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The Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County is proud to announce the hosting of the Moving Wall.

“You are not forgotten”

Two memorials honoring fallen members of the U.S. military branches will be on display at the Ventura County Government Center. The Remembering Our Fallen photo display will be located on the Main Plaza inside the Hall of Administration, and The Moving Wall, a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall replica, will be on display on the large lawn along Victoria Avenue.

The Remembering Our Fallen California Memorial is a traveling display honoring military personnel from California who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. The display is one of 20 state and one national displays that tour the country as a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by service personnel who were killed in the war against terrorism. The California memorial recognizes almost 750 service men and women.

An opening ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 19, in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room in the Hall of Administration.

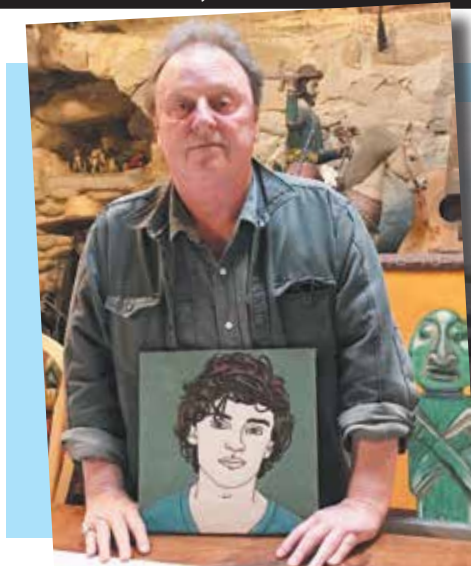
The Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County Inc. (VVVC) is proud to announce the hosting of the “original Moving Wall” from June 21 through June 25, at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave.

The Wall will be available for viewing 24 hours a day for the duration of its stay here in Ventura.

“The Moving Wall” is a half-scale mobile replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall located in Washington DC.

“The Moving Wall” was founded by Vietnam Veterans John Devitt, Gerry

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Michael O'Kelly in his studio with tile of son Devin.

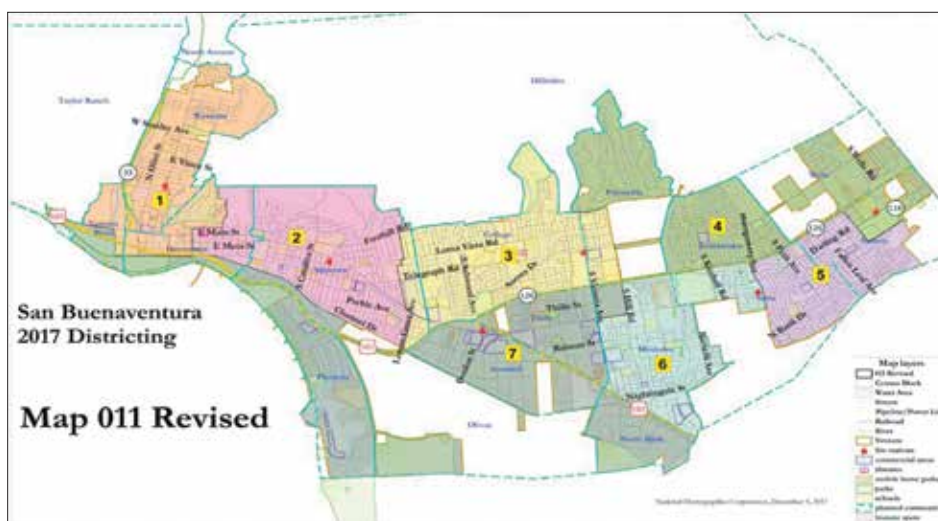
Michael O'Kelly-the man behind the mural / part 1

by Jennifer Tipton

Michael O'Kelly has been making art for nearly 5 decades. Growing up in South Ireland and Wales, he is half Irish and half Welsh - “pure Celtic”, he says. He comes from a family of artists, his father, great uncle and great aunt were

all artists, his mother was a classical violinist and aunt a classical pianist. “My sister, Jane was a great painter and I, a musician, they called us child prodigies.”

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This Voting District Map and elections information can be found online at www.cityofventura.net.

What do city council district elections mean?

by Christy Weir
Councilmember

District elections mean that registered voters of a district will elect a City Councilmember from their district. The November, 2018 election will be Ventura's first District Election process, with Districts 1 (Westside) 4,

5 and 6 (East Ventura) electing a City Councilmember for a term of four years. Residents in those districts will receive ballots and can only vote on eligible candidates running in their district.

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This year join the cops at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf.

Coffee with a Cop (donuts allowed)

The Ventura Police Department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf located at 4360 E. Main St. from 8:00 am to 10:30 am on June 26. The community is invited to come together in a friendly, informal environment to discuss community issues and build relationships.

Most contacts police officers have with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street or during the course of their duties. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows time for relaxed one-on-one interaction.

Engaging the community in public safety efforts is a top priority of the Ventura Police Department. We share the community's concerns and make every effort to address them. We offer monthly opportunities at Community Council meetings to learn about crime trends and crime prevention. We also provide community presentations and neighborhood meetings upon request. Coffee with a Cop is an additional opportunity for residents to get to know the officers who serve Ventura.

The Coffee with a Cop effort is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing

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City News



Susan Rungren began her career with the City of Ventura in 1999.

Ventura Water making waves

Ventura Water has announced that Susan Rungren has been selected as the Assistant General Manager for the City's water and wastewater utility. Rungren will fill a key management position that supports the City Council's priority of maintaining a sustainable environment by diversifying and protecting Ventura's local water resources.

In her new role, Mrs. Rungren will shepherd key future water supply projects such as the State Water Interconnection Project and the VenturaWaterPure project that will maximize the reuse of recycled water. She will work closely with Ventura Water, the Public Works Department, as well as stakeholders and community organizations to meet long term water supply demands.

Mrs. Rungren began her career with the City of Ventura in 1999 as the Utilities Engineer for the City's Water and Wastewater Divisions and has served as the Water Resource Manager for the last seven years. She is a licensed Professional Engineer with professional affiliations including the Association of California Water Agencies of Ventura County and the Association of California Water Agencies. Rungren has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University.

Deputy Mayor Matt LaVere said, "Expanding local water supplies, and improving water quality are key ingredients to diversify and protect Ventura's 100% local water resources. We are pleased to

have Susan's water industry expertise and experience as we look to create and build a more sustainable water future for Ventura."

Ventura Water was awarded the statewide winner of the Community Engagement and Outreach Project of the Year by the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) for educating local youth about water sustainability. The winning program is in collaboration with the MERITO® Foundation, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing meaningful watershed experiences to multicultural youth.

The program has provided an opportunity for more than 500 local youth to learn about the value of water through hands-on water quality testing and field data collection at Ventura's wild life ponds. Additionally, Ventura Water hosted a water conservation challenge for participating elementary schools wherein students were tasked to develop a water conservation plan.

The MERITO® program strives to connect the classroom experience with field interaction for students to better understand the relationship of water treatment technologies and the role that it plays in preserving the environment. Since 2005, MERITO® has reached over 10 million people through ocean conservation outreach projects, immersed over 15,000 students on earth and ocean science and issues, and has raised the capacity of more than 300 teachers and 100 Marine Protected Areas practitioners in the areas of ocean science and resource protection.

"Students learn water quality sampling and testing techniques, how wastewater is treated and purified to near drinking water quality standards, and about future plans to implement a new potable reuse facility. It gives students a new appreciation for what most people take for granted," said Kevin Brown, Ventura Water General Manager.

Field trips to the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility helped students to explore a wide range of environmental issues and water infrastructure. "In this type of an atmosphere, students can establish connections between fresh water and ocean water, as well as ascertain the water conservation issues particular to their local watersheds. They also learn about stewardship and how water quality plays into the health and sustainability of our environment," said Rocio Lozano-Knowlton, Executive Director and Founder of MERITO® Foundation.



(like Airstream) with a private deck. There are also sites for guests to bring their own vintage/retro trailers. Photos by Michael Gordon.

Waypoint Ventura is a new vintage trailer hotel and RV park located at the end of Ash over the railroad tracks with views of the ocean and pier. They had their official Chamber ribbon cutting on June 12. It consists of completely remodeled 1940's-1970's vintage aluminum trailers

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Happenings

A true visionary who defied convention at every turn.

Ventura Music Festival to present “Bernstein At 100”

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 time, the festival is getting a head start on the summer with a special multi-media presentation at the Museum of Ventura County to celebrate the life and works of Leonard Bernstein during what would have been the 100th year of his life.

Presented by the Janet & Mark L. Goldenson Artistic Director of the Ventura Music Festival Nuvi Mehta, the presentation will feature excerpts of Bernstein’s music alongside an in-depth lecture delving into the immeasurable impact his life’s work had on the

musical landscape, both during his life and extending far beyond it into the present day. Having both learned from and played with Bernstein himself, Mehta is in a unique position to impart knowledge on the legacy of this iconic figure in musical history. “Bernstein’s ability to unfold an entire musical journey in a single gesture astonished us – astonished everyone – and made him beloved from L.A. to N.Y. to Berlin, Vienna, Amsterdam, Tokyo and everywhere music is loved,” says Mehta.


A true visionary who defied convention at every turn, Bernstein’s politics and music both revolved around the idea of inclusivity. His work steadfastly insisted on bringing all types of music together – including American jazz, pop and esoteric genres, in a time where American music wasn’t even on the radar of the world’s musical stage. “Bernstein changed the way American music was perceived,” Mehta continues. “What goes on in a concert hall [today] is influenced by Leonard Bernstein.” In a very real sense, his work became symbolic of America and of his time, as he dedicated himself to connecting dots between the musical, the social and the political, and spent much of his later years passing his ethos and knowledge on to the next generation of young musicians.

The presentation will run for approximately 90 minutes and will take place on Sunday, June 24, at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 East Main St. Refreshments will be served at 3:00 PM, and the program will begin at 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at <http://venturamusicfes>

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ In past issues, I have commented on the horrible workmanship performed on the **pedestrian crossing** bridge that runs over the freeway to the promenade. Especially the fact that it was not painted when the construction was completed which, amazingly, the \$400,00 budget did not include.

I have contacted the contractor and the state (DOT) about this but have never heard back from either of them. Even though this is state property, and not the city's, it certainly reflects on Ventura so I also "complained" to city's Staff and the Council.

It seems that my "complaining" might do some good. I've heard from a city employee to discuss the problem further and was told that they will be making contact with the DOT to see if they can get them to paint it. If not, I, and the Breeze staff are standing-by with paint brushes in hand.

■ America's allies:

North Korea
Russia

America's enemies:

The rest of the world

■ Several years ago, **Union Pacific Railroad** (UPRR) installed fencing on Vista Del Mar between Seaward and San Jon for security reasons - without all of the required approvals. UPRR filed for a Coastal Development Permit to legalize the fences and applied to the Ventura Planning Commission for approval. It met with generally unfavorable comments and was to return at the July 11th hearing for what was expected to be the final action, and probably a denial. UPRR has decided to not pursue this at this time, but instead to rely upon new trespass signage to ensure the safety of those crossing the tracks.

I know people that live in midtown don't want the fences there, because it keeps them from taking this short cut to the beach. People have cut holes in the fences anyway to cross over the railroad tracks.

I am opposed to folks using this shortcut because crossing over the tracks can be **very dangerous**, especially because it curves at that point and the Amtrak trains are extremely quiet. I have seen very young kids crossing over carrying surfboards and

skateboards without taking as much caution as they should. So, if you must take this route, be extremely careful, as there have been deaths from trains at this location.

■ Some of Trump's staff have used the **Bible** to justify the internment of children who are separated from their parents trying to enter the country illegally. Perhaps they should go further and use this extract from Deuteronomy in the Bible to solve the whole problem:

"If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city



What self-respecting contractor would leave a project looking like this? And what DOT employee would approve the final payment?

at the gate of the place where he lives, and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear."

■ The **Museum of Ventura County** has received additional funding from the City of Ventura and Ventura County. \$1.7 million from county taxpayers, and the Ventura City

Council earlier this month approved giving the museum \$1.075 million.

The money will help the nonprofit operate its downtown Ventura location and the Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula.

I think that this is wonderful. I wouldn't have thought so several years ago, but Executive Director **Elena Brokaw** and the museum board have been doing wonderful things there. And non-museum events who have been leasing the facilities have introduced many new people to the Museum and brought in additional funds.

■ The City of Ventura is suing **Southern California Edison** to recoup some of the costs spent on the Thomas Fire. The City Council voted unanimously to initiate this legal action.

Ventura will be represented by outside counsel - the law firm of Baron & Budd. Several other cities have also hired this firm to represent them in similar law suits. The city isn't paying any money to the law firm and won't pay unless it wins the case.

Even though state and federal government are reimbursing millions of dollars related to the firefighting effort and damages, the city has still spent over \$5 million on the fire.

Ventura might need the money because it also faces lawsuits that allege the water system failed so that firefighters weren't able to fight the fires. As I've mentioned, I stood with firefighters watching homes burn to the ground because of lack of water. It was very sad.

■ Folks try to contact me through **nextdoor.com** and **Facebook**. I don't routinely look at either, so if you would like to contact me please email publisher@venturabreeze.com.

■ The City Council voted 7-0 to lift the ban on **leaf blowers**, which was put into place shortly after the Thomas Fire to reduce the spread of ash. With cleanup nearly complete, staff recommended lifting the ban and the Council agreed. And it does save water.

Temporary rulings like this are rather symbolic anyway, because they are largely unenforceable. The police don't have the time/manpower to stop gardeners and write citations. And, if they had received a complaint, the gardeners will probably have stopped the activity anyway by the time the police showed up.

Mailbox

May 20, 2018

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I'm writing this letter to tell you that we have a serious problem with our streets around town. Driving around town it seems very bumpy and shaky which is not good for the tires and cars. Also, the streets don't make Ventura look pretty and that when people come to visit we want to make a good first impression. Please consider fixing the roads of Ventura. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Aidan O'Neil

3rd grade

Portola Elementary School

Dear Editor,

I have read the opinions in your newspaper and other local publications regarding the homeless issue with a mixture of amusement and anger. While

I understand that Ventura probably has a significant aging hippie population, and numerous forward thinking progressives, are we talking about the same homeless people?

So many of the solutions that are mentioned involve increasing services to the homeless, and mental health "issues" that need to be addressed and dealt with in that population. While I'm sure that there are some who would benefit, most of the visible homeless who are causing the blight in Ventura are beyond help.

I live in downtown, and what I see are a bunch of dirty, filthy pigs. They belong to borderline criminal gangs. I have had constant issues with break ins and theft, and it is more often than not that the sidewalk outside my residence has human excrement on it.

These people need to be institutionalized. Transitional housing is just

another money pit for them to ruin. If California cities do not get a handle on this issue, there is going to be an unstoppable exodus of the middle class.

Bill Deeney

Bill:

Don't be shy tell us exactly what you think. I don't think that there are homeless gangs, but could be wrong.

Editor;

"If the book we're reading doesn't wake us up with a blow to the head, what are we reading for?" So said Franz Kafka about literature and I think it works

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

The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for circumstances they want. And, if they can't find them, make them.

— George Bernard Shaw

Happenings



Many jobs are available.

County to host job and career fair

The County of Ventura Human Resources Department will be hosting a job and career fair on Thursday, June 21, 2018. The event is open to the public and there is no charge for entrance or parking.

The career fair will be held in the main courtyard of the Ventura County Government Center, between the Hall of Administration and the Hall of Justice. The fair will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

“The County hires talented people for a wide range of exciting and mission-driven occupations; from public safety and social services to Public Works,” said Shawn Atin, Human Resources Director. “We have opportunities for accountants, analysts, health professionals and many other careers. All of our County agencies and departments will be represented at the fair, so it’s a great opportunity to find a perfect

career fit.” Attendees can learn about careers in administration and support; engineering; environmental protection; planning; agriculture; health care; law enforcement; public safety; public works; recreational services; technology and much more.

More information on County jobs can be found at hr.ventura.org.



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

Food and beverage vendors needed for “Pier Under the Stars”

Beverage and food vendors for Pier Under the Stars—the 25th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier on Saturday, October 6th, from 5-8pm are needed.



“Good Morning!”
My Daily Greeting
by Janet Freedman - Resident

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Each year more than 800 residents and visitors attend this beachfront culinary fair adjacent to the pier to sample the county’s best food and spirits provided by over 40 area businesses. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Ventura’s premier wine, beverage and food event.

Restaurants, cafes, wineries and breweries serve their signature dishes and beverages from tented booths along the seaside Promenade while guests enjoy live music & dancing under the stars and an amazing silent auction. It’s a community celebration to honor the City’s 145 year old pier.

Vendors do not have to pay a fee to participate and it provides a great way for them to market their food and beverages to over 800 community members. Please contact

pierintothefuture@gmail.com or call 805.804.7735 for details.

VMF to present “Bernstein at 100”
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tival.org/bernstein-at-100/.

As an extended celebration of 100 Years of Bernstein, the celebrated Akropolis Reed Quintet will be playing a Bernstein tribute during their live set during the Ventura Music Festival in July. For dates, the full lineup and ticketing info, please visit www.venturamusicfestival.org. The 24th annual Ventura Music Festival will take place on July 12-15 and July 20-22, 2018 at various locations across Ventura and Oxnard. For a full list of locations, please visit www.venturamusicfestival.org/schedule.

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Austen's Chile Lime Shrimp Tacos and their Pierpont Naan Chicken Sandwich.

Austen's Restaurant at the Pierpont Inn – where the food is as good as the view

by Jennifer Tipton

Located at 550 Sanjon Road in Ventura, Austen's sits at the top of the hill beside the Pierpont Inn and offers an enclosed outdoor dining area along with tables inside. We had lunch in the outdoor area where the view began with lush green gardens and ended with the vast blue waters of the Pacific Ocean. The ambience is truly spectacular!

These beautiful grounds are normally reserved for weddings and banquets, but while the main building of the Pierpont Inn is undergoing renovation, Austen's is open to the public for breakfast 6:30am – 11:30am, lunch 11:30am - 5pm, Dinner 5pm – 10pm and a happy hour Monday through Sunday 4pm – 7pm.

The lunch menu begins with appetizers such as Kung Pao Calamari which consists of calamari prepared with peanuts, red bell pepper, chile de arbol, scallions and a sweet spicy sauce or Soft Pretzels served with Italian sausage, butter pickle chips, caramelized onions and a mustard sauce amongst others. Appetizers \$4 - \$12

There are a variety of salads to choose from such as Shrimp Nectarine, Grilled Steak or Cauliflower Falafel (for our vegetarian friends). I almost opted for the Salmon Salad with grilled salmon accompanied by Aleppo pepper gremolata, Peruvian potatoes, English peas, asparagus, baby arugula all tossed

in a lemon dill vinaigrette. Salads range \$6 - \$14

On the next page there are sandwiches, burgers, tacos (including salmon tacos), pastas and clam linguini. Sandwiches and burgers come with a choice of French fries, sweet potato fries, homemade chips or a "small" salad and again, there are vegetarian selections available. Prices \$10 - \$12 except for the pastas and linguini at \$15 - \$16 (the fettuccini is homemade)

I had the Chile Lime Shrimp Tacos with a roasted tomatillo salsa, tomato and house coleslaw for \$12, the shrimp was plump and juicy, the sweet and spicy flavors were tantalizing and each taco was packed so full, they were challenging to eat gracefully! My discretionary dining companion ordered the Pierpont Naan Chicken Sandwich that consisted of a grilled chicken breast with pesto, tomato, red onion, avocado, mozzarella cheese, bacon and butter lettuce snuggled into naan bread with a side salad for \$10. The chicken breast was moist and tender and at least ½ inch thick, the warm gooey mozzarella embraced the crisp salty bacon and the "small" side of fresh chilled greens was not so small, each plate tasted as perfect as it looked and while my tacos were divine, have you ever had one of those "I wish I'd ordered that!" moments ...?

The service was outstanding, our

Community Events

server, Martin refilled ice tea without us having to ask and checked on us routinely. A full bar is available and when we asked if Austen's was dog friendly and the response was "sometimes". I guess it depends on the dog, one of those cute little fur balls peeking out of your purse – ok, but a big Rottweiler named "Brutus" – not so much.

We asked to see a dinner menu and for starters there are selections such as Crispy Artichoke Hearts served with goat cheese aioli or Tuna Poke with a mango papaya relish, sea weed, Thai sweet chili and sesame sauce with wonton chips. Prices \$10 - \$14

Enticing soups and salads are listed for \$5 - \$10

A BBQ Tri Tip sandwich and an Ahi Tuna Burger with a choice of a side are offered along with that same Pierpont Naan Chicken Sandwich still priced at \$10. There are pasta selections and taking it up a notch are the many entrees to choose from including Pan Seared Scallops with a roasted corn succotash and green mojo sauce, Filet Mignon with baby potatoes, grilled seasonal vegetable and a madeira wine sauce and Rack of Lamb with spring vegetables and carrot puree. They offer halibut, seabass and other steaks as well. Prices \$10 - \$32

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YMCA will host the World's Largest Swimming Lesson

On June 21, at 2pm, Ventura Family YMCA will host the World's Largest Swimming Lesson, an event that seeks to break the record for largest Swim Lesson Worldwide. The 2017 WLSL event included 41,068 participants from 26 countries.

Tens of thousands of kids and adults at aquatic facilities around the world will unite for the ninth year in a row to make noise that Swimming Lessons Save Lives.™ A global event, The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL), will take place over the course of 24 hours at an estimated 600 locations in more than 20 countries with the goal of generating 1 billion media impressions by 2019.

Participants can sign up for free online at ciymca.org/ventura or they can sign up at the YMCA at 3760 Telegraph Road. Registration is also available at the door.

"The YMCA has always been America's Number One Swim Instructor. It's our duty to participate in World's Largest Swimming Lesson and tell the world the Swimming Lessons Save Lives," Vanessa Toooh, Programs

Director at the Ventura Family YMCA.

Since its inception, more than 235,000 children and adults have participated in WLSL lessons generating more than half a billion media impressions about the vital importance of learning to swim.

Tragically, in the U.S. drowning remains the leading cause of unintended, injury related death for children ages 1-4, and the second leading cause of accidental death for children under 14. Research shows participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88% among children aged 1 to 4, yet many kids do not receive formal swimming or water safety training.

"Drowning is an epidemic for children under 14, especially during the summer time. Over two thirds of drowning incidents occur between May and August. These drownings are preventable. With the proper water safety training, children can learn how to swim and avoid dangerous situations in the water. World's Largest Swimming Lesson is a critical opportunity that no parent should ignore," Toooh explains.

Ventura Family YMCA will serve as an official Host Location Facility for the WLSL 2018 event. Parents are invited to learn more about this phenomenal event by visiting WLSL.org or ciymca.org/ventura. For more information about the Ventura Family YMCA, visit <http://www.ciymca.org/Ventura> or call 805.642.2131.

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 415-8842 for more information.

There will be a regular Ventura Discussion Group meeting at Main Street Restaurant 3159 Main St., Wednesday from 4 - 5:45 p.m. Bring an interesting topic to discuss if you can.

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. Steve at 642-1359

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

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, Nu-



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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. Contact Bill Garner 320-1601 or vcps-foryou@lycos.com.

Letters for the Lost, an exhibit marking the 90th anniversary of the St. Francis Dam Disaster, commemorates the lives lost during one of America's worst civil engineering disasters of the 20th century. At the historic Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula, itself a St. Francis Dam survivor in one of the heaviest damaged cities within the dam's flood path. Through July 16. 26 Railroad Avenue, Santa Paula open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit venturamuseum.org or 525-3100.

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

Cross Town Hikers 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/>

June 21: The regular monthly meeting of Assistance League of Ventura County on Thursday at the Chapter House, 913 East Santa Clara Street. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. Men and women are welcome, and there is no age requirement. Assistance League is creating "A Brighter Tomorrow for Today's Children" through several philanthropic programs. The Bargain Box Thrift Shop helps fund these programs. Find more information assistanceleagueventura.org, Facebook, or email alvconline@hotmail.com. Telephone: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. 805-643-2458

June 21: A specialist in the city of Ventura's Environmental Sustainability Division will be the featured speaker at the Thursday meeting of the East Ventura Community Council. The Division is seeking input on the city's Energy Action Plan. The presenter will also talk about sustainability programs underway. Ashdon Development will discuss acquisition of a 4.7-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Wells Road and Darling for retail development. The agenda includes an update on the Thomas Fire rebuild and a representative of the Ventura Police Department. The council represents those who live east of Victoria At 7:00 pm at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. For more information, contact John

McNally, Chairperson, EVCC: 805-804-7558

June 22: Family Float Night at the Ventura Aquatic Center. Friday, June 22 & 29, 6:45-8:45 p.m. 2 years and under are free, 3 years to adult \$5. Family Float Night is a great time to gather the family for an evening enjoying our beautiful Ventura summer nights. Families may bring their pool floats and order pizza or bring a picnic dinner. For more information 805-654-7511.

June 26: Come chow down and support the Brain Injury Center of Ventura County at Winchester's Grill & Saloon 632 East Main Street. 5 – 10 p.m. 20% of all food purchases will benefit the Brain Injury Center of Ventura County. For more information please call 805-482-1312

June 28: Portuguese Fraternal Society of America - The local chapter of PFSA (Council #128) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday. This meeting is open to any person of Portuguese descent, or, interested in the Portuguese culture. The meeting will be held at Marie Callendars Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria. 11:30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. no host luncheon/meeting. For more information and a reservation please call Cora Corella at (805) 483-6285, or, Yvonne Westervelt at (805) 483-4168.

July 1: Dudley Historic House Museum docent-led tours and a plant sale from 1 - 4 p.m. Freddie the American Mini Horse will be in attendance for photos and buggy rides from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Museum admission is free, but a \$5 donation will be asked from riders for Freddie's expenses. The museum is located at the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood. For information (805) 642-3345 or www.dudleyhouse.org.

July 1: Old-Time Country Bluegrass Gospel Music Assoc. meeting will be Sunday 2:30-4:30 p.m. Located at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 36 Figueroa. Free admission, stage music and jamming, free parking in the rear. Open to Public. For more information call, 805-517-1131 or visit Facebook: OTCBGMA

July 11: The Ventura County Camera Club Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. Admission is free. All Welcome. An instructional workshop will be followed by a professional photographer's verbal critiquing of members submitted images. VenturaCountyCameraClub.com.

Ojai news and events

Join Rev. Karen S. Wylie on Sunday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Ojai Retreat. The morning will be devoted to "Awakening!" through contemplation, inner reflection, quiet walks, wisdom talks, sharing and sacred songs. 160 Besant Road. People of all faiths and traditions, or no tradition, are welcome to attend.

Randee Vasilakos, RScP, will assist and anchor the morning in a consciousness of prayer and healing.

The retreat is by donation; \$20 is suggested. For more information,



contact Rev. Karen at 310-968-8928, or register online at www.karens-wylie.com.

Sucinno (Ian James) will visit the Ojai Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, to deliver a talk on Compassion and Care at the End of Life. Sucinno will share observations and insights gained while going through caring for his wife, Chandra, when she had cancer, including her hospice time and eventual death. Additionally, he will talk about what can be done before such an event overtakes a couple.

Sucinno hopes to provide gentle words that will help couples to ease into this strange space, and thus be less overwhelmed at the thought of it and its actual happening.

This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146.

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

33 Variations opens June 22 at Ojai Art Center Theater for four weekends. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets are available online at www.OjaiACT.org or call 805-640-8797 to reserve seats.

Submissions will close July 1 for the 19th annual Ojai Film Festival. Ranked as one of the Top 100 Best Reviewed Festivals on FilmFreeway the Ojai Film Festival continues to grow in prestige as one of the country's premier destination festivals.

The 10-day Film Festival has a reputation for showcasing the best new films from emerging and established filmmakers, and has helped launch a number of careers over the last decade. Since 2000, 15 alumni have received Academy Award nominations, two have won an Oscar, and numerous others have gone on to gain distribution and win prestigious awards.

The winning screenwriter receives lodging and passes to the Ojai Film Festival's Awards Ceremony, where the winning screenwriter is given special recognition, a trophy and a table read staged by the well-established acting community in Ojai.

The Festival's theme is "Enriching the Human Spirit Through Film." The event provides audiences a diverse lineup of titles from around the world.

The extended deadline, on July 1st, entry fees for film are \$65 for features and \$60 for shorts. For screenplays, the fee is \$55.

To enter go to www.ojaifilmfestival.com/entries/. Accepted entries will be notified in mid-August.

The Ojai Film Festival takes place from November 1 - 11, at theaters around Ojai. For details about the Festival visit www.OjaiFilmFestival.com.

Spencer Makenzie's Fish Co. celebrates summer with world's largest cornhole tournament

The nation's largest cash cornhole tournament will take place in beautiful beachside Ventura as part of Spencer Makenzie's 9th annual End of Summer Block Party. This California-classic multi-day party will feature the coast's best food, cold drinks & craft beer, and a free concert with the best local bands on Saturday evening, as well as DJs spinning great music throughout the tournament for players and spectators alike.

Cornhole team registry for the tournament will open [date needed]. Registration is \$190 per two-person team, with over \$36,000 in guaranteed cash payouts going to winning teams over the course of the weekend. Early sign up is encouraged, as space is limited to 192 teams and will sell out. There are no age restrictions. Ventura County residents will compete for an additional \$2,500 in prize money. The Throw Down Tournament is sanctioned and hosted by the California Cornhole Association.

For those who want to play cornhole just for fun, an open-to-the-public court will be on site, in the midst of the excitement but without the high stakes. Spectators are encouraged to visit the recreational courts to see who will become 2018's unofficial "King of the Court".

Spencer Makenzie's 9th annual End of Summer Throw Down will take place from Friday, August 24 through Sunday, August 26, 2018. There is no charge to attend the all-ages End of Summer Block Party and Throw Down. The Throw Down will take place at Spencer Makenzie's Fish Co., located at 806 East Thompson. For more information, please visit www.spencermakenzie.com or call (805) 643-8226.

Originally founded in 2007 by John Karayan and his wife Jennifer as a festival concession, the Karayan's named their award-winning restaurant after their two children – their son Spencer and their daughter Makenzie. With the goal of offering fresh, healthful food at consumer friendly prices, its reputation was quickly established at such popular Ventura events as the Ventura County Fair, the Aloha Festival and the C Street Long Board Classic.

Thought to have originated in Germany in the 14th Century, the game surfaced in the Ohio Valley in the 19th Century. Also known as corn toss, bean toss, dummy boards, doghouse, soft horseshoes and Baggo, cornhole became widely played at tailgate events, contributing to its nationwide popularity.



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Delay Due to the Independence Day Holiday

Since the Independence Day holiday falls on Wednesday, July 4, Ventura and Ojai customers who have their trash and recyclables or green waste collected Wednesday - Friday will have them collected one day later than usual the week of July 1-7. Customers with Monday and Tuesday pick up will not be affected by the holiday schedule.

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Ventura Downtown Lions Club celebrated 95 years of community service

by Randy Jewell

The Ventura Downtown Lions Club is a diverse group of men and women varying in ages, dedicated to providing assistance to individuals and the community. The club was chartered on April 27th 1923. The Club celebrated 95 years of community service on June 16.

It all started with 51 outstanding local business and community leaders. One of them was Fred W. Smith, who went on to become President of Lions Clubs International in 1947-48. Another was Charles Rea, former Mayor of Ventura. One celebrated club member was Erle Stanley Gardner, a local attorney, who became famous as the creator and author of the Perry Mason books later made into the television series and movies.

The Ventura Downtown Lions Club has a strong history of members serving the community and beyond. It has had public officials, 10 mayors, at least 20 city council members, school superintendents, health officials, educators, doctors, lawyers, dentists, county clerks, nurses, the list goes on. Members have through the last 95 years, helped raise or donate over \$2,000,000 for the community and surrounding areas.

Among the many causes and efforts supported within the community over the years are: The Ventura County Historical Museum, the Rubicon Theatre, Special Olympics, The Rose parade, YMCA, city parks (Kimble Aquatic Center, West Park, Grant Park, and Arroyo Verde Park) and the local libraries. The Ventura Downtown Lions club has also provided scholarship funds, support to the American Cancer Society (Relay for Life), City of Hope, Alzheimer's Association, Salvation

Army, Red Cross, Ventura Boys and Girls Club, list goes on and on.

The membership has always and is still volunteering time and efforts to carry out events that raise funds for special causes. Two years ago a Retinal Imaging Camera was purchased for Ventura County Medical Center. The Lions club raised \$50,000 to assist in the purchase. For over two years, the Club has joined forces with other Lions Clubs in Ventura County in a cooperative effort to raise \$200,000 to improve or create an adult diabetes / vision clinic for all residents of Ventura County.

Every year the club puts on or assists in putting on community events such as: Ventura County East-West All Star High School Football Game, all you can eat "Crab Feast"and Thanksgiving Baskets for fifty families in need. And every day, eye glasses are collected for recycling.

The Ventura Downtown Lions Club is a great group of community minded people within the largest service organization in the world, Lions Clubs International (LCI). The Ventura Downtown Lions club is 138 members strong. President, Don Fromberg, has been looking at the future and believes growth will make the biggest impact on what can be done in the community.

On June 16th, there was also the installation of the new officers. Steve Shaw will take over as the club President. He spoke on continuing to build on the Ventura Downtown Lions Club traditions.

If you are interested in learning more about the Lions Club please call 805-655-5595 or visit Ventura Downtown Lions Club.org.

Ventura Libraries July Events

Avenue Library
Children & Family Events
Summer Reading Events
7/3 Bi-lingual Music with Nathalia
7/10 TBA
7/17 Shawn McMaster Magician!
7/24 Caterpillar Puppets
7/31 Jessica Vang
Tuesdays @ 3pm All ages!
Bilingual Early Literacy Class
7/2,9,16,23,&30 Mondays @ 6-6:45pm
Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft & fun!
Summer STEAM Boxes
7/2 LED Circuit Art
7/9 Slime
7/16 Rocket
7/23 Gum Drop Engineer
7/30 Draw Bot
Mondays @ 3pm

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

Adult Classes & Events
Adult Literacy Classes
Laubach Literacy English Classes
7/2,9,16,23,&30 Mondays @11 am - 12 pm
Pumarosa English Classes
7/11, 18, & 25 Wednesdays @ 9-10am & @ 6-7pm
Learn English in a fun environment that combines conversation, singing, and technology.
E.P. Foster Library
Adult Programs
Adult STEAM Workshop
7/21 Saturday @2-3pm
3rd Saturday of the month
Each month a different themed program will be presented in the Maker-space!
Children's Events
Summer Reading Shows
7/11 Ojai Raptors
7/18 Shawn McMaster
7/25 Caterpillar Puppets
Wednesdays @ 3-4pm on the

Community Events

2nd floor @ 3pm
Early Literacy Class
7/3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, & 31 Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30am
Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft, and fun!
Teen Happenings
STEAM Boxes
7/3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 Tuesdays @ 2-4pm
Each week will have a new and exciting challenge. (For kids and teens!)
7/3 Slime, 7/10 Draw Bot, 7/17 LED Circuit Art, 7/24 Code It Necklace, 7/31 Ice Excavation
Hill Road
Children's Events
Summer Reading Events
7/9 Monday @ 3pm Bi-lingual Music with Nathalia
7/14 Saturday @ 11am Empowering Lives through Music
7/16 Monday @ 3pm Shawn McMaster
7/23 Monday @3pm Caterpillar Puppets
7/30 Monday @ 3pm Ojai Raptors
All ages!
Summer STEAM Boxes
7/3 LED Circuit Art
7/10 Slime
7/17 Rocket
7/31 Draw Bot
7/24 Gum Drop Engineer
Tuesdays@ 3pm
Create, design, and discover with our STEAM boxes aimed at kids 8+.
Early Literacy Class
7/11, 18, & 25 Wednesdays @ 10:30am
Join us every week for stories, poems, music, movement, a simple craft, and fun! Aimed at ages 0-5.
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7/14 Saturday @ 11am Kealoha & Company
7/19 Thursday @ 3pm Caterpillar Puppets
7/26 Thursday @ 3pm Shawn McMaster
All ages!
Early Literacy Class
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English Classes
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ESL Conversation Groups hosted by Laubach Literacy of Ventura County
Holidays in July
4th- closed in observance of Independence Day.

Phase I / Immediate Response: Within the first 30 days after the Thomas Fire erupted, United Way

partnered with the Red Cross to identify those whose residences were damaged beyond habitability. There was no registration needed and eligibility was not income specific, 750 households were given a \$500 pre-paid debit card. The money was distributed based on need with Ventura County receiving the greatest share because of the sheer number of homes lost.

Phase II / Mid-term Recovery: This phase took place in February and continued through April 30th, it allocated about 1.5 million dollars, but recipients had to apply, and income eligibility was set at 120% of the Area Median Income. (For Ventura County, HUD calculates the Area Median Income for a family of four as \$96,000. 120% of \$96,000 = approximately \$115,000). This phase focused on hardship circumstances with most applicants requesting rental assistance. Case management was also provided by partner agencies.

Phase III / A continuation of phase II, phase III began in June and will go through the summer. Phase III was added to include those that did not apply or may have missed the deadline for phase II. The same guidelines apply.

Phase II and III are to support those with hardship circumstances, such as individuals who did not have insurance or those whose employment was interrupted and lost wages due to the fire. In late May, United Way voted unanimously to designate \$300,000 for immigrant households affected by the fire because there were many farmworkers and service workers who lost wages.

According to Eric Harrison President and CEO of United Way of Ventura County, "we want to prioritize the most vulnerable population who have unmet needs".

Phase IV / Long Term Recovery: Just added, any money not dispersed in an earlier phase will be carried over to phase IV. This phase will work with the Long-Term Recovery Group and their case management process to assist households affected by the Thomas Fire to plan for and achieve recovery goals. It will include assessment and verification of need, recovery plan, advocacy and connecting clients with community support. The anticipated timeline for phase IV is September to December 31st.

United Way of Ventura is part of the Long-Term Recovery Group which coordinates the management of the long-term recovery assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs because of the disaster. Recommendations for long term recovery investments will be made by the Long-Term Recovery Case Management Committee.

"The Thomas Fire was a disaster like none other we have experienced, and we have all been impacted by the event in one way or another", said Harrison.

United Way has raised 4.5 million dollars and I'm told has spent half within six months and has NOT taken any administrative fees. Check the website for eligibility and to see where funds have been distributed, click Thomas Fire Fund at: www.vcunitedway.org



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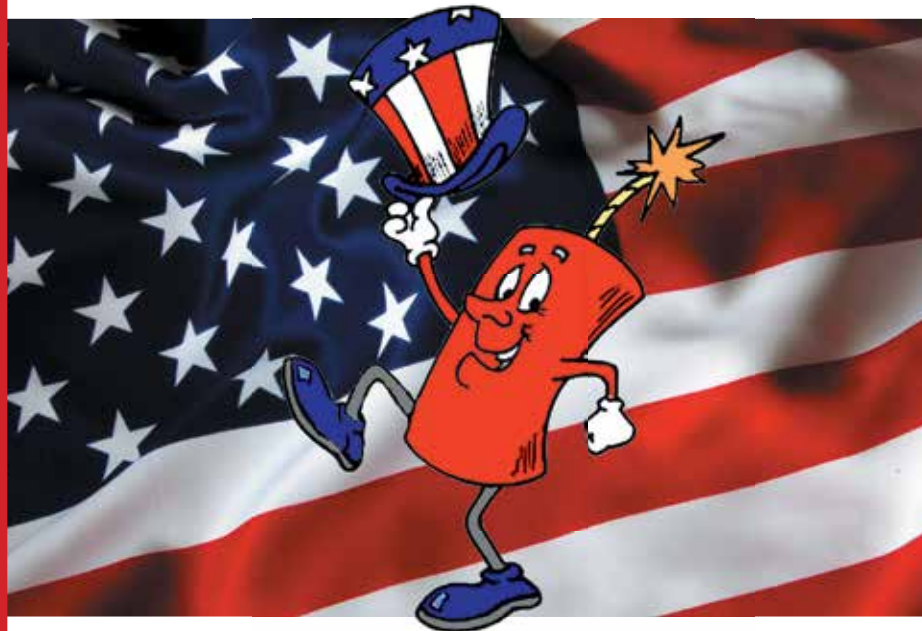
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Congratulations Ventura College grads

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CAPS Media extends congratulations to graduates throughout Ventura. CAPS crews recorded and streamed the Ventura College ceremony on May 18, and record and broadcast commencement ceremonies for El Camino High School on June 8 and Foothill Technical High School on June 14.

CAPS Media's Thomas Fire Stories project premiered on Friday, June 1 with a harrowing first-person story by Jake and Jenni Dilbeck who live in Wheeler Canyon. On December 4, the first night of the fire, the Dilbecks evacuated from their home. Once the family was safe Jake, an LA County firefighter, returned to battle the fire and try to save his home and the homes of his neighborhood. As a result, Jake was trapped in the canyon by the swirling fire, dense smoke, and a tragic auto fatality that blocked his escape.

Every Friday evening at 6pm firefighters, first responders and members of the public share first-person experiences from the Thomas Fire. Each 20-30 minute story premieres on CAPS TV Channel 6 and CAPS Radio 104.1FM.

The monthly schedule of Thomas Fire Stories is posted on capsmedia.org and includes Chief Dustin Gardner, Ventura County Fire on June 8, Bonnie and Rich Atmore, Sexton Canyon residents, on June 15, Chief Chad Cook, Ventura County Fire on June 22, Chief John Spykerman, Ventura County Fire on June 29, and Clark Tulberg, Thomas Aquinas College on July 6.

The Thomas Fire Stories are produced by CAPS Media in collaboration with the Museum of Ventura County and are supported by photos and videos contributed by the public, firefighters and news agencies. The remarkable and inspirational personal accounts repeat throughout the week and can be viewed at any time online at capsmedia.org/videos.

The Museum of Ventura County is archiving all of the Thomas Fire Stories media material and will include selected portions of the interviews in a special exhibit in the fall to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the Thomas Fire. Portions of the individual Thomas Fire Story interviews will be included in a comprehensive documentary film produced by CAPS Media also slated to premiere in December.

Summer is here, and the 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 sto

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News & Notes



"I was on the spot as a foreign correspondent for the London Daily Express."

The Night Bobby Kennedy died is recounted at the Museum of Ventura County

by Ivor Davis

The Museum of Ventura County, is a gem in downtown Ventura.

And happily more and more (still not enough) people are discovering the diverse pleasures of what the Museum has to offer.

Under the energetic guidance of executive director Elena Brokaw, program director Denise Sindelar, curator Anna Bermudez and a lively staff, the Museum has become re-energized revitalized—a delightful hotbed of art, history, culture, music, literature, fashion and so much more.

The other day I showed up at the Museum—and took the crowd of over 200 on what I can only describe as bizarre trip in time---back exactly 50 years!

That journey into the dark past to the mid-20th Century offered locals a glimpse a period in history that I fervently wish had never ever happened.

The destination was to the notorious kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles where I saw what happened to presidential frontrunner Senator Robert Kennedy. That year "Bobby" was tipped to follow his late brother JFK into the White House. President Lyndon Baines Johnson had become something of a pariah as a result of his gross mishandling of the escalating Vietnam War, and had pulled out of the election.

For America, 1968 was a memorable year—but for all the horribly wrong reasons: An unwinnable war, that had divided the nation and gun violence that destroyed the lives of two of the country's most famous men, who offered hope, dramatic change, civil rights and a brighter more peaceful future.

As I described seeing the wounded Robert Kennedy bleeding on the kitchen floor in the arms of his pregnant wife Ethel, there was total silence.

I was on the spot as a foreign correspondent for the London Daily

Express assigned to cover Bobby's Californian campaign.

As a speaker you always worry that you will show up—but no one else will. Fortunately it was a packed house with many having to stand at the back or sit on the floor. Others unfortunately, turned away for lack of seats.

My evening at the Museum was rewarding in a strange kind of way because many in the audience also wanted to take that sad journey back in time.

Museum librarian archivist and researcher Charles Johnson, had dug up a series of fascinating black and white photographs which showed Bobby and his pregnant wife Ethel campaigning in Ventura and Oxnard.

They were riveted by the series of black and white pictures of the campaigning Kennedy.

But what was most rewarding, was that in the audience we had an eclectic group. Ventura based Suzan Cooper, wife of one of the first astronauts Gordon "Gordie" Cooper whose husband had been very close to Bobby's brother John. Richard Drescher, who was a young man working in the Kennedy campaign on the night he was shot. He told his own dramatic story of that fateful moment in history. Surfer Frank, from the Pierpont Racquet Club presented me with two old newspapers—which bore blazing headlines about Bobby's death. And there were others, some mere children when Kennedy stopped off at the San Buenaventura Shopping Center and La Colonia in Oxnard. Their memories were vivid and so dramatic.

For me just their presence made my night at the Museum such a memorable one. And I hope the audience felt the same.

Editor's note: Ivor Davis, a 38-year resident of Ventura is a former foreign correspondent and author of books about The Sharon Tate Murder, and a memoir entitled, "The Beatles and Me on Tour."

News & Notes



Free swim lessons at the Kimball Aquatic Center.

Ventura Operation Splash

As the school year ends, another group of elementary school children has once again completed free swim lessons at the Kimball Aquatic Center in Ventura, thanks to an annual grant that funds Kaiser Permanente’s regional Operation Splash program.

Kaiser Permanente’s Operation Splash program’s mission is to support aquatic facilities and swim programs that help increase physical activity in low-income areas, diminish the risk of chronic disease, and build strong bodies. The program encourages all participants to become water-safe in a fun and healthy environment.

Operation Splash is run as an after-school program serving children from the Ventura Unified School District who are part of the PEAK program, a partnership between the School District and the City of Ventura Parks and Recreation Department.

The mission of the PEAK program is to provide low-income, underserved

and at-risk children attending seven local elementary schools in some of Ventura’s most impoverished neighborhoods a safe environment after school and provide recreational, cultural and academic enrichment.

Each year the program serves around 400 children ranging in age from 8 to 13, with most in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, who are transported to the Aquatic Center by bus for 30-minute swimming lessons twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. After their lesson they are transported back to their PEAK after school center in time for parent pick up.

“They are so excited when they get to board that bus going to the Aquatic Center,” said Judy Devine, Community Recreation Manager for the City of Ventura Parks and Recreation Department. “It is like they are heading to Disneyland.”

Devine points out that the obvious benefit of the program is that children who would likely never have access to swimming lessons get the chance to become water safe and learn to swim.

“Many of these kids live just miles from the beach and go often with their families, but are at high risk if not able to be safe in the water,” she added. But there are other less apparent benefits, Devine points out, such as the confidence they build as they learn to swim. “Kaiser Permanente should feel very proud to know that this investment in the children of Ventura literally changes their lives.”

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and since its inception it has helped thousands of local children learn to swim. Many of the children who started in the program during the early years have gone on to become excellent swimmers, participate in competitive swimming and water polo and become junior lifeguards. Some of them have even become employees of the Aquatic Center.

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rytellers with hands-on training with cameras, audio, and editing equipment utilizing the complete resources of the CAPS Media Center. Trained by the CAPS Media professional staff, the young crew members also learn teamwork and production skills needed to produce commer-

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Pirate Days proves that “buccaneer” is more than too much to pay for corn

Mermaids, pirates and a lady with wings with cute little girl all enjoyed Ventura Harbor Pirate Days by reading the Ventura Breeze. Several of the mermaids took the Breeze back in the water with them when the sun went down and couldn’t understand why it fell apart. We are working on waterproof issues for next year’s Pirate Days - we don’t want mermaids to be mad at us.

Pirate Days is one of Ventura’s most popular public festivals that attracts “pirates” of all ages for buccaneering and other piratey pursuits. Pirates Day 2018 offered guests an unforgettable voyage around the Ventura Harbor with pirate characters, entertainment, activities, and photo opportunities around every corner. Folks dressed up to win prizes! All the action took place in various courtyards near the Village’s shops and restaurants.

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Ventura Outrigger Challenge 2018 was held at the Harbor Cove Beach on June 9. This year has been challenging for Ventura and the surrounding area. “The Thomas Fire, the subsequent mudslides in Montecito and their collective effects deeply affected our ohana and aina, our land. In the sky, we have hokulua, the north star, as our guide. The Hawaiian word for strong “Ikaika” reminds us of what we’ve overcome this year. When paddlers join hope they can appreciate not only the beauty of our area but also the aloha we have for each other and the land.” Photo by Murray Robertson.

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The Ventura Choraliers sing their souls out to inspire and give musical pleasure to all. Photo by Michael Gordon.

The healing power of music

by Karen Leslie, writer with heart

Ventura’s best kept secret isn’t a secret anymore! The Ventura Choraliers, a choir with heart, sings their souls out to inspire and give musical pleasure to retirement communities. These second half of lifers from 40 to 90 + years young are a unique blend of savvy, gumption and talent! The choir member’s gift of voice and song raises spirits, brings fun to the moment, plucks the heartstrings and brings out the best in people. During performances, audiences tap their feet and are reminded of a time when they danced to the melody and tune of their lives so long ago. The classic songs from Rag Time to Patriotic to Show Tunes and Christmas Carols put smiles on faces from ear to ear and evoke the light of remembering... The-Good-Old-Days!

Pianist, choir master and original director of the Ventura Choraliers, Barbara Reed, tickles the ivories and you’re fancy like nobody’s business! She shares, “My love of music has always guided me! I enjoy directing and singing and wanted a group that would not only sing but have a feeling of love and fellowship. While performing, I love the joy I see in people’s eyes and the joy we give to others. Music is especially “medicinal” when we perform for our “memory care” audiences. I can see their eyes light up as soon as we start to play.”

The history of the Ventura Choraliers is an inspiring one; it started in the spring of 2004 with Mrs. Orianna Povar’s vision and great desire to form a chorus in Ventura that would not only sing and perform, but also would have a feeling of love for each other. Several years ago, the chorus was honored and awarded at the Ventura City Hall for their extensive volunteering. In 2007, they took part in two musicals, “The Big

River” and “My Fair Lady” and now have become a part of VACE (Ventura Adult and Continuing Education) where they rehearse every Tuesday.

Grace Gary, 100 years shares, “Music is so healing and I enjoy the “working together” morale!

Original member Betty White shares, “I like to sing so I attended the first day when the choir was called “The Sing Thing” and enjoyed it so much I decided to continue. It has been a pleasure and joy to entertain many people at churches, clubs and senior facilities.”

Jim Fisk shares, “After not singing for 5+ years, joining the Choraliers reignited my interest once again. It is fun, good company and I find at 80+ years, I still have good vocal production.”

Bob Crandell cheerfully says, “I like to sing! Sometimes my cats and dogs go crazy! I came to the Choraliers to learn to do better.”

Event Scheduler and Organizer Kevin Doyle shares, “While looking and not finding a vocal coach, I found a flyer on my kitchen table about a singing group that said they rehearsed from 2:00pm-4:30-pm. OMG, it was 3pm and I thought what the heck! I drove over and never stopped going back. That was 4 years ago. I was looking for something for myself and I ended up in a group that never stops giving to others.”

Elaine Keller enthusiastically says, “VC is lots of fun, lots of laughter and is the greatest therapy!”

New member Delores Ramirez shares, “The Choraliers are the highlight of my week! I like that we bring music to groups and rest homes and best of all I’ve gained about 20 new friends. Who could ask for more!

Sing on Choraliers! New members are welcomed!



Does (did) this bike belong to any of you? If stolen, maybe this photo would help the police identify the thief. If this was a homeless guy, likely the police know who he is.

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Pull Out Section



Because he is 91 Dr. Woodburn usually only works 2 days per week. Photo by Michael Gordon.

Local surgeon shares secrets

by Sheli Ellsworth

Like so many Ventureans, Dr. James Woodburn II fled the Thomas fire. He evacuated in the middle of the night after receiving panicked phones calls from his daughter and daughter-in-law. He left with the clothes on his back while his home of 45 years was destroyed. “I knew I was in trouble when my auto insurance company wanted a police report for the loss of my car. They even asked if I could turn it in for salvage.” The home had collapsed onto the garage. There was nothing to turn over.

Woodburn moved to Ventura in 1972 and started a private practice. “I can’t think of a nicer place to live,” says Woodburn. “The medical community here is good. Very good.”

Woodburn says his father, who was also a doctor, was his greatest mentor. “He died of a coronary while he was on a house call at the age of 76.” Two of Woodburn’s sons and one of his grand-daughters also

practice medicine. The family has 105 years of combined service at Community Memorial Hospital. Dr. Woodburn continued to assist his sons in surgery while he was homeless. Why? “Because after my family, medicine is my first love.”

“My daughter-in-law’s mother lives in the Ventura Townhouses. She knew of a double unit that was being remodeled. I jumped on it, but I still couldn’t move in until the work was finished.” In the meantime, Woodburn got pneumonia and was in the hospital’s ICU for three weeks. What sort of patient was he? “I was the worst kind! Being sick was worse than WWII.” He finally recovered and moved in to the renovated townhouse the end of February and says the facility’s gym is a good follow-up to the two puzzles he does every day. “I have been working out since 1986 and I do the New York and the LA Times crossword puzzles every day.”

Woodburn stays busy. He goes into his office at least two days a week, still assists in surgery and keeps in close communication with his nine grandchildren. “I always say that my favorite one is the one I’m with.” What has kept Woodburn going? “I grew up in the Midwest. We had different values. I’m a curmudgeon.” Woodburn says he thinks that people retire too early. “You have to have something to get up for every day.” Dr. Woodburn is 91 years young.

Cognitive health and older adults

by the National Institute on Aging

Cognitive health—the ability to clearly think, learn, and remember—is an important component of brain

health.

Motor function—how well you make and control movements.

Emotional function—how well you interpret and respond to emotions.

Sensory function—how well you feel and respond to sensations of touch, including pressure, pain, and temperature.

Manage chronic health problems like diabetes, high blood pressure, depression, and high cholesterol.

Consult with your healthcare provider about the medicines you take and possible side effects on memory, sleep, and brain function.

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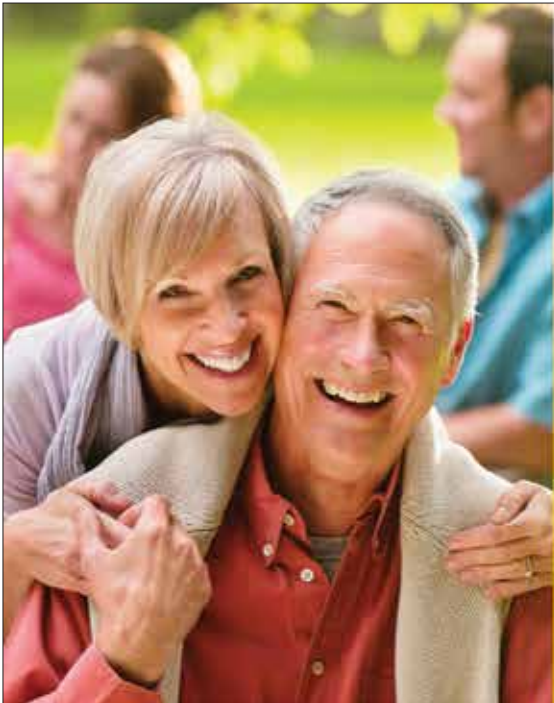
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“Are you sure wearing this hat will keep me cool?”

Senior News Line

by Matilda Charles

Here’s how to stay cool this summer. Summer doesn’t officially start until June 20, but there are locations in the country where the temperature is reaching 100 degrees. Much of the Sunbelt already is seeing highs in the 90s. All of those numbers are going to rise in the coming weeks. It’s the time of year for seniors to beware the heat. Here are some tips:

Consider sun-blocking drapes for windows on the south and west side of the house. Keep them closed during the heat of the day.

Join afternoon activities at the library and senior center. That way you’ll be in air conditioning when the heat is at its worst. If you can get to the mall, go there. Sit in the food court and read a book (or the Ventura Breeze), or walk some laps for exercise.

Plan your errands for early or late in the day.

Call your doctor’s office and ask about your water intake. Be sure to tell them all of your medications; some drugs can make it too easy to become dehydrated, especially if you take diuretics. Remember that sugary drinks don’t count as liquid intake.

If you go out, use a wide-brim woven hat. Check the weather and keep an eye on the heat index. Wear loose cotton clothing.

Remember: We seniors don’t always know when we’re getting overheated. Heat exhaustion or heatstroke can creep up on us because our circulatory system doesn’t work like it used to. Know the symptoms of heat exhaustion: weakness, headaches, dizziness and muscle cramps. The more serious heatstroke can follow only 10-15 minutes later.

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Social Security payment can grow after retirement

by Jackie Zaragoza

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Sierra West Area

You made the choice and now you are happily retired. You filed online for your Social Security benefits. They arrive each

month in the correct amount exactly as expected. But, did you ever wonder if your Social Security check could increase?

Once you begin receiving benefits, there are three common ways benefit checks can increase: a cost of living adjustment (COLA); additional work; or an adjustment at full retirement age if you received reduced benefits and exceeded the earnings limit.

The COLA is the most commonly known increase for Social Security payments. We annually announce a COLA, and there’s usually an increase in the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit amount people receive each month. By law, federal benefit rates increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor’s Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). More than 66 million Americans saw a 2.0 percent increase in their Social Security and SSI benefits in 2018. For more information on the 2018 COLA, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

Social Security uses your highest thirty-five years of earnings to figure your benefit amount when you sign up for benefits. If you work after you begin receiving benefits, your additional earnings may increase your payment. If you had fewer than 35 years of earnings when we figured your benefit, you will replace a zero earnings year with new earnings. If you had 35 years or more, we will check to see if your new year of earnings is higher than the lowest of the 35 years (after considering indexing). We check additional earnings each year you work while receiving Social Security. If an increase is due, we send a notice and pay a one-time check for the increase and your continuing payment will be higher.

Maybe you chose to receive reduced Social Security retirement benefits while continuing to work. You made the choice to take benefits early, but at a reduced rate. If you exceeded the allowable earnings limit and had some of your benefits withheld, we will adjust your benefit once you reach full retirement age. We will refigure your payment to credit you for any months you did not receive payments. Your monthly benefit will increase based on the crediting months you receive. You can find additional information about working and your benefit at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10077.pdf.

Retirement just got more interesting since you learned about potential increases to monthly payments. Social Security has been securing your today and tomorrow for more than 80 years with information and tools to help you achieve a successful retirement.



“I certainly hope that the Medicare Plan Finder will make this easier for me.”

Is the Medicare Plan Finder really helpful?

by the National Council On Aging

Older Americans are told they can rely on the Medicare Plan Finder tool to

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compare and choose the plan that best meets their needs. However, a new report co-authored by the National Council on Aging and the Clear Choices Campaign finds that the Plan Finder tool is not delivering on that promise.

The site is overwhelming, information is poorly presented, and the user design is potentially misleading—all of which confuses beneficiaries and can contribute to many making poor plan selections. Two of the biggest shortcomings are out-of-pocket cost information is difficult to understand and provider directories are difficult to navigate.

On a scorecard of the 12 features needed to support online enrollment choices, Medicare Plan Finder received A's in only 2 categories – anonymous browsing and language accessibility – while it received 7 failing grades.

With 10,000 Boomers aging into Medicare every day, several improvements can and should be made to the basic features of the Medicare Plan Finder that would mirror technology advancements commonly found in the private sector and even on some of

the Affordable Care Act public health exchange websites.

The key findings of the report are: Out-of-pocket cost information is difficult to understand. Provider and Pharmacy directories are difficult to navigate. Plan comparisons do not permit inclusion of Medigap policies. The website layout and display are confusing. Language is not user-friendly. Navigation and functionality are complex and inconsistent. Human support is not available. Information on quality Star Ratings is confusing. Plan information is not customized well. Information is not consistently accurate.

The report includes 11 key and 25 detailed recommendations that NCOA and Clear Choices believe will improve the Medicare Plan Finder and ensure that every beneficiary has access to the information they need to make the best Medicare decision for their situation.



Cypress Place Senior Living is hosting its 10th annual “Salute Our Veterans” event.

The event is free and open to the public. A complimentary barbecue lunch will be provided, courtesy of the community.


Fallen soldier display and Huey Army Medevac helicopter provided the backdrop for last year’s Salute Our Veteran’s event at Cypress. This year’s event will take place on June 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the senior community.

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Cognitive health

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Quit smoking, if you smoke.
Get enough sleep, generally 7-8 hours each night.
Eat Healthy Foods
A healthy diet can help reduce the risk of many chronic diseases, such as heart disease or diabetes. It may also help keep your brain healthy.

In general, a healthy diet consists of fruits and vegetables; whole grains; lean meats, fish, and poultry; and low-fat or non-fat dairy products. You should also limit solid fats, sugar, and salt. Be sure to control portion sizes and drink enough water and other fluids.

Be Physically Active

Being physically active—through regular exercise, household chores, or other activities—has many benefits. It can help you:

Studies link ongoing physical activity with benefits for the brain, too. In one study, exercise stimulated the human brain’s ability to maintain old

network connections and make new ones that are vital to cognitive health. Other studies have shown that exercise increased the size of a brain structure important to memory and learning, improving spatial memory.

Federal guidelines recommend that



“I know that I put my memory pills somewhere, if I could only remember where?”

all adults get at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week. Aim to move about 30 minutes on most days. Walking

is a good start.
For more information, see Go4Life®, NIA’s exercise and physical activity campaign for older adults.
Being intellectually engaged may benefit the brain. People who engage in meaningful activities, like volunteering or hobbies, say they feel happier and healthier. Learning new skills may improve your thinking ability, too.

Lots of activities can keep your mind active. For example, read books and magazines. Play games. Take or teach a class. Learn a new skill or hobby. Work or volunteer. These types of mentally stimulating activities have not been proven to prevent serious cognitive impairment or Alzheimer’s disease, but they can be fun!

Scientists think that such activities may protect the brain by establishing “cognitive reserve.” They may help the brain become more adaptable in some mental functions, so it can compensate for age-related brain changes and health conditions that affect the brain.

Be wary of claims that playing certain computer and online games can improve your memory and other types of thinking. Evidence to back up such claims is evolving. NIA and others are supporting research to determine if different types of cognitive training have lasting effects.

Connecting with other people through social activities and community programs can keep your brain active and help you feel less isolated and more engaged with the world around you. Participating in social activities may lower the risk for some health problems and improve well-being.

So, visit with family and friends. Join programs through your Area Agency on Aging, senior center, or other community organizations.

We don’t know for sure yet if any of these actions can prevent or delay Alzheimer’s disease and age-related cognitive decline. But some of them have been associated with reduced risk of cognitive impairment and dementia.

News & Notes



Toro’s Scott Donoho teaches a free City Gardening Class at A Smart Garden in Downtown.

Sustainability Now News

Water saving tips for your smart garden

by Maryann Ridini Spencer

Every year, one Saturday morning a month except for December, the City of Ventura and Ventura Water hold free Gardening Classes offering informative lectures and Q&As, practical water-wise tips, and fun, hands-on experience. Classes cover everything from smart

controllers to the benefits of permeable surfaces, how to install an ocean-friendly landscape and everything from A to Z about designing and maintaining water-wise landscapes and balanced garden eco-systems.

At a recent Drip Irrigation Workshop

that took place at A Smart Garden in Downtown Ventura, I spoke to Toro Company’s Scott Donoho about irrigation best practices for residents. Here are some of his top tips.

The Most Important Thing You Can Do To Eliminate Water Waste — Check Your Irrigation System For Leaks

Outdoor water use accounts for upwards of 30-60% of the total household water use. As much as 50% of the water used outdoors can be lost to wind, evaporation, and runoff. One of the most important things you can do to eliminate water waste is to observe your irrigated areas after watering to see what you are losing to the sidewalk, driveway, or street. Make adjustments to the clock by adjusting the run times. Instead of having one long run time break them up into two run times to allow the water to be absorbed instead of trailing off onto impervious surfaces.

Adjust Your Irrigation Schedule So You’re Not Watering Your Hard Surfaces

If you discover that the hard surfaces around your yard (your driveway, sidewalk, patio) are saturated, or that water is flowing from your yard into the street, check your irrigation system to make sure water is directed into your landscape. Additionally, adjust your irrigation clock and make any necessary adjustments.

Repair and Design Your Landscape Before Making Irrigation Changes

Find out what isn’t working with your irrigation and make the appropriate repairs. Then, think about the changes you may want to make in your landscape and the uses you’ll require. If you’ll be making small changes and feel confident about making them, do it yourself. However, if you decided to remove your turf, or make other significant changes, consult with a C-27 Licensed California Contractor to discuss your ideas and to plan out what type of an irrigation system will work best for your needs.

Eliminate Plant Stress and Over-Watering

Since Ventura has a mandatory limitation allowing residents to water only twice per week, if you start to see stress in your plants (i.e., they are turning brown or look wilted), it may be that you

are watering too little.

If you see that the top layer of your soil is always saturated, it may be that you’re watering too much.

As a reminder, the City of Ventura remains in a stage 3 water shortage event. The following activities are prohibited and are considered a violation of the City’s Water Waste Ordinance.

Be mindful to:

Never allow water to run and be wasted during outdoor use

Limit the use of potable water irrigation to two days per week

Fix water leaks (Don’t allow water leaks to persist for more than 48 hours) When using a handheld hose, use an automatic shutoff nozzle

Don’t operate fountains unless the water is recirculating

Never hose down hardscape surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks

Don’t irrigate your outdoor landscape during (and within) 48 hours of measureable rainfall.

Sustainability Now News is a new column in the Breeze by Award-Winning Screenwriter, Author, Producer, TV and Print Lifestyle Journalist Maryann Ridini Spencer with a focus on the environmental, social, economic, and cultural pillars of sustainability covering green practices, programs, news and events, industry leaders, green business, and healthy living ideas.

Harrison Industries remains a sustainability leader

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

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

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

City of Ventura 4th of July Street Fair & Pushem-Pullem Parade

The City of Ventura 4th of July Street Fair celebrates its 43-year-old tradition on Wednesday, July 4, 2018,

from 10 am to 5 pm in Ventura’s Downtown District, with the theme, “Ventura Strong”. The Independence Day celebration will showcase handmade arts and crafts by more than 200 artisans along eight blocks of Main Street from Fir Street to Mission Park, plus children’s activities, international foods and three stages of entertainment.

Children and adults are invited to dress up for the Pushem-Pullem Parade, sponsored by the Ventura East Rotary Club that assembles at Cemetery Memorial Park (Main and Crimea Streets) at 9 am and begins to parade down Main Street at 9:30 am. Participants will receive a free commemorative button while supplies last.

Visit the Information Booth on Main and California Street from 10:30 am-1pm to purchase tickets for the Ventura Fireworks Show & Family Picnic at Ventura College presented by the Ventura Rotary Club.

Returning this year, and greener than ever, the Street Fair will feature eco-friendly products, information and activities as the Community Environmental Council hosts the “Environment Education Street”. A variety of electric cars will be on display and vendors will have information to educate citizens about how to conserve, protect, and sustain our planet. The City of Ventura Transportation Division will be hosting a Community Bike Ride on July 4th, that will begin at Arroyo Verde Park at 8:30 am and will travel four miles at a family-friendly pace to the Street Fair. Complimentary bike valet service will be available on California Street.

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City Council district elections

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Current council members with terms expiring in December 2018 are Erik Nasarenko (district 4) and Jim Monahan (district 5). With switching from at-large to district elections, the districts that Mike Tracy and Neal Andrews reside in are not scheduled for a 2018 election, therefore they are not eligible to run at their current address. Residents of

districts 2 (midtown), 3 (college) and 7 (Pierpont, coastal) will vote in 2020.

Individuals wanting to run for office must pull and then return nomination papers to the City Clerk between July 16-August 10. A candidate manual will be provided to all candidates, with required forms and deadlines.

Coffee with a Cop

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Services. Similar events are being held across the country as police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. Coffee with a Cop provides an opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department’s service. There is no formal agenda, just a casual opportunity to voice concerns and share ideas.

Green with Envy



Late in May Arthur O. Spaulding of Ojai received an invitation to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington D. C., along with a dozen other former members of World War II armed forces. The purpose of their presence in the Parade was to remind onlookers and those watching on TV that these men and women were typical of those who preserved the freedom of the United States. Spaulding served several years in the Army, was in charge of a 4.2 inch mortar in the Battle of the Bulge and subsequent battles, and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds in combat and a Bronze Star for gallantry in action. It is estimated that more than 300,000 watched the Parade in Washington.

Arthur can be seen hanging out at the Secret Garden in Ventura with a group of very active “senior” musicians sharing life stories and music.

The Pet Page



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■ Housing Authority to host its 4th Annual TYDTWDay® 2018

On Thursday, June 28, the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) will join companies around the globe in opening their doors to employees' furry, four-legged best friends for PSI's 20th annual Take Your Dog To Work Day (TYDTWDay®).

TYDTWDay was established by Pet Sitters International in 1999. This annual event urges businesses around the globe to experience the joys of dogs in the workplace for just one day to celebrate the great companions dogs make and to promote adoptions from local shelters, rescue groups and humane societies. The 2018 celebration marks the HACSB's fourth year of participation.

"The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura is excited to go to the dogs for a good cause! We see this event as a way to recognize the important role dogs play in our employees' lives and an opportunity to make a positive impact on our local community," says Cheryl Tabbi, Human Resources Manager.

The HACSB anticipates 10 dogs to join them on Thursday, June 28 and has a variety of activities planned, including photo sessions, a pot luck lunch and doggie swag bags with donations provided by Petco, Petsmart, Lucy Pet Products, and VCA Westlake Animal Hospital.

For more information on PSI's Take Your Dog To Work Day, visit www.takeyourdog.com or PSI at (336) 983-9222, ext. 23230 or takeyourdog@petsit.com.

The HACSB is the largest residential landlord in the City of Ventura, with 376 public housing units, more than 1,500 Section 8 vouchers, and over 450 non-profit affordable rental units. The agency is actively working to increase the supply of affordable housing and to improve the quality of life for hundreds more of the low-income residents throughout the City

of Ventura. To learn more about the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura or its TYDTWDay celebration, visit www.hacityventura.org or e-mail NBirck@hacityventura.org.

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■ **Pit Bull Sasha saves the day!**
By Victoria Usher

On Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 an 8-month-old pit bull named Sasha was sitting outside of her Stockton, California, home when flames began to engulf the apartment building. Nana Chaichanhda, Sasha's buddy, and her baby were both inside. Sasha quickly alerted Chaichanhda that there was a fire in their building and then proceeded to help the family escape from the burning building.

Chaichanhda explained that at first, she was confused, then she realized that her cousin's apartment, which was right next door, was up in flames. Firefighters arrived on the scene and were able to save most of the building. Chaichanhda and her cousin's apartment were destroyed in the blaze, the family is currently staying with relatives who live in one of the surviving apartments, CBS affiliate WTVR-TV reports. Chaichanhda says that it is because of Sasha that she and her baby are both safe, and she hopes her story will help change the negative perception of pit bulls.

■ While fireworks are fun for people, they can be dramatic to our pets. All the noise and activity easily scares animals that might escape from home. Did you know, more pets go missing during July 4 holiday in any other time of the year?

■ The Wabash Valley Animal Hospital has been conducting a stem cell trial to help our furry friends in need. Over the last year the hospital has given the free trial to many dogs. It's a blind study and placebo trial. "Two thirds of these animals do get stem cells" said Doctor Andy Pickering.

If a dog is healthy, they're eligible to be a participant in the study. Dogs receive injections of the trial in their joints, and they will either receive stem cells or a placebo.

One dog buddy says he can tell the trial is helping 17-year old Mooska. "Within a few days, he started acting better, and is still just going right up and down the steps like no problem at all," said William Joe Robinson.

Wabash Valley Animal Hospital 812-299-2200.

Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



Chewie (the blonde) and Ling Ling (the white one) are around one year old and adorable ladies.

They love 24 hour dog wrestling, fetching their toys, going on walks and sitting and shaking hands, for a treat.

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This dog is a bomb/weapons detector specialist. An 8-year-old female that works for the Navy. The photo was taken at the Naval Base in Point Mugu during installation of new commander. Submitted by Lyn Fairly.

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The Pet Page

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I'm a mellow lady who enjoys going for walks and is good with children, dogs and cats too. I'm super sweet and friendly to everyone I meet. Balls are my favorite toy. Please stop by and meet me, I still have lots of love to give to my special someone.



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This 'n' That



This is an international public awareness campaign for the Special Olympics. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

Community members were there to cheer on the runners!

On Thursday, June 7, the Ventura Police Department (VPD) participated 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. Over 40 runners participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run carrying the Flame of Hope from City Hall to Oxnard handing off the torch to the Oxnard Police Department!

This is an international public awareness campaign for the Special Olympics and is comprised of the Torch Run, Tip-A-Cop, and other fundraising

events. For over two decades, Ventura County Law Enforcement agencies have been raising tens of thousands of dollars annually to benefit Special Olympics of Ventura County.

The effort 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.

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, met at the steps of Ventura City Hall and carried the Special Olympics' Torch, also known as the Flame of Hope, through the streets of 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 ultimately met at the California State University at Long Beach (CSULB) as the Flame of Hope entered the stadium and the cauldron is lit to mark the opening ceremonies on Saturday, June 9th.

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

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Ventura Water making waves

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a new potable reuse facility. It gives students a new appreciation for what most people take for granted," said Kevin Brown, Ventura Water General Manager.

Field trips to the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility helped students to explore a wide range of environmental issues and water infrastructure. "In this type of an atmosphere, students can establish connections between fresh water and ocean water, as well as ascertain the water conservation issues particular to their local watersheds. They also learn about stewardship and how water quality plays into the health and sustainability of our environment," said Rocio Lozano-Knowlton, Executive Director and Founder of MERITO® Foundation.

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Victor Rodriguez and Naomi Ontiveros are new CEDC Board Directors.

Cabrillo welcomes new board members

The Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) is pleased to welcome the addition of Naomi Ontiveros and Victor Rodriguez to its Board of Directors.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are delighted to have new board members with professional and life experiences like Naomi and Victor”, said Cabrillo CEO Margarita H. de Escontrias.

Ontiveros, an Oxnard resident, is a consultant for the Department of Rehabilitation. She previously served on the Cabrillo board for five years, ending in 2006. She also served as the President of the Board for the El Paseo Homeowners Association, where she currently owns a

home after being homeless.

Rodriguez has been a human resources professional for nearly 20 years. He is currently the Director of Human Resources at 4over LLC in Glendale. His professional background includes similar positions at Reiter Affiliated Companies, Monsanto Company (Seminis), and Your People Professionals. He holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from the University of La Verne.

Rodriguez grew up in Cabrillo Village farmworker community from which CEDC originated. He said growing up in Cabrillo Village had a positive impact on his life, creating opportunities for his family they otherwise would not have had.

Rodriguez also has served as a previous board member for Habitat for Humanity and the Workforce Investment Board of Ventura County.

“Cabrillo has a wonderful mission and a great brand. I am hoping my personal experience with affordable housing, my previous board experience with organizations in Ventura County, and my professional background leading Human Resources teams will help Cabrillo accomplish their goals and continue to create housing opportunities for low-income families,” he said.

Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation's mission is to provide comprehensive housing services and community economic development activities through a community-building approach that facilitates self-sufficiency

News & Notes

for individuals and families who are most lacking in opportunity in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, and adjacent areas of Los Angeles County. Incorporated in 1981, Cabrillo's early roots were in response to a farmworker community's demand for secure housing. Although this continues to be important, today there is a more widespread need for affordable housing in this region. As such, Cabrillo now provides housing for low- to moderate-income residents and families, including farmworkers, seniors, veterans and individuals with special needs.



Jim was first elected to the council in 1995.

Former mayor running for City Council

Former mayor and council member Jim Friedman has announced that he is running for city council in the newly formed District 5 on the east end of Ventura. A small business owner/financial planner for over 40 years, Jim has been a resident of the east end for over 28 years and lives with his wife Kelli who has been teaching at Mound Elementary school for the past 15 years.

Jim was first elected to the council in 1995 and served as mayor in 1998 and 99. He was re-elected in 1999 and served until 2004 when he retired after two terms. “People ask me why I'm running again?” “The 14-year break from the city council has allowed me to see city hall from the outside looking in. I have a fresh, new perspective and I'm not particularly happy with what I'm seeing,” Friedman said.

Friedman cited several areas of concerns. Among them were deficiencies in essential core city services particularly in public safety (police and fire), streets, sidewalks and the city's urban forest. “I believe our city's silent majority want reliable essential core services and we must do whatever we can to provide them,” said Friedman.

Friedman believes his long history of public service and leadership in the city of Ventura will be an asset when the new district-based council is seated in December. Besides serving eight years on the city council, Jim has been serving as a member of the Ventura Port Commission for the past 6 years. Port Commissioners are appointed by the city council but operate autonomously from the city council. He also served as the chair of the city's Redevelopment Oversight Committee for the past six years and has a good grasp of the city's budget. “Having been through it many times before, I understand the city's budget process.” “As a new council member, I will be able to hit the ground running and won't have the learning curve that rookie council members experience,” stated Friedman.

Speaking of the budget, Friedman believes that the only way the city is going to be able to provide the level of essential core services that the residents want is to reprioritize the budget and increase city revenues. “We are going to have some tough financial decisions to make over the next four years, and I believe my extensive business and financial planning experience will be an asset to the city council,” Friedman said.

Friedman stated that, “If elected, I will be as readily available to my constituents as before.” I always gave my cell phone number out to anyone who had an issue and wanted to speak to me personally.”



BGCGV Board President Maria Ventura, Assemblymember Monique Limón and BGCGV CEO Patti Birmingham receiving the “Nonprofit of the Year” proclamation.

Nonprofit honored by Assemblymember Monique Limón

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura (BGCGV) has been selected as a 2018 California Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Monique Limón, 37th District.

Patti Birmingham, BGCGV CEO along with Maria Ventura, SoCalGas Public Affairs Manager and BGCGV Board President traveled to Sacramento and joined with one hundred other nonprofit leaders honored by their state senators and assemblymembers during a celebration luncheon as part of California Nonprofits Day on June 6th.

With an emphasis on academic success, good character and citizenship and healthy lifestyle programming, 97% of their members are on track to graduate from high school and become productive citizens.

“The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura offered free childcare and activities during a community emergency. They helped hundreds of families affected by the Thomas Fire find needed child care when schools were closed which alleviated a major financial burden for families. I am proud to honor them as the 2018 Nonprofit of the Year for Assembly District 37” said Assemblymember Monique Limón.

“It is an honor and privilege to serve children and their families for the last 80 years, and especially during the recent natural disasters. On behalf of our CEO Patti Birmingham, staff and board members - we are deeply humbled to be recognized by Assemblymember Monique Limón as a Nonprofit of the Year,” comments Maria Ventura.

A CONTEST

Where did this Ventura baseball team play their games?
The first correct answer wins 2 tickets to the Ronald Reagan Library.
Answer to editor@venturabreeze.com.





This 'n' That

If you tip a cop you will still get ticket

The Ventura Police Department (VPD) will be sponsoring the Special Olympics "Tip-A-Cop" event on Tuesday, June 26, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at California Pizza Kitchen at 3301 E. Main St. at the Pacific View Mall.

Tip-A-Cop is a law enforcement fundraising event in which police officers assist with waiting tables at a local restaurant and collect "tip" donations for the Special Olympics. For over twenty years VPD has been involved in the Tip-A-Cop program. This will be the second year California Pizza Kitchen will be hosting this event.

Community members are encouraged to come and support the event by dining out and meeting local Special Olympics Athletes and Ventura Police Officers as they act as "celebrity servers," while assisting California Pizza Kitchen servers throughout the evening. While tips to restaurant servers are encouraged, envelopes will be provided to dining patrons to give to the cause. Officers will also be accompanied by Ventura County Special Olympics Athletes who help serve food and sell t-shirts. Athletes are anxious to show off their medals and share their Special Olympics experiences.

"Last year we had a great event raising over \$3,000 in tip donations for the Ventura County Special Olympics," stated Officer Bernadette Compean who helps organize the Special Olympics Torch Run and Tip-A-Cop events for the VPD. "We look forward to another

successful year and to our continued partnership with Special Olympics. We appreciate our partnership with California Pizza Kitchen in supporting these special athletes."

For over twenty years, Ventura County law enforcement agencies have been raising funds in support of the Special Olympics Ventura County. The fundraising events support year-round sports training and competition to over 700 individuals with intellectual disabilities, ages eight years and up, free of charge, in seventeen sports at over forty training sites throughout Ventura County.

"The Special Olympians' courage, perseverance and positive attitude while facing challenges has been very inspiring over these years. They are the ones that make this event so great. The athletes teach us all to accept and include each other. My next-door neighbor is a Special Olympian, and this is the highlight of his year. It makes him so happy to spend time with our officers and participate in these events. It's his attitude that really makes it so special for our team," stated Community Outreach Specialist Ashley Bautista.

For more information on this event, and Special Olympics of Ventura County, contact Officer Bernadette Compean at 805-339-4453, (bcompean@venturapd.org), or Special Olympics Regional Director Peggi Preston at 805-650-7717 (Ppreston@sosc.org).

Chumash return ancient remains to the Channel Islands

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Chumash Tribe) has returned the ancient remains of a Native American man who died 10,000 years ago, known as Tuqan Man, to a burial site on San Miguel Island.

Tuqan Man was discovered inadvertently in 2005 by archeologists from the University of Oregon who were surveying an archeological site on the island. The ancient remains were found exposed and eroding into a gully within the site.

Following the discovery, the National Park Service (NPS) consulted with the Chumash Tribe and together they decided to excavate the unprotected burial of Tuqan Man to prevent it from eroding from the cliff and being lost to the sea.

A full scientific study was conducted due to the cultural and scientific significance of the prehistoric remains.

Federal law, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), required that the NPS determine if the remains of Tuqan Man were Native American, and if so, whether they could be transferred to a Native American tribe.

The Chumash Tribe supported the scientific process as necessary, and worked closely with the NPS to ensure the remains were treated respectfully throughout the process. The Chumash Tribe firmly believe that Tuqan Man is

their ancestor.

"Protecting the final resting places of our ancestors is of paramount importance to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians," said Kenneth Kahn, Tribal Chairman for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. "When our tribe learned of the discovery made by archeologists on San Miguel Island, we made it a priority to ensure that our ancestor was laid to rest with a proper burial. Thanks to years of cooperation with the National Park Service, we were granted that opportunity."

After careful analysis and consideration the NPS determined that Tuqan Man is Native American. Tuqan Man was found to have a significant cultural relationship to American Indian groups and to the maritime culture found on the northern Channel Islands for over 13,000 years.

The Chumash Tribe requested custody of Tuqan Man and was granted custody by NPS per NAGPRA regulations. Recently, the Chumash Tribe returned Tuqan Man to his resting place on San Miguel Island.

A Bizarre Tale of an Adventurous Bug

by Kevin O'Connor

One of the strangest "pest control" stories I ever heard happened recently. I think this is a pretty weird tale. Let's see what you think. Here it is, mostly in the lady's own words.

A Florida woman, Katie Holley,



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lived through a real-life nightmare and described the gruesome tale of removing a roach that lived in her ear for 9 days. This is how she found out that a cockroach crawled into her ear while she was sleeping. Maybe the bug was drunk and thought he was going to bed at home to sleep it off!

Well, turns out that Katie and her husband recently purchased a new home. They had been quite responsible about obtaining the services of a pest control company to spray around their property every three months to keep the cockroach population down. That's a good thing.

Unfortunately, one night Katie woke up with this odd feeling "like someone had placed a chip of ice in my left earhole — but it was something way worse." That's a bad thing.

In an article published in Self Magazine, Katie Holley said she went to the bathroom and took a cotton swab to her ear when, to her disgust, she felt something move.

"When I pulled the cotton swab out, there were two dark brown, skinny pieces stuck to the tip. Moments later, I came to the realization that they were legs. Legs that could only belong to an adventurous palmetto bug exploring my ear canal," she said in the article. Mrs. Holley thought it best to consult her doctor.

"As the doctor administered Lidocaine, the roach began to...react," she wrote. "Feeling a roach in the throes of death, lodged in a very sensitive part of your body, is unlike anything I can adequately explain."

The doctor removed three pieces of what he thought was the entire cockroach. Also, he gave Katie a prescription for antibiotics.

Nine days later, still experiencing pain, she returned to the doctor, and a physician's assistant flushed her ear four times, discovering what they thought might be another leg.

"She ended up pulling out six more pieces of the roach's carcass — nine days after the incident took place."

Her doctor sent her to a specialist.

"Using a tool that looked like very large scissors, the Ear, Nose & Throat physician (ENT) extracted the entire head, upper torso, more limbs and an antennae."

If you were to ask me what we may glean from Katie Holley's story—especially since it is a true story and not a parable—I'd have to say one thing is for sure, you can't be too careful. And that is why it is always best to consult professionals ASAP.

After Katie Holley's ear problem was solved, she and her husband established a responsible contract with on-going pest control services. O'Connor Pest Control, (800)284-7985. www.oconnorpest.com.

Free summer camp

by Silvia Benetti Simoes
Lieutenant, Ventura Corps Officer

The Salvation Army is proving a free summer camp experience for the kids affected by the Thomas fire. Our camp is Located in the heart of Malibu

Canyon, Camp Lawrence Daley at Mt. Craggs, Gilmore and Wilderness. We have been providing life changing Christian summer camp experiences for up to 2000 children every summer since 1939. We are here to serve and build relationships that will lead to last lasting change.

Please contact Lt. Silvia Simoes for more information (805)859 3598.

The Salvation Army Southern California Division, 650 S. Petit Ave, Ventura, CA 93004.

www.salvationarmy-socal.org

Harbor Patrol places a high priority on public safety

Daily lifeguard services began Memorial Day weekend. Unanimously approved for 2018 by the Board of Port Commissioners, these services are funded by the Ventura Port District, which contracts with California State Parks.

The contract runs through Labor Day, with seasonal lifeguards covering the harbor's Surfer's Knoll Beach and Harbor Cove Beach.

Starting and ending times may change throughout the summer to address crowd trends. Harbor Cove lifeguards will begin around 10 a.m. daily, and Surfers Knoll will begin by 11 a.m. on weekends. Additional coverage may include a beach patrol.

For questions on lifeguard times, call the State Lifeguards Dispatch at 648-3321.

The Ventura Port District and Harbor Patrol place a high priority on public safety and always advise beachgoers to swim by guarded lifeguard towers.

Complimentary beach parking and restrooms are available at both beach parking lots and street parking is available on Spinnaker Drive.

"Ventura Harbor is one of the few locations in Ventura County that provides a complete user experience," said Ventura Port District Harbormaster John Higgins. "Our harbor, beaches, merchants, restaurants, national park headquarters, sport fishing boats, dive boats and Island Packers give the visitor tremendous value and entertainment in one intimate location."

Free Outdoor Summer Movies

Downtown Ventura and Darvik Productions are presenting the new Summer Movie Series on every last Friday in June, July, August and September to enjoy a free outdoor movie screening at 7pm right at California and Main streets. The first film is Back to the Future on Friday, June 29 at 7pm. July 27 is Home Alone for Christmas in July, August 31 is The Goonies and September 28 is Raiders of the Lost Ark.

This 'n' That

Registration is now open for National Night Out

Ventura neighborhoods are invited to participate with many other neighborhoods across the country in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. The deadline to register is August 1, 2018.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Ventura Police Department. This is the 35th anniversary of National Night Out with over 38 million people across the country expected to participate.

National Night Out is designed to: 1) Heighten crime and drug awareness; 2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and 4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and watching out for one another.

From 5 pm to 9 pm on August 14, 2018, residents in neighborhoods throughout Ventura are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors and police.

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQs to block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood.

Registration is free and gives the police and city representatives an opportunity to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit. Submit the online registration form today at www.venturapd.org! Please call the Community Outreach Unit at 805-339-4317 with questions.

Tourism to our National Parks Benefits our local economy

A new National Park Service (NPS) report for 2017 shows that 383,687 park visitors spent an estimated \$23.1 million in local gateway regions while visiting Channel Islands National Park. That spending supported 308 jobs and contributed \$32.3 million to our local economy.

In the past year, 897,593 visitors to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area spent an estimated \$38.3 million in the local area, supporting 512 jobs and providing \$51.8 million in economic benefit.

"While our parks are national treasures, our neighbors and local communities do much of the work to help us protect them and to welcome visitors," said Superintendent David Szymanski of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. "It's gratifying to know that this work not only satisfies the spirit. It's good business, too."

"The NPS has a presence in every community in the United States, including

ours," said Channel Islands National Park Superintendent Russell Galipeau (who has announced his retirement). "National park tourism is a significant driver in our economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the NPS."

The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>

Summer camp registration underway

It's that time of year when end of year class parties, graduations, teacher gifts, and KIT yearbook inscriptions are taking up children's time, but not for long! That last school bell is about to sound signaling the start of summer fun. Registration is now underway for City of Ventura Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships (PRCP) summer camps offering full and partial-day camps, keeping youth and teens engaged in a variety of activities each week of summer break.

These camps include; traditional, aquatic, nature and history, sports camps, beach, and creative camps. View the Summer Camps booklet and register online or call 805-658-4726.

Youth scholarships are also available for qualified candidates. For more information view the Youth Scholarship Application and follow the directions. See you at camp!

County to hold public meetings for Thomas Fire designers and contractors

Designers and contractors planning to work on projects for the reconstruction of buildings damaged or destroyed by the Thomas Fire are invited to attend a public outreach presentation to learn about the building permit process, including the County's expedited process for fire victims.

Representatives from the California State Licensing Board, Ventura County Building and Safety Department, and other County agencies will be present and available to explain, answer questions, and share information about the permitting process and how to avoid time-wasting pitfalls.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, in the Hall of Administration at the County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave. The meeting will be in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP at (805) 654-2795 or to marie.becerra@ventura.org.

Separate outreach meetings are being scheduled in Ojai and Upper Ojai for affected property owners to receive information on obtaining a building permit for re-building their homes. The meeting dates and locations will be announced soon, and all are welcome to attend the Ventura meeting.

Mailbox

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with architecture too.

The greatest sin of the new Kaiser building seems to be that it's different. Well, what's wrong with that? Why does every

new building need to be in the quasi-Spanish style, in the usual antique bone and ochre color scheme with a phony tile roof? Why can't the style of a building reflect the period it was designed in, with this one being a nice example of early twenty-first century architecture?

As far as calling for more restrictive planning you need look no further than our neighbor to the south, Thousand Oaks, to see what a visually dull city that produces. How long would the ice cream parlor stay in business if all thirty one flavors were variations on vanilla? I'd much rather be offended than put to sleep.

Ernst Haas said it best: "Beware of too much taste as it leads to sterility."
Alfred J. Lewis

Plain and simple, be a good neighbor

Parking in Ventura is a problem---no breaking news to most residents. For any number of reasons, many establishments don't have enough parking for their customers, let alone the staff. However, when some local business owners direct their employees to park in residential neighborhoods, there certainly should be a few things that should be considered.

Local business owners, when strange vehicles show up at the break of dawn and stay well into the night, homeowners take notice. When these same employee vehicles block our driveways and when your employees move our trash cans "to get a better parking spot", homeowners take notice.

Worst of all local business owners, when your employees have the mobile detail guy show up in our neighborhoods, homeowners really take notice!! The excessive noise of the spray hoses, the water run-off, and the uninvited environmental consequences are just the start. Did we ask for the soap and the overspray on our yards? Does the City of Ventura want to settle slip and fall issues due to the water on the sidewalks? It's my understanding that this is an illegal, code violation worthy activity on city streets to begin with and, plain and simple, a reflection on local business owners not being good neighbors.

Being a local business owner has its' challenges. I'm very aware of that. Just remember, residents see your business name on your employees' scrubs and t-shirts. Your office might offer the best teeth cleaning in town or your café might serve the best raspberry jam, but your business, via your employees, may have left a bad taste in the mouth of many of your potential, or even worse, former customers.

Jim Barrick

To Editor

I would like to submit "SPAM the HAM" for your consideration...

There might even be a song that can go along with it. I vaguely recall something about "Old Black Betty Ramalam" you could change it to Spam the Ham... during parades or events.

Thank you. Really enjoy the Good News from the Breeze versus other choices. Keep up the good work!

Frank Antonowitz

Frank:

Our very unofficial name the pig contest is over/ but thanks for the suggestion.

"You are not forgotten"

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Haver and Norris Shears, and first placed on public display at Tyler, Texas in 1984.

There will be a Memorial Ceremony commencing on Saturday, June 23, at 11:00a at the Veterans Memorial at the

corner of Victoria Ave and Telephone Rd. honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The focus is to pay homage to the 111 casualties from Ventura County.

There will be a separate display honoring those 111 Vietnam Veterans from Ventura County whose names are etched on the Wall.

Volunteers will be present to assist those who need help finding names and provide rubbings for those who have friends or loved ones listed.

For those people who wish donate or volunteer please visit lzventura.org or lzventura.com or vvvc.com.

Michael O'Kelly

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He sold his first piece of art at age nine while vacationing with his family in a little village called St. Ives. He was up earlier than the rest of his family, drawing a king fisher diving into the river to catch a fish. A lady was sitting next to him watching, and said, "that's beautiful, how much do you want for it?" That piece brought in ½ crown (2 shillings and 6 pence) and he bought himself breakfast.

Still drawing, he also studied winds and clarinet until age 13, when he sold his coin collection and bought a guitar. His family moved to London and, "terrible at school" he started studying classical guitar and found his way to a music school at Chiswick Polytechnics in London from age 15 - 17. He went on to The Royal College of Music and started performing classical guitar with the Omega Guitar Quartet. "We toured all over Europe, New Zealand, Australia and Canada and I loved playing, but I didn't like the lifestyle".

Moving to Mexico City, he joined a friend that had a dream to build a ferro-cement boat and sail the world. The project was started, but his friend became involved with politics and lost interest. Michael didn't want to go back to England, so he got a scholarship to the National University of Mexico to study pre-Colombian music and dance.

The Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City needed someone that could draw artifacts and record them as they came out of the ground. "I did that for a couple years and in 1977 decided to start dealing Central and South American art and exporting it to Europe, that's how I started collecting", he said. His collections were exhibited all over Europe and in 1982 went to the Santa Barbara museum where it was "the longest running show they've ever had".

After being in Latin America for 10 years, "I met the woman who would become my wife, Gisele. We stayed here in Ventura to open a gallery in Santa Barbara on State Street, but unfortunately when they started to build the Paseo Nuevo mall, it shut down State Street, and that was the end of that".

"In the late 80's, we moved back to Mexico City because I had the opportunity to work with Rufino Tamayo". This was a huge pivotal point for his career. Tamayo was 88 years old when Michael joined him. "He was a legend, teaching me about honesty and integrity, it was about the intellectual aspects of being a painter, not the technical aspects". Tamayo died in 1991.

"We came back to Ventura and it was during that time we lost our baby girl, Juliette, and then my sister... it drove me to delve into my painting".

In 1995 Michael and Gisele welcomed their son, Devin, "which was a huge, wonderful thing!"

Devin passed during the making of the mural, see part 2 in next issue

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.

Traffic Collision Involving a Stolen Vehicle with an Arrest

On May 18, at approximately 4pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of an injury traffic collision at the intersection of Main and Mills. As officers arrived on scene and began investigating the collision, they learned that the driver of the vehicle, 24 year old Ventura resident Sariah Cundiff, was attempting to make a left turn from westbound Main to southbound Mills, when she struck a pedestrian who was walking in the cross walk. The pedestrian complained of pain to his back and was checked out by paramedics on scene but refused further medical treatment.

Also during the investigation it was discovered that the vehicle driven by Cundiff was a reported stolen vehicle. As a result of the investigation officers arrested Cundiff for driving a stolen vehicle.

Commercial Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of a Controlled Substance

On May 13 at 11:40am, the Ventura Police Command Center received a report of a male subject passed out in a vehicle in parking lot in the 4000 block of E. Main St. Patrol officers contacted the occupant of the vehicle, 53 year old Ventura vagrant Andy Batey, who was in possession of property that appeared to be stolen. Through further investigation, officers learned that an iPad in Batey’s possession had been stolen from Ventura City Hall, which had been burglarized over the weekend. There was not sufficient evidence to arrest Batey for the burglary, however he was arrested for felony possession of stolen property.

On May 28 at 6:20am, a Ventura City employee called the Ventura Police Command Center several minutes after seeing a suspicious subject walk through a City Hall parking lot. The subject was carrying bags that appeared to belong to other city employees. When the officers arrived they located property stolen from inside City Hall stashed in the bushes. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the suspect. It was discovered that City Hall had been burglarized a second time.

Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit detectives conducted further investigation and were able to identify the suspect and developed probable cause to arrest 21 year old Ventura vagrant Brian Kimball. In addition, Kimball was previously arrested on May 23 by the Ventura Police for committing a commercial burglary at the Ventura Mission located at 211 E. Main St. Kimball was released from the Ventura County Jail on his own recognizance two days later (May 25). Three days after his release (May 28), Kimball burglarized City Hall for the second time.

On May 31 at 3pm, a Ventura PD patrol officer located Kimball and placed him under arrest for commercial burglary. Kimball was found to be in possession of a controlled substance during the arrest.

Don’t Leave Good Stuff in your Vehicle

On June 6, at approximately 1:15pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from a resident in the 1700 block of Topaz, reporting that her husband was chasing after a subject who had stolen his wallet. The suspect, later identified as 25 year old Ventura resident Esteban Cervantes, was seen climbing over fences into the backyards of some neighbor-

ing residences.

As the first officer arrived on scene and started speaking to the husband, the officer saw Cervantes and attempted to contact him. Cervantes saw the officer and fled on foot. The officer chased after Cervantes and after a brief foot pursuit, he gave up and was taken into custody without incident.

During the investigation, officers discovered the victim witnessed Cervantes closing the door of his parked vehicle that parked outside of his residence. Cervantes had taken the victim’s wallet, so he chased him.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind citizens to keep your vehicles locked at all times and remove valuables from inside.

Robbery

On June 6, at approximately 3:30pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call of four loss prevention officers at Target involved in a fight with a male suspect, 26 year old Oxnard resident Fernando Suarez. Prior to officers arriving on scene, the loss prevention officers were able to subdue Suarez and walked him back to their loss prevention office.

As officers arrived on scene they were informed that Suarez was using a magnetic tool to defeat security tags and remove electronic items from the shelves. Suarez then concealed the items and left the store without paying. When loss prevention officers tried to stop Suarez outside the store, he tried to run away from them. Once caught, Suarez started to fight with them. During the fight Suarez bit one of the loss prevention officers and kicked another. Suarez claimed to be injured during the incident, but refused any medical treatment.

Suarez is a PROS offender and had outstanding warrants for his arrest. Suarez was taking to Ventura County Jail where he was booked for Robbery, Possession of Burglary Tools, Commercial Burglary and his PROS warrants.

Why Are These People not in Jail?

On June 12, at 7:45am, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a subject observed sleeping in a vehicle in front of a residence in the 5900 block of Eight St. Officers responded to the call and found 27 year old Ventura resident Angel Esparza sleeping in the front seat, and could see illegal narcotics in plain view.


During a search of his vehicle, officers found that Esparza had a large amount of methamphetamine and heroin packaged for sales. There was also a loaded handgun located under the car seat. It was later revealed that the handgun found in the vehicle was reported stolen out of a residential burglary in Simi Valley.

Esparza was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for being a felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a loaded firearm with narcotics, possession of illegal narcotics for sales, possession of stolen property, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, and a parole violation.

Arrest for Possession of Dirk or Dagger and Brandishing

On June 13, at approximately 12:45pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a subject stumbling in traffic in the area of Victoria and Valentine. Officers arrived in the area and made contact with the suspect, 59 year old Ventura vagrant Michael Thorneberry.

As officers approached Thorneberry he took an aggressive stance towards them while holding two sticks, one in each hand. The officers ordered Thorneberry to drop the sticks and sit down on the ground. Thorneberry eventually complied with the



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My Daily Greeting
by Joy Lincoln - Resident

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officers and sat down on the sidewalk. As the investigation continued the officers learned that Thorneberry had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. During a search of his person for any weapons, officers found two knives concealed on Thorneberry. Thorneberry was arrested and booked into the Ventura County Jail for possession of a dirk or dagger, brandishing and his warrant.

According to the Ventura County Superior Court website, Thorneberry was arrested December 2014, for possession of a Billy club, in May 2016, for possession of a dirk or dagger and resisting a peace officer and March 2018, for exhibiting a deadly weapon.

Assault With A Deadly Weapon and Gang Enhancement

On May 6, at approximately 1am, the victim was attending a Cinco De Mayo gathering in Ventura when he was confronted by party goers who did not feel he was welcome. The victim was attacked by several assailants. The victim was able to break free and retrieve a firearm for self- defense. The assailants successfully disarmed the victim and fled with the firearm as police were summoned.

The Special Enforcement Team began investigating the case and obtained a search warrant for Piceno’s residence. On June 14, at approximately 11:30am, detectives arrested 39 year old Ventura resident Juan Piceno in the 1100 Block of North Ventura Avenue for his involvement in this crime. Soon after, detectives served a search warrant at his residence and located various evidence including approximately one ounce of suspected methamphetamine.

In the evening hours of June 14, a Ventura PD patrol officer located 22 year old Ventura resident Thomas Hernandez in the area of Ocean Ave Park. Hernandez was detained, arrested and interviewed by an SET detective.

Piceno was ultimately booked for assault with a deadly weapon, theft from a person, possession of methamphetamine, and commission of a gang crime.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

6-4 12:24am, while on patrol in the vehicle, officers observed a coyote in the entrance feature on the grass at the intersection of Spinnaker / Harbor.

9:39pm, received a dispatch to a fire near the intersection of Olivas Park and Harbor. Officers responded and observed the natural gas burn-off across from McGrath.

6-5 7:00pm, received a report of a suspicious transient in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded and contacted the individual. He was asked to leave the park because he was trespassing on private property.

6-7 4:15pm, received a report of a fall victim in the Ventura Marina Community. Officers responded, assisted VFD lift the patient. No injuries were reported.

6-8 9:54am, received a dispatch to a female with chest pains in River Haven. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with the call.

11:20am, while on patrol and investigating a disturbing dog call, officers observed dangerous rip currents and ocean conditions. Several families with small children were contacted and moved to shallow water.

6-9 9:20am, officers are conducting traffic control and safety for the Hokuhoa canoe club outrigger race.

6-10 11:00am, officers assisting Ventura Port District marketing with the Pirates Day event at the Ventura Harbor Village.

3:52pm, received a dispatch to a drowning at Harbor Cove. Officers responded by vehicle and boat to the call with State Parks Lifeguards. All victims were rescued, treated/assessed and released at the scene.

10:30pm, received a request for a transient slip from a partially disabled 47ft motor sailor. The vessel was escorted into the harbor to a slip in VHV C-dock.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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by Pam Baumgardner
VenturaRocks.com

It's hard to believe this will be the final full cross-country Vans WARPED Tour before they celebrate their 25th anniversary in 2019, this according to the founder of the festival, Kevin Lyman. There are no final details on what next year will bring, but scaled back dates is definitely part of the plan. All that being said, this year, the tour once again stops in Ventura with a full line up of bands on Sunday, June 24, at the Ventura Fairgrounds. With over six stages and bands playing continuously throughout the day, you'll need a game plan once your inside, but you won't want to miss Simple Plan, Reel Big Fish and the Used. This year the tour will also include a stage for local artists such as Ill Repute, Stalag 13, and The Velvetten Band. General admission is \$45 and tickets should still be available the day of the show; doors open at 11 AM.

Namba has launched a new series, "NambaYouth" that opens its doors to 18 years and under talent of all art forms. O.K. Service kicks off the series on Friday, June 22, featuring four Moorpark High School recent graduates playing modern Jazz. Namba is downtown at 47 S. Oak Street. Doors open at 7 with tickets \$10-\$20.

Quick notes: Ray Jaurique and the Uptown Brothers open for Los Lobos on Friday, June 22, at Libbey Bowl; Max Fite plays the Garage on June 22; the Out Run the Sun Festival featuring loads of Electronica music will be at the Golden China on June 23; The Rose Valley Thorns bring their style of Bluegrass to Made West Brewing on Sunday, June 24; The 10th annual Maximum Bob's Memorial Open Mic is Tuesday, June 26 at Golden China; Lume out of Chicago will be at The Tavern on Tuesday, June 26; The White Buffalo returns to the Ventura Theater on Friday, June 29; Katchafire from New Zealand play two nights at Discovery, June 29 and June 30; Medicine Hat will be at Pizza Chief on the Eastside during the lunch time hour on Sunday July 1; Jane Doe & Co. with traditional Country will be at The Red Cove on Sunday afternoon, July 1 and finally the Star Lounge will have live music on Tuesday night, July 3 (Wednesday is Independence Day), with CRV and special guest Ruben Duarte.

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

Art City Gallery and Studios
197 Dubbers Street
Fri 6/22: Sukia
Sat 6/23: Paul Abramson, Kevin Dippold
Boatyard Pub
Ventura Harbor Village
Mondays: Milo
Tuesdays: Jason Ho
Wednesday: Mark David McKinnis

Thursdays: Bluegrass Jam
Fri 6/22: Teresa Russell
Sat 6/23: Beach City Sound Club
Sun 6/24: Unkle Monkey
Fri 6/29: Blue Motel Room
Sat 6/30: Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson
Sun 7/1: The Catterwailers
Bombay Bar & Grill
143 S. California Street
Friday and Saturdays: DJs
Café Fiore
66 S. California Street
(805) 653-1266
Wed 6/20: Donna Butler
Thurs 6/21: Coso Live
Fri 6/22: Young Dempsey
Sat 6/23: Soul Infusion
Tues 6/26: Fabulous Hangovers
Wed 6/27: Big Adventure
Thurs 6/28: Edgar Thatcher Trio
Fri 6/29: David Prince Band
Sat 6/30: Soul Infusion
Sun 7/1: Jangala Roots
Tues 7/3: Jazz Expressions
Cask Alehouse
5952 Telegraph Road
Sat 6/23: Cap Quirk
Sun 6/24: GLAM
Sat 6/30: Jesse Davis
Sun 7/1: Milo Sledge
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
Mondays: Bill Macpherson
Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio
Wednesdays: Creative Open Mic Jazz Jam
Fri 6/22: Martinez Brothers
Sat 6/23: Havana Cinco
Sun 6/24: Brandon Ragan
Fri 6/29: Native Vibe
Sat 6/30: Havana Cinco
Discovery
1888 Thompson Blvd
Thurs 6/21: Mighty Diamonds
Fri 6/22: One More From the Road
Sat 6/23: Steel Pulse
Sun 6/24: The Hubcap Steelers
Fri 6/29: Katchafire
Sat 6/30: Katchafire
El Rey Cantina
294 E. Main Street
Fridays: Xoco Moraza & Friends (5-7 pm)
Saturdays: DJs
Four Brix Winery
2290 Eastman Avenue #109
Music 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Fri 6/22: Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson
Fri 6/29: Inna Rude Mood
Garage
1091 Scandia Avenue
Thurs 6/21: Perdicion, Dante HH, The Kruegers, Malice Thoughts
Fri 6/22: Max Fite
Fri 6/29: Covered in Scars, Pink Mist, False Confession, Animals Revenge
Golden China
760 S. Seaward
(805) 652-0688
Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm
Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic
Sat 6/23: Out Run the Sun Festival

Tues 6/26: 10th Annual Maximum Bob's Memorial Open Mic
Grapes and Hops
454 E. Main Street
Wed 6 pm; Thurs 7 pm; Fri & Sat 8 pm,
Sun 4 pm
Sat 6/30: Brandon Ragan Project
Sun 7/1: The Tossers
Harbor Cove Café
1867 Spinnaker Drive
Music 4-8 pm
Thurs 6/21: Rock Cats Rock
Hong Kong Inn
435 E. Thompson Blvd
Mondays: Karaoke
Wednesdays: Open Mic w/ the Beers Brothers
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band
Fri 6/22: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Billy Watson
Sat 6/23: Brian Faith Band
Fri 6/29: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Billy Versa and the Beaters
Keynote Lounge
10245 E. Telephone Road
Tues, Wed and Sun: Karaoke
Thursdays: Open mic night
Fri 6/22: What the Funk
Sat 6/23: Old School Band
Fri 6/29: DJ Aaron Van Gundy
Sat 6/30: Red Rhythm
Knights of Columbus
36 Figueroa Street
Sun 7/1: Old Time Country Bluegrass
Leashless Brewing
585 E. Thompson Blvd.
Tuesdays: Galactic Jazz
Wed 6/20: Patrick Gallagher
Thurs 6/21: John Bardi & Flashman Rene
Fri 6/22: Natalie Wattre
Sun 6/24: The Swillys
Fri 6/29: Jason Ho
Made West Brewing
1744 Donlon Street
Thurs 6 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 3 pm
Wed 6/20: Shay Moulder
Thurs 6/21: Tom & Milo
Sat 6/23: Will Breman
Sun 6/24: The Rose Valley Thorns
Thurs 6/28: Alec Ledbetter
Sat 6/30: Shay Moulder
Sun 7/1: Bad Leaf
Majestic Ventura Theater
26 S. Chestnut Street
Fri 6/29: The White Buffalo
Sat 6/30: Loud & Queer event
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 6/22: Jan Michael & the Vincents
Sat 6/23: Crosscut 805
Sun 6/24: Misunderstood
Fri 6/29: The Tossers
Sat 6/30: Reggae 805
Sun 7/1: Right Amount of Wrong
Namba
47 S. Oak Street
Fri 6/22: OK Service
O'Leary's
6555 Telephone Road
Wed: Karaoke
Fri 6/22: Live Band Karaoke
Fri 6/29: Seaside Band
Pizza Chief
7770 Telegraph Road
Sun 7/1: Medicine Hat (Noon)
Poinsettia Pavilion
3451 Foothill Road
Sat 6/30: Paws for the Cause w/ Alex Nester, Mark Masson, Coso Live
Prime
2209 E. Thompson Blvd
Tuesdays: Danny D
Fridays: Mike Moody
Saturdays: Jessica Ash
Red Cove

1809 E. Main Street
Thursdays: Music Club Open Jam Night
Sun 7/1: Jane Doe & Co. (3 pm)
Saloon BBQ Co.
456 E. Main Street
Music 10 – Midnight
Fri 6/29: Mellow Grass
Sat 6/30: Lady Freaq (DJ set)
Sandbox Coffeehouse
204 E. Thompson Blvd
805-641-1025
Thurs 6 pm, Weekends noon
Thursdays Open Mic
Sat 6/23: Addison Street Trio
Sun 6/24: Maggie's Drawers
Sat 6/30: Indakut Productions Live
Sans Souci
21 S. Chestnut
Sundays: DJ Darko
Mondays: Karaoke
Tuesdays: DJ Nick Dean
Wednesdays: Open mic
Thursdays: DJ Spinobi
Fri 6/22: The New Mexican, The Hell Toupees, Illy and the Spells, The Robot Uprising
Sat 6/23: Stevie Char
Fri 6/29: Dead of Night Reunion
Sat 6/30: Johnny Hellhole
Star Lounge
343 E. Main Street
Sunday music 3 -6 pm
Tues: Karaoke
Thurs: DJ Trolbe
Fri 6/22: Power Syndicate
Sat 6/23: Brandon Ragan Project
Sun 6/24: The Question
Fri 6/29: Red Rhythm
Sat 6/30: Los Dudes
Tues 7/3: CRV w/ Ruben Duarte
The Tavern
211 E. Santa Clara Street
(805) 643-3264
Sundays: DJ Steezy Steve
Tuesdays: Karaoke
Metal Wednesdays
Wed 6/20: Skald, Hessian Wolf Children
Tues 6/26: Lume, Sheere, Mossbreaker
Wed 6/27: Keep Fighting, Trash, iDecline, Civilian
Fri 6/29: Rockout Cancer w/ Mayowa & Da' Klan
Topa Mountain Winery
821 W. Ojai Avenue, Ojai
(805) 640-1190
Sat 6/23: Danny McGaw Band (5 pm)
Sun 6/24: Teresa Russell (4 pm)
Sat 6/30: Diane Miller Band (5 pm)
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd
Sun 6/24: Vans Warped Tour
Vintura at the Wine Rack
14 S. California Street
(805) 653-9463
Sundays music at 3 pm
Thurs 6/21: Don Stewart
Fri 6/22: Frank Barajas & the Corsican Bros.
Sat 6/23: Jodi Farrell & Jim Rankin
Sun 6/24: Déjà vu Too
Thurs 6/28: Déjà vu Too
Fri 6/29: Rich Sheldon
Sat 6/30: Paul Mars Black
Sun 7/1: Déjà vu Too
Winchester's
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June 22, 8-11 pm, Art City Gallery hosts Electronic Summer Nite, organized by sound, print and performance artist **Cameron Leggett** as closing party for Bad Exhibition: Value in Art at Art City Gallery.

Three ingenious electronic bands; Sukia, Volt Per Octaves, and Mister Moonbeam share their sonic ingenuity with a crowd come to celebrate what's best in both music and

Pastel drawing class on June 30th from 1:30 to 4:30pm at The VC Arts Collective Studio in Pacific View Mall, 2nd floor next to Sears. Teacher **Tasia Erickson** will be doing these lovely macaws. This is a class to learn about colors and how to apply pastels. Tasia is a great instructor and you will go home with a wonderful piece of art. Require paid reservations by Friday the 29th at 1pm. Cost is \$64.00. vcartscollective@gmail.com or 805-676-1540 for more information.



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 38 photographers from around the world. The works featured are the examinations of their individual obsessions, juggling the immediacy of expression with technical perfection.

Juried from over 1500 entries, these 38 artists have captured moments of real life, staged their own worlds or created commentary on their personal surroundings. This international group of photographers embraces moments of both reality and idealism through their unique viewpoints and strong aesthetic preferences, collectively creating a perfectly balanced and powerful photo exhibition.

Distinguished Juror **Michael Miner** started his professional career in Hollywood as a cinematographer and director/cameraman. Finding success as a writer, he co-wrote the screenplay for Robocop, which received a Saturn Award for Best Science Fiction Screenplay and a nomination for Best Screenplay by the Mystery Writers of America.

Showing until July 22 H Gallery 1793 East Main Street 805 626 8876 www.DabArt.me



A Conversation with **Jeff Mann**, Sunday, June 24, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Oxnard's Levity Live at The Collection, 591 Collection Blvd.

How did a self-described "greaser, surfer, hippy" become a vice president of the Empire that Star Wars built? Ojai-based artist Jeff Mann, born and raised in Hollywood, has always shown an amazing talent for drawing that displayed a keen attention to detail. His ability to take apart and re-assemble everything from lawn mowers to hot rods to a sailing ship, combined with his talent for meticulous drawings, has stood him well. At San Francisco State University he studied under the "Super Realists" Robert Bechtle and Richard McLean. Jeff admits that he has a knack for "being in the right place at the right time," a gift that ultimately led to his 25-year career with Industrial George Lucas' Light & Magic. Jeff is creating intricate, drawings that are, not surprising, filled with detail. Please join us as Donna Granata and Jeff Mann take apart and reassemble the disparate elements of an artist's life.

To learn about Jeff Mann, visit www.JeffMannStudio.com

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

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

To RSVP visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 805.653.2501.

Join for a celebratory al fresco dinner at the Ojai home of Chris & Kevin Beirne immediately following the Artist Spotlight Interview. Paid reservations are essential and required prior to June 19.

\$30 FOTM members, \$40 Non-members.

Maps will be given to paid guests at the interview.

Sunset, Mixed Media, by **Wendy Winet**

Buenaventura Art Association (BAA) call for entries at Community Memorial Hospital "The Sky's the Limit." Deadline Saturday, Midnight, July 14, 2018. Exhibit July 22 - October 21, 2018.

Clear skies or cloudy skies, sunset or sunrise, azure, atmosphere, heavens or firmament, submit your expanses of sky! Juror CMH and BAA panel.

For entry details go to BuenaventuraGallery.org



Ojai artist **Rick Monzon** is a visual artist with a unique perspective on mid-century suburbia.

On his website, <http://rickmonzon.com/>, his Southern California houses sway and undulate with a dreamy surrealism. A conspicuous lack of doors and windows gives these structures a mysterious presence.

Rick is participating in the upcoming book *From the Fire*. This book is a collection of writings - poems, prose, reflections - and photographs that document the fire experience from the flames to the ash to the regrowth that is happening.

<http://rickmonzon.com/>



The Museum hosted the U.S. premiere of an exhibit of paintings by prominent Cuban artist and educator **Pedro González Pulido** on Friday, June 8. The event featured a reception and screening of the documentary "Hearing is Believing" by Ventura filmmaker Lorenzo DeStefano, which inspired Pulido's work. World-renowned musician Rachel Flowers, from Oxnard, is the subject of the film and performed her music at the opening reception. Proceeds benefit the Flowers family, the Museum of Ventura County and Hearing is Believing Productions.



Lighter Breeze

Mother Goose and Grimm



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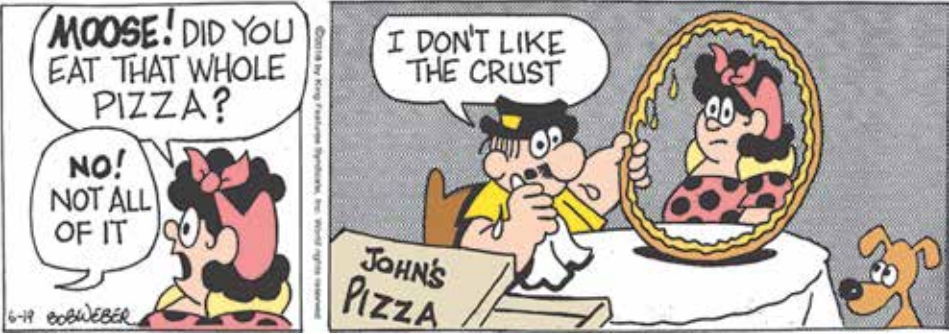
Barney Google and Snuffy Smith



Hagar the Horrible



Moose and Molly



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Solutions on page 23

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 23

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hamstrings
- 6 Poorly lit
- 9 Moreover
- 12 Take as one's own
- 13 Elizabethan, e.g.
- 14 Luau side dish
- 15 Suitor
- 16 Sponge
- 18 Logic
- 20 Clue
- 21 Sapporo sash
- 23 Drench
- 24 Papa
- 25 File's partner
- 27 Women's home, said John Gray
- 29 Power source
- 31 "The — Cometh"
- 35 Because
- 37 Portrayal
- 38 Pop
- 41 Expert
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- 44 Reed instru-ment
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- 49 Archipelago component
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- 55 Pigpen
- 56 A Bobbsey twin
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- 8 Chinese chairman
- 9 Garden pest
- 10 Incessantly
- 11 Filthy
- 17 Second drink?
- 19 Lucky roll
- 21 Raw rock
- 22 Prohibit
- 24 French noble title
- 26 Showed affection
- 28 Sis' kid
- 30 Little louse
- 32 Having a romantic
- 33 Carte lead-in
- 34 Profit
- 36 Big gorge
- 38 Gets zero stars
- 39 WWII vessel
- 40 Spacious
- 42 Oust
- 45 Radius neigh- bor
- 46 Birthright bar-terer
- 48 Charged bit
- 50 Before
- 51 Pirouette pivot

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your practical side dominates the week as you reassess your finances to make some sensible adjustments in what you plan to spend and what you expect to save.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected meeting with a former colleague opens some interesting possibilities. But you need to press for full disclosure before making a decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent flurry of activity eases by midweek, giving you time to readjust your disrupted schedule and make new plans for a weekend getaway.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're usually the one who gives advice. But now it's time to open yourself up to counsel from friends who have your best interests at heart.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find resistance to your call for a full inquiry into a workplace problem. But by week's end even the most rigid naysayers begin to come around.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recurring problem surfaces once again. Maybe it's time you used your creative talents to help you find a new approach to resolving it once and for all.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are guided in what you do both by your intelligence and your emotions. An acting career would suit you quite well.

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Show Time

Hereditary



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

by Manuel Reynoso

Hereditary is a 2018 horror film written and directed by Ari Aster. It stars Toni Collette, Alex Wolff, Milly Shapiro, Ann Dowd, and Gabriel Byrne. With the death of their mysterious grandmother, a family’s sorrow quickly becomes a nightmare.

Well directed horror, is an absolute nightmare. No other genre can so seamlessly mix the psychological with the supernatural; the subtle with the overt; the grotesque with the beautiful. With such terrifying imagery so meticulously composed I was equal parts disgusted and intrigued. I may scare easily, but *Hereditary* did more than just scare me, it horrified me. As a package, blew me away with its focus on theme, cinematography, and the exceptional acting on display.

From the very first moments of the film, the cinematography had me captivated with everything going on in the screen. Every scene is framed to coax out feelings of unease. Even more effective are the shots purposely composed to mimic someone staring into a doll house; the uncanny valley is in full effect during these scenes. It’s not much of an exaggeration to say that the camera really was its own character in *Hereditary*. So despite how the scene unfolds, there’s always this looming sense of dread and unease. Toni Collette and Alex Wolff also carried the film with their performance. They were captivating and really exacerbated the dread and despair in this film.

So much of what *Hereditary* does is to foster a sense of looming demise in the viewer, but that isn’t to say that it effectively does this the whole time. Around the middle of the second act, the overall tone of the film changes pretty drastically. Enough that I’ve found myself and several others laughing at seemingly inappropriate times. While I personally thought the film accomplished telling a horrifying story, audiences are split, especially in regards to its controversial ending. While your opinion may vary on the effectiveness of the ending, I personally found it fitting thematically with the story the film was trying to tell.

I also find it important to acknowledge that *Hereditary* took risks with the horror genre. Subverting viewer expectations almost becomes a game for the film. Of all the risks it takes, the ending takes the cake for the biggest I’ve seen in a while, and it’s clear that it’s reception is very mixed. Despite the mixed viewer reactions, the sheer novelty of it all makes it more than worth the watch, but for me it stands out as one of the best horror movies I’ve personally experienced. Rated R 2h7m

A View from House Seats

Little Women plays strong in Camarillo

by Shirley Lorraine

First performed as a musical in 2005, *Little Women* makes its Ventura County

debut with strong performances chronicling the well known Civil War story originally published in 1934 by Louisa May Alcott.

The timeless tale of the March family comes to life on the stage of the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse in fine style. Father March has gone to war, leaving behind mother (Marmee) and four feisty daughters, Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy. The sisters are a tight group, vowing to always stay together no matter what. Of course, circumstances change slightly as they grow older, each pining for their dream existence while discovering that reality has other plans.

Set in Concord, Massachusetts and New York during 1865 and 1866, the audience is easily transported back in time via authentically styled and detailed costumes, representative period set pieces and a casual flavor of elegance. Set design by theater veteran Dean Johnson is effective in its simplicity although some scene changes of shuffling furniture seemed rather superfluous to me. Just my opinion. An unchanging set scene of the professor’s library on stage left worked well.

The play is directed with a deft hand by Janelle Phaneuf who keeps the pace spirited throughout. Often seen on the stage herself, Musical Director Erin Fagundes does an overall admirable job of blending voices. Several of the men present with more enthusiasm than vocal acumen, although they should settle into their roles as the run continues. Keeping up with the vocal talents displayed by the female cast must be challenging.

The main character of Jo, a before-her-time feminist, is played with strength and conviction by Savannah Ludwig. Her voice is a force of nature, clear and true. Meg, the traditionalist daughter, is well pictured by Genevieve Levin. The frail and timid Beth is given a mighty characterization by Hannah Marks while the youngest, Amy, is portrayed by Hannah Marks, all to fine measure.

Marmee, the March mother, is solidly played by Aileen-Marie Scott. The formidable Aunt March brought to larger than life by Cindy McKay is a highlight. Both excel in their roles in disposition, bearing and vocals.

The men are well represented through Dale Alpert as Mr. Laurence, the dour neighbor across the street, Ezra Eells as Professor Bhaer, Jonathan Markham as young Laurie Laurence and Andrew Nunez as Mr. John Brooke. Each is given an opportunity to shine. All appear to be having a great time embodying their new personas.

Musical accompaniment is recorded which keeps everyone on their toes. The cast rises to the occasion admirably, although personally I would prefer to hear the actors over the music rather than the other way around. Perhaps due to the pace and the volume, some of the diction was lost to me. This did not lessen my enjoyment of the performance however.

Little Women, the Broadway musical, is entirely family friendly (a rarity in musical theater these days, it seems) built on a fine classic story. Suitable for all ages, this performance is a recommended start to the summer.

Little Women continues through July 15 at the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse, 330 Skyway Drive near the Camarillo airport. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, students and military. Contact the box office at www.boxoffice@skywayplayhouse.org or call (805) 388-5716. Season subscriptions are available. Curtain is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays.

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Rubicon Theatre Company kicks off summer programs

Rubicon Theatre Company kicks off its 16th year of summer education programs with four family friendly production performed by kids for kids: The Grunch :Madagascar; Julius Caesar and Grease .

Rubicon’s new Education and Outreach Directors, Broadway veterans Beverly and Kirby Ward, will oversee the administration of the four productions and their respective camps: Stinky Feet, Theatre Camp, Fearless Shakespeare, and the Musical Theatre Intensive.

The Grunch – Inspired by “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas,” The Grunch tells the story of Rudy Grunch, a grumpy 6th-grader who always feels like an outsider. When the entire school gets excited about the annual musical, he comes up with a perfect plan to ruin it for everyone. Show Dates: Sat Jun 30, 2018 | 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$11
Madagascar – Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture “Madagascar,” the story follows Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the Hippo, and plotting penguins. Show Dates: Fri Jul 6, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.; Sat Jul 7, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Sun Jul 8, 2018 | 2:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$11/\$16
Julius Caesar – In this story of loyalty and patriotism, betrayal and individual ambition, Julius Caesar returns to Rome in glory, having defeated his rival. The adoring crowds want to crown him king, but those around him worry that he has become too ambitious. On a stormy night filled with foreboding, Cassius persuades Caesar’s noble friend Brutus to join a conspiracy that changes the course of history. Show Dates: Fri Jul 20, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.; Sat Jul 21, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Sun Jul 22, 2018 | 2:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$11/\$16
Grease – Rubicon’s Musical Theatre students present this musical during its 40th anniversary. Head greaser Danny Zuko and new girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to re-live the romance of their “Summer Nights” as the rest of the gang sings and dances to songs that recall the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley. Show Dates: Fri Aug 3, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.; Sat Aug 4, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Sun Aug 5, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Tue Aug 7, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.; Wed Aug 8, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Thu Aug 9, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.; Fri Aug 10, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$11/\$16
Although this is be the Wards’ first time working with the Rubicon Summer Programs, they are seasoned professionals with five Broadway shows and eight National Tours to their credit. The two met in the San Diego Junior Theatre program, which was run by Kirby’s parents, and have a deep appreciation of the skills and values learned.

In reflecting on the youth program of which they were a part, Kirby remarks that, “The focus wasn’t solely on training great actors. It was on training great people.” Tickets may be purchased in person through the Rubicon Theatre Box Office, located at 1006 E. Main Street (Laurel entrance). To charge by phone, call (805) 667-2900. Or visit Rubicon online at www.rubicontheatre.org.

Fireworks family packs available online

Rotary Club of Ventura proudly presents the 24th Ventura Fireworks Show celebrating family, community and country on the 4th of July at the Ventura College fields. Gates open at 5 pm with a spectacular fireworks show at 9 pm. The evening also includes live music, robotics demonstration, giveaways, food vendors, and a Kids Fun Zone with bounce houses, inflatable attractions and organized games. Discounted Family Packs are available at venturafireworks.com now through July 4th at 5 pm.

For parking information, event map, tickets and more go to venturafireworks.com.



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Maria Ventura, Public Affairs Manager for SoCalGas (in the middle) sharing the awards with Destinee and Desiree.

Utility announces scholarships

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) has announced four students from the Central Coast as recipients of a \$5,000 college scholarship from the utility. SoCalGas' Scholarship Program is distributing scholarships totaling \$225,000 to 45 students this year. Since its creation in 2001, the program has provided more than \$2.2 million in scholarship funding to more than 2,500 students. Recipients were evaluated on academic achievement, community involvement, and an essay on climate change.

SoCalGas Scholarship Program helps young people continue their education and build a pipeline of diverse future engineers and other professionals who are prepared for the competitive workforce," said Gillian Wright, chief

human resources and administrative officer for SoCalGas. "We believe that a well-educated workforce is essential for a vital and economically healthy Southern California and are thrilled to award scholarships to this group of exceptional students."

The local recipients are: Jahmai Cabrera of Santa Barbara, Anais Jimenez of Santa Barbara, Desiree Estrada of Ventura and Destinee Estrada of Ventura (both from Ventura High School).

In addition to providing academic scholarships, SoCalGas supports technology-based learning in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) at schools across its service territory.



Several Ventura County ham radio communications volunteers assisted in the Thomas Fire.

Ventura County designates June as "Amateur Radio Month"

At their June 12 meeting, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors recognized the county's Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) volunteers by designating June as "Amateur Radio Month."

In presenting a proclamation to local radio operators, the Board cited the many hours of training and instruction the volunteers devote to serving the region in times of emergency.

Amateur (or "Ham") Radio operators gain operating privileges by passing examinations that qualify them for licensing by the FCC. Some then undergo training to support the county's emergency services agencies or they may affiliate with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service to serve agencies such as the Red Cross when there's a need for skilled communicators. A recent report showed there are over 3,475 licensed operators in Ventura County.

Locally, the Thomas Fire saw communications volunteers pressed into service in Ventura County during last year's fire emergency. On a larger scale, the hurricanes of 2017 saw Amateur Radio used as the only workable link to some of the impacted islands and communities in the Caribbean.

In Ventura County, the Ham Radio communicators also support activities such as community events and they conduct weekly on-the-air drills to assure their equipment and operating techniques are current. Amateur Radio operators are unpaid volunteers who also purchase and maintain their own equipment.



On June 3, Aloha Ranch Day was presented by Aloha Dog Grooming at the AB Ranch in Santa Paula on Wheeler Canyon. At the event, Diane Brown got to brush Sheldon the pig (yes, there are at least two Sheldon's in the world).