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Who will this money go to?

City of Ventura announces \$8 million settlement

The City of Ventura announces an \$8 million settlement with Southern California Edison Company to resolve wildfire claims resulting from the 2017 Thomas Fire.

The City of Ventura's \$8 million settlement is part of a larger settlement for a group of six public entities, including the 2017 Thomas Fire and 2018 Montecito Debris Flow, but it does not affect the claims of residents, individuals and businesses affected by the fire against Southern California Edison.

Mediator Judge Jay Gandhi (Ret.) presided over several days of in-person mediation sessions held in Los Angeles. Participants in the mediation process include 23 public entities with various claims from the 2017 Thomas Fire, the 2018 Montecito Debris Flows, and the 2018 Woolsey Fire. After multiple days of mediation, Judge Gandhi brokered settlements covering all three of these events.

"The Thomas Fire was devastating for our community on many levels. This settlement will help the City continue to recover so that we can provide the best quality of service and important infrastructure for our community," said City of Ventura Mayor Matt LaVere.

The City of Ventura is represented by the City Attorney's Office and by outside counsel, Baron & Budd attorneys Scott Summy, John Fiske, Torri Sherlin and Stephen Johnston, who represent 45 public entities in wildfire settlements statewide.



Lily Tomlin (wearing the Jewelia diamond necklace), Jonell McLain, Patti Channer and Jane Fonda sharing the love. Photograph provided by Patti Channer.

Women of Jewelia: The Sisterhood of the Traveling Necklace

by Maryssa Rillo

When living in a culture that defines a person by what they have and what they don't, how do we spread and share our luxuries? Jonell McLain, Ventura

resident, pondered this question often. To share her luxury, in 2004, she gathered 12 of her friends and together

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Bringing joy to the brave junior crime fighters at VCMC.

Castro Family, Ventura Police & Ventura Police Community Foundation Toy Drive

The Ventura Police Department announces the 10th Annual Castro Family, Ventura Police and Ventura Police Community Foundation Toy Drive. The community is invited to

donate unwrapped toys or gift cards for the patients and siblings of the Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases at the Ventura County Medical

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Ventura Port District has invested \$61,000 towards the Dry Boat Storage Lot.

Ventura Harbor announces reopening of dry boat storage

Ventura Harbor's new Dry Boat Storage has recently been resurfaced and is now open with 88 dry storage spaces which can accommodate 14 to 43-foot size boats year-round. The Ventura Port District Dry Boat Storage is located conveniently across from the harbor's public launch ramp and Dave's Fuel Dock at 1540 Anchors Way Drive, making it accessible to the water for regular use and nearby to Ventura Harbor's attractions, dining and shopping.

Ventura Port District has invested \$61,000 towards the Dry Boat Storage Lot refurbishment, with additional costs covered by the Anchors Way street modifications inclusive in the Portside Ventura Harbor residential development plans.

According to Brian Pendleton, Ventura Port District's General Manager, "the newly re-opened storage facility provides boaters with the year-round option of keeping their boats in dry storage for added convenience and more regular use consistent with the Ventura Port Districts' mission to provide exceptional boating facilities and services."

Fees for Ventura Port District Dry Boat Storage range from \$68 to \$215 per month in the key-card fenced facility at Ventura Harbor. A bonus for boat storage tenants includes a 50% off

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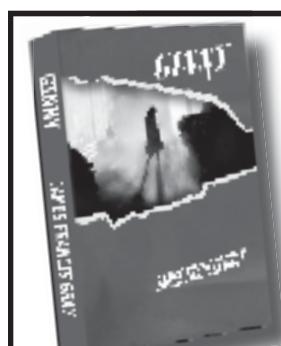
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The City of Ventura has announced the winners of the 14th annual Photo Contest. Each year the City receives spectacular images and this year was no exception with 82 photographers submitting 292 amazing images in four categories; Beach Life, Environment, Architecture, and City of Ventura Parks & Recreation. A set of judges, all visual arts professionals from the City of Ventura, awarded "Judges' Choice Winners" and 366 members of the public voted online for the "People's Choice" awards. To see all the winners go to Cityofventura.ca.gov/665/photo-contest.



Out and About?

Pick up copies of "GINNY" at Tatiana's Coffee & Tea, 2470 E. Main St., in Mid-town Ventura and at Gems & Glitter, 2690 Loma Vista, Ventura.

www.jamesfgray.com

City News

Share the love

From Sustainable Ventura Newsletter

In the United States, the holiday season is the most wasteful time of year, with an average of 5 million pounds of food tossed during the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Let's all be a part of the solution at home this season by keeping these food waste-reducing steps in mind.

Share the love: Encourage family and friends to take leftovers home by asking them to bring reusable containers to your holiday feast. Or save your recyclable plastic food containers throughout the year and supply them yourself at the holidays.

Get Creative: Try throwing your holiday protein and veggie scraps into a pot pie or a quiche. There are hundreds of recipes to try online. Visit www.savethefood.com for recipes using food scraps or food past its prime.

Avoid the temptation of overindulgence: We mean well when we want to share our love for family and friends with abundant and delicious meals, but please, try to prepare only what you need. If you have a habit of preparing too much, try cooking less once and see how it goes.

Compost it: Food scraps that can't be used up can go in a home compost bin. If you don't have one yet, check them out online or at your local nurseries.

Castro Family, Ventura Police

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Center. Donations, for ages infant to 18 years.

In 2008, Corey Castro was seven years old and was treated for Gorham's Disease, a rare bone disease. As a patient, he was asked if he wanted to pick out a toy from the center's toy box. Corey discovered the toy box needed more toys and asked his family if they could help fill the box for other children receiving treatment at the center. The Castro Family in partnership with the Ventura Police and Ventura Police Community Foundation worked to make that dream a reality and has since provided toys and gifts to more than 1,500 patients and their siblings. The effort raises awareness about the only pediatric oncology and hematology center in Ventura County. Ventura Police Officers join the Castro Family in hosting a holiday party for the children and their families and help pass out gifts with Santa and Ventura Police K9s.

"Bringing joy to the brave junior crime fighters at VCMC is a humbling experience. Many of these children are fighting for their lives. We appreciate this opportunity to partner with the Castro Family and our community in providing a special evening for the children and their siblings during the holiday season," said Commander Sam Arroyo.

Businesses interested in being a toy drop off location are encouraged to call 805-339-4317.

Toy Drop Off Location: Ventura Police Department, 1425 Dowell Drive Date/Time Toy Drop Off until December 12, Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Ventura Harbor announces

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discount of the annual Ventura Harbor Public Launch Ramp Permit.

Future plans for the dry boat storage area will feature a kayak rack for personal watercraft.

To check space availability for Ventura Port District Dry Boat Storage and apply for a permit/application visit VenturaHarbor.com or email rdunham@venturaharbor.com

Women of Jewelia

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they purchased a 15 ½-karat diamond necklace. From there, the women set out on a journey to share their wealth and provide aid to others.

McLain was first challenged with this question when she was 30-years old and living in New York City. She heard Buckminster Fuller speak and he posed this idea.

"I heard him speak and he said 'there's enough to go around in the planet if everyone shares and some people don't have to have so much more.'

This thought sat in McLain's mind for years. When she returned to California, she saw a necklace at Van Gundy Jewelers in the Ventura mall. The diamond necklace had 118 diamonds, 15 ½-karats and was priced at \$37,000. At the time, McLain was a single mom with two children and was raising money for coats to give to the kids on the Avenue.

"I thought really, someone paid \$37,000 for a necklace that I could buy 1,000 Patagonia coats for these kids. Like really, this is what we do with our money. So, I gave it back to them," McLain said.

A couple weeks passed, and she went back to Van Gundy with her mother. The necklace was still there but there was now a promotion going on where you could bid on jewelry. She rounded up 12 of her friends who each contributed \$1,000 to purchase the diamond necklace that they could all share.

The group collaboratively came up with the name Women of Jewelia after Julia Child. In November of 2004, the ladies had their first meeting at Patti Channer's house, who is one of the women of the group.

"The intent was to always do something for somebody. Make a difference. Nobody bought into this for the diamonds," Channer said.

The women have been sharing this necklace for 15 years and together they have made donations, provided aid to those in need and have helped many non-profits.

Their most profound accomplishment started in 2004, when the women were introduced to a homeless woman. Collaboratively, the women helped her find a place to stay, got her a cell phone, a bus pass and fixed her teeth. After a year and a half of helping her, the women were able to reunite her with her son who she gave up for adoption when she was a 13-years-old.

"I firmly believe that with every fiber in my body that if every faith-based communities, all the service organizations within Ventura County, everybody's got an issue with homelessness. If they were to create an advocacy group around a homeless person who wants to get out of homelessness it could be done here in the city," Channer said.

The Women of Jewelia have created such an inspirational story and have gained nationwide attention. They've done interviews with People Magazine, The TODAY Show, Good Morning America and many more. They even have a book written about their journey



Community Events

called, The Necklace, by Cheryl Jarvis.

The women are still active in their philanthropic work and are currently raising money for Kids and Families Together that provides assistance to families in foster care. You can learn more about it on their website, www.kidsandfamilies.org.

"It is possible to share luxury; it does demystify it. This is only a diamond necklace, it's not anything else, but people attach so much meaning to wealth and all it is, is just diamonds but look what this has done," said McLain.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Free Adult Grief & Bereavement Support Groups

Every Wednesday, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Free for anyone who has lost a loved one. Receive emotional and educational support. Meetings held at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association

Free Joint Replacement Classes

2nd Monday of the Month (December 9), held from 4– 5 p.m. Free informational class that teaches you what to expect pre and post-surgery.

Living with Type 2 and Pre-Diabetes Classes

1st Tuesday of the Month (December 3), from 1– 2:30 p.m. Free informational class that teaches you how to manage your life with diabetes.

All held at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, 1996 Eastman Ave., Ste. 109. Call (805) 642-0239 for more information.

The Compassionate Friends of West Ventura County is a support group for those who have experienced the loss of a child. Parents, grandparents, and siblings (over age 14) are all welcome. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Poinsettia Pavilion, Canada Larga room, 3451 Foothill Road. For more information, contact Laura Lindsay at (805) 836-9100.

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club
Monday nights 7:30 - 9:45 p.m.
Poinsettia Pavilion. Ballroom, swing, Latin and line dancing. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Free dance lessons 6:45 - 7:15 p.m. Call Rick (805) 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. Several people usually stay for a drink and a bite to eat afterward. Bring an interesting topic to discuss if you can.

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

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.

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

The members of the Ventura Investment Group meet on Mondays for an informal discussion of recent economic events. Topics cover current events that affect stocks, funds, real estate, and interest-bearing investments. The meeting is from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at Telephone Road and Main Street. Visitors and potential members are welcomed. There are no dues or requirements to participate, and all levels of experience are welcomed.

Brain Injury Center of Ventura County. www.BrainInjuryCenter.org
Support Groups for brain injury/stroke survivors and their family/caregivers. Learn more about brain injury/stroke and available services. Meet others who are facing or have faced similar challenges. Meet new friends and connections, give and receive support. Encounter Church 6950 Ralston St., Bldg. #300 (805) 482-1312 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, 4-5:30 p.m.

Men are you retired and routine-tired? Ventura Retired Men suggest you visit a Social Lunch Meeting on the first or third Tuesday

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BMC Window and Door of Ventura recently held their grand opening and ribbon cutting at their new location at 3111 E. Main. BMC covers all your window, door, hardware, and millworks needs. From the smallest door hardware to quoting a complete window and door package for your home. They have over 30+ years of experience with both inside and outside sales.
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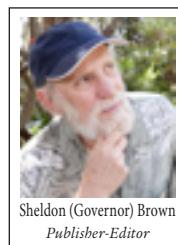
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Opinion/Editorial



■ In SmartAsset's third annual study on America's **most livable** mid-sized cities, San Buenaventura came in at number 22. The top five were all in Colorado. They assessed the affordability and livability of mid-sized cities in the U.S. "We looked at a variety of economic factors, such as income inequality, unemployment rate, home value and housing costs. Ventura cracks the top 25 in our study. Mid-sized cities can be great places to live, offering an urban feel without the congestion. With rising housing costs driving some residents out of big cities, smaller metropolises may provide a more affordable alternative."

The full report on the study can be found at this URL if you want to read the report: <https://smartasset.com/checking-account/most-livable-mid-sized-cities-2019>.

■ Recently there were more than 65 **quakes** in Ventura, most of them likely too small to be felt by people other than those who were directly above the epicenters. According to experts, while this might be unnerving, earthquake swarms don't necessarily signal that the "big one" is about to happen.

Lucy Jones, perhaps Southern California's pre-eminent earthquake expert (TV star, and maybe future president) stated that Thursday's quakes were "really, really normal. Most quakes don't happen alone. Every quake has a few percentage chance of being followed by something bigger. That includes the M3.2 being followed by a M3.4. The chance of a M3 being followed by a M5 is less than 1 in 1000."

■ Shareholders have approved New Media Investment Group and USA TODAY owner Gannett to join forces and create the largest U.S. **media company** by print circulation, and one that will also vie for the biggest online news audience nationwide.

In separate votes, shareholders of each company approved New Media's \$1.13 billion acquisition of Gannett. The combined company will be called Gannett and will own more than 260 daily publi-

cations, as well as hundreds of weeklies. I would think that they would have a few million laying around to buy the Breeze.

■ My heart goes out to the three **teenagers killed** in Santa Clarita. Yes, three because the shooter killed himself. His family and friends are just as devastated as those of the two that he killed. Luckily, he only had a simple pistol and not an automatic gun or there would have been many more deaths (who would have ever thought that anyone would ever say that was lucky).

The killer was on the track team, a Boy Scout, church goer, good student, had a girl friend. Not an evil bad kid. Our concerns should be why are young people killing?

Also, five members of a family, including three young boys, have died and another boy was hospitalized with injuries in an apparent murder-suicide in San Diego.

During a press conference, police said it appeared the couple was going through a divorce and a restraining order had previously been filed. I doubt if the family owned a gun for this purpose but, other than for the purpose of keeping the family safe from bad guys.

Ten people were shot, four fatally, in what police are calling a "mass casualty" shooting at a backyard football watch party in southeast Fresno, Fresno police said Sunday.

Three people were killed Monday in a shooting at a Walmart in Duncan, Oklahoma, police said.

I know that people kill people, but it sure is easier using guns.

■ The **Sears** at Pacific View mall in Ventura is among the latest closures announced by the company that owns the chain, an announcement that follows the decision to close the Camarillo Kmart.

I hate to see that happen. They were such a part of my (and other old folks) growing up. Reading the Sears catalog was a great pleasure.

■ The first time you picked up a ball-point pen (or finger paint) as a small child, you probably felt more comfortable and more natural drawing with one of your hands other than the other one. In my case

the left hand.

Excluding the small number of truly ambidextrous people (those who can use their right and left hands with equal ease not something lefty and some righty) humans have a dominant hand.

About 85 to 90% are right-handed, and there's no population on Earth where left-handers are in the majority (except at the Ventura Breeze).

There have been some downsides for us **lefties**. Until recently, we have had to use scissors, desks, knives and notebooks (still true) that were designed with righties in mind. Many lefties were forced, against their natural inclination, to write with their right hands (the devil is a lefty - maybe that is where this came from). We have been discriminated against and eyed with suspicion. "Right" in English also means "correct." The etymology of the word "sinister" can be traced back to the Latin word for "left."

A few famous lefties that you may have heard of are; Leonardo da Vinci, Napoleon Bonaparte, Barack Obama, Charlie Chaplin, Rembrandt, Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Fidel Castro, Bill Clinton, Breezy Gledhill, John F. Kennedy Jr., Albert Einstein, Alfred J. Lewis, Isaac Newton, Ludwig van Beethoven, Paul McCartney and Mark Twain.

■ Washington (CNN): A federal judge assailed President **Donald Trump** for his repeated attacks on various legal decisions and judges, stating the President's bombastic criticism is feeding into a "destructive narrative."

US District Court Judge Paul Friedman said Trump's personal attacks on judges are helping "undermine faith in the rule of law itself."

"This obviously is a trend we're seeing throughout public life, but I would suggest, the stakes in attacking the judiciary have graver implications," Friedman said in remarks as part of a lecture series at a federal courthouse in Washington. "And regrettably, the current President of the United States is feeding right into this destructive narrative."

Mailbox

To editor@venturabreeze.com

Previously I wrote saying that Ventura has a bias against seniors. I should have said bias against seniors in senior mobile home parks Ventura has a lot of programs that can keep seniors busy.

The problem is in the senior parks that are owned by greedy companies. I have lived in Lemonwood mobile home park for 2 years and in that time my rent has gone up about \$100 a month. Add to that \$46.50 per month in capital expenses that we are billed for. They have billed us about \$700,000 in capital expenses including interest yes we pay interest also. The name of the company that purchased this park is Sun Communities. We have no recourse as we get to help from the council person in our ward, no response from rent review board and nothing from the City Council.

My name is Ralph Trigo and I am a member of the VMRC which is the Ventura Mobil Residents Council hoping someone will listen.

Thank you,
Ralph Trigo

Subject: Trump Supporters

I am sad, incredulous, stunned at

those fellow citizens who continue to support Trump! He lies nonstop, denigrates career military and civil servant employees and accuses everyone else of lying while fabricating conspiracy theories. Any innocent person would willingly want their supporters to testify, show requested evidence, including tax filings, etc.

I am especially saddened by the 98% of Evangelicals' who are staunchly supporting him when his policies and actions are so against their Biblical teachings!

Trump and GOP are not upholding the Constitution, only their party. They also ran on "draining the swamp"; under Trump and the GOP, the "swamp" has grown tremendously; just look at his inner circle and how many are in prison, indicted, committing perjury and refusing to appear when subpoenaed.

If a President lands in prison, would taxpayers still have to pay for 24/7 Secret Service protection?

Judith A. Beay

What say ye Trump supporters? Is being a kind of movie star enough for you? Let's hear from you!

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each month at the Poinssettia Pavilion.

Pavilion. Stop in, say hello, have a sip at the bar if you like, they will buy you lunch, and you can sample the hospitality as they go through activities and hear the speaker of the day. Bob Likins can tell you more at 805-587-1233.

Nov. 21: The regular monthly meeting of Assistance League of Ventura County will be conducted on Thursday, at the Chapter House, 913 East Santa Clara St.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m., men and women are welcome, and there is no age requirement. Assistance League is "Transforming Lives, Strengthening Community" through several philanthropic programs. The Bargain Box Thrift Shop helps fund these programs. Find more information on the Website: assistanceleagueventuracounty.org, or on Facebook, Instagram, or email alvconline@hotmail.com. Telephone: 805-643-2458 (Monday – Thursday, 8-2 p.m.)

Nov. 21: Suz Montgomery, Chair of the Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging, will talk about the city of Ventura's upcoming Senior Strategic Plan at the next East Ventura Community Council meeting.

Meredith Hart, Safe and Clean Program Manager for the city of Ventura will present an update on a new homeless shelter. Ken Maryanski, Partnership Specialist with the United States Census, will talk about the upcoming 2020 census, which counts every person living in the United States every 10 years. In addition, election of Officers will be held. The

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee's recommendations will be presented, and nominations may also be made from the floor. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. 7 p.m. at the Connect Church, 346 N. Kimball Rd. For more information, contact Marie Lakin, Chairperson: EastVenturacc@gmail.com

Nov. 22: Like to play acoustic music?

(4th Friday of each month), 7 – 10 p.m. Songmakers.org welcomes instrumentalists, singers, and singer-songwriters at all levels to join in a free song circle at the Bell Arts Factory Community Room, 432 N. Ventura Ave. Listeners welcome! Info: Mike Wittlin, (805) 750-8281.

Nov. 23: 9-11a.m. Adventure hike along the Santa Clara River. This is a Nature Conservancy property with no established trails.

Help create one before winter arrives at this beautiful location where there has been a restoration several years ago. If you have trail clearing tools, feel free to bring along. There are no facilities at this location. Please use restroom before arriving. 250 S. Hallock Dr. Santa Paula. Park at the end of Hallock Dr. Meet at the gate. Questions contact Amy Davis guideamym@gmail.com or 770-853-4715.

Nov. 29, Dec. 1; Dec. 6-8 & 13-15: Dudley House Holiday Boutique.

The 26th free annual fundraiser for the 1892 historic house museum features quality crafts, home décor, antiques and collectibles plus a tearoom, silent auction and bargain items. Hours are 10 - 6 p.m. with a flea market added on Sundays. 197 N. Ashwood. (805) 642-3345.

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Dec. 8: A Family Christmas Spectacular! Christmas Celebration of Music and Arts featuring live entertainment, special musical guests, Christmas Cookie and Hot Chocolate to follow. All ages, 4:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church 1555 Poli St.

Dec. 7: On the "First Saturday" of each month the Sespe Flyfishers of Ventura conduct an introductory class on Fly Fishing and Casting the Fly Rod.

There is no charge, and all are welcome. Whether you an experienced fly fisher or a complete novice we want to help you learn and enjoy this great sport. If you don't have a fly rod, don't worry, just come and use one of ours. Please join us at Chumash Park, Petit and Waco, 9-11 a.m., in East Ventura (off Telephone Rd). For more information: Bob Smith (805) 647-3522 www.sespeflyfishers.org

Dec. 7: Kids of all ages (2-18) are invited to attend and be involved in holiday craft projects provided by Lakeside Family Counseling. There is a fun time to be had by all who come. Snacks and drinks will also be provided. Parents can join in with their kids or take a breather and chat with others at the bonanza and enjoy some holiday refreshments. Noon until 3 p.m. at 1500 Palma Dr. in the large training room.

Ojai news and events

Join Rev. Karen S. Wylie at The Ojai Retreat on Sunday, November 24, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for her Mid-Month Devotional Retreat, which this month will explore
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Chamber On The Mountain is thrilled to present the dynamic and powerful combination of the

internationally renowned Arianna String Quartet and the brilliant artistry of pianist, Michele Levin, on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm. The performance will take place at Logan House (at the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts) in Upper Ojai. Audience members are invited to stay and meet the artists at a reception following the performance.

Hailed for their outstanding musicianship, the Arianna String Quartet has firmly established itself as one of America's finest chamber ensembles. Formed in 1992, the Arianna String Quartet garnered national attention by winning the Grand Prize in the Fischoff Chamber Music Competition, First Prize in both the Coleman and Carmel Chamber Music Competitions and were Laureates in the Bordeaux International String

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Community Council meetings are a great way to interact with City services.

CAPS Media records and airs Ventura Community Council Meetings

by CAPS Media

CAPS Media has added coverage of the College Area Community Council meetings to the schedule on ongoing recordings. The College Area joins the East Ventura Community Council, MidTown Community Council and Westside Community Council, allowing community members throughout the city who are unable to attend the meetings, the opportunity to view the monthly meetings on CAPS channel 6 and streaming online at capsmedia.org. The individual meetings are broadcast the Thursday following the meeting at

8pm on channel 6. Some community council groups post the meetings on social media as well.

Local Community Council meetings are a great way for Ventura citizens to interact with and receive first-hand reports on City services and plans from City Councilmembers, Ventura Police Department officers, other officials and leaders in the community. In addition to getting the overall city perspective on important issues and events, the community meetings focus on neighborhood issues and information of interest and importance to the specific districts in Ventura.

The El Camino high school students continue to produce their award winning program at the CAPS Media Center and in the community. In October, ECTV crew members were on hand at the Va Por La Avenida event for a bilingual community event that celebrated the residents, artists and businesses that make up Ventura Avenue.

The award-winning ECTV media education internship program is designed for students who attend both El Camino High School and Ventura College. The ECTV crews produce engaging and award winning programs in the CAPS Media studio and in the community. Every episode is developed, written, produced, directed, hosted and edited by the students on topics of importance to the students.

ECTV is a career pathways education program developed by CAPS Media in collaboration with VC Innovates and the Ventura Unified School district. In the past three years the ECTV team has received local, regional and national awards for outstanding journalism. All of the ECTV programs are broadcast on CAPS Community Channel 6, stream on the CAPS Media website capsmedia.org and are archived at www.capsmedia.org/videos/

CAPS Media's The Perfect Firestorm - The Thomas Fire Story was screened at the Ojai Film Festival Sunday November 3rd and again on Friday November 8th to standing room only crowds. On Sunday, Ventura City Mayor Matt LaVere introduced the film and on Friday, CAPS Media program director Elizabeth Rodeno, an Ojai resident, hosted the film to the sold-out crowd. The entire crew at CAPS Media thanks the Ojai Film Festival for giving us an *Continued on page 8*

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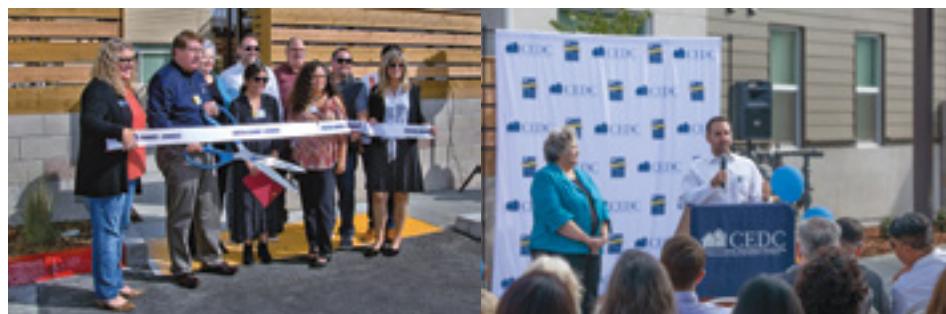
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Ventura Mayor Matt LaVere addressed the attendees with Chief Executive Margarita de Escontrias at his side. Photos by Michael Gordon and Bernie Goldstein.

Snapdragon Place Apartments, Phase II

On Nov. 15 a ribbon cutting, and grand opening was held for the Snapdragon Place Apartments, Phase II, Cabrillo's newest affordable housing complex in Ventura.

Cabrillo is developing the project in partnership with the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura, which will serve as the property management company.

"This development offers new homes for working families, homeless individuals and Veterans to live comfortably and not have to worry about paying extreme rents beyond the families' earned income," Cabrillo's Director of Real Estate Development Eduardo Espinosa said.

Snapdragon Place Apartments, Phase II, is a newly constructed development of 22 units with four one-bedroom homes, 10 two-bedroom homes, and eight three-bedroom homes. The development will share a community room with Phase I of Snapdragon Place Apartments, which was completed in 2015.

The grand opening began with a Presentation of Colors by the Ronald Reagan Det. 597, Marine Corps. League, Ventura County. Speaking at the event was Cabrillo Executive Director Margarita H. de Escontrias, Cabrillo Board President Dave Sabedra, Espinosa, Ventura Mayor Matt LaVere, Housing Authority of San Buenaventura CEO Denise Wise, and Ventura County Behavioral Health' Director Dr. Sevet Johnson.

Ventura County Chamber of Commerce CEO, Stephanie Caldwell performed the ribbon cutting ceremony, and a luncheon, catered by Main Course California followed.

Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation has received a \$150,000 unrestricted operating support grant over two years to be used for overall operational expenses.

Currently, Cabrillo provides ESL classes, Homework Clubs, food pantries,

community gardens, summer programs for kids, scholarships, and health and nutritional services to its residents.

The funding also will give Cabrillo an opportunity to increase staffing in the Real Estate Development Department and retain real estate expertise to enlarge Cabrillo's development pipeline and manage more projects in varying stages of development, Bickerstaff said.

At this time Cabrillo is in pre-development on two projects, a 42-unit farmworker development on Etting Road in Oxnard and a 50-unit development for seniors in Buellton. Snapdragon Place Apartments, Phase II will have its grand opening celebration on Nov. 15 as that property in collaboration with the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura finishes leasing.

"We are excited to be looking to the future with a focus on developing much-needed affordable housing in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, and chipping away at the immense need for affordable housing here," Cabrillo CEO Margarita H. de Escontrias said.

De Escontrias said, funds also will be used for board development training on best practices pertaining to board effectiveness and in the recruitment of board members with specific skills and expertise.

Cabrillo's mission is to provide comprehensive housing services and community economic development activities that facilitate self-sufficiency for individuals and families who are most lacking in opportunity. 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.



Cabrillo Middle School Wind Ensemble plays an armed forces medley as veterans raise the flag at the Veteran's Day event at Cabrillo Middle School. Students remember and honored their family members that are veterans at the "wall of veterans".

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On Oct. 25, at 2:20pm, the Ventura City Fire Department was dispatched to multiple reports of a fire burning in the Ventura River bed south of the 101 freeway. Upon arrival firefighters found several spot fires being pushed by winds and rapidly spreading in 30' vegetation. The fire was eventually controlled with fire crews and water dropping helicopters. The Ventura County Fair Grounds, Cal Trans yard and a railroad trestle were threatened as embers rained down igniting several palm trees and vegetation at those locations.

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On November 7, friends and ex-employees gathered at the Main Street Restaurant & Steakhouse to spend a few hours visiting with Jolene McBee and remembering the good times and food they had with her at the now closed Vagabond Coffee Shop. Breeze publisher Sheldon was there to honor his good friend Jolene. The restaurant is located at 3159 E. Main St.



Mitchell's extensive experience will facilitate key project growth.

Todd Mitchell named new business operations manager for port district

The Ventura Port District is pleased to announce the recent addition of Todd Mitchell as Business Operations Manager. Mitchell comes to the Port District with a Bachelor of Science degree, a diploma in surveying, 18 years of project management, and 12 in business development. Mitchell's extensive experience is anticipated to facilitate key project growth in the years ahead.

"We are very fortunate to have Todd join the Harbor's leadership team," states Brian Pendleton, Ventura Port District's General Manager. "His education, experience, and skills are proving to be a significant asset to the Port District's mission and goals."

Having served as a Board Member of the California Maritime and Navigation Conference (CMANC), an advocacy consortium of California ports and harbors, Mitchell's continued involvement will play an important role in ensuring that Ventura's port receives representation and support from federal and state governments.

"I thrive on opportunities that demand self-improvement and anticipate applying my business development and consultancy experience to the Harbor's commercial real estate, marinas, commercial fishing, and business partnerships," states Mitchell.

Participating on several committees of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Coasts Oceans Ports and Rivers Institute (COPRI) including the Vice-Chair for Ports and Harbor sub-committee on Sea Level Change for Marine Civil Works, Mitchell also frequently speaks and authors articles to advance the "Blue Economy."

This expertise complements the Ventura Harbor's mission to provide a safe and navigable harbor and a seaside destination that benefits residents, visitors, fisherman, and boaters. He and his wife, Heather Manheim, reside in Ventura.

The Museum of Ventura County announces new board members

The Museum of Ventura County announces the appointment of three new members of its Board of Directors, as well as the full slate of board members for 2019-2020.

Joining the Board of Directors

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are Jessica Arciniega, Oxnard, David Fukutomi, Camarillo, and Tom Pecht, Oxnard. "We feel incredibly fortunate that Tom, Jessica, and David have chosen to join the Board of Directors. Their combined experience and expertise in building stronger communities will be a tremendous help in the Museum as it works to inspire vibrant communities by connecting the past, present, and future," stated Elena Brokaw, Barbara Barnard Smith Executive Director.

Jessica Arciniega, formerly an associate at Wasserman, Comden, Casselman and Esenten, LLP, has now been an Assistant General Counsel at the Agricultural Labor Relations Board since 2012. Jessica is also formerly a board member of MICOP (the Mixteco Indígena Community Organizing Project).

David Fukutomi is a prominent government and private sector consultant specializing in security and emergency management. His government service has included stints with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. He has served as a consultant to various government agencies including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and State of California.

Tom Pecht is the co-owner and operator of Pecht Ranch, a family business that grows avocados and citrus. He is part of a multi-generational County family. Tom is involved with numerous other regional non-profits. He serves on the board of directors for Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and the Leadership Advisory Council for Interface.

The Museum is also pleased to announce that three board members have committed to remain serving on the board through June 2022: Al Lowe of Camarillo, Mike Sedell of Simi Valley, and Leslie Leavens of Ventura.

The Museum of Ventura County celebrates, preserves and interprets the art, history and culture of Ventura County, the California Channel Islands and the surrounding region through its collections, exhibitions, events, educational programs, publications and its research library, and serves as a gathering place for the community. The Museum has two locations. The main museum is located at 100 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001 and is open Tuesday - Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., 805-653-0323. The Agriculture Museum is located at 926 Railroad Avenue, Santa Paula, CA 93060 and is open Wednesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 805-525-3100. For more information, visit venturamuseum.org .

Got a complaint about local government? Tell the Grand Jury!

Did you know there is a body of volunteers in the county of Ventura dedicated to investigating public complaints about county agencies, city governments and special districts such as water, schools and harbors?

The Ventura County Civil Grand Jury

is an investigatory panel of 19 citizens from all backgrounds that operates as a public watchdog over the city and county governments.

The Grand Jury is authorized to investigate complaints about government mismanagement, verify that public funds are properly accounted for and legally spent and investigate the policies, practices and processes of county or city departments in order to improve the efficiencies and effectiveness of our government.

Each year the Grand Jury reports the findings and recommendations that result from these investigations. These reports are made public by posting on the Grand Jury website at <http://grandjury.countyofventura.org>. Elected officials and board members whose departments are the focus of an investigation must respond within 90 days. Their responses are also posted to the website.

Complaint forms in English and Spanish may be downloaded from the Grand Jury website (<http://grandjury.countyofventura.org>) and submitted by fax or mail to the address on the form. All complaints are kept confidential.

Do you belong to a group that invites speakers to its meetings? The Ventura County Grand Jury conducts an ongoing speakers bureau and outreach program. Service organizations, community groups, non-profits and other groups are invited to request a presentation by current grand jurors.

The civil Grand Jury does not pursue criminal cases or hear evidence in courtrooms. This all volunteer "public watchdog" group serves as an independent agent for the citizens of Ventura County. It is their responsibility to investigate complaints from the public, write reports, and make recommendations about all components of local government such as city councils, school districts, jails, hospitals, harbors and water districts. The Grand Jury can investigate issues ranging from alleged government violations of city and county codes to disaster preparedness, contracting procedures, health and safety issues and most processes, policies and practices of all departments or agencies within the cities and county of Ventura.

The Grand Jury issues an annual report on its findings and recommendations. Reports of Grand Jury investigations and responses from investigated agencies and departments can be found on the Grand Jury website at <http://grandjury.countyofventura.org>. Public complaint forms can be found on the site as well.

To learn more or schedule a date for a presentation please call the Grand Jury at (805) 477-1600 or complete a speaker's bureau request form that can be found on the website.

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opportunity to share the remarkable stories of heroism, sacrifice, tragedy and healing surrounding the Thomas Fire. For everyone at CAPS Media, the screening of The Perfect Firestorm at the prestigious Ojai Film Festival allowed us to again say thank you to all of those who contributed to the film and to give back to the community.

Join our growing community of CAPS Media Member/Producers. If you have an interest in community television or radio production, or are just curious, drop by the CAPS Media Center on the first Thursday of the month and learn how to become a member of CAPS and join our community of enthusiastic and engaged Member/Producers. Go to capsmedia.org for more information.



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The event was dedicated to what the Soroptimists provide to the community's women.

Bras For A Cause® 2019 is a wrap!

by Juliann Laufer

Whew! What a wonderful event that was hosted by Soroptimist International of Oxnard on Sunday, October 27!

Almost 200 attended that meant filling the Ballroom at the Courtyard by Marriott – Oxnard/Ventura close to capacity for the 6th Year extravaganza. The event is dedicated to their Comfort Kits (gift bags for mastectomy patients service by St. John's Regional Medical centers in Camarillo and Oxnard) and, generally, to programs the Soroptimists provide to the community's women and girls.

The tables were decorated in pink in observance of October - Breast Cancer Awareness month with lovely rose centerpieces that went home with one lucky winner from each table. Festooning the two sides of the room were Raffle Opportunities using the ticket-in-the-bag for only your favorites. There were Silent Auction offerings with bid sheets and many bottles of wine (and maybe a bit of the hard stuff, too!) to choose your preferences. The club displayed their activities board, their STOP Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery accomplishments board and, most importantly, the contents of a Comfort Kit.

And the pièces de résistance: the decorated mannequins, in all their glory, were spread across the entire back wall of the room! The line-up started with "The Luck of the Irish" ended with "Harley Girl" with many exotic and well designed manikins in-between. Was your favorite patriotic? What about beachy? Or were you one of the bidding contestants for the candy adorned "Cancer Sucks" creation?

If you only went for the food, augmented by the open bar, you would have left happy! The Courtyard did a marvelous job from the meal to the unobtrusive service and topped it all off with dessert!

The Keynote Speaker was Dortha Chu, M.D., Ph.D., City of Hope, Santa Clarita who dispelled many myths about cancer in general and delivered much needed confidence about the cure rate for breast cancer, her specialty. Color her banner: Get Your Mammogram! She was followed by Alicia Zaragoza, NP-C, CN-RN, St. John's Regional Cancer Center Nurse Navigator. She recalled stories of happiness from receivers of the Comfort Kits in Oxnard and Camarillo. Perhaps your attendance was predicated on how could you help the patients. They covered that too! The Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Tom Holden, offered the audience an opportunity to sponsor a Comfort Kit or two with a show of your bidder's paddle. More than 70 Kits earned sponsors!

The 6th Annual Bras for a Cause® is a

WRAP! See you next year!

Although our chapter is in Oxnard, Soroptimist is a worldwide non profit organization...and, there is a chapter in Ventura. The Ventura Chapter is smaller, but they attended and participated in the event. Both Chapters focus on:

1. Making sure every woman in Ventura having a mastectomy goes home with a care kit
2. Giving cash awards to those who have overcome obstacles and continued their education (Live your Dream) Candidates must be in Ventura.
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4. Helping young girls in lower income areas learn how to apply for college and scholarships (Dream it be It!)

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Hasan is the owner of the civil and environmental firm Hasan Consultants.

Local engineer joins MERITO Foundation board

Mohammed A. Hasan, a veteran environmental leader in Ventura county with 45 years of experience dealing with various environmental issues and projects, has joined the MERITO Foundation board.

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Market Match is California's healthy food incentive program

Both shoppers and California farmers are benefitting from the Market Match and the Cal-Fresh (SNAP) food programs offered by the Ventura County Certified Farmers' Market Association (VCCFM).

Market Match is California's healthy food incentive program, which uses grant dollars to match or double a portion of the customers' federal nutrition assistance benefits, like Cal-Fresh (SNAP), for the exclusive purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at their certified farmers' market.

The Market Match program is available at two Ventura Markets, the Midtown Ventura Certified Farmers' Market held on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pacific View Mall and the Downtown Ventura Certified Farmers' Market held on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon held in the City Parking Lot, at Santa Clara & Palm Streets.

All Cal-Fresh SNAP and Market Match benefits are administered through a token system available at the VCCFM Market Information booths. The markets also accept the WIC (Women, Infants and Child) food programs at each of their locations. "This is a great time for qualified shoppers to utilize these programs and expand their food benefits during the holidays with all of the celebrations taking place," stated Karen Schott, Operations Manager for the VCCFM. "We are excited to offer this grant program, working together with our farmers, to add more food accessibility in our community" she added.

For more information, call the Ventura County Certified Farmers' Market Association at 805-529-6266 or visit the website at www.vccfm.org.

Probation Agency and Superior Court expand Pretrial Assessment and Monitoring Services

The Board of Supervisors has authorized an agreement between the Ventura County Superior Court and the Ventura County Probation Agency to continue the Pretrial Risk Assessment and Monitoring Services program.

The Superior Court was awarded more than \$3 million in state funding as part of a pretrial pilot program between superior courts and their probation agencies. It will provide the Probation Agency \$3.3 million to expand and enhance the current Pretrial Risk Assessment and Monitoring Services (PRAMS) program.

The PRAMS program provides the Court with additional alternatives to incarceration including electronic

monitoring, GPS tracking, alcohol monitoring and other pretrial monitoring options. The program uses an evidence-based assessment tool to evaluate a defendant's likelihood of appearing in court or reoffending.

By giving the Court reliable and objective information at a defendant's arraignment hearing, the judicial officer can consider appropriate release options for felony non-prison eligible offenders. This reduces the local jail population by freeing beds for higher risk defendants while upholding public safety.

"This funding will allow us to significantly expand our program and services," said Chief Probation Officer Mark Varela. "Currently the program operates five days a week from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Now we will be able to operate seven days a week for 12 hours a day. We'll have Deputy Probation Officers stationed in the booking area of the jail and they will have more time to conduct assessments and other pretrial investigative work."

The PRAMS program has been operating for five years and the results have been positive. To date, 90% of the defendants who were released remained arrest-free; and 82% of the defendants appeared for all their court hearings through the final dispositions of their cases.

"There are many benefits to monitoring over incarceration," said Varela. "Families are not displaced, and defendants can maintain their employment during the pretrial process. And, as a result, we have been able to meet our goal of reducing the local jail population and making space available for higher risk defendants."

Ventura Education Partnership gives over \$74,000 in teacher grants

The Ventura Education Partnership has awarded 81 VEPGrants to teachers and staff for their development of creative educational projects that stimulate learning by students. Over \$74,000.00 was awarded. Each year, teachers and staff from VUSD schools and district programs submit short grant proposals which are reviewed and evaluated by a diverse group of readers from VEP and the community.

Grants up to \$1000 each are awarded for innovative projects and activities that supplement core curricula in pre-school through high school. Many community businesses and organizations support this program through funding for VEPGrants. Some of these include MJP Technologies Inc., Community Memorial Health System, Aera Energy, Mountains to Beach Marathon, Fred Evans, ReMax, and the City of Ventura.

Madhu Bajaj, president of the Ventura Education Partnership had this to say about the VEPGrant program. "It is amazing how a relatively small amount of money can empower an educator, transform a classroom and deepen students' educational experiences. We are grateful for all our generous partners who give time and money to support innovative grants for Ventura Unified."



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The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has launched two new research centers.

Expanded open science advances the pipeline for innovative therapeutics

To help meet the urgent need for therapies that will effectively treat or prevent Alzheimer's disease, the National Institute on Aging (NIA) has launched two new research centers with funding expected to total more than \$73 million over the next five years. The Alzheimer Centers for the Discovery of New Medicines are designed to diversify and reinvigorate the Alzheimer's disease drug development pipeline. NIA is part of the National Institutes of Health.

The centers will provide added infrastructure for developing high-quality research tools and technologies needed to validate and advance the next generation of drug targets for Alzheimer's disease. Data, research methodologies, and computational and experimental tools will be disseminated openly and free-of-charge to the broader research community—including academia and industry—for use in drug discovery and in research to better understand the complex biology of the disease.

The Accelerating Medicines Partnership-Alzheimer's Disease (AMP-AD) program's open-science enterprise, which has provided more than 500 new candidate targets for Alzheimer's disease, served as the foundation for the new centers.

"Through these centers, NIH will expand the use of open-science and open-source principles to de-risk novel drug targets with the goal of facilitating the development of new treatments for Alzheimer's," said NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.

With the growing aging population, Alzheimer's disease is among the greatest public health challenges of the 21st century. It affects an estimated 5.6 million people age 65 and older in the U.S. alone, a number that could rise as high as 14 million by 2050 without effective treatment and prevention. There are few current treatments approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and several recent, late-stage clinical trials

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"Drug development for Alzheimer's disease is a challenging, costly and high-risk endeavor," said NIA Director Richard J. Hodes, M.D. "The launch of these centers marks a strategic step forward in our multi-pronged approach to accelerating discovery and development of treatments and cures for Alzheimer's."

The Alzheimer Centers for the Discovery of New Medicines grants were awarded to two multi-institutional research teams with extensive experience in developing and promoting open-access science practices. Each team brings together world-class expertise in data science, computational biology, disease biology, structural biology, assay development, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology and clinical science.

The Indiana University School of Medicine Alzheimer's Disease Drug Discovery center will be led by Alan Palkowitz, Ph.D., and Bruce Lamb, Ph.D., at Indiana University, Indianapolis, with researchers from Purdue University, West Lafayette. The center will bridge target discovery work done by the AMP-AD program with newly discovered molecules that will be studied for disease-modifying potential in Alzheimer's disease animal models, specifically those based on human pathology, genetics and translational biomarkers developed by the NIA-supported Model Organism Development & Evaluation for Late-Onset Alzheimer's Disease Consortium.

The Alzheimer Centers for the Discovery of New Medicines are funded through NIA grant numbers U54AG065187 and U54AG065181.

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H.R. 4334 promotes seniors' ability to live independently in their homes

On October 28, the House of Representatives passed the Dignity in Aging Act of 2019 (H.R. 4334), which reauthorizes the Older Americans Act (OAA) - key legislation governing the organization and delivery of critical services for senior citizens throughout the nation.

H.R. 4334 promotes seniors' ability to live independently in their homes by supplying Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) the necessary funds and resources to effectively serve one of our nation's most vulnerable populations. OAA's elder care strategy includes comprehensive programs to deliver meals at senior centers, schools and churches. It also includes care to prevent abuse and exploitation of seniors, provides family caregiver support systems and offers community service employment opportunities.

Specifically, the Dignity in Aging Act eliminates the arbitrary cap on the percentage of funding AAAs can use to provide services to older caregivers raising younger relatives. These provisions will be especially beneficial for Kentuckians where, in the midst of the opioid crisis, many older relatives have taken on the responsibilities of raising

children whose parents are not present or are unable to take care of them.

"As the lead Republican on this legislation and the lead Republican on the Education and Labor subcommittee of jurisdiction, it has been a privilege to work on this important, bipartisan legislation on behalf of our nation's seniors. The increased funding authorized through this bill will aid Kentucky's Area Development Districts - which serve as the AAAs for the Commonwealth - in their efforts to provide a range of comprehensive services to an increasing population of older Americans. My constituency of seniors are engaged, independent contributors to their communities. This legislation will help them maintain that independence and continue to live active, healthy lives in their homes and communities," Congressman Comer said.



One of the most important ways to prevent falls is to stay physically active.

How to prevent falls and improve your balance

Each year, more than 2 million older Americans go to the emergency room because of fall-related injuries. A simple fall can cause a serious fracture of the arm, hand, ankle, or hip.

But don't let a fear of falling keep you from exercising and being physically active. Overcoming this fear can help you stay active, maintain your physical health, and prevent future falls. The good news is that there are simple ways you can prevent most falls.

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One of the most important ways to prevent falls is to stay physically active. Regular exercise makes you stronger. Weight-bearing activities, such as walking or climbing stairs, may slow bone loss from osteoporosis. Lower-body strength exercises and balance exercises can help you prevent falls and avoid the disability that may result from falling.

Balance exercises can help you prevent falls and avoid the disability that may result from falling. You can do balance exercises almost anytime, anywhere, and as often as you like, as long as you have something sturdy nearby to hold on to for support.

Try these balance exercises: stand on one foot, walk heel to toe, and walk in a straight line with one foot in front of the other. A number of lower-body strength exercises—especially those that strengthen your legs and ankles—also can help improve your balance. These include the back leg raise, side leg raise, knee curl, and toe stand exercises.

In the beginning, using a chair or the wall for support will help you work on your balance safely.

More Fall Prevention Tips

Have your eyes and hearing tested often. Always wear your glasses when you need them. If you have a hearing aid, be sure it fits well, and wear it.

Find out about the side effects of any medicine you take. If a drug makes you sleepy or dizzy, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Get enough sleep. If you're sleepy, you're more likely to fall.

Limit the amount of alcohol you drink. Even a small amount can affect balance and reflexes.

Stand up slowly after eating, lying down, or sitting. Getting up too quickly can cause your blood pressure to drop, which can make you faint.

Wear rubber-soled, low-heeled shoes that fully support your feet. Wearing only socks or shoes/slippers with smooth soles on stairs or floors without carpet can be unsafe.

Parkinson's Foundation to host Parkinson's Caregiver Conference

The Parkinson's Foundation will present an educational conference specifically for caregivers of people with Parkinson's disease (PD) in Oxnard. The symposium "The Care Partners' Toolbox:

Resources for Now and the Future" features speaker Aaron Daley, MA, of the Parkinson's Disease Clinic and Research Center at the University of California San Francisco. The conference is free and open to the care partners of people with PD.

"Providing education is a vital part of our mission to empower people with PD and their loved ones to live their best lives possible with Parkinson's," said Sarah Osborne, Parkinson's Foundation Community Program Manager in California. "The care partner's event will gather the community to learn about topics like communication challenges and managing feelings of frustration."

In addition, attendees will learn about options for PD care, resources and other support in the local Ventura county area. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with one another, win giveaway prizes, and enjoy complimentary lunch and refreshments.

"Building a network of support is essential for those of us caring for people with Parkinson's disease," said Ventura Parkinson's support group leader and care partner Patty Jenkins. "This event is a great chance to meet other caregivers and learn about ways to manage the very big job of taking care of our loved ones."

"The Care Partners' Toolbox: Resources for Now and the Future" will be held on Saturday December 7, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Residence Inn Oxnard River Ridge, 2101 West Vineyard Avenue, Oxnard. It's free and open to caregivers of people with Parkinson's and their families. Complimentary respite care, provided by Right at Home Ventura County, will be provided for people with Parkinson's onsite. Parking and lunch are also free. Registration is required, and seating is limited.

For more information or to register, call Helpline at 1-800-4PD-INFO (473-4636) or visit www.parkinson.org/Ventura.

The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience and passion of our global Parkinson's community. For more information, visit www.parkinson.org or call (800) 4PD-INFO (473-4636).

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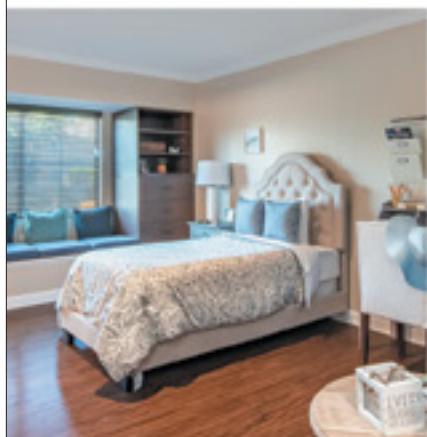




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The clock is ticking: 4 questions to ask yourself before the Medicare deadline

by Rick Beavin

California Market President Humana

People with Medicare have until Saturday, Dec. 7 to select their Medicare Advantage or Prescription Drug Plan coverage for 2020. To ensure you have the right Medicare plan in place come January 1 of next year, it's important to focus on these four key questions:

Are my doctors in network? Use online tools to confirm which doctors and hospitals are in a plan's network. A licensed

health insurance agent can also help you see if a specific doctor or hospital is in a plan's network and taking new patients, and determine what's in network if you're a seasonal resident.

Are my prescription drugs covered? Although Original Medicare does not cover most prescription drugs, many Medicare Advantage plans include prescription drug coverage, or you can sign up for a Part D Prescription Drug Plan separately. A licensed sales agent can look up the medications you would like covered and help you estimate what the cost of each drug would be on a plan.

What new, innovative benefits are available? Beyond vision, hearing and dental coverage, if you aim to become healthier, look for fitness program benefits as many Medicare Advantage plans offer a gym membership. If you travel or appreciate technology, virtual doctor visits are helpful when you can't see a doctor right away. Most Medicare Advantage plans now offer transportation to doctor appointments and the

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gym, when a fitness center membership is offered as a plan benefit.

What if I'm still working? If you or your spouse have health insurance from an employer, you may be able to delay enrolling in Medicare until the employment or the coverage stops. At that point, you would be entitled to a special enrollment period of up to eight months to sign up for Medicare without incurring any late penalties. Talk with your employer to find out how your coverage works with Medicare.

While the clock is ticking until the Dec. 7 Medicare annual enrollment deadline, remember you're not alone. Take advantage of resources including licensed sales agents and websites such as medicare.gov and www.humana.com/medicare. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (or TTY: 1-877-486-2048) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or call Humana at 1-800-213-5286 (TTY: 711) 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time seven days a week.

VCAAA offers free nutrition counseling and Classes to Ventura County residents

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging's Senior Nutrition Program is offering free nutrition counseling and classes to Ventura County residents as part of an effort to promote healthy living among older adults.

Nutrition counseling services and classes include personalized one-on-one or group settings with a registered dietitian and a focus on healthy eating on a budget, understanding food labels, managing weight loss, controlling diabetes, controlling high blood pressure, lowering cholesterol, enhancing bone health, and variety of other individualized concerns.

Additional services offered through the VCAAA's Senior Nutrition Program include congregate and home-delivered meal services, which provide older adults with access to nutritious meals and contribute to maintaining their health, safety, dignity and quality of life.

The services are free and open to the public. Participants must be 60 and older.

For more information visit www.vcaaa.org or call (805) 477-7339.

How to stay safe during exercise and physical activity

Almost anyone, at any age, can exercise safely and get meaningful benefits. You can be active even if you have a chronic condition, like heart disease, diabetes, or arthritis. Staying safe while you exercise is always important, whether you're just starting a new activity or haven't been active for a long time.

Older woman stretching her triceps and smiling

Over-exercising can cause injury, which may lead to quitting. A steady rate of progress is the best approach.

To play it safe and reduce your risk of injury:

Begin your exercise program slowly with low-intensity exercises.

Wear appropriate shoes for your activity. Warm up before exercising and cool down afterward.

Pay attention to your surroundings when exercising outdoors.

Drink water before, during, and after your workout session, even if you don't feel thirsty.

Dress appropriately for the temperature outdoors or opt for an indoor activity if it's very hot or cold.

If you have specific health conditions, discuss your exercise and physical activity plan with your health care provider.

Endurance. Listen to your body. Your breathing may become faster, but you should still be able to talk.

Strength. You will need a chair to do many of the strength exercises on the Go4Life website. Be sure to choose one that is sturdy.

Balance. Have that sturdy chair handy or a person nearby to hold on to for your balance exercises if you feel unsteady.

Flexibility. Always warm up before stretching exercises—a few minutes of walking works well.

Talking with Your Healthcare Provider. Most people don't need to check with their healthcare provider first before doing physical activity. However, you may want to talk with your healthcare provider if you aren't active and you want to start a vigorous exercise program or significantly increase your physical activity. Your activity level is an important topic to discuss with your healthcare provider as part of your ongoing health care.

A season of remembrance

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association's "Light Up a Life" event provides comfort, solace and an opportunity for those who have lost someone to honor their loved one's memory. For those we've lost near or far, recently departed or long gone, "Light Up a Life" is a thoughtful and heartfelt way to honor their memories and spread some joy this holiday season. And for the first time this year, the Oxnard Community will have their own ceremony, joining annual traditions already established in Ventura, Ojai and Camarillo. Dates and times for Light Up events are: Camarillo: Constitution Park, Saturday, December 7th from 4:30 – 5:30pm Ventura: Pacific View Mall, Tuesday, December 10th from 6:30-7:30pm Ojai: Soule Park Golf Course Clubhouse, Thursday, December 12th from 5:30-6:30pm Oxnard: Heritage Square, Saturday, December 14th from 4:30-5:30pm

Light Up a Life is for everyone. It's an opportunity to remember and celebrate the life of someone dear to you. Each event features readings, acts of remembrance and music. All events are free to attend. With your gift of \$25 or more, a star with your loved one's name will be displayed throughout the holiday season on our online memory listing and at the Pacific View Mall. Each fully tax-deductible gift supports and ensures the continuation of our hospice and bereavement programs throughout Ventura County. To purchase a star visit www.lmvna.org/LightUpALife.

Since 1947, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice has provided home health, palliative care, hospice, non-medical home care, and grief and bereavement services to Ventura County residents. They provide equitable and inclusive access to home health and hospice services regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Learn more at www.lmvna.org.



Volunteers Sylvia Fulton, Gordon Dilger and Louise Dilger were recognized by the California Park and Recreation Society as volunteers with the RSVP Bone Builders program with the 2019 Service Award of Excellence: Champions of the Community award. RSVP Bone Builders is a free osteoporosis exercise and education program offered in all four local cities served by Oxnard's RSVP program. Volunteers, who must be age 55 or better, help in all capacities of the program, including as master trainers, classroom instructors and the social support system included in each class. In the past fiscal year, RSVP Bone Builders volunteers served over 14,000 hours, the equivalent of nearly seven full-time employees.



This 'n' That

Aspen Institute names Ventura College as a Top 150 U.S. Community College

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Ventura College as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. Eligibility is based on strong student outcomes, including learning, completion rates, employment rates and earnings, and equity. Fifteen percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the Aspen Prize.

President Kim Hoffmans commented, "Ventura College has provided high quality, affordable education for 94 years, assisting students in achieving their educational goals. We are very excited to be recognized by the Aspen Institute for our excellence in instruction, services, and support to students."

The 150 community colleges named as eligible to compete for the 2021 Aspen Prize were selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide using publicly available data on student outcomes. Located in 39 states in urban, rural, and suburban areas, serving as few as 500 students and as many as 75,000 students, these colleges represent the diversity and depth of the community college sector. Ventura College was previously eligible for the 2017 and 2019 Aspen Prize.

Data show that over the last two years, student retention, graduation rates, and degree completion have improved at the top tier of 150 Aspen Prize-eligible colleges.

"Community colleges play a vital role in developing talent and enabling social mobility across the country, and it's critical for them to get better at what they do," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "We're pleased to see evidence that these institutions are

improving, that more are delivering on their promise. We're also pleased to play a role in honoring outstanding community colleges and sharing what works to ensure great outcomes for students—through graduation and beyond."

The top ten finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize will be named in May 2020. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including employment and earnings data. A distinguished jury will make award decisions in spring 2021.

For a full list of the top 150 eligible institutions and to read more on the selection process, visit <http://www.highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize>.

The Aspen Prize is generously funded by ECMC Foundation, Joyce Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, and Siemens Foundation.

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes, especially for the growing population of low-income students and students of color on American campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.highered.aspeninstitute.org/> and www.linkedin.com/showcase/aspenhighered and follow @AspenHigherEd on Twitter.

The Aspen Institute is a community-serving organization with global reach whose vision is a free, just, and equitable society. For 70 years, the Institute has driven change through dialogue, leadership, and action to help solve the world's greatest challenges. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Institute has offices in Aspen, Colorado, and New York City, and an international network of partners. For more information, visit www.aspeninstitute.org.

Ventura Audubon Society December events

Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. Ojai Meadows Field Trip. Leader: Linda Easter 818-519-2833

This beautiful preserve is a birding hotspot and includes a restored wetland and native plantings. Target birds will include: Western Bluebirds, Sora, White tailed Kites, Western Meadowlark, Merlin, Lark Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow and White-crowned Sparrows.

Dec. 9, 8:30 a.m. Lake Casitas Field Trip. Leader: Adele Fergusson 805-415-4304

Join us for a walk by the lake. We will be looking for hummingbirds, grosbeaks, gnatcatchers as well as ducks, geese and waterfowl. Hopefully we will see the Lewis's woodpecker and the Bald Eagle. Plans are to enter Lake Casitas by car so walking will be less than usual.

Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Ventura Audubon Monthly Program at the Poinsettia Pavilion - 3451 Foothill Road, Ventura (Free to the Public).

From high seas to intertidal mudflat: Audubon protects birds on the west coast. Speaker: Anna Weinstein is the marine conservation director for National Audubon and Audubon California.

Audubon's chapter network is a unique and powerful force for conservation. Anna will share stories of my collaboration with many of our 19 coastal California chapters to win conservation fights, shed light on the ecology and status of charismatic coastal species including the brown pelican and black oystercatcher, and inspire the public to love and care for our coast and ocean.

Dec. 14, 8:00 a.m. Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Work Day. Leader: Sandy Hedrick 805-340-0478.

Arrive at 8:00 for self-guided birding which usually yields some interesting birds. Work from 9am - noon. Long pants and boots or closed shoes are required. Bring water, gloves & sun protection.

Dec. 15, 8:00 a.m. Santa Clara River Estuary/ Surfers Knoll Field Trip. Leader: Tevin Schmitt 661-904-1563

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Dec. 21, 8:00 a.m. Ojai Valley Sanitation District and Ventura River Field Trip. Leader: Kay Regester 805-258-1025

We will walk around the plant and census the birds there, and in the surrounding area. We will also check out Ventura River and Big Rock Preserve, as well as the bridge at Foster Park. Expect Mew Gulls, sparrows, woodpeckers, Blackbirds, and hawks. Maybe Hooded Mergansers. We may be in that area 3 hours, but you can leave anytime.

Jan. 4, Ventura Audubon's Christmas Bird Count - Organizer/Compiler: Frank DeMartino 856-906-8733 or (frank@colynx.com)

Our Christmas Bird Count is Saturday, January 4, 2020. The CBC is the longest running citizen science effort in existence. Bird counts take place all over North America with a few in the Caribbean and Latin America as well. This will be the 120th Christmas Bird Count conducted by National Audubon.

Mailbox

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Breeze:

I'm an avid reader of the Breeze, and really appreciate the role you play in our community, especially in keeping government accountable. I

hope you can help my community do that, and seek your advice for the best way the Breeze may help.

I'm the President of the Padre Place Homeowners Association, a community of 13 homeowners that live across the street from city-owned property on Ferro Drive at Grant Park. This hillside burned during the Thomas Fire, and yet remains thick with brush and dead/burned Eucalyptus trees. To give you perspective, standing in Old Town, on Main Street and looking up, we live just below the huge crop of Eucalyptus trees on the hill (on city property), above the Mission. It's an obvious fire danger to us and Old Town.

This situation creates a fire hazard for our community. We have called the city fire prevention department 8 times over the past several months, with no action or even a callback. We have also called the public works department and, when they did not return our call, we emailed the director. Nothing. We are very concerned and find it ironic (and dangerous) that the city is issuing safety guidelines for brush removal that they themselves are not enforcing, putting our homes (and lives) in danger. We seek to make the city take our fears seriously and respond to our concerns.

Perhaps this is a letter to the editor, or other means of communication? I really appreciate any advice or support you can provide.

And by the way, my dog Gracie (now deceased) was featured on your pet page last year (she was pictured in her dog stroller downtown). I really love that section! We still keep that Breeze clip on our refrigerator, and of course miss her dearly.

Cheers,

Ed

Ed:

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Three up-coming clinics in December are: Wednesday, December 4th at the Albert H. Soliz Library - El Rio, 2820 Jourdan St., Oxnard, 93036; Wednesday, December 11th at Shiells Park, in the parking lot, located at 649 C St., Fillmore, 93015; and lastly, Wednesday, December 18th at SPAN Thrift Store parking lot, 110 N. Olive St. (behind Vons on Main).

Please call to schedule an appointment (805) 584-3823.

■ Diabetes is a common disease that many people live with, but many may forget that our four-legged friends could be living with this as well.

Dakota Hills Veterinary Clinic, Vet technician, Michelle Lutheran says the staff has seen an increase in pet owners coming in and not knowing their furry friends had diabetes.

Lutheran says if your pet drinks a lot and loses weight quickly, this could be a sign they may have diabetes.

Any dog can get diabetes, but Lutheran says miniature poodles, huskies, and beagles are just a few of the breeds that are more prone to the diseases.

The best thing pet owners can do is to make sure they keep their pet on a healthy diet.

"But just like us, we have to cut the calories back just a little bit. And sometimes, it's just convenient to fill the bowl you know for the dogs and cats. Now some dogs and cats have a fast metabolism, and they can really eat whatever they want. And then others don't. So just watching their diet is pretty important for them too," says Lutheran. If you notice your pet is acting different or has a few of the symptoms, the best thing to do is head to the vet.

■ Though some breed registries accept long and short haired varieties of the Weimaraner breed, other registries disallow longhaired Weimaraners. The new research, published in the journal PLOS One, revealed the longhaired allele to be present at a 4 percent frequency.

And while only 18 breeds are officially recognized as having the potential to be tailless, researchers found 48 breeds carry the tailless gene variant -- including the Dachshund.

"A breeder would certainly be surprised to see a Dachshund born without a tail," Dreger said. "The chances are low, but our research shows that the potential is there."

The authors of the new study say they aren't interested in creating new definitions for dog breeds, but they hope their findings will be utilized by dog breeders and others in the dog community to reconsider their expectations for purebred dogs.

"There's an assumption that the

standards for these different breeds of dogs are set in stone," Dreger said. "People will often make assumptions that if it doesn't match this, it's not purebred. This data shows that there is a lot of variation in some of these breeds, and the standards are not as concrete as we expect them to be."

■ Please look for dog food recalls of Hill's Science diet.

The company's recall of its Specialty Dog Foods canned food followed a slew of earlier recalls for dry dog having elevated levels of vitamin D that began in late December. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration told CBS MoneyWatch in early February that nine companies that have issued recalls for dry food share a common contract manufacturer, and it noted that one brand had cited a "formulation error." The FDA hasn't identified that source, but several companies said the recalled dry food was produced by Sunshine Mills, which issued its own recall in late November. Sunshine Mills hasn't immediately responded to a CBS MoneyWatch request for comment.

The FDA's investigations of these two incidents -- Hill's canned-food recall and nine others involving dry food with excessive vitamin D -- "revealed no connection between the firms' sources of vitamin D," the agency emailed Wednesday.

**■ By Megan Maxwell, Ph.D.
Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist**

"Dogs and cats should have their teeth brushed once a day. All owners really need is an ADA-approved toothbrush and some water," says Dr. Kling, "but the brushing needs to be consistent for it to be useful."

Dr. Kling says most do and cats won't show signs of discomfort or pain in the mouth, but that doesn't mean that there isn't something wrong.

"Pets aren't complainers. They can have an advanced dental disease but continue to eat and play," says Dr. Kling. Regular dental visits are critical for detecting as well as preventing problems in your pet's mouth.

There are many signs that it's time for your pet to come in for a checkup. These can include bad breath and red gums. The sign that can be one of the easiest to pick out for owners would be the notorious doggy breath. Smelly breath can be something that is very noticeable and a tell-tale sign that it's time for your pet to get her teeth cleaned.

All of these signs can be symptoms of one of the most common problems that Dr. Kling sees at the hospital. "We see periodontal disease frequently overall and especially in small breed dogs like chihuahuas and dogs with crowded teeth like pugs," she said.

Dr. Kling explained that even though periodontal disease is more common in small breed, there are many serious problems to look out for bigger dogs, as well. "Larger breed dogs are more prone to problems related to wear and crown fractures."

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Lost pet? Go to LostCatVenturaCounty.com or LostDogVenturaCounty.com - free websites for finding and posting when you've lost or found a cat or dog.

Dental procedures are performed under a light stage of anesthesia with the airway protected. Although that worries some owners, she notes that the anesthesia for dental care is lighter than what is needed for invasive surgery. Anesthesia is necessary for patient safety so that the airway is protected from water used to ultrasonically scale the teeth.

She warns that human toothpaste should not be used on pets because of the ingredients used. Dr. Kling also cautions that brushing teeth is an activity that needs to be introduced slowly to a pet. "It's similar to cutting nails; take it slowly and commit to doing it for the long run so that your pet doesn't hate having his teeth cleaned," she said.

■ With their small size, stubby faces

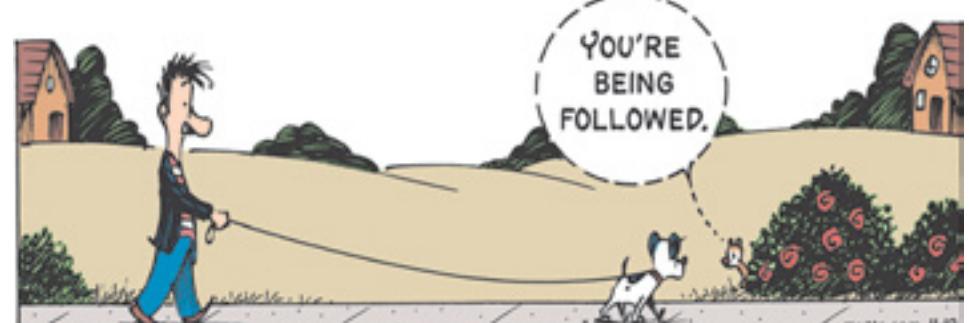
and wide-set eyes, bulldogs, French bulldogs and Boston terriers are among the most popular of domestic dog breeds. Now researchers at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine have found the genetic basis for these dogs' appearance and linked it to a rare inherited syndrome in humans.

Bulldogs, French bulldogs and Boston terriers aren't the only dogs with short, wide heads, but they do share another feature not found in other breeds: a short, kinked tail or "screwtail," said Professor Danika Bannasch, Department of Population Health and Reproduction in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. These three breeds all lack the vertebrae that make up the tail bone, she said.

Mother Goose and Grimm



Mutts



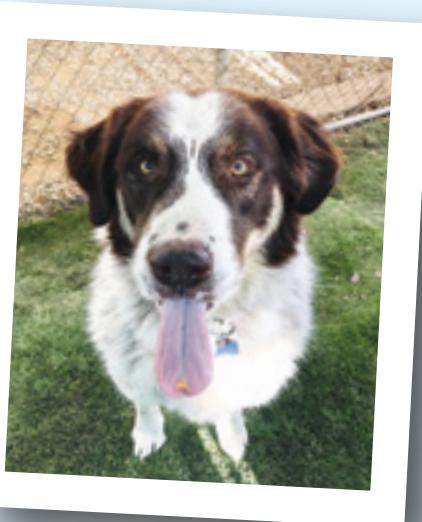


The Pet Page

Forever homes wanted

Hi: I'm Barney a 6-year-old handsome Saint Bernard (mostly) / Border Collie (DNA test) in need of a new home. Due to my size and strength and I sometimes startle easily I'd do best in an adult only home. I'm house trained via a doggy door and I enjoy going for two 20 min walks a day. I can be a bit standoffish and reserved until I get to know and trust you. It's unknown how I would do with other dogs or cats or children. I have a strong prey drive to little critters in the yard.

If you can provide a patient loving home please stop by and meet me. Experience with my breed would be helpful.



Animal Services at 600 Aviation Drive in Camarillo and ask for ID #A715490.

For information on offsite events, bunny dates, and nail trims, visit facebook.com/vcasbunnybrigade. Ventura County Animal Services - Camarillo location - 600 Aviation Drive Louise A715490

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Ventura County Animal Services Bunny Brigade, the adoption fee for rabbits is just \$10 for the month of November. Adoptable Louise is one of dozens of eligible shelter rabbits eager for a loving, indoor home for the holidays. To meet Louise and learn more about the joys and responsibilities of house rabbits, please visit Ventura County

This 'n' That

County receives \$20 million settlement from Southern California Edison

The County of Ventura has agreed to a \$20.8 million settlement with Southern California Edison to resolve claims resulting from the 2017 Thomas Fire and the 2018 Woolsey Fire. After costs and attorney's fees, the County will receive a net total of \$16.7 million.

"This settlement is a big step in offsetting taxpayer losses we incurred in the fires and during the recovery process," said Mike Powers, County Executive Officer. "During the disasters, the County lost revenues; property; environmental and recreational resources; infrastructure; and had to increase expenditures as a result of the emergency responses. The settlement will help to recover those losses."

The County will decide how it will allocate the settlement money between the General Fund, Fire District and the Watershed Protection District.

"It's important to note that this settlement resolves only the claims of the public entities which agreed to the settlement," said Powers. "It does not affect the claims of individuals, families, residents or businesses."

In addition, the settlement will not affect ongoing advocacy over issues such

as Public Safety Power Shutoffs and wildfire prevention.

The settlement comes after days of in-person mediation sessions held in Los Angeles involving Southern California Edison and 23 public entities. Ultimately, a settlement was brokered for claims arising from the Thomas Fire, the Montecito Debris Flow and Woolsey Fire for a total of \$360 million.

The County was represented by County Counsel Leroy Smith and the law firm of Baron & Budd in the matter.

Have you plugged into your Neighborhood Community Council?

They are a great way to Connect with your neighbors, learn what's happening in your area, get updates and information from the City of Ventura including a regular police report and special presentations on projects and announcements for your area and the city at large and to participate in projects that make a difference in your community.

Find your neighborhood council:
College Area Community Council:
Meets 4th Wednesday of each month
at 7 pm at the Wright Event Center at

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

POST CARD

Jeannette and Steven Albeck celebrated their 13th Anniversary in Lake Tahoe by reading the Breeze. This shot was taken on the SS Dixie near Emerald Bay!

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Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura receives Award of Merit

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) recently honored the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) with the 2019 Award of Merit in the Resident and Client Services category for the Housing Plus program partnership with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA).

Housing Plus provides case management services to older adults, veterans and individuals with disabilities who reside in properties owned or managed by HACSB, comprising about 60 percent of HACSB residents. "We serve a vulnerable population. This program helps to ensure that these residents receive assistance to mitigate issues that may lead to eviction. It also helps residents connect to vital services that support well-being and success in maintaining housing," said Denise Wise, CEO of HACSB.

"This initiative connects multiple agencies to address a variety of needs in one place with one coordinated approach that benefits all involved. We are proud to connect our residents with providers who can be a safety net of resources for people in need," Wise said.

The VCAAA, under contract with HACSB, provides short-term case man-

agement and referrals to other services and consults with HACSB staff to ensure residents can access the services they need, such as mental health, nutrition, healthcare and crisis intervention.

NAHRO President Carl S. Richie, Jr. said, "Congratulations to our 2019 Awards of Merit recipients. I am so proud of the great work they're doing for their clients and their communities."

The NAHRO Awards of Merit program was created 20 years ago to recognize agencies who found innovative ways of making a difference in their communities and in the lives of the people they serve by creating affordable housing, revitalizing their neighborhoods and developing initiatives such as job readiness programs, public-private partnerships, disaster prevention projects and more.

HACSB is the largest residential landlord in the City of Ventura, currently managing 295 public housing units, 705 nonprofit affordable rental units, and more than 1,500 Section 8 vouchers. 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 of the City of Ventura. <http://www.hacytventura.org/>.

NAHRO, established in 1933, is a membership organization of nearly 20,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the United States whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income. NAHRO's membership administers more than 3 million housing units for 7.6 million people.

This 'n' That

HTF receives \$1,480,000 to facilitate the organization's core values

HTF Ventura County set a goal of raising \$5 million by the end of 2019 and an additional \$5 million in 2020, which is anticipated to generate \$10 million from the state's Prop 1 fund matching program, for a combined estimated \$20 million in support of affordable housing in Ventura County.

Local engineer joins MERITO

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MERITO Foundation is a 501c (3) organization dedicated to protecting the ocean by facilitating education, conservation, and scientific research opportunities to multicultural youth and their communities.

Hasan is the principal engineer and owner of the civil and environmental firm Hasan Consultants in Ventura. He was an engineer with the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, and the utilities superintendent of the city of Oxnard. He holds dual M.S. degrees from the University of Iowa. He's fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a leadership fellow of the American Public Works Association, and a distinguished life member of the American Water Works Association. Further information about his company is available at hasanconsultants.com.

Hasan is a co-founder of OceanForesters, Inc., with offices in Ventura. OceanForesters helps coastal communities build and manage their own flexible floating fishing reefs. The complete ecosystem on the reefs restores ocean bounty and biodiversity. In two years, the local community team will gain the experience and expertise to independently continue and expand operations in their country. After the coastal communities feed everyone, more reefs will provide seaweed-for-energy and eventually reverse climate change globally. More information about the organization is available at OceanForesters.org. Previously, Hasan served as the chief engineer and general manager of the bio-energy startup company, PODenergy. There he helped develop theories for the reduction of global carbon dioxide via ocean afforestation.

Have you plugged into

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57 Day Road.

East End Community Council: Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm at First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Rd.

Midtown Community Council: Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Grace Church, Cooper Hall 65 S. MacMillan Ave. Montalvo Community Council: Meetings are held quarterly or as needed. Please email Dan Farmer for more information about the next meeting gmansixteen@aol.com.

Pierpont Community Council: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Ventura County Credit Union located at 2575 Vista Del Mar.

Westside Community Council: Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Bells Arts Factory located at 432 N. Ventura Ave.

Have questions about Neighborhood Community Councils? Please call 805-339-4317 or email abautista@cityofventura.ca.gov.



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.

Narcotics Arrest

On November 5 at 9am, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call for assistance from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Civil Eviction Unit, who were conducting an eviction in the 200 block of S. Evergreen Dr.

While attempting to evict the illegal occupants, numerous subjects fled from the home, refusing to follow commands. Ventura police patrol officers arrived on the scene within minutes and detained several subjects. While attempting to identify the individuals involved, officers contacted 28 year old Chris Delapp, who was on probation for narcotics violations. Officers contacted Street Crimes Unit Narcotic Detectives, who responded to the residence.

Officers continued their investigation by conducting a probation search of Delapp's vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, investigators located a large amount of methamphetamine, heroin, and Xanax. Delapp was also in possession of a large sum of money and items used for the sales of narcotics. Officers took him into custody without incident.

Delapp was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for possession of narcotics for sales.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Delapp has prior convictions of Possession for sale of a controlled substance and Resist, Obstruct, Delay of a Peace Officer.

Stolen Vehicle and Possession of Methamphetamine Arrest

On November 10 at 5pm, the victim parked and locked their vehicle in the 4600 block of Telegraph Rd. Later, when returning to the area, the car was gone. The victim reported their vehicle stolen to the Ventura Police Department.

On November 11, Ventura Police Patrol received a LoJack notification in the area of 1400 South Victoria Ave. The Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit responded and saw the vehicle, being driven by 36 year old Oxnard resident Jonnie Gagliardo, leaving the area. SCU, along with Ventura Patrol and K9, stopped the car on Mills Rd north of Main St. Gagliardo fled from the vehicle, and there was a short foot pursuit. Gagliardo was taken into custody without incident.

The passenger of the stolen vehicle, 35 year old Ventura resident Vanessa Carrillo, also fled and went into Lowe's. SCU detectives located and detained her. She was taken into custody for possession of methamphetamine.

Gagliardo was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle. A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Gagliardo has prior convictions for possession of stolen property, identity theft, possession of narcotics, and possession of a stolen vehicle. Carrillo was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for possession of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows Carrillo has prior convictions of possession of stolen property, identity theft, and possession of narcotics.

Residential Burglary Arrest

On November 11, at approximately 5:30pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call of

a residential burglary in progress at a residence in the 6500 block of Crowley Ave. The homeowner was home at the time and heard noises coming from an upstairs office.

Officers responded to the call and during a search of the residence saw 22 year old vagrant Ador Bordallo, who when he saw officers fled into a bathroom. Bordallo refused orders to come out of the bathroom. A Ventura Police K-9 officer responded and after several minutes of negotiating with Bordallo, he was taken into custody without incident.

The investigation revealed Bordallo was not known to the homeowner and while inside the residence, ransacked the residence and consumed food items belonging to the homeowner. He was arrest for residential burglary and delaying arrest.

No one was injured as a result of this incident.

A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Bordallo has a prior conviction for petty theft.

Possession of Heroin for Sale, Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale and Possession of a Controlled Substance While in Possession of a Firearm

On November 5 at 3:30pm, Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's West County Narcotic Street Team concluded a month-long sale of narcotics investigation with the arrest of 29 year old Ventura resident Kyle Corbett.

During the month of September 2019, detectives from the West County Street Team received information that Kyle Corbett was selling large quantities of fentanyl laced heroin, methamphetamine and firearms to residents of Ventura County. Over the course of the next month, detectives gathered enough information to obtain a search warrant for Corbett's residence, car and person.

On November 5, detectives detained Corbett as he drove away from his residence in the 2000 Block of Vista Del Mar in the City of Ventura. During the traffic stop, Corbett was found in possession of a loaded firearm. Detectives then searched Corbett's home where they seized 21 ounces of suspected heroin, 3 ounces of methamphetamine, a second loaded firearm, and over \$27,000 in cash. Additional evidence consistent with the sale of illegal narcotics was also located and seized.

Corbett was arrested and booked for a variety of narcotic and weapon related charges including possession of heroin for sale, possession of methamphetamine for sale and possession of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm. Corbett remains in custody at the Ventura County Main Jail with a bail of \$320,000. His next scheduled court appearance is set for November 19, in Courtroom 12 at 1:30pm.

The West County Street Team is comprised of Narcotic Detectives from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Oxnard Police Department.

Serious Injury Traffic Collision - Update

On November 4, at approximately 2:30am, Ventura Police and Ventura City Fire were dispatched to the 2100 block of Johnson Dr. in regards to a serious, single vehicle roll-over collision. At the time of the incident, witnesses at the scene believed the driver had walked away from the vehicle, leaving two occupants trapped inside the front passenger compartment of the overturned vehicle. Brianna Munoz was removed from the vehicle by Ventura City Fire personnel and taken by ambulance to VCMC for her injuries.

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10-25 8:33am, dispatched to a brush fire at Olivas / Harbor Blvd. Officers responded and assisted VFD with three small fires near Riverhaven.

10-26 7:15pm, received a report of a sailboat adrift near the #2 entrance buoy. Officers responded in Rescue boat 17, found the vessel and towed it to its slip.

10-27 12:45pm, received a report of a disabled vessel in the keys. Officers responding in Rescue boat 19 to assist. The vessel was located, then towed to their slip in the keys, safely. 3:01pm, received a report that a commercial fishing vessel was aground in its slip near Island Packers. Officers responded and found the vessel as reported. Eventually, when the tide rose, the vessel was moved to a slip with more depth

10-29 1:55am, received a report of a boat fire, officers responded in Fireboat and found a 50ft vessel fully involved with fire at Ventura West Marina. Ventura fire responded and assisted with the fire-fight and moving adjacent vessels in danger of igniting. The vessel was eventually dewatered and towed to the boat yard for further investigation and because it was slowly sinking.

10-30 4:49am, dispatched to a sick person at Riverhaven camp. Officers responded and assisted the patient with a transport to Harbor blvd to AMR ambulance. The patient was transported to local hospital for further evaluation

11-1 9:03am, while conducting pre-operations checks, officers observed heavy ash falling from the Maria Fire. All of the vehicles and vessels were washed thoroughly with high pressure washer. Officers also used N95 masks. Saturday 11-2

5:35am, dispatched to an assault victim at the Holiday Inn express. Officers responded and assisted VFD/AMR with a patient suffering from pepper spray.

8:28pm, dispatched to a fire Harbor Blvd/Olivas Park dr. Officers responded and assisted VFD with extinguishing a small campfire.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

10-23 9:10pm, received a dispatch to a person who jumped off the Ventura Pier. Officers responded in Rescue Boat 19 and assisted VFD with the call. The individual jumped, swam to shore and left the area.

10-24 6:31am, received a report of a commercial fishing vessel listing heavily to port at the Fish off-loading pier. Officers responded and found the vessel as reported. Crew members were alerted, untied the vessel and resolved the issue

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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by Pam Baumgardner

VenturaRocks.com

Congratulations to Tommy and Paddy Marsh as they will be traveling to Memphis to compete in the Solo Duo category at the International Blues Challenge in January. To help with the cost of the trip, there will be a special evening of Blues at Oak and Main on Sunday, November 24. All the money raised will not only help Crooked Eye Tommy but Jim Gustin & Truth Jones who will compete in the band category. Both are scheduled to perform along with special guests sitting in such as Teresa Russell, Laurie Morvan, Mark Sells, Kelly Zirbes & Perry Robertson, Ray Jaurique, Brigitte Purdy Rios, Toni Dodd and if that weren't enough, I get to help emcee the event, so you better be there!

Remember the good folks from Green Art People? Well they've put together a family Thanksgiving reunion on the eve of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 27 from 6 - 9 pm at Bombay's with VC/DC (Grateful Dead covers), and a performance of Alice's Restaurant by Hip E. Mark and the Group "W" Bench. All are invited!

You now can enjoy live music along with the delicious food at Peirano's on Main Street. The artists are being booked by Steve and Polly Hoganson (Zoey's, Topa Mountain Music Fest, Ones to Watch Productions). On the books for upcoming gigs are The Swilly's, Jodi Farrell Brent Franklin and Danny McGaw (see calendar listings).

Quick Notes: The Aquabats play at Discovery on Friday, November 22; The White Buffalo returns to the Ventura Theater on Friday, November 22; Elwood who is out on his Guitar Town Tour will be making a stop at Sandbox Coffeehouse on Sunday, November 24 at noon; The Untouchables are booked for Oak and Main for Saturday, November 30; and don't forget to set aside Saturday, December 8, for the Downtown Ventura Winter Wine Walk, the social event of the year! Tickets can be bought at VenturaWinterWineWalk.com.

Last issue I covered the upcoming CD release party for the Local Love Project Holiday Album, The Spirit of Giving benefiting fire survivors, well I have my copy and it's totally worthy to add to your seasonal collection of Christmas music. It's produced by John Baffa (Grammy award winning recording engineer) and Ralph Carter, featuring covers and originals from Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Dirty Rice, Kelly's Lot with Doug Pettibone, Guy Martin, Charles Law and Jagged and more. There are too many highlights, but just two of them are the Ventura High School Choir's cover of "That's Christmas to Me," and Sugaray Rayford's "O Holy Night." I'm also a new fan of the Midtones. If you celebrate Christmas, then I highly recommend adding this to your collection, you can get it online at www.CDBaby.com/cd/totallylocalvc, you can even have it shipped as a gift to someone else.

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. For updated music listings daily, go to www.VenturaRocks.com.

Music Calendar

For more events go to VenturaRocks.com
All Venues Ventura, unless otherwise noted.

Blue Agave

185 E. Santa Clara

Fridays: Mariachi Band; DJ
Saturdays: DJ

Blue Room

Ventura Harbor Village

Thursdays: The Get Down Jam
Fri 11/22: Boom Boom Showcase

Boatyard Pub

Ventura Harbor Village

Tuesday-Thursday 6 pm, Friday & Saturday 7 pm
Thursdays: Jim Friery, Bluegrass Jam
Tues 11/19: Frank Barajas
Wed 11/20: Karen Eden
Fri 11/22: Teresa Russell & Stephen Geyer

Sat 11/23: Epitome of Dreams

Tues 11/26: Shorebreak

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California Street

Thursdays, Friday & Saturdays: DJs
Sunday 2-7: DJs
Wed 11/27 (6-9 pm): VC/DC, Hip E Mark and the Group "W" Bench

Café Fiore

66 S. California Street

Wed 11/20: Donna Butler

Fri 11/22: Cosolive

Sat 11/23: Jason Bourne

Tues 11/26: Fabulous Hangovers

Wed 11/27: Big Adventure

Fri 11/29: Heathers on Fire

Tues 12/3: Bernie Meisinger

Cantara Cellars

126 Wood Road, Suite 104

Camarillo, CA

Thursdays: Karaoke

Sat 11/23: Soul Machine

Casa Bella

391 E. Main Street

Thursdays: Danny D.

Fri 11/22: Doc Rogers

Sat 11/23: Doc Rogers

The Cave

4435 McGrath Street

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Weds & Saturdays: Varon Thomas

Thurs & Fridays: Warren Takahashi

Concrete Jungle Brewing

4561 Market Street

Thurs 11/21: Civil Conflict, Railer, Prying Eyes

Copa Cubana

Ventura Harbor Village

Music 7 pm; Sat 11 am; Sundays 4 pm

Saturdays: & Sundays: Kenny Devoe (11 am - 1 pm)

Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio

Sun 11/24: Karen Eden

Crown Plaza Agua Lounge

450 E. Harbor Blvd.

Fridays: Benjamin Buttner

Dargan's Irish Pub & Restaurant

593 E. Main Street

Sun 12/1: Sunday Drivers (4 pm)

Discovery

1888 Thompson Blvd

Thurs 11/21: Through the Roots

Fri 11/22: The Aquabats

Sat 11/23: Highway Starr

Tues 11/26: Fortunate Youth, Mike Love, Natali Rize, Kash'd Out

Fri 11/29: Marlon Asher

Sat 11/30: OzzMania, Maiden USA

Sun 12/1: Fortunate Youth, Natali Rize, Kash'd Out

El Rey Cantina

294 E. Main Street

Saturdays: DJ

Fri 11/22: Shaky Feelin'

Fri 11/29: Mark Masson

Four Brix Winery

2290 Eastman Avenue

Music 6 - 8:30 pm Friday; 12 - 5 Sunday

Fri 11/22: Fish Fry

Sun 12/1: Mark Masson

Grapes and Hops

454 E. Main Street

Wed & Thurs 6 pm; Fri & Sat 8 pm, Sun 4 pm

Tuesdays: Tango

Fri 11/22: Alastair Greene

Sat 11/23: Shawn Jones Trio

Sun 11/24: Jelly Roll

Fri 11/29: Gator Souffle

Sat 11/30: Ray Jaurique & the Uptown Brothers

Sun 12/1: The Tossers

The Greek Restaurant

Ventura Harbor Village

Music: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Mon, Thur & Fri: Kenny Devoe

Hong Kong Inn

435 E. Thompson Blvd

Sat 11/23: Wired, Black Dragon

Keynote Lounge

10245 E. Telephone Road

Tues, Wed and Sun: Karaoke

Thursdays: Open mic night

Fri 11/22: Wax Off

Sat 11/23: Sin Chonies

Fri 11/29: The Riffs

Sat 11/30: Funkronicity

Leashless Brewing

585 E. Thompson Blvd.

Tues: Open Mic, The Listening Room

Fri 11/22: Jacob Marquez

Limon y Sal

598 E. Main Street

Fridays: DJ

Saturdays: DJ

Sundays: Instone (1-4 pm)

Made West Brewing

1744 Donlon Street

Thurs 6 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 3 pm

Thurs 11/21: Kirby Ai

Sat 11/23: Cheyenne Skye

Sun 11/24: Peter Blackwelder

Sun 12/1: RJ Mischo

Majestic Ventura Theater

26 S. Chestnut Street

Wed 11/20: Atreyu, Whitechapel

Fri 11/22: The White Buffalo

Sat 11/23: Tribal Seeds

Sat 11/30: Riden' the Storm Out, The Best Shot

Namba

47 S. Oak Street

Sat 11/23: Jeffrey Biggs

Sat 11/30: MARS Landing

Oak and Main

419 E. Main Street

Tuesdays: Beer Bros. Open Mic

Fri 11/22: Brandon Ragan Project

Sat 11/23: Country Night (DJ)

Sun 11/24: Crooked Eye Tommy, Jim Gustin & Truth Jones (5-9 pm)

Sat 11/30: The Untouchables

Orozco's de Ventura

839 E. Front Street

Fri & Sat 5 pm: Victor and Artis

Peirano's Delicatessen

204 E. Main Street

Music: 6-8, Sundays Noon - 2

Sat 11/23: 805 Allstarz

Sun 11/24: The Swillys

Sun 12/1: Brent Franklin

Poinsettia Pavilion

3451 Foothill Road



Ventura Art Scene



His eclectic art/work studio in Ventura is filled with a rich tapestry of different art forms.

The Art of Michael O'Kelly Part Two:

by Amy Brown

He is passionate about several important public art projects for which he has been recently commissioned. "I was really pleased when Miriam Schwab wanted me to do her memorial sculpture for Ventura College, which was part of her 13-million-dollar endowment for the college's Performing Arts center," he said. He has since designed the 12' tall bronze statue of a dancer with a violin in her honor, planned to be unveiled in January. He is also working on a large oil painting and art nouveau installation with alabaster, stone and metal for a local historical building. He says that he is comfortable being versatile, moving from one medium to another. "It's quite easy. It's just a matter of problem solving."

O'Kelly has created many pieces of public art, in addition to his prolific privately commissioned work in Ventura County, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Local public art pieces include a major fountain and mural at Santa Barbara Zoo, the Camarillo Library, Cafe Sauro, and the Watermark, (now Limon y Sol). When asked if creating public art creates additional pressure for him as the artist, versus private commissions, he replied, "Public art is so important, thousands of people see it, but I don't feel any additional pressure when creating it. I'm pretty confident and know what I can do. I'm just a working artist." He shared that his friend, the late author Ray Bradbury, rarely wanted to discuss his craft. "If you ever asked Ray about writing, he hated answering. He'd say, 'You want to write, write—don't ask me about it. I've got nothing to say.' I feel the same way about painting." O'Kelly is also currently working on a film about Bradbury's storied life.

When you look around his eclectic art/work studio in Ventura, filled with a rich tapestry of different art forms—both his own and by others—you see styles, eras and mediums juxtaposed beautifully with one another. In the photo, he holds an intricate pen and ink drawing of a stucco Mayan head at the Mexico City Anthropology Museum, part of a series he made for the book, "Encyclopedia Of Ancient

Civilizations," while behind him leers a four sided Mexican dance mask from the early 1900s that represents the coming of Cortez as a wind God, Ehecatl Quetzalcoatl. While he appreciates and collects a wide range of art movements, he reflects that he believes people usually collect art for two reasons: it creates a visceral, immediate response for them, or that people told them it is or might become valuable. "A good painting, you can spend the rest of your life owning and looking at and you'll always find something new," said O'Kelly. "The only real criteria for owning art is if there's enough to keep you interested in it."

See part 1 in the Nov. 6 Ventura Breeze at www.venturabreeze.com



Aubree Tuschka and Amber Evangelista join the BAA Staff.

BAA introduces new staffers

BAA is pleased to present their new staffers for the Buenaventura Gallery and the Art Association management. Kitty McGinnis moved away in July, and it was decided to replace her with two people, and divide the job into the areas of gallery management and administrative assistant.

Amber Evangelista: New BAA Gallery Manager

Amber is a full-time mom with a passion for art and fashion. She has worked behind the scenes for celebrity runways, various video productions and exhibitions. Even with her love of fashion she continued painting and designing illustrations. You can always find her at the farmers market, in a thrift

store, or spending time with her family. As gallery manager for BAA, she focuses on the set up and operation of the galleries. She wanted to be a part of the BAA because of the community and an appreciation of the association's values. She looks forward to contributing her best for the growth of the Buenaventura Art Association.

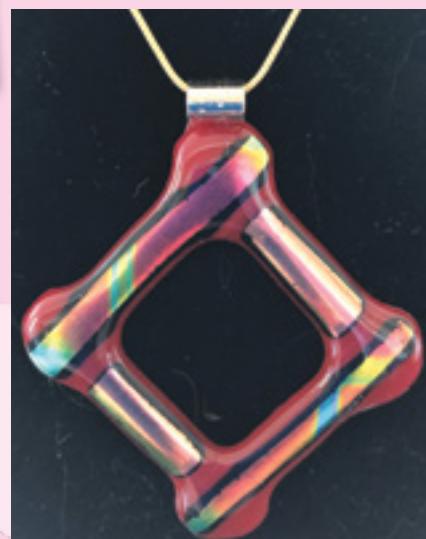
Aubree Tuschka: Administrative Assistant

Aubree is a recent grad from UC Berkeley with a degree in Russian history and has passion for oil painting and watercolor. She is a Ventura native that has always been inspired by the Ventura art community. Aubree enjoys spending her days at the beach, hiking, and painting.

colorful quilts & totes, jewelry, decorative gourds, unique wearable art, felted wool creatures, ceramics, paintings and much more. All items are produced by FOTM volunteers, staff and outstanding Ventura County artists including Christine Beirne, Aliza Bejarano, Sonya Burke, Linda Carson, Yvette Franklin, Richard Franklin, Aimee French, Donna Granata, Judee Hauer, Camille King, Patty Kreider, Rima Muna, Oats and Ivy Farm, Michael Rohde, Gloria Rupio, Gayle Bentley Swanson, Cassandra Tondro, Elaine Unzicker, Kim Myrhe Clark, Cheri Neal, Members of the Turning Point Foundation Quality of Life Program and others.

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Fused Glass Pendant by **Yvette Franklin** will be for purchase.



The Ventura County Potters' Guild is pleased to welcome Ojai artist **Caroline Allen**. Recently retired from UCSB, Allen is a multi-media artist who's worked mainly as a painter and writer but has had several intense periods in her life of being a ceramicist. The latest incarnation of her ceramicist self occurred last year after a frightening fall down some stairs and before her last year of working as a literature and creative writing teacher at UCSB's College of Creative Studies. The work came before the interpretation though and viewers are welcome to see what occurs to them. Please join us for this show and tell of Allen's journey.

Monday November 25, Doors open at 7 pm

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Ventura Mayor **Matt LaVere** presented the 15th annual Mayor's Arts Awards to recipients:

Arts Leader – **Denise Sindelar**, Creative Entrepreneur – **Stephanie Hogue**, Artist in the Community – **Larissa Strauss**, Emerging Artist – **Juan Manuel Cisneros** and Arts Educator – **Mario Boccali** at the awards ceremony held at Museum of Ventura County. The reception honored the achievements and contributions of five residents dedicated to the arts community in Ventura.

For more information on the 2019 Mayor's Arts Awards, please visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/maa.

Photo by **Michael Gordon**.



Lighter Breeze

Zits



Hagar the Horrible



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Moose and Molly



Shoe



The Pajama Diaries



Showtime

A View from House Seats

Travelers find common ground

by Shirley Lorraine

The Beacon Theater Company has mounted its second production in the form of *Walter Cronkite is Dead*, now playing on the Elite Theatre's main stage. The Elite, currently in a restructuring period, has graciously invited Beacon to use the stage while they are between productions.

Walter Cronkite is Dead is a two-person play by Joe Calarco that is filled with humor, familiar conversation dilemmas and finally, friendship. Directed by Kathleen Bosworth, the play is set in a bar area of the Reagan National Airport just outside Washington, D.C., waiting out a storm that has all flights grounded until further notice.

Jill Dolan embodies the character of Margaret, a woman embarking on her first plane trip. She has battled years of fear of flying and the storm delays certainly don't help ease her nerves. She tries to stay focused, but her mantra of calm is quickly shattered when Sindy McKay, as traveler Patty, a compulsive talker, enters. With nowhere else for Patty to sit, Margaret reluctantly shares her table.

The personalities and demeanors of the two are like oil and water. Margaret is buttoned-up and business-like, while Patty is comfortable in jeans and sneakers. Patty brings a tote full of snacks and things to do while Margaret is armed with just a travel guide to her destination. However, with time (and a little wine), the two begin to share bits of their lives with each other, finding that they have more in common than either would have imagined.

A few political references rankle each as they discover they have opposing viewpoints, but ultimately even those are put aside as they do what they can to make

the best of their limited time together. Both actresses are a delight to watch as they work their craft. The single setting is minimal, giving both free reign to engage the audience through their reactions, inflections and body language.

The 90-minute play runs without intermission. The action is periodically punctuated with some amusing announcements and storm updates. The play is definitely worth catching. Pass the word.

Tickets for the current production are \$22. Purchase online at www.beacontheatercompany.com or 805-233-6965. The production runs Friday and Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2 p.m. through November 24 at the Elite Theatre, 2731 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard SOAPBOX:

Almost all Ventura County live theaters are non-profit and do not pay their actors or technicians. Participants do it for the love of their art, volunteering a great deal of time and effort to entertain audiences. All aspects of live theater provide opportunities to learn new skills and enhance skills already in place, both onstage and behind the scenes. Your support of all Ventura County theaters is crucial to their continued success.

The Beacon Theater Company is seeking a permanent home. Any help in this effort is encouraged. Contact Tom Eubanks, Co-founder, at tom@beacontheatercompany.com or 805-233-6965.

The Elite Theatre, too, is experiencing challenges in keeping the doors open. Visit its new website, www.theelite.org for more information. or e-mail Info@theelite.org. 805-483-5118.

Movie Review by Cindy Summers

FORD v FERRARI



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

FORD v FERRARI is based on the amazing true story of pioneering car designer Carroll Shelby and fearless English born driver Ken Miles and their quest to build a race car for Ford motor company to beat Enzo Ferrari in the Le Mans in 1966. Shelby and Miles together overcome the challenging physics, corporate egos and seemingly unbeatable odds to build Fords first race car, the Ford GT40. Released by 20th Century Fox, Directed by James Mangold, Written by Jez Butterworth, John-Henry Butterworth, Jason Keller and Starring Matt Damon as Carroll Shelby and Christian Bale as Ken Miles.

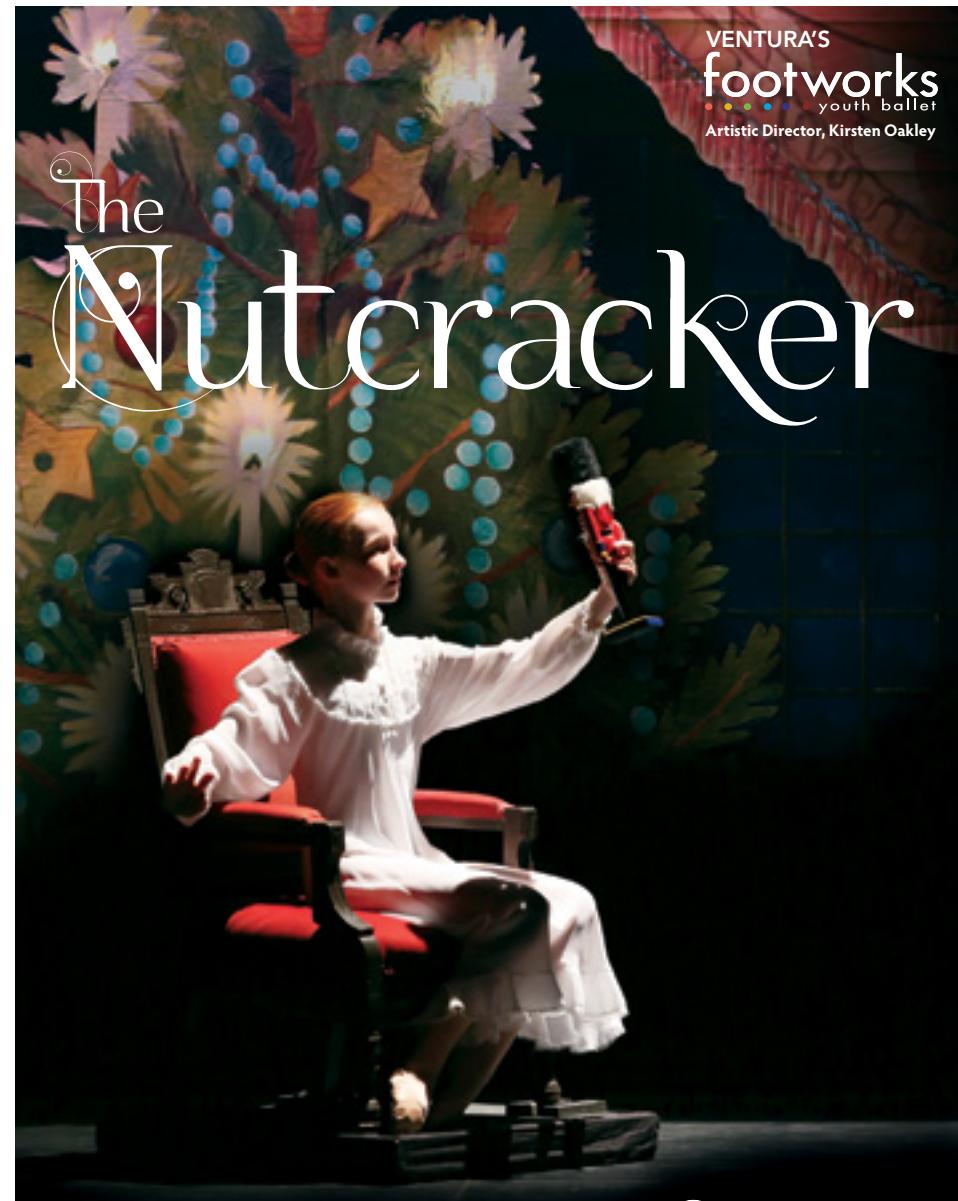
In the early 60's, Ford Motor Company was suffering significant losses and Henry Ford II fired everyone and gave them the option to come back if they came up with an idea to turn things around. Ferrari was building the best cars that would win the Le Mans Grand Prix every year, but there was a high cost in building cars one at a time that had the company in financial troubles. Lee Iacocca (Jon Bernthal) approached

owner Enzo Ferrari (Remo Girone) with a proposal to merge and Ford and Ferrari, but Ferrari was so insulted he called all the Ford execs "sons of whores" and belittled Henry Ford II by calling him number 2.

This fueled Henry Ford II in an all out war against Ferrari to build a Ford race car that could win the Le Mans. Iacocca then contacted innovative auto designer Carroll Shelby, an ex race driver who previously won the Le Mans in 1959, who owned his own company building and racing Corbas with British driver and ace mechanic Ken Miles. Shelby was winning races, but Miles was known to be "difficult to work with" and often threw tantrums, fighting with race officials, etc.

The synergy between Carroll and Miles was pure brilliance together creating the Ford GT40, and set out to race it in the 1965 Grand Prix, and had a very close relationship like brothers, and even got into "brother like" physical fights but were together were a great team at building fast cars. There was just one problem, Ford corporate executive Le Beebe (Josh Lucas) did not like Miles, and convinced Ford to exclude him from the Le Mans racing team, which ended up losing.

Henry Ford II goes after Carroll for the loss, but Carroll argued it was due to Miles not racing, so Ford gives the team another year to engineer and race in the 1966 Le Mans. They face challenges and compromise of working with corporate execs and their underhanded ways of control, even



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tricking Miles into throwing the Le Mans by asking him to slow down and have all three Ford cars cross the finish at the same time, and though way ahead in the race placed 2nd due to a technicality.

Carroll and Miles brushed it off, and set out to better the engineering on the Ford GT, but the car malfunctioned during a test drive and Miles died in the crash. Ken Miles was inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame and Ford won the Le Mans in 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969 and was the only American car to ever win the Le Mans.

FORD v FERRARI is a thrilling story about people who love their life's endeavors and live their lives pursuing excellence through gifted brilliance and perseverance. Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt were originally cast in the starring roles, and feel that the success of this movie comes primarily from the winning combination of Damon and Bale and their ability to immerse viewers in this inspiring true story of American ingenuity. Rated: PG-13 (for some language and peril)
152 minutes



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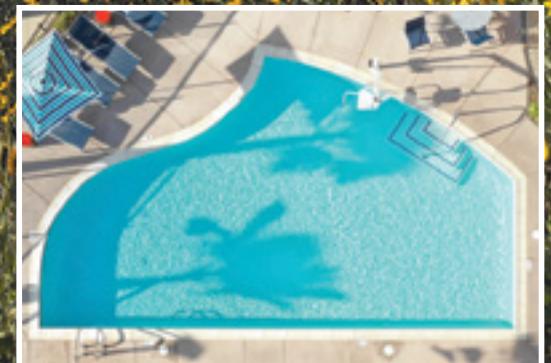
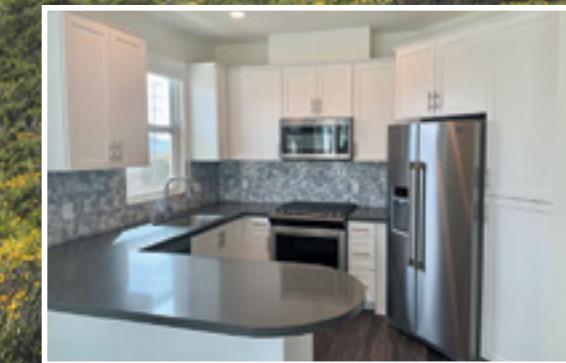
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Presented by the Ventura Chamber, the categories to be recognized are:

Large Business of the Year-

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Mid-Size Business of the Year-

Pierpont Racquet Club

Small-Size Business of the Year-

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Innovation Award -

Coastal Cone

Non-Profit of the Year-

Housing Trust Fund Ventura County

Young Professional of the Year-

Breanne Szabados

Ambassador of the Year- Adela Trainor

Volunteer of the Year -

Live Announcement on Dec 5

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Chris Pironti

City of Ventura Police Officer of the Year- Michael Acquarelli

VUSD Student of the Year-

Natalie Ramirez

VUSD Student of the Year-

Melvin Soriano

VUSD Educator of the Year-

Eva Cherrie

Jewel Key Award -

Marriott Ventura Beach

Citizen of the Year – Elena Brokaw

These awards acknowledge the best that Ventura has to offer. The Poinsettia Awards Luncheon happens on Thursday, December 5, 11:30am-2pm at the Marriott Ventura Beach. The cost to attend is \$45 for Chamber members and \$55 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased online at venturachamber.com or by calling (805) 643-7222.

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based organization that advocates on behalf of the business community. With 740 members, representing more than 25,000 employees locally, the Chamber engages on a variety of issues that help to drive a strong local economy as The Voice of Business.

E.P. Foster Library December Events

Tuesday Dec 3 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Virtual Reality - Tuesdays @ 3:30-5:30 pm on the 2nd Floor. Explore the virtual world with these different gaming VR platforms: Gear VR, Oculus Go, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive. All VR Platforms are for ages 13 and up.

Thursday Dec 5 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Open Mic Night - Free and open to the public! Open Mic night hosted by Phil Taggart. Enjoy a featured poet, then share your own work with the group. All are welcome to just sit and listen as well.

Monday Dec 9 7:00 – 10 pm

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