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## Chamber Launches Web Site And Marketing Program

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce is launching a new interactive Web site and advertising program. The Chamber's new virtual headquarters advancements have been made in Web Technology by Chamber WebLink, the nation's largest provider of chamber Web sites and interactive online products. Chamber WebLink's database technology creates a highly interactive experience for members and promotes outstanding



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businesses in our region to the world.

Chamber members can take advantage of the many online opportunities and participate in an interactive referral program. The new site allows members to update their directory listings and provides them with specific performance referral reports. Other features of the new site include both a new events calendar, personal reminders emailed to *Continued on page 8* ➤

## Foundation Partners With America Schools Program

The Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit



corporation affiliated with the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, has partnered with the nationally recognized "America's Schools Recycling Program." This program provides funds for K-12 California schools that are participating in the recycling effort for ink jet printer cartridges and cell phones. The Foundation is establishing "Official Recycling Drop-Off Locations" for the general public. Recycling boxes and bags are available at no charge to businesses and schools that get involved.

Partners in the program do not need to take their recycled phones and cartridges anywhere. Arrangements have been made with FedEx to pick up filled boxes and to deliver new boxes right to your door. Prepaid envelopes are also available.

To get involved, call Jean Swift at 676-7500 or log on to the Ventura Chamber Web site at [www.venturachamber.org](http://www.venturachamber.org). For each qualified cartridge and cell phone that is recycled, money will go toward K-12 schools in California.

## Chamber's MarketPlace Promises to Be Entertaining as Well as Rewarding

Everyone's invited to experience Mary Feeley's "The Humor Advantage," one of the highlights of this year's Business MarketPlace. Mary Feeley, C.S.P, is known as "The Provocateur" and will be the keynote speaker at the MarketPlace Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 22 beginning at noon at Seaside Park.



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For 60 minutes, Feeley will reintroduce the magic of laughter and the important role humor plays in our personal and professional triumphs. As her audience, we will be provoked to listen, laugh and learn! Her presentation will be the perfect blend of education and entertainment — edu-tainment. Fee-

ley uniquely combines experiences from the corporate corner office and the comedy club stage. Her performance promises to be a rare blend of message, motivation and mirth.

A professional speaker for 15 years, she has an extensive list of corporate, government, healthcare and association clients. Experiences as a corporate

spokesperson and trainer, emcee, award-winning comedian and seminar company faculty member have perfected her skills as a keynote speaker, entertainer and trainer. Feeley is also a professional member of the National Speaker Association and the Association of Therapeutic Humor.

The 2005 Business MarketPlace is the largest business to consumer show in West Ventura County. **With the limited number of booths**, it is imperative that you invest in sponsorship and/or secure booth space early. **Be sure your business is part of this year's show!** All exhibitors will be promoting and selling their products *Continued on page 8* ➤



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## Participation Is the Key to Making Our Community a Better Place



Doug Halter, Chairman of the Board

As Chair of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, my passion is fueled by knowing there is no better way for me to volunteer my time.

There are so many good causes and ways to help make our community and world a better place, but the Chamber is there on many fronts to help, support, introduce, educate, and represent.

Many people think the Chamber is a branch of our government or is funded by tax dollars. It is not! The Ventura Chamber is a 110-year-old non-profit completely funded by our membership. We have a large and passionate volunteer base to help us provide services. We offer seminars and workshops on various topics, networking breakfasts and luncheons, as well as needed committees which address current issues and challenges. Our strength comes from our membership and the more participation we have from our businesses the more funding we have for our activities and the more clout we have with elected officials and decision

makers. It is our hope that these activities will translate into each of you becoming more successful and our community more vibrant.

It is important that every business become a member of the Chamber so that we can continue to provide the services that small businesses cannot supply on their own. Every new business begins as an idea and the complexity of today's world can present many unknown challenges.

For me, one of the most exciting aspects of life is meeting people who offer their unique perspectives and ideas and then, over time, watching their ideas transform into reality. Opportunity abounds for those that have the courage to believe in themselves and the strength, tenacity and persistence to carry through. On the flip side, nothing is more disappointing than watching dreams unravel. The Chamber can be there to support, provide resources and advise on risks, government policies and procedures. Collectively we have a lot of knowledge and years of experience from which to draw.

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And finally, it is imperative that I say how important it is to participate in our community in any way you can. Don't assume that others are always making the best decisions and that your ideas or concerns don't matter. Change begins locally. We have been blessed with one of the richest lands in the world in many ways, yet Californians — our friends, sons and daughters — are leaving this blessed land in droves. We have many man-made, bureaucratic problems to overcome and we will do it one policy, one piece of legislation, one vote, one general plan, one specific plan, one committee, one commission and one ruling at a time. But we need you behind us.

Thank you!

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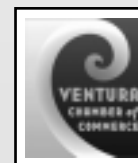
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### Business After Hours — Saticoy Country Club



*"I had such a great time at the summer mixer, met great people, did some networking and, most of all, enjoyed a beautiful spread of food. I belong to seven different chambers in*

*L.A. and that was by far the best food I have had. Thank you again Ventura Chamber. I look forward to the next event."*

— Todd Ritter, Regional Manager, Skyriver Communications  
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The "Rock the Arts" Wine & Art Festival will feature the finest wines of California and the top restaurants of Ventura County will contribute food. The festival will also showcase some of the best visual artists of this region. The evening's excitement continues with an irresistible silent auction. Critically acclaimed singer/songwriter, Geoff Byrd, who has recently taken the music world by storm by being the #1 recording artist on the Internet charts, will conclude the festival with his soulful, heartfelt lyrics and musicianship. For more information on the planned Ventura Cultural Arts Village: [www.venturaarts.com](http://www.venturaarts.com) For tickets or more information contact: Keri Kehoe at [office@imgmusic.com](mailto:office@imgmusic.com).

## California Passes State Budget – Reform Still Needed



Zoe J. Taylor, President/C.E.O.

With the passage of the 2005-2006 State Budget, we have good news and bad news. The good news is the budget is balanced – there are no new taxes and no new borrowing.

The bad news is that unless reforms are put in place, the system still allows spending whether there is money to pay for services and programs or not. If the state fails to get control of its spending policies, we will continue to incur monumental debt. Businesses fail if they operate on these same principals.

\$50 billion, more than half of the budget will go to education. The total education funding will come to \$61.5 billion, the most ever spent on education in California. This is a \$3 billion increase that goes beyond Proposition 98 requirements – 44 cents of every general fund dollar will go to schools and teachers. State per-pupil spending will increase by \$379, bringing the per-pupil spending to an all-time high of \$10,201 per pupil per year. California Community College fees will continue to be the lowest in the nation and University of California and California State University will remain among the most affordable in the nation.

I feel that everyone in California believes in funding education. Throughout the business community there continues to be questions about the return on the education dollar investment. Are our young people getting the best education possible? Just throwing money at a problem fails to solve the problem. I believe that there needs to be true education reform. I am talking reforming the entire education system. I believe if the money was actually brought back to the districts and educators had a real say in how the money was to be spent and how the curricula was to be taught, we would have far more productive

schools. Too much money is spent in the wrong places. There should be state oversight, but definitely not what we have today. I do not believe that schools should be rewarded with dollars for student achievement on standardized tests when teachers teach to a test just so that they qualify for the money. I have family in the teaching profession and the limitations and restrictions they face preclude them from teaching the way they should and would like to do for the benefit of their students. I certainly agree with the governor — there needs to be reform and I agree with him on the issue of teacher tenure. What other occupation guarantees you have a lifetime job regardless of performance or competency? Good teachers should be rewarded; others should be removed from the classroom.

I am certainly glad this budget allows for a proactive return of the \$1.2 billion debt owed to cities and counties a year early. The state should never have taken the money. In looking at the City of Ventura's budget, it is imperative that those dollars come back to our local governments. Cities across the state are looking at imposing additional fees — almost always on the backs of business — to help balance their budgets. This strikes the very people who pay the sales taxes, keep people employed and help expand the local economy. Business cannot continue to carry the brunt of paying the bills. It seems Sacramento legislators continue to forget who keeps the economy going. For the most part, city governments have a better understanding of the importance of business, but when it comes to making up the deficit, they usually increase fees that negatively impact business. This can be a detriment to the economy.

Transportation... a really big issue. Voters should have raised their voices

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portation systems are mind-boggling and will take years. The legislature should never again be allowed to tamper with these funds.

An added benefit to this budget is the investment to support statewide nursing job training and education initiatives. It is imperative to make this investment so we get one step closer to ensuring patient safety.

Each person in California should get on the bandwagon and demand reform in the way the state handles its finances and budget. They should demand of their legislators and the governor that the state not spend more than it takes in. Everyone needs to seriously consider the reforms the governor is proposing. However, before you take a position, you need to gain as much knowledge as possible about the proposed reforms and what impacts they will have on our state.

long before now. We should have started a major uproar when the legislature robbed us of Proposition 42 dollars. Voters did not vote for the proposition to pay for other special interest projects, they wanted the roads fixed. It is about time we get the \$1.3 billion back into transportation projects where it belongs. I find it unconscionable for a state like California to allow such an important part of our infrastructure to deteriorate. The challenges facing the repair and improvement of our trans-



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The members of the Chairman's Circle are a special group of businesses and individuals who make a significant financial investment in support of Ventura Chamber of Commerce initiatives, programs and projects. If you would like to become a member of the Chairman's Circle, please contact Jean Swift at 676-7500 for details.



## Affordable Housing a Critical Issue For the County

By James G. Malone, Political Action Trustee



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A little more than a year ago as Chairman of the Ventura Chamber, I devoted one of my monthly newsletter articles to the housing crisis we face in Ventura County. I wish I could report that vast improvement has occurred in the year since that article ran, but unfortunately, we continue to face a real dilemma when it comes to housing in our area.

The bad news is that recent reports still reflect that four out of five families living here cannot afford to purchase a home. In fact, a recent figure showed that only 14 percent of working residents can afford the median price of a home in Ventura County. This is down from 24 percent just two years ago.

Although it seems in many parts of the county you see new homes springing up left and right, the fact remains

that available land for new homes is disappearing and the projection is that it will be virtually non-existent in most local communities by 2008.

If you aren't concerned by these facts, you should be. Availability of affordable housing is a key ingredient to a successful, thriving community. Problems created by lack of housing are numerous. Communities must deal with increased traffic and congested roads as more people are forced to commute to work from out of area. Businesses suffer and leave as it becomes more and more difficult to recruit employees, even highly compensated professionals. Young, educated families depart, causing school enrollment to decline and creating a vacuum for churches, service clubs and volunteer organizations. *Continued on page 11* ►

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## Workers' Compensation Seminar Provides Valuable Information



Judy Diaz, partner, Tolman & Wiker Insurance.

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce's Workers' Comp Task Force recently sponsored a Workers' Comp 101 seminar. Attorney Glen Silveri of Glenn Silverii Associates, specializes in workers' compensation defense and provided invaluable information regarding SB 899 and recent changes to California's workers' compensation laws. Judy Diaz, partner, Tolman & Wiker Insurance is the author of this series. This is Part III of III summarizing the information discussed.

### Apportionment

The employer shall only be liable for the percentage of permanent disability directly caused by the injury arising out of and occurring in the course of employment. Injured workers are required to disclose any prior disabilities. It is suggested that any employer aware of prior disabilities or medical conditions, to direct the adjuster and medical provider to solicit this information. Employers should avoid soliciting this information directly from employees because of privacy statutes. Note that apportionment only applies to permanent disability ratings; medical treatment and temporary disability cannot be apportioned to pre-existing conditions.

- \$4,000 for permanent partial disability of less than 15%
- \$6,000 for permanent partial disability of between 15% and 25%
- \$8,000 for permanent partial disability of between 26% and 49%
- \$10,000 for permanent partial disability of between 50% and 99%
- The employer will not be liable for the SJDB if, within 60 days of the end of temporary disability, it offers modified or alternative work and the employee rejects or fails to accept the offer.

### Vocational Rehabilitation

For injuries occurring on or after 1/1/04, the vocational rehabilitation benefit has been replaced with the SJDB, Supplemental Job Displacement Benefit:

- Employees who do not return to work for their employer within 60 days of the end of temporary total disability period will receive a voucher.
- The voucher must be used at a state approved or accredited school for education related retraining or skill enhancement or both.
- Up to 10% of the voucher may be used for counseling.
- The amount of the voucher is dependent upon the level of permanent disability:

### State Sponsored Early Return to Work Programs

Offered to employers with **50 or fewer** employees:

- Reimburses employers up to \$1,250 for the cost of accommodating temporarily disabled employees.
- Reimburses employers up to \$2,500 for the cost of accommodating an employee with permanent restrictions.

Reimbursable items may include ergonomic seating, workstation design, special equipment, etc. The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) administers the program. For information and to obtain the reimbursement application, go to [www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/).

## Some Bad Bills Dead, Others Alive and Kicking



Lisa Rivas, Executive Director, Regional Legislative Alliance.

This year the Chamber's Regional Legislative Alliance is working closely with local chambers and the state-wide chamber to track and act on legislation. Every year the California Chamber of Commerce creates a "Job Killers" list, identifying all Assembly and Senate bills that will harm California businesses.

The RLA is able to take advantage of the manpower at the California Chamber, which spends hours compiling the list and explaining why the bills are bad for business. From there, the RLA identifies the bills specific to our area in addition to those with overall

ramifications for business. We then begin our lobbying.

The "Job Killers" list started as more than 40 bills in early May when the list was released, and has shrunk to 27, with reconsideration granted to three bills. That means they could come back to life before the end of session. Fourteen of the bills that dropped off the list are not gone; they are now two-year bills, which means they begin to move again in 2006, the second year of this session.

There is still a lot of work to do this year and next to motivate the legislature to create a business-friendly California. This is significant to this region because, of the 27 bills still alive, four are authored by two legislators representing at least a portion of Ventura County, including Oxnard and Port Hueneme. These legislators should hear from you *Continued on page 8* ►

## California Lutheran University Offering New Degree Program, Adds Faculty

Beginning this fall, students may earn a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies in the accelerated Adult Degree Evening Program (ADEP) at California Lutheran University. The Liberal Studies Evening Program is designed to meet the needs of students who want to continue working while completing a bachelor's degree.

The multidisciplinary liberal studies curriculum prepares students to enter a teacher preparation program. Some of the course work may also be applied toward the requirements for a teaching credential.

Terence R. Cannings, Ed.D., has been selected as Dean of the School of Educa-

tion. For the past three years, Cannings has served as Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Azusa Pacific University. Cannings will be assisted in the leadership of the School of Education by Randall Lindsey, Ph.D., who has served for the past year as Interim Dean. Lindsey will assume new responsibilities as Director of the Doctor of Education program, and Julia Sieger, Ed.D., will continue as Assistant Dean for the School of Education.

Dan Kuntz has been named Director of Athletics by A. Joseph Everson, Ph.D., Interim Provost. Kuntz has served as CLU's Interim Director of Athletics since August of 2004.

## New Marketing Professor Joins CSUCI

California State University Channel Islands has welcomed a new faculty member to the Business & Economics (B&E) Program. Dr. Damon Aiken, a specialist in consumer behavior, sports marketing and branding will begin teaching in the fall term.

Dr Aiken comes to CSU Channel Islands after teaching two years at Pepperdine University. He earned a Ph. D in Marketing from the University of Oregon. He has three degrees from CSU Northridge: an MBA and BS (Business Administrative) and BS (Business Education). He also studied international economics at the University of Sussex in Great Britain.

The B&E Program offers three degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Business, a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA). The primary goal of the B&E Program is to graduate students with the educational skills and knowledge to achieve life-long success in all their endeavors.

An early responsibility of Dr. Aiken will to develop, within the BS in Business degree program, the Emphasis in Marketing for implementation in fall of 2006. Currently, there are Emphases in Global Business and in Entrepreneurship. Ultimately, the BS in Business degree will have Emphases in Management, Accounting, Finance, and Management Information Systems. The Emphasis in Marketing will contain a strong component in Market Research. It will provide students with an opportunity to further develop their marketing-related knowledge and skills.

## Top Law Firm Offers Sex Harassment Training For Local Employers



*Jonathan Fraser Light, senior partner, Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton.*

As sex harassment cases continue to be filed, local employers can protect themselves from sex harassment claims through a sex harassment training seminar, held by Jonathan Fraser Light, senior partner in Ventura County's largest law firm, Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton. The seminar will be held 7:30-9:30 a.m. on October 26 in the firm's boardroom, located on the sixth floor of 1000 Town Center Drive in Oxnard.

The seminar meets the new California legal requirement that mandates companies with 50 or more employees send supervisors and owners to two hours of sex harassment training every two years. Attendees can sign a sex harassment training acknowledgment form for their personnel file. The information is pertinent for smaller companies, though not required.

The cost for the seminar is \$50, and reservations are required. A continental breakfast is included. For reservations, contact Wendy Zimmerman at [wzimmerman@nchc.com](mailto:wzimmerman@nchc.com) or call 988-8341.

## Coaching For Results

Coaching for Results, a firm specializing in conducting seminars for personal and professional growth, is offering a series of upcoming events. Founded in 2004, the company seeks to serve those experiencing a gap between their dream and their current status by providing personal and professional coaching.

- Aug. 26: "Maximize Your Business Potential"
- Sept. 14: "Pursuing Freedom from Your Business"
- Sept. 21: "Pursuing Freedom from Your Business"
- Oct. 15: "Being All You Can Be"

For further information, please call Coaching for Results at 485-4101.

## Business Times Adds New Search Engines to Web Site

The Pacific Coast Business Times has added the resources of two Internet search engines to [www.pacbiztimes.com](http://www.pacbiztimes.com): Google AdSense and CareerBuilder.com. The Business Times is participating in Google's AdSense program, which promotes online advertising in accordance with a Web site's content. In addition to the articles and resources the Business Times offers, visitors to [www.pacbiztimes.com](http://www.pacbiztimes.com) now have the option of using Google to search both the Business Times' Web site and the Web.

CareerBuilder.com's presence on the Business Times' Web site helps facilitate the tri-county business community's job searches.

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## Sheeler Moving and Storage Donates Free Office Space to Boys and Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Ventura has new administrative offices with indefinite free rent thanks to a donation of space from **Sheeler Moving and Storage** in Ventura. Company President and Founder Mel Sheeler, a board member of the Boys & Girls Club



*Pictured from left: Licette Maldonado, club finance director; Denise Giddens, club director of special events; Mel Sheeler, owner of Sheeler Moving and Storage; Diane Koranda, club CEO; and Olga Rogers, administrative assistant.*

for 20 years, offered space at his facility at 6059 King Drive to help one of his favorite organizations. "We're just very pleased and indebted to Mel for his generous offer," said club Executive Director Diane Koranda.

Sheeler Moving and Storage is providing space for offices, a reception area and a kitchenette. Sheeler also helped build a conference room for the club, and he provided free moving services when the club relocated. "I had the office space and I knew the Ventura Boys & Girls Club's fundraising efforts

were becoming more difficult," Sheeler said. "It was the right thing to do."

Sheeler Moving and Storage is located at 6060 Nicolle Street and the new Boys & Girls Club is at 6059 King Drive, Suite A. Sheeler's services include moving and storage for residential, commercial and industrial clients, including moves out of state or out of the country. Sheeler is an agent for Indiana-based Wheaton World Wide Moving. He also operates Sheeler Records Management for the long-term storage of documents and other sensitive items.

## County Commerce Bank Adds to Its Staff

County Commerce Bank in Ventura has announced the addition of two new staff members. Bryan Easterly has joined the bank as a management trainee. Annette Hanson is a customer service representative.



*Bryan Easterly*



*Annette Hanson*

siasm are really appreciated by our customers." Easterly graduated from Ventura High School and attended the University of New Mexico before returning to Ventura.

"Ms. Hanson has many years of experience as an operations officer and personal banker," Kreutz said. "Having worked together for 10 years at Santa Paula Savings and Ramona Savings, I am thrilled to have her back on my team."

"Bryan is completing his degree in finance at California State University Channel Islands and we are delighted to have him on our team," said Joseph D. Kreutz, President and Chief Executive Officer. "His professionalism and enthu-

## Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton Promotes Two, Welcomes One New Associate

Ventura County's largest law firm, Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton, recently promoted two attorneys to partner and welcomed a new associate.

Partner Meghan B. Clark of Thousand Oaks works in the firm's Employment, Intellectual Property and Litigation Law Groups, handling civil litigation matters including contract disputes and litigation in employment, construction defects, intellectual property and real estate.

Partner Melissa H. Sayer of Santa Paula is a member of the firm's Corporate & Business Law Group. Sayer's transaction-oriented practice includes agricultural real estate, general business, and federal and state securities law compliance.

New Associate Spring M. Robinson of Ventura works in the firm's Real Estate Law Group. As vice president of

dispositions for a real estate investment company in Marin County, Calif., Robinson had more than 10 years of experience in real estate prior to attending law school.

For more than 65 years, Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton's attorneys have represented a variety of influential clients who have helped shape the Ventura County community. The Oxnard-based firm provides legal services in business and corporate litigation, employment, business and commercial law, real estate and land use, environmental, oil and gas, administrative and local government law, taxation, estate planning and intellectual property law. Clients include individuals, national and international corporations, small businesses, municipalities and public agencies. For more information, please visit [www.nchc.com](http://www.nchc.com).

## Financial Advisor Offers Wide Range of Services

Financial Advisor Linda Millstone of the Financial West Group has recently joined the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. Millstone has more than 30 years of corporate accounting experience and combines that knowledge with her expertise as a financial advisor, benefiting her clients in formulating the best plan for their situation and goals.

Millstone specializes in estate planning, retirement and college planning, and securitized 1,031 real estate exchanges. Millstone's corporate background is especially beneficial in working with business owners to establish or revise benefit packages benefiting both the business owners and their employees.

Linda Millstone can be reached at 218-6990.

## Awards Highlight WIB's Annual Meeting

At its annual meeting, the Workforce Investment Board of Ventura County (WIB) presented awards to local individuals and organizations making an impact in their communities by engaging in workforce development activities.

Award recipients included:

- Ventura County Community College District
- Community Memorial Hospital
- Seminis
- Women's Economic Ventures
- Financial Empowerment Initiative Committee.

"The awards were introduced this year as a way to promote and recognize collaboration in workforce development," said J. Thomas Van Berkem, chair of the WIB.



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## County Volunteers Sought For United Way's Day of Caring

The United Way's Day of Caring will take place throughout Ventura County on Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. This event brings together volunteers from across the county to provide assistance to non-profit organizations through a variety of tasks. Day of Caring is an event where individuals can volunteer for a day even if they lack the time to make a commitment on a more permanent basis. It is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to participate with worthy non-profit agencies.

Volunteers will perform useful services such as painting, gardening, organizing inventory, delivering meals to the homebound, spending time with senior citizens, general cleaning,

or anything else to help an agency run smoothly. Day of Caring presents opportunities for the public to participate in projects that directly enhance the well-being of citizens and the community. It is a great chance to give back to the community.

Participants can register for Day of Caring projects using United Way's new online Volunteer Network. Visit <http://www.volunteersolutions.org/ventura/volunteer/> throughout the coming weeks to view projects for Day of Caring.

Please contact Tyler Owens at 485-6288 ext. 229 or e-mail him at [intern@vcunitedway.org](mailto:intern@vcunitedway.org) for any questions regarding Day of Caring.

## Ehlert Publishing Group Acquires Powerboat Magazine From Local Firm

Ehlert Publishing Group, Inc., of Maple Grove, Minn., has acquired Powerboat Magazine, the world's leading performance boating publication. The announcement was made by Steve Hedlund, president of Ehlert, and Jerry Nordskog, owner and president of Nordskog Publishing, Inc., based in Ventura.

"We are proud to add Powerboat to our growing stable of boating media," said Hedlund. "Powerboat Magazine is the unquestioned leader in the high-performance category, and it is an outstanding complement to our other titles in the boating market, which include Trailer Boats, Bass & Walleye Boats, WaterCraft World and Boating

Industry."

Boasting some of the marine industry's finest photography and writing, the magazine has been led in recent years by owner and Publisher Jerry Nordskog and Associate Publisher Vicki Newton. "Joining forces with Ehlert further strengthens the magazine," said Newton.

With the Ehlert acquisition, Powerboat will be brought under the umbrella of the Ehlert Boating Group, which is led by Group Publisher Wiley Poole. Ehlert is a subsidiary of the Ventura-based Affinity Group, Inc., the largest media, marketing and retail company serving the recreational vehicle (RV) marketplace.

## Business Briefs

### Business Times Owner Receives Honor From SBA

Assembly member Pedro Nava honored Henry Dubroff, owner of Pacific Coast Business Times, at a "Salute to Small Business" Awards Luncheon sponsored by the California Small Business Association.

Dubroff was selected by Assembly member Nava for the contributions that he and his paper have made to the local business community.

"Mr. Dubroff is a leading force in the business community; both by setting



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an exemplary standard for local businesses and by helping the community keep informed through his publication. I am honored to recognize his accom-

plishments at this prestigious event," said Assembly member Nava.

Dubroff is editor, chairman and founder of the Pacific Coast Business Times. He founded the weekly business journal serving Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties in October 1999. He owns a majority interest in the company and manages the newspaper's content, community relations and corporate finances.

### CMH Opens Urgent Care Center in Camarillo

Community Memorial Hospital has opened its fourth Urgent Care Center, in Camarillo at 422-B Arneill Road, in the Daily Plaza. The center is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. The telephone number is

383-4520.

The new Camarillo Urgent Care Center is equipped with the latest medical equipment, including a state-of-the-art X-ray unit, and is staffed by board-certified physicians who are ready to treat a variety of minor emergencies, including broken bones, cuts, sprains, colds and flu.

The Urgent Care Center is located in CMH's Camarillo Center of Family Health office providing full-service medical care, including family practice, pediatrics, and obstetric services complete with ultrasound, nutritional education, and psycho-social counseling. The center accepts all insurance plans as well as Medicare, Medi-Cal and private pay.

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## Business MarketPlace

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and services and the show is being marketed to the buying public.

The Business MarketPlace will be open to the public from 2 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 at Seaside Park. All exhibitors will set up their booth the day before, Wednesday, Sept. 21, beginning at 10 a.m. with only the food exhibitors permitted to set up on the 22nd.

This year, the San Miguel Building will house the MarketPlace, maximizing exhibitor exposure and consumer traffic. Seaside Park is our event sponsor and Buena Ventura Medical Group, Inc. is our luncheon sponsor. We thank all of our sponsors who help make this event possible: Anchor Printing & Graphics Co.; City of Ventura; California Strawberry Festival; Discovery Maps; Harrison Industries; Help Unlimited; Hilford Moving and Storage; Mid-State Bank & Trust; Pyne, Waltrip, Decker & McCoy LLP; Sign-A-Rama; Signs of Distinction; Southern California Edison; Ventura Towne-House; West Coast Environment and Engineering. There will be 8,000

admission tickets distributed throughout the Ventura region and used to promote the show. To date, our media sponsors include: Gold Coast Broadcasting, Pacific Coast Business Times, Ventura County Star, VC Reporter, Discover – Ventura County, and Yellow Book – guaranteeing this event will be a success.

Make your luncheon and booth reservations NOW. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business. For more information on how to be a sponsor or to reserve your booth call Jean Swift, Marketing/Events Director, Ventura Chamber of Commerce at 676-7500.

## Web Marketing

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interested parties and online event registrations.

There are a limited number of available premium marketing positions within the new site. If you are interested in promoting your company to our members and to our community, tourists, businesses and families relocating, please contact Jean Swift, Marketing/Events Director, Ventura Chamber of Commerce at (805) 676-7500 or by email at jean@ventura-chamber.org

## RLA

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immediately regarding the following "Job Killer" bills:

- **AB 1007 (Pavley) Air quality: alternative fuels.** This bill creates the potential for a significant fuel cost increase and requires the California Air Resources Board to develop and adopt a plan to transition away from petroleum-based products, abandoning the state's policy of fuel neutrality. As proposed to be amended, the bill would only require that specific agencies develop plans on how to increase the use of alternative fuels and decrease the state's dependency on petroleum.
- **SB 300 (Kuehl) Family and medical leave.** Opens California's leave law to potential abuse by removing controls that require that the employee actually provides the care, among other provisions.

- **SB 646 (Kuehl) Water discharge requirements: waivers.** Jeopardizes jobs and agriculture and timber industry revenues by imposing mandatory annual fees for water discharge waivers with no accountability requirements.

- **SB 840 (Kuehl) Single-payer health care coverage.** Imposes a government-run health system on all Californians.

Look up the location of the committee where the bills will be heard next and address your letters and direct your phone calls to those committee members and the bill's author. While the RLA Web site is off line for updating, the California Chamber Web site is an excellent resource for finding the location of the bills: [www.calchamber.com](http://www.calchamber.com). Look under the subheading 2005 Job Killers.

The RLA Web site will be updated to serve you soon, so list us under your "Favorites" – [www.legislativealliance.org](http://www.legislativealliance.org).

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## Business Briefs

### Eulau Chosen to Head CPA Organization



Michael Eulau

Michael Eulau, CPA, of Ventura has been elected president of the Channel Counties Chapter of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) for 2005-06. Eulau succeeds Joseph Lanza, CPA, of Goleta.

The CalCPA Channel Counties Chapter specializes in a broad range of services from business consulting and personal financial planning to tax and estate planning.

Eulau is principal of Eulau Accountancy Corp. in Ventura. He provides income tax preparation and planning, business valuation, litigation services, financial planning and financial statement audits. Eulau is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Ventura Chamber of Commerce.

### Help Unlimited Offering Home Health Care for 30 Years

Help Unlimited is celebrating 30 years in business, providing quality, in-home care in Ventura since its founding in 1975 by Jack and Gayle Bertsch. Services include 24-hour live-in care, personal care attendants, home health aides, nurses and physical therapists.

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staff shares our commitment of adding quality to every life we touch."

For more information or to make arrangements for home care, please contact Help Unlimited at 654-6990.



Trek Bicycles of Ventura, not only sells the bikes that famed bicyclist Lance Armstrong and his teammates race on, but also has bikes for recreational, commuter, and family needs.

### Trek Bicycles of Ventura Offers Wide Range of products

A new member of the local cycling community celebrated its grand opening in June. Trek Bicycles of Ventura, the new 7000-square-foot bicycle showroom at 4060 E. Main Street (behind Bed, Bath & Beyond), not only sells the bikes that famed bicyclist Lance Armstrong and his teammates race on, but also has bikes for recreational, commuter, and family needs.

This focus on cyclists of all interest levels and abilities is what sets them apart from other local bike shops, say owners Mike and Joe Geiger. "We pride ourselves on giving the same level of service to a pro-level racer that we give to the family of four looking for some weekend recreation," Mike said.

For cyclists of all abilities, Trek Bicycles of Ventura offers special services for most riders. All cyclists will benefit from their computerized bicycle fitting service. With just 5 minutes and a few measurements, the sales staff will provide a

correctly sized bike and one that is properly adjusted to your body and size.

### Visitors Bureau Names New Director of Sales

Kathleen Fitzgerald has been named Director of Sales for the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau.

"I understand and love Ventura and its surrounding areas - both the attributes and the challenges. I'm looking forward to helping take the Bureau and the town to the next level," she said

Fitzgerald can be reached at 648-2075.

### Local Marketing Firm Develops Branding for Greengiftworks.com

Barbara Brown Marketing & Design (BBM&D), a Ventura-based strategic branding print and Web development firm, has been selected to develop the brand identity for Greengiftworks.com, the recycled product Web mall. Greengiftworks.com, is an online marketplace for companies who produce high-quality products from recycled materials.

"Greengiftworks.com is an entirely new concept in presenting recycled materials to the consumer. The products range from elegant bijoux hearts created from old jars and glass bottles to products made from recycled plastics," said Barbara Brown, president of BBM&D. "These products are beautiful, useful and environmentally focused."

### Firm Specializes in Mortgage and Real Estate Services

Legacy Financial & Realty Services, Inc. in Ventura is an independent mortgage firm offering comprehensive mortgage, tax and real estate services. Diana Castro and Julio Gomez are co-owners of the firm with Castro as the broker

overseeing the mortgage financing and tax planning division while Gomez manages the real estate division.

The 10 employees and licensed agents work hard to accomplish the mission of Legacy Financial & Realty Services — to create, build and grow a company that will positively impact both clients and those who serve them.

Castro has been involved in the financial services sector since 1990. She places an extremely high value on close working relationships with her clients.

Legacy Financial & Realty Services, Inc. is located at 1746 S. Victoria Ave. Ste. 250 in Ventura. Phone: 650-1052



FOOD Share board chairman Bob Mucica presented a check for \$354,000 to Donna Kinglsey of City National Bank, to completely pay off the mortgage for the 13,000-square-foot facility used for expanded food storage and processing and offices.

### FOOD Share Pays Off Mortgage

FOOD Share, the food bank serving Ventura County, reached a major milestone in its ongoing capital expansion campaign. In front of FOOD Share's new building, Board Chairman Bob Mucica presented a check for \$354,000 to Donna Kinglsey of City National Bank, to completely pay off the mortgage for the 13,000-square-foot facility used for expanded food storage and processing and offices.

The final payment to City National Bank was made possible by the recent receipt of \$400,000 from the Amgen foundation, completing their pledge of \$500,000 toward FOOD Share's "Feed Our Future" capital campaign.

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## ✂️ RIBBON CUTTINGS



**Tender Life Maternity Home Expands Facilities –**  
Wielding a gigantic pair of wooden scissors, Ventura Mayor Brian Brennan cut the ribbon at the newly remodeled Tender Life Maternity Home. Council member Christy Weir, the press and many Chamber Ambassadors came to tour the facility at 871 E. Thompson Blvd where a \$175,000 expansion project was recently completed.

Tender Life provides food, shelter, counseling, parenting classes and career and school guidance for young women who find themselves pregnant, homeless and abandoned.

According to Father O'Brien, "Tender Life provides a much-needed safety net." More than 800 and women have successfully graduated from Tender Life Maternity and Transition Homes. The first baby born in the program recently graduated from Cal State Northridge.



**Dream Dinners Offers Solution For Busy Families –**  
Following the success of the Camarillo Dream Dinners store, owner Erin Smith has opened a second franchise location at 1413 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite B in Ventura.

Dream Dinners functions on a simple premise: customers preview a monthly menu online at dreamdinners.com and select 12 dinners. Customers register to attend a meal assembly session at a Dream Dinners location; rotate among refrigerated recipe stations, scooping freshly cut and prepped uncooked ingredients into the provided baking pans or zip-top freezer bags. They take the uncooked dinners home and place them in the freezer.

The whole process takes two hours and costs about \$220, (Average \$19 per entree) or \$ 3.75 per serving. The result: 12 healthy, homemade dinners – containing four to six servings – that anyone can quickly remove from the freezer, thaw, and pop into the oven.

## ✂️ RIBBON CUTTINGS

The new tasting room, retail shop and lounge offers wines by the flight – just a taste – and by the bottle. The friendly, knowledgeable staff will help with the selection of wines.

Proprietors Seana and Steve Weaver's exceptional wine list includes Regusci, Coppola, Longoria, Curran, Palmira, Domaines Ott, & Felsina.

"By offering a variety of wines the customer has options of regions, price points and styles to fit their taste and budget," Steve Weaver said. Wines are merchandised with style information and notes that tell the story of the wines and food pairing suggestions. "Plus, we are able to offer wines that are made in small lots, highly allocated, and hard to find," he added.

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as stochastic printing or FM screening, is an application for everyday use.

Ed Jannone, PrePress Manager at Jano Graphics, said, "HD-Offset yields deeper reds, brighter blues, and vibrant yellows, free of banding or moirés. The remarkable resolution provided by HD-Offset enhances textures and increases tonal range without image alteration. Color builds or blends are screen-free and smooth. Logos and graphic elements appear as crisp vector images."

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## Affordable Housing

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While a few local organizations have focused their energy on finding solutions to the housing issue, our local leaders have been slow to follow. While they may talk about the importance of providing workforce housing and promoting smart growth, the talk is not supported by action. We are facing a situation where members of our police and fire departments, teachers and other professionals cannot even buy a home in their own community. They are forced to commute or leave the area, causing us to lose some of our brightest and most energetic citizens.

Potential solutions that have been offered include supporting housing projects that encompass a range of uses and income levels. These types of projects reflect a smart growth strategy that creates high-density, pedestrian-friendly areas that can accommodate both commercial use and housing. Reg-

ulations that require developers to include affordable housing in new developments and provide flexible building codes for the renovation of older areas are also ideas that have been proposed to improve the housing crisis.

These are good ideas but only if they are actually implemented. Our local housing problem is a long way from being resolved. Months and years of further inaction will only allow the situation to get worse. It is going to take all of us, business, government and local citizens, working together to create solutions for the housing shortage we face. If we don't make an effort now, the negative implications for the quality of life we enjoy in Ventura County are serious and far reaching.

**The Political Action Committee will hold a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, Sept. 7. This will be a great opportunity for members of the community to ask City Council candidates how they plan to solve Ventura's housing crisis.**

## Membership Matters



Stephanie Becerra,  
Vice Chair Membership

Are you an introvert or an extrovert? Even though that's a rhetorical question, you have the chance to test the waters with your networking skills all summer long with the Ventura Chamber of Commerce.

Our upcoming Business After Hours on August 25th at the Black Angus and the Mega Mixer at the Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks will set the stage for the networking events of the quarter. And then of course, if you want more, there is always the Connection Breakfast on the first Friday of every month held at the Pierpont Inn.

Whatever your personality, get out there and get your business known to the multitudes with the opportunities provided by the chamber.

If you really want to wet your networking whistle, how about

checking out the Ambassador meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 am in the chamber board room. Yes, it's early but it will start your day with plenty of enthusiasm and put a definite smile on your face. Ambassadors, frequently referred to as the heart of the chamber, get together for their monthly meeting, ribbon cuttings, which welcome new businesses in Ventura to the business community. We have even started an ambassador luncheon, descending on a member restaurant for fun and frolic, a show of support for our members and most importantly another networking opportunity. This is great for business all around and many wonderful friendships are found as well.

So whatever your personality, the chamber has the right setting for you.

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Eulau Accountancy Corp. ....	34	Buenaventura Clinic Pharmacy .....	04
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Hubbard & Gruber, CPA's .....	23	Aegis Assisted Living .....	04
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Executive Committee 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office	4	5 Business Connection Breakfast 7:15 a.m. – The Pierpont Inn
8	9 Gov. Review Committee 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office	10 Ambassador Meeting 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office	11 Leadership Ventura Advisory 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office	12 Economic Dev. Comm. 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office Political Action Comm. 8:30 a.m. – Chamber Office
15	16 ← Web Advertising Campaign →	17 Board of Directors 4:00 p.m. – Chamber Office	18 MarketPlace Exhibit Workshop 4:00 p.m. – Chamber Office	19
22	23 Ventura Commerce & Education Foundation 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office	24 Leadership Ventura	25 Workers' Comp Task Force 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office <b>Business After Hours – Black Angus</b> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	26
29	30 Mega Mixer – Gardens of the World 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – 2001 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks	31		

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5 Labor Day Holiday Chamber Office Closed	6	7 Executive Committee 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office PAC Forum	8 Leadership Ventura Advisory 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office <b>Business After Hours</b> Santa Barbara Bank & Trust 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. 250 S. Mills Road	9 Business Connection Breakfast 7:15 a.m. – The Pierpont Inn Economic Dev. Comm. 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office
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26	27 Ventura Commerce & Education Foundation 7:30 a.m. – Chamber Office	28 Leadership Ventura	29	30

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