession of stolen property. Sevier was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for the charges.

Commercial burglary arrest for stealing ice

On May 29, at approximately 1:15am, an alert citizen called the Ventura Police Department Command Center to report that he saw a male suspect using bolt cutters to cut the lock off of the storage container that holds bags of ice in front of Mandell's Liquor Store. The suspect fled the store with a bag of ice in a black pickup truck. A patrol officer spotted the pickup in a nearby business parking lot and contacted the driver identified as 56 year old Ventura resident Terry Doan. There was a bag of ice and bolt cutters located in the bed of the pickup.

Doan was positively identified as the suspect and placed under arrest for commercial burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Assault with a deadly weapon and child endangerment arrest

On May 3, at approximately 11:30am, the victims had just finished surfing and were walking off of the beach near Greenock Ln., when a truck drove up to them and then stopped. The suspect driver began yelling at the victims for allegedly vandalizing his vehicle. While yelling at the victims, the suspect removed a handgun from his center console and pointed it in their direction. The victims told the suspect they had been surfing and not involved in vandalizing his vehicle. The suspect set the handgun down on his center console and the victims left the area. When the victims returned home they notified the police department of the incident. Patrol officers responded and later were able to identify Carl Churchfield as the suspect.

Major Crimes Detectives began investigating the case and authored a search warrant for Churchfield's residence. On May 30, at approximately 1pm, detectives arrested Churchfield



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in the 1100 block of Mariposa Rd., in Santa Paula and searched his residence. Churchfield was later booked at the Ventura County Jail for felony assault with a deadly weapon and felony child endangerment.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On May 30, at approximately 11:45pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call reference a stolen vehicle report. Officers responded to the area and began conducting their investigation. A short time later Officer Spies, who was driving eastbound Center Street, observed a suspicious vehicle quickly turn into the alleyway to the rear of the 500 block of North Ventura Ave.

Officer Spies quickly turned into the alleyway and confirmed the vehicle in question was stolen. Additional officers arrived on scene and conducted a high-risk stop on the vehicle. The driver was later identified as a 14 year old Juvenile and the front passenger was identified as a 16 year old juvenile.

The driver was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and booked into Juvenile hall. The passenger was issued a curfew citation and released to the custody of his parents.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

5-17 10:05am, while on patrol in Boat-17 officers observed diesel sheen near VHV G-dock. An investigation ensued, but officers were unable to locate source. 2:50pm, received report of a homeless female showering in the 1559 Spinnaker restrooms. Officers responded and found the transient in the Village Market, the clerk was attempting to

remove her from the business.

5-18 7:30am, received a report of a commercial vessel taking on water at the Harbor fuel dock. Officers responded on rescue boat 19 with an auxiliary dewatering pump. After nearly an hour of dewatering with several pumps, the vessels bilge was dry.

5-20 6:30am, officers along with support of State Parks monitoring the swimmers participating in the "Breath-of-life" triathlon from all rescue vessels and RWC's. The swim course started at Harbor Cove and headed East then back.

5-21 4:04pm, received dispatch to a fall victim at the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with treatment of patient.

5:12pm, received a dispatch to an ill person in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with the patient who was eventually transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

7:12pm, received a dispatch to a seizure victim near VIM parking lot. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with a local male transient complaining of extreme abdominal pain. He was transported to local hospital.

5-22 2:18pm, received dispatch to a water rescue at VIM. Officers responded and pulled a 66 year-old male from the water and released him at the dock at VIM.

2:58pm, received a dispatch to a fall victim at Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded, assisted VFD/AMR with the patient with major injuries.

3:13pm, received dispatch to a Traffic Accident at Harbor/Beachmont, vehicle roll over two females trapped inside. Officers responded with multiple units from VFD/AMR/VPD. One victim was pulled from the van, while the other exited the van. The driver was taken to local hospital with major injuries while the passenger was released at the scene.



by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

Ventura’s music scene is a giant eclectic mix of music, everything from punk to jazz and all points in between, so we really are lucky to have so many genres of music available to us. One of my favorite events every year comes from higher brow end of the musical spectrum, The Ventura Music Festival. This year’s schedule ranges from the big band sound of “little orchestra” Pink Martini from Portland, Oregon, to lively Latin music with Jarabe Mexicano. Perla Batalla returns with Frida Kahlo’s “Blue House”, John Jorgenson Quintet will offer Gypsy Jazz, there will be traditional chamber music from Trio Celeste directed by Ventura Music Festival Artistic Director Nuvi Mehta and so much more including the traditional Tea & Trumpets brass quintet. Showtimes, tickets and locations are listed on the event’s official website www.VenturaMusicFestival.org. Yeah, I know the Ventura Music Festival isn’t until July, but most events will sell out so don’t wait to purchase tickets.

Local artist, Rachel Flowers will give a performance before a screening of the documentary featuring Flowers, “Hearing is Believing” at the Museum of Ventura County on Friday, June 8th; there will be a post-screening discussion.

Before Shelby embarks on returning to school and focusing her energy on getting her Music Therapy degree, she’s holding what may be one of the last Songbird Serenades, at least for a while. The June 15th installment will feature Jamie Drake, Shelby Figueroa and Brendan Willing James at Ventura Vineyard Church.

Sorry to report that both Wicked’s Brew and Cork have closed their doors. If you’ve never heard of one or the other, that’s a shame. My biggest word of advice to venues that offer music is you have to promote, promote, promote! You have to budget for it, and you should use all free resources available to you including social media, and keeping The Breeze, other newspapers and VenturaRocks.com updated on your music.

Quick notes: Reggae has returned to the Tree House Lounge at Café Fiore on Sundays; Lovataraxx from France plays The Garage on Thursday, June 7; Former Scorpions guitarist, Uli Jon Roth returns to the Ventura Theater, Sunday, June 10; The Mighty Cash Cats celebrate their ten-year anniversary with a show at Bombay’s on Sunday, June 10; MJ Déjà vu, a tribute to Michael Jackson will be at Discovery on Saturday, June 16; D.on Darox & the Melody Joy Bakers play El Rey Cantina on Saturday, June 16.

Finally, Ticketfly suffered a cyber-attack and as a result, most of the websites they support were down including the Ventura Theater and for a time, Discovery. There currently hasn’t been any mention of credit card information being compromised, but stolen information included customers’ names, addresses, emails and phone numbers of nearly 26 million user accounts.

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

Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com

- Boatyard Pub**
Ventura Harbor Village
Mondays: Milo
Tuesdays: Jason Ho
Wednesday: Mark David McKinnis
Thursdays: Bluegrass Jam
Fri 6/8: Teresa Russell
Sat 6/9: Bobby & Steve
Sun 6/10: Blue Motel Room (4 pm)
Fri 6/15: Corsican Bros.
Sat 6/16: RJ Mischo & Paris Slim
Sun 6/17: Colette Lovejoy
- Bombay Bar & Grill**
143 S. California Street
Friday and Saturdays: DJs
Sat 6/10: The Mighty Cash Cats;
Silver Threads
- Café Fiore**
66 S. California Street
(805) 653-1266
Wed 6/6: Bryan McCann
Thurs 6/7: Rick Whitfield
Fri 6/8: Instone
Sat 6/9: Action Down
Sun 6/10: Jangala Roots
Tues 6/12: Donna Greene
Wed 6/13: Big Adventure
Thurs 6/14: Self Righteous Bros.
Fri 6/15: Red Muffs
Sat 6/16: The Collectives
Sun 6/17: After the Smoke
Tues 6/19: The Jazz Expressions
- Cask Alehouse**
5952 Telegraph Road
Sat 6/9: Masson Summit
Sun 6/10: Milo Sledge
Sun 6/17: Eric Knierim
- 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 6/8: Brandon Ragan
Sat 6/9: Havana Cinco
Sun 6/10: Kenny’s House Troubadours
Mon 6/11: Bill Macpherson with
Smokey & Friends
Fri 6/15: Amistad
Sat 6/16: Amistad (5 pm); Havana Cinco
Sun 6/17: Brandon Ragan
Mon 6/18: Bill Macpherson
- Dargan’s Irish Pub & Restaurant**
593 E. Main Street
Sun 6/17: Sunday Drivers (4 pm)
- Discovery**
1888 Thompson Blvd
Thurs 6/7: Arise Roots, For Peace Band
Fri 6/8: Herbal Rootz
Thurs 6/14: Better Chemistry
Fri 6/15: Coso Live; DJ Kuya Ray
Sat 6/16: MJ Déjà vu
Sun 6/17: Brownout
- El Rey Cantina**
294 E. Main Street
Fridays: Xoco Moraza & Friends
(5-7 pm)

- Sat 6/9: DJ
Sat 6/16: D.on Darox & the
Melody Joy Bakers
- Four Brix Winery**
2290 Eastman Avenue #109
Music 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Fri 6/8: Fido
- Garage**
1091 Scandia Avenue
Mondays: Karaoke
Thurs 6/7: Lovatraxx
Sat 6/9: Bon Bon Vivant
- Grapes and Hops**
454 E. Main Street
Wed 6 pm; Thurs 7 pm; Fri & Sat 8 pm,
Sun 4 pm
Thurs 6/7: The Groove Lounge
Fri 6/8: The Tossers
Sat 6/9: Kelly’s Lot
Sun 6/10: RJ Mischo Blues
Fri 6/15: Colette Lovejoy
Sat 6/16: Barrelhouse Wailers
- Hong Kong Inn**
435 E. Thompson Blvd
Mondays: Karaoke
Wednesdays: Open Mic w/ the Beers
Brothers
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band
Fri 6/8: Hi Hat Entertainment presents
Lenny Goldsmith & the New Old Band
Sat 6/9: RJ Mischo Blues Band
Fri 6/15: Hi Hat Entertainment
presents Lenny Fuzzy Rankins
- Keynote Lounge**
10245 E. Telephone Road
Tues, Wed and Sun: Karaoke
Thursdays: Open mic night
Fri 6/8: Sean Wiggins
Sat 6/9: DJ Arron Van Gundy
Fri 6/15: Reign
Sat 6/16: Magnificent Bastards
- Leashless Brewing**
585 E. Thompson Blvd.
Tuesdays: Galactic Jazz
Wed 6/6: Adam Acosta
Wed 6/13: Robert Quindaro
- Made West Brewing**
1744 Donlon Street
Thurs 6 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 3 pm
Thurs 6/7: Matthew Sayles
Sat 6/9: Jack Symes & The Good
Company Tour
Sun 6/10: The Detroit Sportsmen’s
Congress
- Majestic Ventura Theater**
26 S. Chestnut Street
Sun 6/10: Uli Jon Roth
- Margarita Villa**
Ventura Harbor
Fri and Sat 6 pm; Sun 4 pm
Mondays: Bobby Campbell
Tuesdays: Dave Rea
Wednesdays: Karen Eden
Thursdays: Keith & Friends Open Jam
Fri 6/8: Operation 90s
Sat 6/9: Crosscut 805
Sun 6/10: Colette Lovejoy Band
Fri 6/15: CRV
Sun 6/17: Doc Rogers
- Museum of Ventura County**
100 E. Main Street
Music 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Fri 6/8: Rachel Flowers w/ screening of
“Hearing is Believing”
- Plan B Wine Cellars**
3520 Arundell Circle #107
Sun 6/10: Twisted Gypsy (4:30 pm)
- Poinsettia Pavilion**
3451 Foothill Road
Fri 6/8: Ventura Jazz Orchestra
- Saloon BBQ Co.**
456 E. Main Street
Music 10 – Midnight
Fri 6/8: The Shorelines
Sat 6/9: DJ
Fri 6/15: The Black Stripes
Sat 6/16: Last Resort Club
- Sandbox Coffeehouse**
204 E. Thompson Blvd

- 805-641-1025**
Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon
Thursdays Open Mic
Sat 6/9: Crimson Skye
Sun 6/10: Cloud Runners
Sat 6/16: Nick Justice
Sun 6/17: Bruce Mancuso
- Sans Souci**
21 S. Chestnut
Sundays: DJ Darko
Mondays: Karaoke
Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean
Wednesdays: Open mic
Thursdays: DJ Spinobi
Fri 6/8: The Seaside Band
Sat 6/9: Hubcap Stealers
Fri 6/15: Afterimage
Sat 6/16: Folke Wolves, The Bourbon
Saints, Big Dictator
- Star Lounge**
343 E. Main Street
Sunday music 3 -6 pm
Tues: Karaoke
Thurs: DJ Trolbe
Fri 6/8: Alastair Greene
Sat 6/9: Pull the Trigger
Sun 6/10: After the Smoke
Fri 6/15: Crosscut
Sat 6/16: The Bomb
Sun 6/17: Kyle Smoke
- The Tavern**
211 E. Santa Clara Street
(805) 643-3264
Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve
Tuesdays: Karaoke
Metal Wednesdays
Wed 6/6: Mad Metal mage & Tarantula
Smith, Voodoo Dawn
Get it Right Thursday DJs
Sat 6/16: Bad Leaf, The Inside Break
- Topa Mountain Winery**
821 W. Ojai Avenue, Ojai
(805) 640-1190
Sat 6/9: Cindy Kalmenson &
the Lucky Ducks (5 pm)
Sun 6/10: Conner Cherland (4 pm)
Sat 6/16: Karen Eden (1 pm)
Sun 6/17: Patricia Avis Trio (4 pm)
- Ventura Comedy Club**
Ventura Harbor Village
Sun 6/10: Matthew von Roderick
- Ventura Vineyard**
1956 Palma Drive
Fri 6/15: Jamie Drake, Brendan Willing
James, Shelby Figueroa
- Vintura at the Wine Rack**
14 S. California Street
(805) 653-9463
Sundays music at 3 pm
Thurs 6/7: Doc Ventura
Fri 6/8: Karyn 805
Sat 6/9: Frank Barajas & the
Corsican Bros.
Sun 6/10: Jazz Brothers
Thurs 6/14: Dogfish Jazz
Fri 6/15: James Bros.
Sat 6/16: Kevin Langdon & Friends
Sun 6/17: Epitome of Dreams
- Winchester’s**
632 E. Main Street
(805) 653-7446
Music at 8:30 pm; Sundays at 2:30 pm
Fri 6/8: National Cat
Sat 6/9: Jodi Farrell & Jim Rankin
Sun 6/10: Dave Rea
Fri 6/15: Mark Masson
Sat 6/16: James Broz.
Sun 6/17: The Mighty Cash Cats
(acoustic)
- The 805 Bar**
Ventura Harbor
Music at noon Sat & Sun with
Kenny Devoe
Fridays 5-7: Sing-a-long with
Kenny Devoe
Fri 6/8: Troy Edwards
Sat 6/9: Karen Eden (6 pm)
Fri 6/15: Troy Edwards
Sat 6/16: Carlo (7 pm)



Bad Exhibition: Value in Art, was held May 19th at Art City Gallery 197 Dubbers. 4 Sichuan artists and 14 California artists showcased artworks culminating decades of avant-garde creative practice in China and the USA. The large crowd of art lovers enjoyed the art, performances and snacks and wine.



John and Cherie Brant.

Focus on the Masters For the Love of Art Benefit for Arts Education

This year's Focus on the Masters Gala, August 25 at the Four Points by Sheraton, Ventura, will honor longtime FOTM patrons John and Cherie Brant. Cherie is an accomplished writer, known for her informative books on the history of Ventura County. Cherie began volunteering for FOTM in 2003 serving

as the FOTM Board Secretary. Her volunteer efforts continued for over fifteen years devoting her time and talent to special events, editing, and Board responsibilities. John recently retired from his career as a wealth management professional. Many know his creative side: photographer, juggler and unicyclist. They are deeply committed to our community, sharing their time, talents and resources, always ready to pitch in and lend a hand. They know that dedicated volunteers enable our community to thrive. Gala attendees will have the opportunity to win an original painting by Gail Pidduck while enjoying wonderful music, food, wine and a live and silent auction.

Help FOTM make this Gala the most successful yet! Meet new friends and have a great time while raising money for arts education while volunteering. Email Donna@FocusOnTheMasters.com to let her know your area of interest.

Sponsorship opportunities, tribute gifts and an opportunity drawing for an original Gail Pidduck are available at www.FocusOnTheMasters.com. 653-2501- Donna@FocusOnTheMasters.com: www.FocusOnTheMasters.com

MNEMONIC International Photography Exhibition opens June 9th with an opening reception 7 - 10pm.

A photographer's ability to capture the instances most people do not see can document historical events, change popular perspectives or simply preserve a beautiful image. The photographers selected for MNEMONIC combine vivid lived experience with aesthetic purposefulness, allowing viewers to share in unexpected moments of transcendence.

Working from personal experience, sometimes with subjects overlooked or considered rogue, MNEMONIC is an exhibition comprised of 40 photographers from around the world. The works featured are the examinations of their individual obsessions, juggling the immediacy of expression with technical perfection.

H Gallery, 1793 East Main Street, 805 626 8876 www.DabArt.me



Ventura has many wonderful building murals. This one, by **Lisa Kelly** is at the corner of Ventura Ave. and Harrison. Several more by her are also located on this wall.



The talented **Savannah Fuentes** first performed Flamenco at Working Artists Ventura (WAV) in 2015 to a very eager audience. They were not disappointed. Savannah will be back to perform her elegant and provocative dancing skills again at the WAV Theater Gallery on Saturday, June 23rd at 8pm.

Savannah Fuentes, born in Seattle to parents of Puerto Rican and Irish ancestry, is one of the only touring artists in the Pacific Northwest region with strong links to Flamenco culture.

This year Savannah is accompanied by **Jose Moreno** with vocals and percussion, and **Pedro Cortes** on guitar. Both have a long-time, illustrious background in Flamenco and have performed in major cities nationwide.

On the walls of the WAV Theater Gallery will be the unique geometric works of **Geoff Pocock** who will be present June 23rd to meet the public. The evening promises to be a night to remember at the WAV!

Tickets are available at the door or online at, brownpapertickets.com. General admission \$20. Student \$12.

For more information about Savannah, visit savannah.com. About Geoff Pocock at, geoffpocock.com. WAV Theater Gallery, 175 S. Ventura Ave.



The **Buenaventura Art Association** is in the process of moving into to their new home in the Bell Arts Factory located at 432 N. Ventura Avenue (formerly Vita Art Center). A special member's art exhibit was held there, official opening still waits some construction.

Lighter Breeze

Mother Goose and Grimm



Baby Blues



Carpe Diem



Blondie



Rhymes with Orange



Crock



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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

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- Sit on eggs
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- Thing
- Golf prop
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- Sandwich shop
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- Pouch
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- See 37-Across
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- Legendary
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- Rinky- —
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- Long story

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- Fix a manuscript
- Olympics prize
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- Jacob's brother
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- Operatic solo
- Dimension
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- Rhyming tributes
- "Platoon" setting, for short
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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project, or go back and restart the one you had set aside.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your perceptions.

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Show Time

Deadpool 2



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Deadpool 2 is a 2018 superhero film based on the Marvel Comics character Deadpool, distributed by 20th Century Fox. The film is directed by David Leitch, Written by Rhett Reese, Paul Wernick, and Ryan Reynolds. Starring Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin, Morena Baccarin, Julian Dennison, and Zazie Beetz.

With super soldier Cable arriving from the past to kill a young mutant, Deadpool creates the X-force, a team of mutants tasked with saving the boy.

I felt *Deadpool 2* was always going to have the problem of just being more *Deadpool*. While this turned out to be true, It's hard to knock it when I find *Deadpool* absolutely hilarious. Ryan Reynolds continues to kill it playing *Deadpool* and the writers continue to deliver the edgy, self-referential humor that we've come to love (or hate). Now that the novelty of the first *Deadpool* film has worn off, the cracks really begin to show. Awkward tonal changes, hit and miss jokes, and egregious amount of pop culture references can be an easy turn off for many. So if you are a fan of pop culture references, borderline offensive humor and gratuitous violence, then *Deadpool 2* is a blast. Otherwise, there is little reason for you to pay the price of admission.

I'm not going to lie and say I'm above the vulgar jokes that pop off seemingly every other minute. I had some of the biggest laughs I had at the movies in a long time. However, the machine gun delivery of jokes can be a little much sometimes. While I have to give all the credit in the world to the writers for weaving in huge amount of jokes into a surprisingly heavy "ish" plot, the occasional tonal differences between the two can kinda suck the life from each other. One minute you're laughing along to *Deadpool's* shenanigans and next it's time to be serious. It's not so much that a balance can't be had, but that timing between the two feels off. Even if by design, it's not something that really clicked for me as a viewer.

Ryan Reynolds comedic timing as *Deadpool* continues to be the number one reason to see these films. He has so much energy and so much love for this character that *Deadpool* and Ryan Reynolds is really starting to become synonymous. Josh Brolin's character as *Deadpool's* foil, Cable, can come off a bit bland, but otherwise was a solid performance.

Where I found *Deadpool 2* more enjoyable than the first *Deadpool* was through the use of more recognizable Marvel characters and villains. With Cable and Domino's addition to the cast, we see a lot more on screen chemistry. The first *Deadpool* always felt like it got the short end of the stick with the lack of prominent x-men and marvel characters making an appearance. While there is still a lack of A-list heroes and villains in this film, there are a lot more interesting and recognizable faces this time around.

Deadpool 2 is absolutely not a movie for everyone. The hyper violent nature of this movie, along with incredibly crude humor means this is probably not for your middle-schooler's eyes. It's funny and tells a surprisingly good story about what it means to be family, and while it's not fantastic, it's enough of a good time where if you're into this type of humor I recommend it. Unfortunately I can't say there was really anything particularly memorable about the movie, it's good for cheap laughs but sometimes that's all you need. Rated R 1h59m

First Thomas Fire rebuild

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will serve as Ed Fuller's workshop, and office during the re-build process. Still remnants of the destructive fire could be seen around and on the site. Burned shrubs, the remnants of burned and disfigured trees and plants all a reminder of the devastation the fires caused.

"There is no sense in grieving about it for a long time the loss was the loss," Fuller said. "The reality is its just things and things can be replaced" he added. Like others the Fullers were glad that they got out safe. "We did get out with a few of our photos, some of our important documents, we had enough time," said Fuller. The Fullers even managed to get out with a few paintings that held sentimental value to them. They evacuated to a friend's house on the same street and the house didn't start to burn until three in the morning" said Sandy Fuller. "All we could see was this huge fireball wafting across our property."

One possession that meant a great deal to Ed was a wooden toolbox that his grandfather had made that was in his woodshop that burned to the studs. "To me it was big deal." Added Fuller. After getting to see the damage the fire caused Sandy said, "We looked at each other and said we know how to re-build we know how to do this."

Some of the Fullers neighbors have also begun the re-building process and Fuller believes some will even surpass them on the re-builds. "Since the fire we are probably closer to our neighbors than we have been." he said. "We even met neighbors that we had not met before." Added Fuller. "Now it seems like everybody knows everybody." He added. "We try to encourage each other, this is what we did to get through this process, this is what we did to get through permitting or this is who we are using for whatever. Were all trying to help one another." Sandy said.

Ed Fuller retired now but was a construc-

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Lake Casitas Rowing Light attended the Regional Championships May 4-6th to secure an invite to the Nationals Championships . The men's varsity boat got bronze medals bringing them one step closer to an attempt at a National title. Over 2000 athletes competed in this 3-day regional event from almost 40 different teams from all over California, Nevada, Arizona Utah and Hawaii. Joe Wells and Alex Legaspi, both seniors, have been training all year with one goal in mind, to make it to Nationals to represent their team and they succeeded! Alex is graduating from Ventura High School and Joe goes to Excellence in Education Academy (Private School).With their placement over the weekend they will be racing against the best in the Nation in a 2000 meter regatta on Lake Natoma June 8-10th.

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tion manager for a large oil company so "I am very familiar with the construction process." he said. The Fullers are acting as general contractor for their re-build. Their insurance company paid only 75% of total value, and Fuller added "most contentious thing we have with the insurance company is some of the personal property."

When asked about how the city has responded Sandy responded, "When we went into Building and Safety with our architect we took our plans to a back room and with all the department heads and they mark up the plans with what is additionally needed." "What most people need to know is that most of the rules and guidelines are state mandated and not city rules that make the process so overwhelming." She said.

When asked about the timeline for completion Ed said" We have an incredibly aggressive timeline with the hope of celebrating Christmas in our new home." "We are just finishing compaction and next week we expect start laying the foundation." Fuller said.

"The only thing I can say in conclusion, in the end this can be a very positive experience." Ed Fuller added.

Yolanda Bundy, Chief Building Official at the Building and Safety Division, Ventura

was instrumental in aiding and guiding the Fullers in expediting the permit process for the first permit to be issued for re-building after the fires.

"We're very excited that the Fuller family is on their way to rebuilding." "It was a true team effort" said Bundy. The detailed and comprehensive effort by the Fullers was instrumental in speeding the process. "The Fullers were very responsive and cooperative throughout the process." Bundy added. Acting as their own general contractor the Fullers were able to present to the city plans that met the requirement of both local and state governments. "The quality of the plans provided by their design professionals was a key to successfully helping us meet our goal of issuing their permits with a 14- day business turnaround." Bundy continued.

Bundy also commented "We want our community to know that we care about them, and that we are committed to working with both Thomas Fire Rebuild applicants and with all the other permit applicants who come into our office at city hall daily. As members of the Ventura community we take our role in helping our community build or rebuild very personally. We all need these milestones of hope right now."



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The fifth annual Owl Festival, a free family event, was held on Sunday, April 23, at the historic Olivas Adobe . Baby owls were seen in their nest.The Ojai Raptor Society brought live owls and hawks for visitors to see and learn about. Olivas Adobe Historic Interpreters, who present the Owl Festival, presented costumed docent-led tours during the event, as they do every weekend, between 11 am and 3 pm.



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