



# VENTURA BREEZE

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## Recall effort against Mayor Bill Fulton fails one more time

A recall effort against Ventura's Mayor Bill Fulton has passed the deadline to make the November ballot.

The recall effort, spearheaded by Ventura resident Maili Brocke has had many problems with deadlines and required signatures.

Signatures from 9,500 valid registered voters are required to qualify the recall. This requires around 11,000 signatures to be gathered because many are disqualified.

Ventura City Clerk Mabi Plisky stated that "All signatures had to be turned by June 10 to safely get a recall vote on the Nov. 2 ballot." This has not been done.

If signatures are submitted now it would require a special election next year, which could cost as much as \$250,000.

Fulton is a 2-term council member and because he will be up for re-election next year voters could show their displeasure with him by not returning him to the city council at that time if this is what they wanted.



Parking attendant Sheba, who lives in Encino, passes out parking tickets to the many folks visiting the Harbor father's day weekend

## After a dry run weekend on June 19 and 20 paid parking has started at the Ventura Harbor

Parking attendant Sheba told us "Most of the people have been very courteous and understanding and told me that they thought that the Harbor needed this type of parking control. A few have been jerks but I have been very polite to all of them and I'm sure that they will be visiting with us again."

Ventura Port District Harbor Master Scott Miller had these observations re-



Fire Station 4 to be closed but not forgotten - it will not be uncommon for the department to use the station during the daytime

## Fire Station 4 to close today

by Rebecca Wicks

The day Venturans - especially east Venturans - have dreaded since City Manager Rick Cole presented his FY10-11 budget recommendations will shortly become a reality. Last week the Ventura City Council approved \$7 million in cuts which include the elimination of 42 jobs including police and fire positions as well as the closing of Fire Station 4. The fire station located on Telephone Road near Montgomery Street will close today, Jun. 30.

"What have [we] come to when we think it's acceptable to close down a fire station?" said Ventura resident Rebecca Lynn Martin who believes the city needs each and every fire station as it is.

City officials have made it clear the move is in-step with the city's seemingly adopted mantra to "live within our means."

An effort mounted by firefighters to pay contract concessions in an attempt to make up the \$1.2 million to keep the fire station open was shot down at the meeting. Councilmember Neal Andrews described "the Council cannot cede the

right and the obligation to make the financial decisions to balance the budget."

In a last-ditch effort Councilmember Jim Monahan made the proposal to use \$3.6 million of the City's reserve funds to keep the station open. The proposal was denied 5-1.

"No one is going to be happy with this budget tonight," said Mayor Bill Fulton who felt city residents have mandated repeatedly the city live within its budget.

The area covered by Fire Station 4 will be distributed between the adjacent Fire Stations 3, 5 and 6. Many are concerned about the fire department's ability to adequately cover the city's needs.

"Will response time on the east side of Ventura increase - yes," said a city firefighter who asked not to be named. "I just pray those extra minutes won't be at the cost of someone's life."

The goal of the fire service is to arrive at any emergency in less than five minutes. The national standard is to meet that goal 90 percent of the time. Some estimate the city's current response time

to be well below this goal.

"We are very disappointed to be having to make this reduction," said Fire Chief Kevin Rennie who has tried to remain optimistic. "We're hoping to be able to reopen the station as soon as the council feels comfortable doing so."

A number of east side residents are more than worried such as Monica Loes Farlow who likens closing the fire station to "shutting the doors on people's rights to a safe community."

"I was very sorry to hear that the station will be closed after all," said Stacey Trone on a message board thread. "I believe it is not a good choice [for the city]."

Still others are worried about a known-vacant building in their immediate neighborhood.

Rennie explained the fire station will still be maintained by the department.

"We will continue to use the station for training and as part of our coverage strategy," said Rennie who noted while no one will be sleeping there; it will not be uncommon for the department to use the station during the daytime.

All nine firefighters assigned to Fire Station 4 will be transferred to other stations in the city.

Fire Station 4 which has been in operation for approximately 60 years answers the least amount of calls - approximately 1,400 - per year which averages to approximately four calls per day. According to Rennie because it serves a primarily residential neighborhood it is the best station to eliminate when considering response times.

In addition to the fire station closure and the cutting of 42 jobs, two senior centers will be consolidated. The city's park maintenance budget also suffered in this round of cuts being sliced again.

"No one wants to live with the reduced levels of service to the community indefinitely," said Cole. "But in the face of continuing bleak global and national economic news, we have to adapt to the new normal."

garding the first paid weekend. "We have been counting cars in the employee parking lot and on the street and comparing them with the spaces in the "convenient parking area".

"On Saturday about 2pm there were 100 cars on Spinnaker and 40 cars in the employee parking area. We had 80 spaces available. 60 cars would have been driving around looking for a place to park. Nothing special about that day."

"On Father's Day about 2pm 156 cars parked on Spinnaker in legal parking spaces. 64 cars parked on Spinnaker that will be marked "No Parking" for safety reasons....on curves and along settling ponds fence in the future. 53 cars in employee parking. 77 spaces available."

"I walked the Village for 2 hours on Father's Day and spoke to about 20 groups. Essence of the typical message: I have been coming here for years on a

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Fun and networking were the order of the evening at the Business Expo and Auction sponsored by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. The event, held at the 4 Point Sheraton Hotel, on Thursday, June 25 attracted business folks from all over the area. The evening was spent meeting and greeting old friends, making new friends, exchanging business cards, eating and drinking and deciding what auction items to bid on.

At the end of the evening, there was a live auction that had everyone trying to outbid each other for some sensational prizes and everyone was hoping to win one of the great giveaways. All money raised goes to help pay the Chamber of Commerce's operating expenses.

Enjoying themselves at the event were Ventura Chamber CEO & President Sandra Walker and Ventura City Council Member Mike Tracy.





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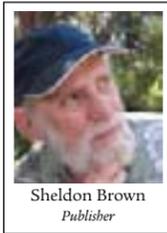
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## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown  
Publisher

The Camarillo City Council is deciding if Camarillo should remove itself from the Ventura County Library system because they feel that they could run a more efficient system.

Camarillo Mayor Kevin Kildee stated "We are already asked to pay a big chunk of the money to keep the system solvent and we are questioning that."

Perhaps this would be a good time for our city council to consider doing this also. At least they should keep a close eye on Camarillo for future consideration.

The weekend of June 19 was a wonderful time to enjoy all of the exciting things that are happening in our wonderful town.

On Friday night the WAV presented an evening of wonderful music. There will be concerts of all sorts going on there weekly. If you haven't been there check it out on First Fridays.

Saturday was the Cash Festival at the fairgrounds and the first Annual Beer Festival at San Buenaventura State Park and Sunday started the summer music concerts at the Harbor.

So get out more and enjoy what Ventura has to offer.

On July 4 a portion of the new County Museum will be open for visitors as part of celebrating the holiday; so you should go check it out also.

Per our newly approved Ventura budget Fire Station 4 has been shut as an active fire station. There will be occasional

activities at the station during the day but it will not be in service as a station

So when you drive by there in the evening wave and let the station know that we are thinking about it and look forward to the day when there will be money available to make it an important part of our safety network once again. The other day a homeless person came up to me



The captive tree on Seaward at Thompson has been a subject of interest to locals for quite some time now. Unfortunately, the story came to a sad conclusion when the tree was removed to facilitate the new Fresh and Easy.

The tree is finally free, rustling in the breezy afterlife with its leafy ancestors.

Long live the tree.

and asked me if I could give him some change so that he could "buy a beer".

Now it's hard to find that kind of honesty these days.

The recall movement against Mayor

Bill Fulton has been dropped because of the timing of the submission (The recallers just never quite got the rules figured out).

He will be up for re-election next year so if he decides to run again and if some folks are still unhappy with his performance this would be the appropriate time to show this by not voting for him.

I am okay with, unless someone in office has done something extremely serious I don't feel that the recall process is warranted (and is certainly not in his case).

The following is a portion of my opinion from several months ago.

"When we started the Breeze we made the decision that we would be a family newspaper and it was important that the paper could be taken home to families with small kids."

I went on to say "We have been deciding what to do about medical marijuana ads and have concluded that we will run them. This is based upon the following:

Medical marijuana is a legal medicine and helps many sick people feel much better than any other medication that is available.

The ads must be very professionally done and not seen to promote the recreational use of marijuana."

An article in this issue explains that some (if not all) of these medical marijuana dispensaries might be actually operating illegally so we have pulled all such ads from the Breeze until such time that their legality has been determined.

We do have an ad for a firm that does evaluation for potential users of medical marijuana but they are not a dispensary.

## Mailbox

age. The Ventura BREEZE is truly a breath of fresh air.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert L. "Bobby" Holmes

Bobby:

*Of course I meant what you pointed out, just making sure that our readers are paying attention.*

*Relay for Life was great and raised almost \$220,000 thanks to caring folks like yourself.*  
Sheldon

Sheldon:

Your proof reader failed to catch real blunders with your "OPINION/EDITORIAL" piece on Page 3 of the May 19 - 1 June 2010 issue of the VENTURA BREEZE, one of my very FAVORITE papers. Specifically, you were taking exception to the Ventura County Star's editorial piece on the children's area on the second floor of the Foster Library. In column 3 of your offering, 4th paragraph, you referred to the "kid's area at 'Foster Park' ...should have said Wright Library. In the next paragraph the Wright Library became the "(ex) Foster Library".

Continuing in column 3, you thoroughly confused the identity of buildings in the currently unoccupied north end of the Pacific View complex. You did do a nice job of identifying the ugly "BUS TO HOME" sculpture as "(bus accident)", although your treatment of abortion was far gentler than my string of expletives in describing it! However, you swapped identities of the long-abandoned "Circuit City" store at the far south of the

complex with the also long-abandoned "Barker Brothers" furniture store at the north end across from the bus terminal. Incidentally, a visit to the city's Design Review Committee's website might calibrate your understanding of what's going on in the north end of the Macerich operation. Try this: [http://www.cityofventura.net/public\\_meetings/DesignReviewCommittee](http://www.cityofventura.net/public_meetings/DesignReviewCommittee)

Drill down to 13 January 2010, Item 6 on the Agenda, Case Number ARB-3088 and bring up the huge PDF with all the goodies. For months, the Design Review Committee has been frustrating Macerich over such as facade details for the project. Dig through the exhibits and you'll see that the Barker Brothers Mausoleum is to morph into a health club, gym, or whatever we don't need more of! Nice venue for a Trader Joe's when they loose parking spaces to Walmart down off of Victoria!

So much for the north end of the mall. I'm thinking maybe your clear thinking may have been blurred by what you had to say about the Bill Fulton recall effort in your opening item. I don't happen to agree with your assessment regarding Fulton being nothing more than one vote out of seven. The recall effort started back when Fulton was Deputy Mayor. Incidentally, the 9,500 signatures must be valid signatures. Because

the last countywide election had only about 75% valid signatures, it's reasonable to need 25% more than the 9,500 figure.

Hank Morris

Hank:

*You and Bobby are good; maybe I should hire you guys to be our proof readers. I will have to discuss with Scamp.*

*Barker Brothers must have been before we moved here and rumors about Trader Joes are still with us. My wife would like it if they moved there.*

Sheldon

Breeze;

Tony Genovese's letter regarding Cemetery Park failed to address the issues that such letters usually fail to address.

First: Who's going to pay for the restoration? Saint Mary's fell into disrepair because nobody (the church, the city, the county nor the state) wanted to pay for its maintenance. What's changed?

Second: why take a popular space from the living and give it back to the dead? They aren't paying the taxes that support it.

The toothpaste's out of the tube, gang. Deal with it.

Alfred J. Lewis

Ventura

A man is about as happy as he makes up his mind to be.

—Abraham Lincoln

Dear Sheldon,

In your Op/Ed page 3 of May19-Jun01, 2010, didn't you mean "kid's area was at 'Wright Library' (instead of 'Foster Park')?"

Also, "book drop at (ex) Wright Library if more convenient." rather than '(ex) Foster Library'?

Enjoyed walking and chatting with you @ Buena HS during Relay for Life!

Keep up your great LOCAL cover-



## City News

### Grand Jury finds no fault in decision to close Wright Library

by Rebecca Wicks

Persistent and optimistic citizens' hopes were dashed earlier this month when a Ventura County Grand Jury found officials acted accordingly in their decision to close H.P. Wright Library.

Based on public complaints registered and media articles, the Grand Jury chose to investigate the Ventura County Library System.

According to the Grand Jury's final 13-page report "there is no evidence of improper actions on the part of the City or the VCLS with respect to the closure of the Wright Library."

The report filed by the group endorsed and seemed compassionate toward the library group stating, "In spite of the financial hardships that have beset the VCLS, the Library Director and the Library Services Commission have been able to maintain a consistent level of service."

Reaction to the Grand Jury's decision has been mixed.

"I'm of course bummed about the closure, but maybe now we can focus on other city issues," said Mary Ramirez of Ventura. "I'll be honest; I'm more worried about the closing of fire stations at this point."

Others are looking critically at methodology used by the Grand Jury which included the review of briefing documents from Library Director Jackie Griffin and various staff members, other operation information as well as "numerous articles

and information on the Internet."

"I thought the investigation sounded quite lazy," said Marlene Chavez of Ventura who was disappointed to learn the Grand Jury did not hear directly from any of the library support groups. "They surfed the Internet and looked at documents supplied by library leaders? That's doesn't seem very thorough or complete to me."

The report outlines the monetary toils of the library system which has "been experiencing financial difficulties for some time." According to the report, the VCLS has been operating in deficit spending mode for the past five years.

The Wright Library closed its doors on Nov. 30, 2009. In Jan. 2009, the recommendation was made by the library director to close the Wright while keeping E.P. Foster Library open. The Wright remained open for months after funding was cut through the support of local citizen group fundraising efforts which collected upwards of \$100,000.

City officials placed a half-cent tax measure on the ballot last year in an attempt to raise monies to keep the library open. After the measure was defeated and charity monies had run dry, the City Council made the final decision to close the library.

Some staffing and most of the materials from the library have been since moved to E.P. Foster Library on Main Street in downtown.

### Council consents to pay half to maintain parks

by Rebecca Wicks

Earlier this month the Ventura City Council made a compromise to split the cost of maintaining some of the parks, a recreational field, and a barranca area all part of the new east side development dubbed the Parklands.

The agreement was part of more than a dozen issues the City and developer Westwood Communities Corporation have come to agreement on since the beginning of the year. As a concession for sharing the cost of maintenance, the developer will pay for the augmenting of radio communications in the area which will cost the company approximately \$200,000. Radio quality has been described as poor and sketchy by fire and police attempting to communicate with dispatchers.

The price of splitting maintenance costs with the developer will be roughly \$30,000 a year according to city officials.

As part of the deal the developer will also be able pay \$3 million in housing impact fees at the time of escrow of homes instead of paying the monies upfront when building permits are taken out.

Some residents were on-hand to contest the city adding more parkland responsibility to its already dwindling park maintenance budget and services.

"Park maintenance was cut in the last round of budget slashes, and from what I understand further trimming of that budget may take place in the next round," said Mary Thrasher a Ventura resident. "And yet we take on more land to maintain?"

Others have pointed out it will make some, specifically those who will live in the Parklands development pay twice for the maintenance of those parks which seems unjust.

Councilman Neal Andrews called the compromise an "eminently reasonable agreement."

The Parklands project has been in the planning stages for close to a decade and supporters of the project are often quick to mention the city will likely benefit to the tune of multiple millions of dollars in fees. In addition, the developer will be investing approximately \$17 million to improve the area which includes restoring a barranca which will ultimately help with flooding is-

sues the area currently suffers from.

The more than 60-acre planned community is located near Highway 126 and the southwest corner of Wells and Telegraph Roads. The area is currently a flower farm.

The project includes 499 residential units and commercial space. Housing will include single family homes, duplexes, triplexes, row houses and apartments.

There are no affordable homes for purchase in the project. The developer has argued the project began before the city established mandated affordable living statutes for new developments. As conciliation the developer agreed to ensure Parklands apartments would stay affordable for 25 years. In the event the apartments are converted to condominiums, 44 will be priced at moderate and low-income levels.

#### Ventura Harbor parking

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regular basis. I was taken aback when I saw there was a charge. But now that I see that it includes two free hours and is \$6.00 maximum that seems reasonable."

"When I explained that the money was dedicated to lifeguard services, paying for restriping Spinnaker and the water taxi, 19 of 20 thought it was a good program."

Restaurant and shop owner feedback: No consensus. Some feel that it will hurt business; some feel that it will help business.

Employees: As a group, pretty much oppose it. They feel that they have a right to park close by. Many express safety concerns walking to a remote area at night.

Things did go smoothly for a very busy first time. There was some temporary back up as cars came into the lot, but the parking lane and bike lane meant other traffic could go by.

Same with cars parallel parking. It was prudent to stop as someone lined up to parallel park. But once they got to 45 degrees and were pulling into the space, it was safe to proceed.

Before instigating this program the Port District Board heard comments from several tenants in the Harbor and from a few people who live aboard boats. Comments varied. Some supported the program, others favored the program but expressed concern about the economy, and others felt that creating 140 on-street parking spaces would create unsafe conditions.

The Board recognized that creating a consensus on paid parking would be difficult and the program will be re-evaluated at the end of the summer.

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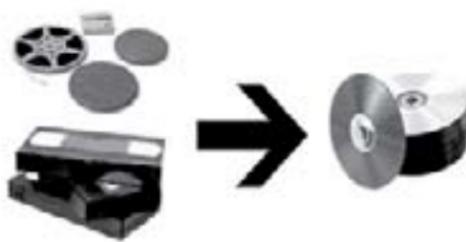
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# News and Notes



Jimmy Ray and Cindy Cantrell travel across the U.S. playing Johnny Cash tribute concerts. They were recently featured as part of the music lineup for the Johnny Cash Festival at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

## Johnny Cash Festival has local connection

by Tim Pompey

In his heyday, Johnny Cash was big. When it came to record sales, he was equal to Elvis in the '50s, the Beatles in the late '60s. He played for kings, queens, presidents, and evangelists. He also had some low times. Drug addiction, health problems, even an attempted suicide. Yet, he never stopped touring or recording. From 1955 to 2003. Forty-eight years of music. Maybe this explains why Johnny Cash tribute bands are so popular. The man cast a long shadow. Case in point - the recent Johnny Cash Festival at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

It seems appropriate that the Festival would stop in Ventura. In 1961, Johnny bought a house for his burgeoning family in Casitas Springs. The house is still there, tucked against the side of a mountain. While he lived there, Johnny's home life was quite chaotic. He rolled a tractor and had to be hospitalized. He took an RV into the Los Padres National Forest and accidentally started a forest fire. After he began his affair with June Carter, his wife Vivian filed for divorce at the County Courthouse in Ventura. He moved to Nashville. She stayed and remarried.

So, given the life and legend of Johnny Cash, it's no wonder people pay tribute. And, just like Elvis, there are hundreds of Cash imitators and tribute bands. In fact, walking the fairgrounds during the Festival, it seems a cottage industry has developed around Cash. What's surprising is that only a small part of it really has anything to do with Johnny. Music and photos, yes, but also vintage auto shows and motorcycle displays. Clothing of all

sorts, from rockabilly to punk. Even an Avon vendor.

Given how much time and detail goes into a tribute band, I asked Jimmy Ray, one of the featured performers, why he took on Cash's music and persona. "I was inspired by Johnny," he tells me. "I lived in Arkansas (Johnny's home state). I have the same stature and voice. Plus I'm finding that more and more people like to be taken back to the '50s. I do a lot of Sun City shows." What's so compelling about Johnny's music? "It deals with the plight of the grassroots American," he says.

I think maybe he's on to something. Gritty, straightforward, blue collar, Cash appeals to folks from 1955 through 2010. The ones milling around today - guys in cowboy hats, kids with pierced lips, greasers with sideburns, women in vintage '50s outfits, tattooed punkers - seem to reflect that image. I have no doubt, given his great sense of humor, Cash would enjoy this scene. "So that's why they think?" he'd say with a wry grin. "Well, at least they spelled my name right."

A Johnny Cash Festival is okay, but there's really only one Johnny. Fortunately, his music continues. Even though Cash died in 2003, albums like the recent "Ain't No Grave" are still being released.

The title fits. Johnny's even bigger than death. Those who do tributes are like grainy copies of a great photo. The real Johnny is so much better. It's good to know, even beyond the tomb, his rumbling voice just will not be silenced.

## Master plan for proposed Grant Park Gardens

The master plan for the new botanical garden in Grant Park will be unveiled at a public presentation on Thursday, July 1 from 5:30 to 8pm at the Seaview Hills Condominiums Community Room located at the summit of Tioga Drive directly adjacent to Grant Park, the future home of the Botanical Garden. There will be a walking tour of the site after the presentation. Please wear sensible shoes.

This master plan was one of the conditions imposed by the City Council before they would agree to a long-term lease of the park. The design by noted landscape architects Mia Lehrer + Associates, developed with input from community members at two previous public workshops, envisions a stunning botanical garden that embraces the unique qualities and climate of the 107-acre Grant Park site.



## Channel Islands - the good and bad

Because of corrosion on the support of a staircase that provides the only foot access to East Anacapa Island the access to the island has been closed indefinitely.

The staircase is only 20 years old and the closure comes at the worst time of the year as Island Packers prepares for their busy summer excursions to the islands.

There many other tours and sailings will still provide a wonderful island experience.

On a positive note the recovery program to save the island foxes has been so successful that they could be taken off of the endangered species list in the near future.

There were fewer than 100 foxes on the islands 10 years ago and there is now about 1,800 of them.



## I Would Like To Know

Breeze:

I have recently been seeing many-many hanging pole banners appearing in front of businesses all over Ventura. I personally think that they are very ugly and make Ventura look very cheap (see my photo).

What are the regulations that govern these banners?

Mary Wilson,  
Ventura

Mary:

These "banners" require a "PERMIT FOR DECORATIVE DEVICES/BANNERS" from the city planning department. The cost of the permit is \$51.00.

The basic conditions of this permit are the following:

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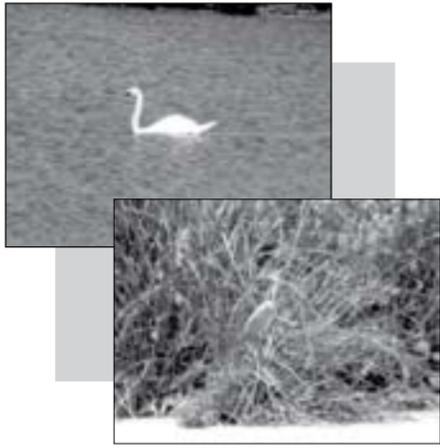
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## News and Notes



Many varieties of birds find shelter at the water retention ponds off Spinnaker Drive. Examples include a Mute Swan (top) and a Great Blue Heron (bottom).

### Local ponds provide havens for bird watchers

by Tim Pompey

This might come as a surprise, but parallel to the Ventura Harbor is a well-known hot spot for bird watchers. You know. The ones who tramp into the wild and hide out just to spot rare varieties of their winged friends. Cameras, binoculars, camouflage? Those folks.

The local chapter of The Audubon Society will not be happy when I reveal this. Nevertheless, it's true. The ponds adjacent to the Ventura wastewater treatment plant at the Ventura Harbor are a paradise for birds, some of them quite rare. And the birds attract some devout followers, affectionately known

as "birders."

Karen Waln, one of the City's Management Analysts for Environmental and Water Resources, is well aware of this. Occasionally, she likes to leaf through the visitor logins at the front desk. "They come from all over," she says. "Places like Wisconsin and England."

Ponds, you ask? *What ponds?* I told you they were secret. Three of them serve as water retention sites for wastewater that is treated and released into the Santa Clara River. Fenced off from the street and beach, hidden by shrubbery, they're lodged between the beach at Surfer's Knoll and Spinnaker Drive. Waln calls them the "Ventura Harbor Ecological Reserve." I'll just refer to them as the "ponds."

There's been much recent discussion about these ponds. In fact, their existence is a source of controversy. Some would like to have them removed. Some would like to see them expanded. Waln informs me that a huge decision about their fate is looming some time in 2011. "We've gathered a lot of feedback over the last several months," she says. "It's not certain what the final outcome will be."

If the ponds survive, the City's Public Art Program has a plan drawn up to develop several environmental art projects around the ponds. As proof, Denise Sindelar, the City's Public and Visual Art Supervisor, hands me a wire bound booklet entitled "Cinematic Frames & Progressions."

It's an impressive proposal. We're talking large scale projects to reconstruct and widen paths, build observation blinds, bridges, and benches, install public art, and establish an entryway between Angler and Spinnaker. "We'd like to utilize art," she says, "to educate

people about manmade ponds and water conservation issues."

Curious? The ponds are open to the public M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Waln says it's best to call ahead (677-4114). The City likes to know who's coming and going. If you request to visit weekends, the folks at the plant can keep the gates open. Kids are welcome, but no dogs. There's only one bench, so come prepared to walk and stand.

Now that the secret is out, perhaps it's time for you to see for yourself. In the next couple of years, these ponds may be kaput. Okay, so you may not be an avid birder, but lots of people enjoy a good walk. And once you spot your first great blue heron zooming around like a prehistoric 747, you'll be hooked. I call this the wild bird international airport of Ventura. The cost is free. All you have to do is come and enjoy the flights.



Artist singer Joy Burnworth appeared with her band *Extraordinaire* at the WAV Theater Gallery. Photos by Katrina Maksimuk- WAV artist

### Great entertainment at the WAV to continue

On the evening of Friday June 18 the WAV Theater Gallery held an evening of great music featuring singers, dancers and a fire dancer which included an introduction to the art of several WAV artists and a special performance by producer SAINT PIERE.

Continuing with their great evening music entertainment Davey Miller, the WAV's jazz drummer, invites world-class musicians on First Thursdays to give the audience an unforgettable experience. At downbeat 8pm, on July 1, from LA, you'll hear Larry Koonse on the guitar and Kevin Axt on bass. Special guest, Ira Nepus, from the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, promises to put us all in a "dark café in NYC" for the night, but really they'll be at The WAV Theater Gallery, 175 S. Ventura Ave., \$15 donation at the door - for more info: 290-2057. [www.wavartists.com](http://www.wavartists.com)



### Champions of Mental Health gala

Attending Turning Point Foundation's 4th Annual Gala honoring the "Champions of Mental Health" were Breeze writer, and member of the Tur-

ning Point Board of Directors Tim Pompey and his lovely wife Jayne.

The Gala was held at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach on June 13 and recognized the contribution made to mental health by the honorees.

The mission of Turning Point Foundation is to provide housing, rehabilitation, recovery and support services to help mentally ill adults overcome barriers and reach their highest potential as contributing members of the community.



### Party like it's 1899

Trying to look like desperadoes at the Olivas Adobe Cowboys & Heroes Rancho Jamboree, held on June 20 were Lillie Langtry (who has a close resemblance to Marie Lakin, Vice Chair of City of Ventura's Cultural Affairs Commission), the Frontier Gunfighters group and Judy Wade of Ventura.

The wonderful day included gunfighters, cowboy college, costumed interpreters, 40 rancho era workshops and music and dance performances and was especially enjoyed by the young ones who attended.

### Harrison to maintain trash collection schedule during the week of July 4th

Since the Fourth of July holiday falls on Sunday this year, Harrison Industries will maintain its regular trash collection schedule during the week of July 5-10.

For more information, call 647-1414.



Ventura Harbor restaurateur Lynn Mikelatos and Alex Stamakinye were recent guests on the Ventura Breeze portion of the Coach Ron Tunick radio show on Ventura County radio station 1400AMKKZZ.

They were there to speak about the wonderful Greek Festival that was held last weekend at the Camarillo Airport.



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## News and Notes



Captain Douglas Cooper stands next to the smiley face on the bow of the Toot Sea, the new water taxi service that will sail around the Ventura Harbor.

### New water taxi launches at harbor

by Tim Pompey

It's bright yellow and has a huge smiley face on its bow. It looks like something that might have come from an old King Features Syndicate cartoon. Is this boat skippered by Popeye the Sailor Man? No it's actually run by "Super Dooper Captain Coop," also known as Cooper, the captain of Ventura Boat Rentals ([www.venturaboatrentals.com](http://www.venturaboatrentals.com)) located on the harbor docks parallel to Coastal Cone. The boat's name? Given its description, would you expect anything less than cute? I think not. It's called "Toot Sea."

Toot Sea is the new water taxi service being launched as a joint partnership between the City of Ventura's Port District and Ventura Boat Rentals. It formerly sailed around the Oxnard Harbor, but was purchased by Cooper, hauled north, and given a thorough overhaul (including paint and decals). It couldn't be in better hands. You see, Cooper loves boats. You get the feeling he runs the business just to collect them.

The vessel is Coast Guard certified and carries nineteen passengers. When it launches, it will tootle around the harbor from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays, stopping at three different loading spots: Ventura Boat Rentals, the Ventura Boat Launching Ramp, and the Marina Park Fishing Dock. You can catch it on its normal rounds or call VBR and make arrangements for a pick up. It's two dollars per passenger per direction. On Friday and Saturday nights, Cooper will run a separate on-call service from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M.

The water taxi is an experiment in traffic management. "The main idea," says Cooper, "is to reduce parking and add a venue to the harbor." Those who go to the harbor on weekends understand what he's talking about. Just try to get a space in the harbor parking lot on Saturday afternoons. Though hugely successful as a location for family oriented fun, the harbor can be jammed to overflowing with cars. The Port District and business members from the Ventura Harbor Village would like to implement measures to reduce traffic. The water taxi could help.

If all goes as planned, the Port District's plan is twofold: reduce car traffic, increase foot traffic. Nineteen people in a boat is better than two people in a car. In addition, Jennifer Talt-Lundin, the Marketing Manager for the Ventura Port District, believes this will "allow for greater access for residents of the mobile home park, hotel guests, and the Pierpont and Keys communities."

As Cooper runs me around the harbor, I can see the benefit for local residents, tourists, or just tubbers like me

who love sailing around the harbor. It's a smooth ride and, if you love seeing boats and their majestic masts offset against picturesque mountains, the view is great.

Still, there's no doubt. The best part is the "oh look, how cute" factor. I can see kids begging their parents for a ride. I can see honeymooners clicking away with their expensive cameras. And, of course, give Cooper a boat and an audience and what more could you ask? Happy captain, happy passengers, happy harbor. No wonder the boat is smiling.



Gene Pitman, Bargain Box Chapter Chair, and Marty Forbes, an in-store volunteer, pose in front of a rack of clothes on sale at the Bargain Box, a thrift store operated by the nonprofit organization Assistance League Ventura County

### Downtown thrift stores thrive on discounts: Part I

by Tim Pompey

They're located in clusters, some in West Ventura, some in Midtown. On the surface some appear charitable. A few are strictly for profit. I'm referring, of course, to thrift shops, those discount stores that collect discarded and donated goods and turn them into greenbacks.

With a Goodwill Store due to open July 2 at the corner of Oak and Main, there has been much buzz lately for and against these businesses downtown. Concerns about donation collections and general appearances have led the City Council to implement changes in how thrift stores operate within city limits. New regulations regarding displays, maintenance, collections, and trash disposal have been put into place. Some will even set up perimeter surveillance to keep an eye on potential dumping. It's all part of the City's attempt to ensure that thrift stores appear as well-kept businesses and not trash sites.

Thrift stores fall under a wide umbrella. With the passage of new rules, the City has also updated the description of a thrift store as follows: "Any retail establishment primarily selling used goods that are donated or acquired for less than reasonable wholesale value of the goods."

If you read this carefully, it becomes clear that this might include charities, consignment shops, buy and trade stores, or businesses specializing in items like estate or storage locker sales. Ultimately, it appears the definition of what is or is not a thrift shop will be left up to the City. The wording certainly casts a wide net.

Goodwill Industries, a nonprofit organization specializing in vocational rehabilitation, is aware of the backlash that led to the new thrift store ordinance. Their arrival helped spur debate about additional thrifts in the downtown area. But Bryan Haneiwich, Director of Operations and Retail Ser-

VICES, is quick to distinguish Goodwill from other thrift operations. "We want people to think of thrift stores and then think of Goodwill," he says. "We want a very welcoming and inviting environment for our stores."

To this end, the owner of the building has invested about \$400,000 in renovation and upgrades, including restoration of the original Woolworth's entrance, the addition of air conditioning, and the installation of high quality flooring and visually appealing racks and wall shelving. In addition, the front display windows will be filled with art from the Artists Union Gallery.

Haneiwich is aware of the scrutiny placed upon Goodwill and feels his store is up to the challenge. "Come take a look at how we set up the store, how things are displayed," he states confidently. "We're absolutely committed to being a good neighbor in downtown Ventura."

Whatever changes continue to take place downtown, thrift stores will probably remain a way of life. The fact is, they make money. Whether for charitable purposes or profit, they are hubs for bargain hunters, parents looking for clothes, collectors hoping to steal a deal, and fashionistas who love second-hand clothing. On a typical Wednesday at the ARC store, the place was packed with shoppers. It was 3-for-1 Wednesday. Wall to wall store items combined with busy customers created energy. You could feel that sense of urgency to find a deal. Judging by the lines in front of the cashiers, many folks succeeded.

(To be continued)



### Barber Phil Marquez retires early at age 95

The City of Ventura declared June 5 as "Phil Marquez Day". After 62 years the Ventura barber retired from cutting hair and lending his ear to third and fourth generations of Venturans.

As part of Phil's retirement party his life and work was celebrated at the Bell Arts Factory with photos and other memorabilia from his barber shop with hundreds of friends in attendance to help him celebrate.

Part of the celebration was the showing of Sarah Kalvin's interview with Phil, made as part of her Fading Treasures of Ventura project.

Phil Marquez opened his barbershop, located at 12 Main St. in 1948 and soon became a Westside fixture. Now at 95 he has decided to hang up his scissors and enjoy his extended family. Most of whom he lives with or near off of the Avenue.

He will now have time to devote all of his "healing presence" to his wonderful family.



## Community Events



Nanci Cone, Breeze writer and senior editor will be a moderator for one of the educational programs to be held at the Book Festival

### The 5th Annual Ventura Book Festival at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

The 5th Annual Ventura Book Festival will be presented on July 17 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on the beach in Ventura from 10am-4pm. The Festival is produced by the California Literary Arts Society (CLAS) and is open to the public. Entrance to the exhibition is free and there is a nominal charge for the educational programs which will be held in rooms on either side of the exhibit hall.

"We are pleased with the high caliber of speakers joining us this year," states Kathleen Kaiser, Festival Coordinator. "The seminars and panel discussions will

cover a broad spectrum of subjects that are of interest to both the reading and writing communities."

For the first time, there will be a \$10 fee per session for the educational programs to help offset costs. Proceeds will benefit CLAS's annual youth writing programs, workshops, and literacy projects.

The following are programs being offered:

**Writing a Compelling Memoir.** Presenters are Art Hansl, Author and actor, and Diana M. Raab, Author, Poet and Literary Editor

**Establishing a Writing Reputation Through Local Media - Panel Discussion** Nanci Cone, Moderator. Editor and writer for The Ventura Breeze.

**Why You Aren't Being Published and What You Can Do About It.** Presenter: Shelly Lowenkopf.

**How is Poetry Changing in the 21st Century?** -Panel Discussion Cathryn Andresen, Moderator, Poet and host of the Poem Crafters Guild

**Navigating the Rough Waters of Today's Publishing World.** Presenter: Marcia Meiers, Award-winning journalist, author, poet, writing coach, and former director of the Santa Barbara Writers Conference.

**Marketing Your Book and Yourself** -Panel Discussion, Kathleen Kaiser, Moderator

**Putting Your Best Book Forward: Working with a Book Shepherd** - Presenter Ellen Reid, Book Shepherd and Editor

**New Trends in the Largest Selling Book Category: Romance** - Panel Discussion Mara Purl, Moderator, Author and CLAS board member.

**What it Takes to Get an Agent Today** - Panel Discussion, Kathleen Kaiser,

Moderator.

**Books Written by Children: A New Genre?** Presenters are: Mary Embree, Author, Editor, Executive Director of the California Literary Arts Society; and Dallas Woodburn, Author, Journalist and Founder of Write On! a nonprofit organization promoting youth writing programs.

**Turning Headlines into Books: How to Capitalize on Current Events** Presenters are: Dr. Jerry Burns and Dr. R.A. Richards II, Authors of *The Tiger Woods Syndrome: Why Men Prowl* and *How to Not Become the Prey*, and Eddie Kritzer, book promoter.

Since seating is limited, advance registration is highly advised. For more information, please contact Kathleen Kaiser, Book Festival Coordinator by calling 524-6970 or email at Kathleen@KathleenKaiser.com.

The 5th Annual Ventura Book Festival is looking for volunteers to help in a variety of positions for this year's festival.

Each year, many book lovers come out to assist on the day of the festival and in poster distribution prior to the event. Again this year, the California Literary Arts Society, event producer is asking for the public's support. As a nonprofit organization, the community's involvement is welcomed and appreciated.

Volunteer positions include: ticket takers, registration desk, door monitors, poster and flier distribution, assisting exhibitors, hosts, and more.

Anyone interested should contact Jan Schulman, Volunteer Coordinator by calling 382-9223 or at janrichgmr@aol.com.



A free public celebration for the opening of a portion of the new County Museum will be held on July 4

### July 4 weekend the new County Museum to open new Pavilion and Plaza

On July 4, the Museum of Ventura County will hold a free public celebration for the opening of their Martin V. and Martha K Smith Pavilion and new Front Plaza. The completion of the first part of their two-phased renovation at 100 E. Main St. also means that on Saturday, July 3, the museum will reopen at that address with a new exhibit, leaving their present temporary location on California Street.

The museum's renovations will include a new Plaza with a water feature and open columned entrance facing Main Street, the new state-of-the-art Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Event Pavilion, a renovated tour lobby, new bathrooms, and a new parking lot. The Pavilion will

be used for lectures, programs and a variety of events; it is capable of seating 200 for dinner, with the option to tent the front plaza for an additional 140 guests. The original museum building will be revitalized with reconfigured exhibit areas and the reopening of the Smith Gallery of George Stuart Historical Figures.

Phase two of the museum's renovation, which includes new galleries, an education center, expanded library, new Museum Store, expanded collections storage, and offices, will begin when the museum has secured funding at a level that ensures completion, according to Museum of Ventura County Executive Director Tim Schiffer and Board Chair John Orr.

Also on Sunday, July 11 at 3pm Peggy Foote Dark comes to the Museum of Ventura County's new event pavilion to sign the book "Fabulous Parties: Food and Flowers for Elegant Entertaining," which she wrote with florists Mark Held and Richard David of Mark's Garden. Dark grew up in Ventura in a family of devoted cooks, and following that tradition, eventually founded The Kitchen for Exploring Foods, one of Southern California's premier catering firms.,

Along with food tasting, the event includes Dark's discussion about the book.

Attendance is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for museum members. Call 653-0323 ext. 10 to make reservations.

Beginning July 6, admission to Museum of Ventura County is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17. MVC members and children under 6 are free. The museum is open 11:00 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, closed most Mondays. For more information go to [www.venturamuseum.org](http://www.venturamuseum.org) or call 653-0323.

### Yo-Ho... Pirates invade Ventura Haaarrhbor!!

Avast Ye Mateys! Pirates invade Ventura Harbor Village on Saturday & Sunday, July 17 & 18 from

1-4pm for the 5th Annual Pirate Days featuring professional pirate live-action shows, pirate-themed activities and visitor participation. Newly added Pre-Pirate Days activities inspired by swash-buckling pirates on Friday, July 16 include Kid's Pirate Boot Camp and Adult Pirate Pub Crawl.

Ventura Harbor Pirate Days offers family entertainment and the chance to meet famous pirates such as Captain Jack Sparrow (look-a-like), Captain Hook (look-a-like), Davy Jones (look-a-like) and Elizabeth Swan (look-a-like). Participate in the popular Children's Treasure Hunt (\$2 ages 1-12) where "X" marks the spot of the hidden Treasure Room. Join in the pirating festivities by dressing the part and entering in the Pirate Costume Contests daily for a chance to win tickets to Disneyland. Separate costume contests held for children 7 years old & younger, 8-15 years old & adults 16 and up (2:30 pm for children, 3:30pm adults daily). Pets in the pirate spirit has led to the newly added Pet Pirate Costume Contest on Saturday only, July 17 at 3pm.

Visit the Pirate's Cove on the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn, where one can barter and buy pirate gear and costumes, get a henna tattoo, ride Pirate's Ponies, enjoy pirate-themed inflatables, take photos with exotic birds and have faces painted with the markings of a pirate. Adult pirates will be delighted with



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live belly dancers on the stairs outside of The Greek at the Harbor. Live pirate action shows, featuring Pirate Magicians, a Talk Like a Pirate Show and various Sword Fighting shows on two stages at Ventura Harbor.

Win \$100 in Gold Dollar Coins each day, by making a purchase of \$20 at Ventura Harbor Village specialty shops for pirate merchandise such as pirate hats, swords, gifts, flags, & gear. Pirate Bucks handed out to redeem for a chance at a prize basket.

This year, start off your pirate adventure early with new Pre-Pirate Days Festivities. Children ages 7-12 years old get on board, gather ye' mateys and learn to be a pirate at the NEW Kid's Pirate Boot Camp, Friday, July 16 from 2-4pm at the Ventura Harbor Village! The cost is \$25 and includes free pirate gear, buried treasure, singing sea shanties and exploring pirate history while having lots of fun! Adults, 21 years and older, join Pirates For Hire for a Pre-Pirate's Days Pub Crawl Friday, July 16 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Enjoy appetizers from three Harbor restaurants, a professional photo with the pirates, rum samplings, drink specials and end singing sea shanties on the beach. (Cost is \$20) Arrive in costume and receive a free gift! To register for the Kid's Pirate Boot Camp or Adult Pirate Pub Crawl call 477-0470 as space is limited.

The Ventura Harbor 2010 Pirate Days sponsors include: Spinnaker Seafood Broiler, Naturally for Paws, Cumulus Broadcasting, The Ventura Breeze, The Ventura County Star & The VC Reporter. Stay overnight to experience two days of pirate fun at our host hotels, Four Points by Sheraton and Holiday Inn Express &

Suites, Ventura Harbor.

For additional parking, utilize the Ventura Harbor Village Free Shuttle with the pick up at the parking lot at the corner of Schooner Drive and Harbor Blvd. Saturday and Sunday from Noon - 5pm. For more information, visit [VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://VenturaHarborVillage.com), Facebook, or call 477-0470. See ye there mateys!

## 4th of July Street Fair

The Annual Children's Pushem - Pullen Parade at 10:30 a.m. starts off the 4th of July Street Fair and is sponsored by the Ventura East Rotary Club and City of Ventura Community Services Department.

To participate assemble at Cemetery Park at Main and Crimea Streets at a.m. The first 1,000 participants receive a souvenir button. Join the Ventura All-star Marching Band as the parade proceeds down Main Street to Fir Street at 10:30 a.m.

"It started with a handful of neighborhood kids 34 years ago and now over 1,000 people participate," said Michelle Godoy, special events coordinator for the city of Ventura. "Parents and children can just turn up with their non-motorized vehicles decorated with patriotic colors and costumes and walk in the parade."

The Street Fair has three stages of continuous live entertainment. Open 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. the event is free to the public. A free shuttle service to the event from the Ventura County Government Center is available from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Last shuttle leaving

the Street Fair is at 5 p.m.

Throns are expected to turn out for the street fair, running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and covering seven blocks of Main Street and several side streets. Hundreds of vendors will show fine arts, crafts and clothing, and offer food and refreshments. Three stages of continuous live entertainment are planned, and many of the downtown merchants will be open. "It's a tradition, with now the third and fourth generations of families coming to the parade and the fair," Godoy said. "It's free and it gives you an idea of what downtown Ventura has to offer."

## 3rd Annual Ventura Motorsports Gathering at Marina Park

The 3rd annual Ventura Motorsports Gathering will be held on July 10 and 11. The event will be hosted by the Sports and Race Car Club. Previous years, the

event was held at Mission Park but due to construction, the event has been moved to Marina Park.

The new location has also allowed an addition of a wooden boat division. Free boat rides will be given across the marina to visit local shops and restaurants.

Entrants are being accepted up to the day of the event, but pre-registration is advised, and can register online, with an option of paying by PayPal, or by mail. Vehicles accepted for application include sports cars, race cars, classic cars, American classics, motorcycles, boats, and marques, ranging from American, British, German, French, and Italian, and other makes. The featured marque for this year's event will be Porsche. All qualifying entrants will be included on the Ventura Motorsports Gathering website.

The event will include a tour on the 10th and a car show on the 11th. On July 10th, participants will be taken from Ventura to Carpinteria and then to Ojai, visiting the Mike Taggart Car Museum, having lunch at the Ojai Valley Inn, and then to Casitas Spring for wine tasting. All of the entertainment for the day is included in the entry fee. Participants will have to check-in from 8-10:00 a.m. at the mission

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## Art Scene



"Smoke Wave" photograph by David Orias at the Harbor Village Gallery

### Photographs by David Orias

"Reflecting on Waves", photographs by David Orias will be on exhibit at the Harbor Village Gallery from Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 8. An Artist Reception will be held on Friday, July 16 from 5 - 8pm.

Southern California's waves are shown in their spectacular beauty through David Orias's lens. Orias's photographs display the complex beauty of waves and their colors, shades, and reflections with a harmonic touch of photographic mastery.

David Orias's work is perfectly displayed in the Harbor Village Gallery, in Ventura Harbor, where one can en-

joy his capturing work along side the beach! There is nothing like Orias's photographs of waves, displaying atmospheric reflections dance with Southern California's powerful waves.

The Harbor Village Gallery is located at 1591 Spinnaker Dr., entrance # 3 in the Ventura Harbor Village, next to the big lawn. Open Monday through Thursday (closed on Tuesdays) from 12 to 5 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 11a.m. to 6p.m. For more information, call the gallery at 8644-2750 or visit [www.harborvillagegallery.com](http://www.harborvillagegallery.com) or [www.buenaventuragallery.org](http://www.buenaventuragallery.org)



Sandra McCullough is the proprietor of Sea Breeze Art Studios & Gallery 255

### The Heart of the Artist

by Emily Thiroux

I love variety. From my newcomer's perspective of Ventura, I am delighted by the art I see everywhere I go. When we think of art, so many times our minds go directly to paintings, but the world of art encompasses so much more from sculpture to ceramics, to music, to theatre and more. And when we think of painting, our minds usually go to water color, oil, or acrylic on canvas or paper. But again, there is so much more.

Sandra McCullough, proprietor of Sea Breeze Art Studios & Gallery 255, paints on wood, burlap, and plaster with oil paint. In her words:

"What intrigues me about this body of work are the physical raw ingredients of wood, burlap and plaster juxtaposed by the sumptuous use of oil paint color. I have never seen another artist do what I do and I love that authenticity.

The process of this work is a layered one and once the plaster has dried onto the burlap, I use sanders and a Dremel to further deepen the texture of the surface. When the surface of the painting is to my liking, I prime the surface with gesso and then use oil paint to paint onto the textured surface. The originality and composition of texture and color produce an emotional experience

for the viewer. My own authenticity pushes me into my own challenges. I want to create for myself and the viewer an uplifting and happy experience.

I love watching the viewer experience my art work and walk away feeling uplifted like when one is transported into another world.

My pieces are multi-layered and look tasty - like taffy or sherbet or an Italian ice.....just plain yummy."

"Pink & Orange" runs July 8 - 31. The opening artist reception will be held on Saturday July 10 from 5:00-9:00pm.

Sandra is one of the artists I have found in Ventura who have created a group studio space, a concept I love, where artists rent studio space in a creative environment where each artist works in their own medium and has the benefit of the artistic synergy of being surrounded by other artists. Other examples of this wonderful concept in Ventura that you should also check out are Bell Arts Studios, Studio 1317, and Art and Soul Studios. I'll write more about these studios in future columns.

Gallery 255 & Sea Breeze Art Studios is located at 255 S. Laurel St., 302-9992

For a unique treat try this: Avenue Sol Shine Procession ~ Come celebrate the Ventura Sun!

Sun. July 18th · Procession begins at Bell Arts Factory at 3:00pm

"A confabulation of Westside artists and arts groups will host Avenue Sol which will move through west Ventura to become a drum circle at the beach and then an After-Party at Artists' Union Gallery. Keep an eye out for related workshops. Shine, a group procession of spectacle and performances."

I hope you'll introduce me to artists you want to learn more about. Contact me through Facebook at The Heart of the Artist. Or email me at [emily@theheartoftheartist.com](mailto:emily@theheartoftheartist.com). And I hope that you'll read my blog and support the artists I feature. <http://www.theheartoftheartist.com/category/Blog/>

### Spend an art-filled evening at First Fridays in Ventura

Make an artistic evening of it on Friday July 2, when fine art spaces throughout downtown and midtown Ventura stay open as part of the monthly First Fridays Ventura event.

Every First Friday, participating fine art venues in Ventura offer evening hours so that the public can appreciate and buy art in a relaxed, supportive and fun environment. Many locations also offer opening art receptions, demonstrations, lectures, performances, or music as part of the experience; most remain open until 8pm, some until 9 pm. Please go to [www.FirstFridaysVentura.com](http://www.FirstFridaysVentura.com) for further information on their current exhibits and participating galleries.

This First Friday Art Talks at the Artists' Union Gallery will feature Michele Foster at 6:30 pm.

Michele Foster is the director and lead teacher of the Bell Arts Factory Youth Arts Program. This program is held in conjunction with the current gallery show:

In Your Face—an Exhibit of Self-Portraits running through August 1. As part of the exhibit, self-portraits created by children in the Bell Arts Youth Arts Program will be on display in the Gallery.

Artists' Union Gallery  
330 S. California St., 643-3012, [www.venturaartistsunion.org](http://www.venturaartistsunion.org)

### 'The Big Show' at CMH

Paintings and drawings with big themes, tall orders, huge dreams and grand ideas will be on display for public viewing at Community Memorial Hospital when the Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation presents its "The Big Show" art exhibit which runs through Sept. 4.

The exhibit is a joint partnership between CMH, the Buenaventura Art Association, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Ventura and the Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation.

All paintings and drawings on display are by local artists, with proceeds to be used for future exhibits as well as to benefit local artists, the Buenaventura Art Association and the foundation's philanthropic efforts.

### Vita Art Center presents "Raíces"

Vita Art Center presents "Raíces" an exhibition showcasing the work of 4 diverse Latina artists. The exhibition highlights how these artists, despite their uniqueness, have commonly exhibited their relationship to their cultural roots. Featured artist include: Maribel Hernandez, Anna Bermudez, and Claudia Pardo-McFadyen. Also exhibiting works will be young artist Amadeo Perez at 12 years old his cut paper art is reminiscent of the folk art tradition of Mexico.

Opening Reception: Friday, July 2, from 6-9 p.m. 432 Ventura Ave. Studio 30

Exhibition Dates: July 2-31 Gallery Hours: M-F 10-5 and weekends by appointment.



Bill and Shannon Jeralds stand beneath a series of angel carvings that are displayed in their living room.

### WAV artist interviews: Bill Jeralds

by Tim Pompey

Bill Jeralds is the first to tell you. He's not a woodworking artist, at least not like someone you might picture with training and professional experience. He does, however, create a very unique type of art. Bill and his wife Shannon team together to carve and color in wooden angels made from ordinary plywood. How they come into being is a mysterious story.

In 2005, Bill was hospitalized at Community Memorial Hospital for pneumonia and a collapsed lung. His condition rapidly worsened and he was placed in a medical coma. Doctors suggested to Shannon that he be removed from life support. No one (except Shannon) expected him to survive. She refused and miraculously Bill began to improve.

During the summer of 2007, Bill believes he saw an actual angel. A woman in fact, though he describes her more as a form filled with muted light. "Once I saw the angel," he says, "I knew that I could make angels." And that's exactly what he does, whatever angel shape may come to mind. The picture forms in his head and he creates. Bill is not religious, but he believes that what he builds provides comfort for his clients. The angels allow Bill to "make a difference in other peoples' lives."

He makes all shapes and sizes, most of them female. Bill carves and Shannon provides the coloring or varnish. They do sell them, but business is not the motive for their creation. Bill does this because he "feels like I'm doing God's work." For Bill, the angels allow him to "touch a piece of heaven every day." You can catch samples of Bill's work on his website at [www.angelduststudios.com](http://www.angelduststudios.com).

### Ventura pastel artists on display

The Pastel Society of the Gold Coast announces "Passion for Pastels", the first all-pastel exhibit at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery from Friday, July 2 through Friday, July 30. The gallery, at 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park will be open from Tuesdays to Sundays from 11am to 5pm.

Four Ventura artists will be featured. They are: Sydney Kopekian, Pam Salem, Jean Yarbrough and Sherron Sheppard.

You may meet the artists on Sunday, July 11 from noon to 3pm. Pastel demonstrations will be given by Judy Klement at noon and Lori Corradi at 1:30pm. A percentage of sales will benefit Save Open Spaces.

To learn more about the 30 pastel artists and the Pastel Society of the Gold Coast, visit their website at: [www.pastelsofthegoldcoast.org](http://www.pastelsofthegoldcoast.org).

# Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



A reminder that the Pooch Parade-Fundraising Dog Walk & Pet Expo is on Sunday July 11 from 9am-4pm. It is held at the San Buenaventura State Park, off of Harbor.

Also on July 9-11 the Summerfest All Breed Dog Show will take place at the Fairgrounds presented by the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association.

Two wonderful events to enjoy the most wonderful, adored and loved pets us dogs.

**Dogs in the news:**

At the recent Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square, Scottish terrier Sadie won the title of America's top dog. But what happened moments after the announcement, was a bit unusual.

Into the center ring walked two women bearing signs with slogans that read, "Mutts Rule" and "Breeders Kill Shelter Dogs' Chances." Booed by the crowd of 15,000, the women were ushered away by security. Later, they were charged with criminal trespassing and for not being as cute as Sadie.

They say only cats have nine lives, but a certain canine hero challenges this notion.

Aslan, a 5-year-old boxer mix, was shot three times while rescuing his family from a burglary in their home in the Hollywood Hills. Three robbers forced entry into the family's home on Mannix Drive.

Aslan took three bullets—in the neck, shoulder and leg. He had to undergo emergency surgery but luckily survived. The suspects were later arrested and, hopefully Aslan will get to bite them

Greyhounds from Guam are getting used to their new surroundings in Ventura County after being flown to the United States by an animal rescue organization.

They are among 150 former racing greyhounds abandoned in the U.S. territory in the South Pacific after the island's dog racing track abruptly closed its doors.

After hearing news reports about the plight of the greyhounds, Barbara Dav-

enport, who runs the Homestretch Greyhound Rescue & Adoption nonprofit organization in Fillmore, joined forces with the Greyhound Protection League in northern California to help the animals. She and her husband, Bob, have already received 54 greyhounds from Guam, flown to Los Angeles by Continental Airlines. The dogs will remain with Davenport until she can find space for them at other greyhound rescue groups across the state.

Luckily I can't run very fast so I would never have this problem.

A fire recently damaged an upscale boarding kennel where more than 100 dogs were being housed.

According to LA Fire spokesman Brian Humphrey, firefighters were sent to L.A. Dogworks, at 1014 N. Highland Ave., shortly after 1 a.m.

They reported seeing heavy smoke issuing from the one-story building, but luckily none of the animals were injured in the blaze.

I wouldn't consider this to be an upscale kennel if there were 100 dogs housed even if they had a pool and a Jacuzzi.



## Join Scamp Club

## Dogs to Adopt

Hi:

I'm Caden a playful 1 year old (almost) male Pit Bull Terrier mix. I'm still a puppy but I'm growing up fast and I hope I don't have to do all my growing up without a family to call my own. All my siblings and even my mom have found their forever homes except me. I've got a wonderful personality and I'd make a great addition to any family. I'm good with other dogs and children. I'm a smart dog so training classes will be a breeze. It'll be fun to learn new things together as we enjoy each others company. I hope it's not long before I'm a cherished member of a loving family. Stop by and meet me, you're sure to fall in love.



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## Scamp Club

Hi:

I'm Raisin and I was a rescue dog: I'm not sure but I'm probably a yorkie and schnauzer mix. I am a girl dog about 1 1/2 years old.

My favorite things are chasing my tail (never seem able to catch it), laying in the sun, cuddling, and, of course, going for a drive with my head out the window(why do us dogs love that so much?!)

My mommy's name is Jaime Marks. The picture was taken when I came to visit my dog friend Daisy in Ventura.

My photo was taken by my friend Amy Kellar.

Animals of all sorts can join the Scampclub. Email me your picture and a little about yourself, including your address, to [Scampclub@venturabreeze.com](mailto:Scampclub@venturabreeze.com). You will be in the Breeze and receive a Scampclub Card.

## Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

**Vehicle Burglary**

On Wednesday, June 9th, at 3:56 a.m., Angelica Silva, 18 years old and from Ventura, and her boyfriend were walking back to their vehicle from the beach. As Silva approached her vehicle she witnessed suspects, Anthony Castro, 21 years old and from Ventura, and a Hispanic male, 15 years old and from Santa Barbara, inside her car removing property. Silva and her boyfriend confronted the suspects threatening to call the police. The suspects abandoned the property and fled the area by vehicle. Silva followed the suspects through various streets in Ventura while at the same time directing responding Officers.

The 15 year old driver of the suspect vehicle turned south on Lincoln Drive from Poli Street was unable to control the vehicle, struck the center divider breaking the rear axle and disabling their vehicle. Officers located the suspects, taking them into custody without incident.

The juvenile, who is on various probationations out of Santa Barbara, was found to be in possession of a controlled sub-

stance and booked into juvenile hall.

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon**

On Wednesday, June 9th, at 11:30 a.m., Joe Martinez, 36 years old and from Santa Paula, was cleaning in the area of Oak Street and Main Street when he came across a shopping cart that was left unattended. Martinez grabbed the cart and as he pushed it out of the area, he was approached by Alvin Trotter, 54 years old, who stated that the cart and it's contents were his. Trotter then challenged Martinez to fight and grabbed a 3-foot aluminum pole, used for picking up trash that Martinez had in his possession, and swung it at Martinez. Martinez was able to avoid being hit and Trotter fled the area.

Martinez summoned Bret Weber, 41 years old and from Moorpark, for assistance in attempting to locate and detain Trotter. Weber located Trotter in the 100 block of North California Street and attempted to restrain him. Trotter bit Weber on the arm, freed himself from Weber's grasp, and attempted to flee the area. VPD Officers arrived on scene and

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## Senior Living

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### Who's on first, OLLI?

by Nanci Cone

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Cal State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) offers educational classes of university caliber but without tests, grades, or college credits. These classes, for people over 50, offer intellectual stimulation and a chance to meet people with similar interests. In collaboration with the Ventura Senior Center, two classes will be offered this fall at the center at 420 E. Santa Clara Street. The classes are held on Tuesdays, 10:00 - Noon and 12:50 - 2:50, from August 24 - October 12.

The morning class, "Out of Africa: The Evolution of Homo Sapiens and the People of the Earth During the Late Pleistocene," taught by Matthew Curtis, Ph.D., a lecturer at the University of California, Santa Barbara, studies the evolution of humans during the late Pleistocene epoch. How did the first peopling of Africa, Asia, Europe Australia and the Americas take place in the era of modern humans?

The afternoon class is quite different. Taught by Bruce Collins, who lectured for many years at Ventura College and at Elderhostel, "Crooners and Songbirds: The Great Pop Singers, 1930-1970" examines the history of popular song from the 19th century to Tony Bennett, concentrating on the period after invention of the microphone, which opened the "golden age" of popular song. The cultural changes wrought by the microphone will be studied.

HELP of Ojai is offering a fall course for persons over 50 on "World Religions" at the Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St. that meets on Friday mornings, 10-12 and begins on August 27, and ends on October 15. "World Religions" examines the great traditions and studies what is similar to and different from one another. It illuminates the structural components of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, bringing historical, anthropological and psychological analyses to bear on the subject. The instructor, Bill Garlington, Ph.D. in anthropology, has taught many courses for OLLI, and has twice earned "Instructor of the Year" honors. His classes are always full, turning away many potential students; hence, early enrollment is encouraged.

When asked about how the program was created, Dr. Marty Kaplan, head of The Osher Institute, said, "I joined at the outset, April 2004, as soon as we were accepted into the Osher Foundation group of Institutes. The first classes were offered August 2004, 8 classes on campus. We began offering off-campus in spring 2005."

Dr. Kaplan adds, "Classes can accommodate 60 in most instances, less in some. On the average, classes have about 40 students on campus, a bit less off-campus. Class format depends on the topic so literature classes involve more discussion, and science, more lecture. There may be movies (e.g., my classes on film). Many classes use PowerPoint and illustrations (e.g., art and science classes) and some provide access to web sites. Music classes, of course, have many musical selections and some classes have field trips or visits to museums."

Finally, Dr. Kaplan notes, "With regard to scholarships, we look at individu-

al circumstances. Members apply to me, informally and I review their income tax forms. We typically provide 2-3 scholarships per semester, but there is no set figure. The best thing to do is email or call me."

OLLI classes are also held in Carpinteria Oxnard, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Santa Barbara, and of course the CSUCI campus in Camarillo. More information about the Ojai course and other locations, and enrollment information, can be found on [www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm), or by calling 437-2478. The fee for one course is \$85.00. For \$170, students may enroll in an unlimited number of courses in the fall.



*Celebrating the lives and loves of residents at Cypress Place*

## Cypress Place – celebrating their residents and our veterans

A wonderful table celebrating the lives and loves of residents at Cypress Place Senior Living was on display at their Cypress Place Annual Wedding Photo Display. The stories are beautiful and touching as residents shared with one another everything about their special day from years ago as they meander around the table.

Cypress Place Senior Living will host a special "Salute To Our Veterans" celebration with a ceremony recognizing residents of Cypress Place, as well as members of the public, who served their country. Join them for this powerful tribute.

A Marine Corps Color Guard presentation will lead the tribute, followed by a special Veteran recognition. Guest speaker for this powerful tribute will be Don Ensich, USNR Coxswain, a veteran of the United States Navy in the Pacific War during World War 2.

A free BBQ lunch will follow the tribute. A private war memorabilia collection will also be displayed. Residents, families, and friends of the community are welcome to attend the free event.

This inspiring event begins promptly at 11am on Thursday, July 1 at Cypress Place Senior Living. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200/1220 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 650-8000. To learn more about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura, visit their web site at [www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com](http://www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com).

## Senior Living

### Respite and vacation stays offer valuable option for caregivers

by Micki Rickard

Caregiving is a demanding role, and it is easy to neglect your own health and well-being when you are deeply involved with addressing your loved one's needs. To relieve stress and prevent burnout, caregivers, whether full-time or only part-time, need periodic breaks to recharge and enjoy their own lives. Just as we all need and expect days away from the workplace, caregivers, too, need a break from the demands of caring for a loved one.

Although circumstances may make taking time off difficult, there are a number of ways to provide you with a much needed break.

One of the best ways for a caregiver to obtain a needed rest is to arrange a short-term stay for his or her loved one in a safe, caring and nurturing environment.

There are a number of senior living communities that offer short-term stays. These brief stays, also called "respite" or "vacation stays," are also available to help seniors recently discharged from the hospital who temporarily need a little extra help.

Vacation stays provide individual attention and support, the comforts of home and the company of other residents in the community. Vacation and respite stays vary from just a few days to more than a month.

At communities, such as ÁegisLiving, short-stay guests are treated to private apartments, meals and snacks prepared by the resident chef, and the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of recreational, social and cultural activities.

When evaluating a respite care program, you should ensure that you're getting the quality care your loved one deserves.

Here are some questions you can ask:

Are families limited to a certain number of hours for services needed?

Can I meet and interview the people who will be providing the respite care?

Does the program provide transportation?

Does the program keep an active file on medical conditions and other needs? Is there a written care plan?

How are the caregivers trained? Do they receive extra training, where appropriate, to meet specific family needs?

How far ahead of time do I need to call to arrange services?

Costs for respite care, as well as the services provided, vary widely. Long-term care insurance policies often cover some of the cost of these stays, and federal and/or state programs may also help pay for respite care.

As a caregiver, it is important that you take some time out for yourself every day. Some things you can do on your own without leaving home include scheduling time to call a friend or family member each day, taking a short nap or doing a little gardening. Ask a friend to come over for a few hours while you go out to a movie, take a long walk or focus on a favorite hobby.

When you need a longer break, or

for times when assistance isn't available, short-term stays are an invaluable, worry-free option. Taking care of yourself, and being mindful of your own needs, is one of the best things you can do for your loved one.

Micki Rickard is Marketing Director of Áegis of Ventura, located at 4964 Telegraph Rd. 650-1114. ÁegisLiving is a nationally recognized leader in senior living, providing exceptional care and first-class amenities for its residents.

### Play roulette, blackjack, and poker while learning about your health care

The Palms at Bonaventure invites you to a morning of fun and excitement at their Monte Carlo Health Expo on July 14, from 10am-1pm. The Palms at Bonaventure, along with Assisted Health Care Services, Assisted Home Hospice, and Vista Cove Care Center are sponsoring a fun and informational Health Expo for the community! No one needs to gamble with his or her Health Care choices!

Over 30 Health Care Vendors will be on hand to answer a variety of questions from choosing the right assisted living facility, hiring caregivers, Palliative/Hospice care programs, healthcare insurance, reverse mortgage, just to name a few. While doing so, you will also have the opportunity to play roulette, blackjack, and poker, as well as be eligible for raffle drawings every 15 minutes! The Grand prize for one lucky attendee will be a stay at The Chumash Resort in Santa Ynez, CA!

The Expo is free to the public and includes a complimentary lunch provided by The Palms. The Palms is an Assisted Living Community located at 111 Wells Road. The Palms offers beautiful apartments, licensed nurses on staff, meals, housekeeping, activities, and will be available for tours the day of the event.

Assisted Health Care Services and Assisted Home Hospice along with Vista Cove Care Center will be co-sponsoring the event. Assisted has been in business for over 20 years and is committed to providing quality health services wherever the patient resides.

Vista Cove Care Center, a Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, is located in Santa Paula

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entity) banner, pennant, balloon, streamer, or similar device whether or not any written, printed, or other message is affixed.

Decorative devices may be permitted for a total of 45 days per calendar year.

There is no restriction on the number or size of decorative devices which can be used at one time except that only one banner with a maximum size of 24 sq. ft. is allowed to be displayed on the first floor below the roofline of the building. The devices must be located on the property identified (not on city property)."

We are not sure exactly how the 45 days per calendar year would be monitored by the city. If these really bother you we assume you would need to keep your own log.

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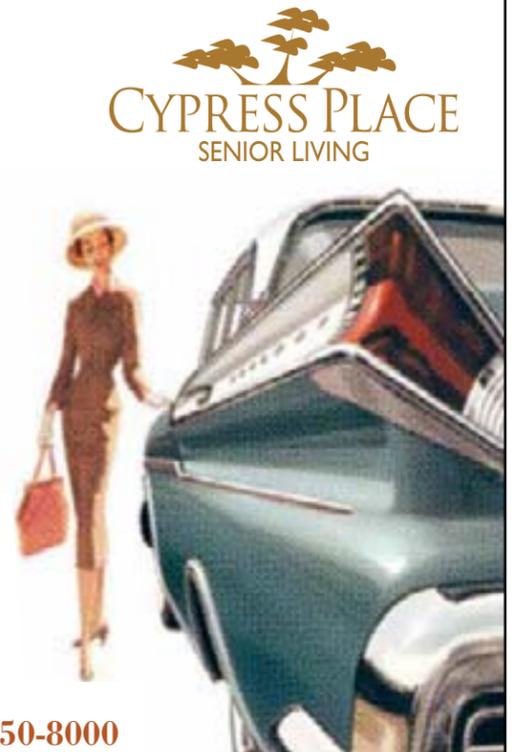
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**Ventura Motorsports**

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in downtown Ventura. The end of the day will be spent at My Florist Café, also in downtown Ventura, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., and live entertainment at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for one person and includes the whole trip from Ventura to Ojai.

On July 11, the car show will be held at Marina Park, on the grass, with judging by other entrants in the same class. Each class will also have its own concierge for any assistance. Tickets cost \$50, including 2 people and 1 car. Boat display tickets are \$20 and include 2 people, at the dock in the water or on the lawn.

The show is a relaxed gathering of classic sports car enthusiasts, with no formal judging. The Ventura Motorsports Gathering is about the enthusiasts and sharing their love for classic sports cars. Those holding and helping the event have also participated in the Ventura Motorsports Gathering, such as Don Greene and Bill Erickson.

For more information, contact Don Greene at 794-5438, Bill Erickson at 890-1461, or visit [www.venturamotorsports-gathering.com](http://www.venturamotorsports-gathering.com).

## Ventura County Fairgrounds events

**July 1-5: CIRCUS VARGAS** Lot A (877) 468-3861. Tabares Entertainment [info@circusvargas.org](mailto:info@circusvargas.org). Thurs.-Mon.

**July 3: ROLLER DERBY GAMES** San Nicolas Hall. Ventura County Derby Darlins [info@vcderbydarlins.com](mailto:info@vcderbydarlins.com)

**July 3: VRA SPRINTS, SENIOR SPRINTS**, Pacific Arena Jim Naylor. SR DWARF CARS, IMCA MODIFIEDS & GO KARTS (805) 985-5433. Sat. 5p; Gates 3p; \$14 Adult; \$11 Senior Military/Student; 12 & under free

**July 6: THE WORLD FAMOUS LIP-IZZANER** Pacific Arena. STALLIONS/White Stallion Productions. July 8: POULTRY MEETING Barn 300 Dave Anderson. Seaside Feather Fanciers (805) 524-5588. Thurs. 5:30p-9p; Visitors welcome

**July 9-11: SUMMERFEST ALL BREED DOG SHOW** Full Grounds Lorraine Ebdon. Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assn (805) 643-6331. Fri.-Sun. 8a-5p; Free Admission; specialty shows on 7/8 - 8a-5p

**July 14: SWAP MEET** Lot A Sue Adams SNA Designs (818) 590-5435. Wed. 7a-2p

**July 16-18: 4-H/GRANGE HORSE SHOW** Morgan Arena, Ventura County Fair (805) 648-3376

## Ventura events

**July 3-31:** Channel Islands Harbor is holding free Concerts by the Sea each Saturday from July 3 - Aug. 28. The **free summer concert series** will be from 4 - 6 p.m. at Peninsula Park at Channel Islands Harbor, parking is free. Visitors can enjoy a wide array of musical styles, including jazz, rock, R&B, Cajun, country, folk and oldies.

**July 4:** The Dudley House will once again be open on July 4th for its **14th annual open house**, with a flea market, crafts and collectibles show on the grounds, and the newly added Monty Python Flying Circus marathon, and community pot luck. The house will be open from 1 to 4pm for docent tours and will feature early (1924-25) recordings by the legendary

Louis Armstrong.

The flea market and collectibles faire will begin at 8am and there will also be an outdoor area for board games. Admission is free. The Dudley House is located at the corner of Ashwood and Loma Vista.

**July 10:** Ocean friendly gardens class comes to Ventura Learn how to transform your garden into an **"Ocean Friendly Garden"** by attending class on sustainable landscaping practices on Saturday, from 9 am to noon at the City's Maintenance Yard at 336 Sanjon Rd. Ocean Friendly Garden (OFG) is a program of the Surfrider Foundation. The Ventura Chapter of Surfrider and the City of Ventura are hosting the course as a part of an on-going effort to educate residents about conserving and preserving our local water resources.

Seating is limited so RSVP today. You can go online to register at <http://www.surfrider.org/ventura/OceanFriendlyGardens.html> or call 652-4501. Please provide your first and last name, phone number and email address.

The cost is \$25 for the class and book or just \$15 for the class. Refreshments and a complementary breakfast will be served. Make the event 'low waste' and bring your own mug! The class will be taught by G3 (the Green Gardens Group) [www.greengardensgroup.com](http://www.greengardensgroup.com), a sustainable landscaping education and consulting firm based in Los Angeles.

**July 10-11:** Channel Islands Harbor will hold the **9th Annual Fine Arts and Craft Show** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Channel Islands Harbor, on the corner of Channel Islands Blvd. and Harbor Blvd. The outdoor festival is free and open to the public.

The event will feature original works of art from about 35 artists, consisting of oil paintings, watercolors, photography and sculptures. Visitors can also choose from a large selection of high-quality crafts, including ceramics, stained glass, woodcrafts, jewelry and gift items.

**July 11:** 4-6 p.m., Ventura Improv Theatre, 34 N. Palm. The air will sparkle like fireflies with memories of music, drums and dancing when performers Alina Cenal perform **"Words from a Cuban Father"** and Charles "Wsir" Johnson takes us down to the land of the blues with **"Trav'l'n the Blues and other Tales of an Artful L...ife."** Listen to the heart beat. \$12 at the door. For more info: [elaine@embodiedvoicestoryarts.com](mailto:elaine@embodiedvoicestoryarts.com) or call 407-2538.

**July 14: The Ventura County Camera Club will hold a competition meeting on Wednesday** at 7pm at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. A professional photographer from the area, will critique members' prints and digital images. The topic for the month is "High Key" which features some interesting photographs. Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome and admission is free. See the club's web site for more information about the club and examples of member's works or call 908-5663 or [www.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com](http://www.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com)

**July 17: The Ventura County Genealogical Society, Inc.** (VCGS) will be holding its regular monthly meeting Saturday, at 1 PM (Sharp). The meeting will be held at the Ventura LDS Family History Center, 3501 Loma Vista Rd. (at Mills Rd.). Before the meeting begins and during the breaks, genealogy books and supplies are available for purchase. Guests are always welcome to attend our free meeting. For more information call Gwenda at 485-7930.

## Ojai events

The Ojai City Council has unanimously voted to proceed with the construction contract for the remodeling of Libbey Bowl. The 4-0 vote awarded a \$2.4 million construction contract to McGilivray Construction.

The final vote had been delayed until 2 council members had more information on how the construction would be funded. A large portion of the funding (\$1.6 million) will come from the city's reserve funds.

A talk sharing wisdom and laughter from their experiences with Ojai Psychologist **Robyn L. Posin** Ph.D. will be held on Tuesday evening **July 6**, from 7-8:30pm at a retreat setting in Ojai.

Call Robyn at 646-4518 for reservations, more information and directions to this month's Women's Wisdom Circle. Please leave a message for call back. Call early, space is limited to 15 - 20 women. Suggested donation \$15, but no woman will be turned away for lack of funds.

Friday night lecture **"How To Engage the Subtle Worlds"** July 9, 7:30-9:00PM \$15 pre-paid or \$20 at the door. Exploring life, death and realms of expanded consciousness.

David presents another module from his core curriculum on Incarnational Spirituality at Meditation Mount Sat & Sun, **July 10-11**. \$125 pre-paid or \$135 door Sat 9am-5pm and Sun 9am-12:30pm.

This two-day workshop offers a map to navigate the terrain of our inner spiritual experiences. We will come to understand what David terms the "second ecology". Meditation Mount, 10340 Reeves Rd. 646-5508 [www.meditationmount.org](http://www.meditationmount.org)

The **26th annual Ojai Peddler's Fair** is being held from 9am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday, **July 17 & 18**. Located inside the Chapparal Auditorium at 414 E. Ojai Ave. Parking is free in the adjacent municipal parking lot, and admission is always free. Held rain or shine, the Peddler's Fair is chock-full of quality antiques, collectibles, handcrafts and international crafts.

This is a benefit for the Mira Monte PTO. For more information, please contact Pat at 964-8915 or Jodie at 640-4384 x2284.

**Police reports**

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after a short foot pursuit, Trotter was taken into custody.

Martinez was not injured and Weber was treated at local hospital for a bite wound.

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon**

On Thursday, June 17th, at 10:00 a.m., VPD officers responded to the area of Vince Street and Cameron Street, to investigate a report of an assault with a deadly weapon that had just occurred. The suspect had already fled the area. While fire personnel attended to the victim's injuries, VPD officers obtained information from several witnesses, but were only given a first name of the suspect. The suspect, Joseph Ramirez, 44 years old and from Ventura, was located approximately 5 hours later by officers. Ramirez was booked at VCJ. The suspect used a knife and a large stick to strike the victim, John Pelton, 38 years old and from Ventura, several times. Pelton was treated at the scene and did not require further medical aid.

**Assault on a Peace Officer**

On Sunday, June 20th, at 7:48 p.m., VPD officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 300 block of West Simpson Street. When the first officer

arrived, he attempted to separate the involved parties. As he was doing so, Sandra Solis, 18 years old, punched the officer in the face. Responding to the punch, the officer took Solis to the ground in order to stop the attack. Ramon Solis, 42 years old, jumped on top of the officer in an effort to let Sandra Solis escape. The officer struggled with both suspects until other responding VPD officers arrived to assist.

As a result of the attack, the officer received injuries to his face. He was treated at a local hospital and released for moderate injuries. Both Sandra and Ramon Solis suffered minor injuries and were taken to VCMC for treatment. After receiving medical treatment, both suspects were booked at VCJ.

**Robbery**

On Monday, June 21st, at 4:40 p.m., Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a theft of beer at the Ralph's supermarket, located at 9372 Telephone Road. Ralph's employees had just witnessed two males steal beer from the store.

Donna Chaparro, 44 years old and from Ojai, saw two males coming out of Ralph's and told them to stop several times. The two males, one identified as Brandon Paulson, 19 years old, jumped a brick wall out of the complex. Paulson then picked up a razor scooter and threw it at Chaparro, barely missing her face. Both Paulson and the other suspect, a white male in his 20's with long, blond hair, then ran from the scene.

Two hours later, Chaparro saw Paulson and the second unidentified male suspect skateboarding through the parking lot. Chaparro was able to detain Paulson however the other suspect fled the scene.

Paulson was taken into custody and booked at VC Jail.

**Negligent Discharge of a Firearm**

On Monday, June 21st, at 6:56 p.m., the VPD's 911 Dispatch Center received a call from Tiffany Mitchell, 25 years old and from Ventura, reporting that someone was trying to break into her residence, in the 300 block of Mission Avenue. Mitchell stated that she was armed with a handgun and had shot one round at the intruder.

Officers learned that there was another adult female and Mitchell's 6 year old

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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**King Crossword**

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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daughter inside the residence. After everyone was removed from the residence, officers searched the residence to determine there was no one else inside.

Mitchell did fire one round from a handgun. The bullet was found inside the residence, and did not cause any injuries to anyone inside the residence, or to any of the surrounding neighbors. It was determined Mitchell was under the influence of a controlled substance and the report of someone breaking into her residence was unfounded.

Mitchell was arrested and her daughter was released into the custody of a relative. The other adult female inside the residence was not arrested.

## Harbor Patrol Blotter

May 25, 1:45 p.m. Patrol received a report that a theft occurred at VWM D-dock area some time on the weekend. Patrol advised the reporting party to contact VPD. May 30, 11:55 a.m. Patrol stopped a speeding PWC and conducted an inspection of the vessel. The operator was unable to start his engine; Patrol towed the vessel to the launch ramp.

2:20 p.m. Patrol observed a sailboat heading toward the South Beach in the fog. Patrol contacted the vessel and escorted it to the Harbor entrance. May 31, 11:48 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol to a report of difficulty breathing at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

3:52 p.m. Patrol responded to a first aid call at Harbor Village. They bandaged the arm of a child who had fallen.

11:10 p.m. An employee at a restaurant notified Patrol that an intoxicated male had fallen into the water. He was out of the water and safely in the restaurant at this time.

June 2, 7:16 p.m. Patrol received a report that there was a speeding boat by VWM and that the operator may be intoxicated. When Patrol observed the vessel, the operator has an open container of beer next to him. Patrol contacted PD to assist conducting Field Sobriety Tests. It was determined that the operator was partially impaired, but had a BAC of .05. Patrol towed his boat back to its dock. The operator arranged to have a family member drive him.

June 5, 1:40 p.m. Two kayakers requested transportation off the breakwater. Their kayak was missing.

June 6, 1:05 a.m. The Dockmaster reports three paddleboats are being taken from the rental company. Patrol investigated and found that they were taken by three youths. A boat owner at VIM reports that that suspects are on his boat. Patrol located the subjects and detained them for PD. PD handled the situation. Patrol towed the vessels back to their slips.

1:45 p.m. Patrol observed a sailboat go lightly aground by Klinger Point. Patrol towed the vessel off the bar and released it under its own power.

June 12, 2:45 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a swimming rescue by the pier. Upon arrival, Patrol found three people in need of assistance. Patrol took the people aboard, then transported them to the beach using the RWC.

June 16

4:36 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a traffic accident at the end of Spinnaker Drive. The driver had failed to negotiate the turn and ran into the NPS entry feature. She was not injured. VPD arrested her for driving under the influence.

June 18

12:17 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and

others to a medical call at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

9:17 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a difficulty breathing at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Patrol administered oxygen. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

10:31 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol to a "lift assist" at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Patrol assisted a woman to her wheelchair.

June 19

12:13 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Upon arrival, the call was not medically related, so the units cleared.

5:03 p.m. Lifeguards report that two lifeguards were swimming a boat off the Emma Wood Beach. Patrol responded and took the vessel into tow. The operator was able to get the engine started and dropped the tow to head for Santa Barbara.

7:50 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical call at Ventura Isle Marina. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

June 20

12:15 a.m. Patrol issued fourteen parking citations to vehicles parked along Spinnaker Drive in violation of the "No Parking 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m." regulation.

8:36 a.m. The Ventura Yacht Club reports a head injury. Patrol notified FCC and responded. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

## "Tip-A-Cop", but not when they give you a ticket

On June 22 the Ventura Police Department (VPD) once again sponsored the Special Olympics "Tip-A-Cop" event at the Black Angus Restaurant located at 4718 Telephone Rd.

Tip-A-Cop is a law enforcement fundraising event in which law enforcement officers assist with waiting tables at a local restaurant and collect "tip" donations for Special Olympics. More than a dozen restaurants and eight law enforcement agencies teamed up throughout the year in support of Tip-A-Cop with the goal being to collect as many donations as possible for Special Olympics of Ventura County.

This is the 13th year the VPD has been involved in the Tip-A-Cop program. Officers were also accompanied by Ventura County Special Olympics Athletes who helped to serve food, sell raffle tickets, and t-shirts. The athletes were anxious to show off their medals and share their Special Olympics experiences.

For over twenty-one years, Ventura County law enforcement agencies have been raising tens of thousands of dollars annually allowing Special Olympics Ventura County to offer year round sports training and competition to over 700 individuals with intellectual disabilities, ages eight years and up, free of charge, in 17 sports at over 40 training sites throughout Ventura County.

For more information on Special Olympics of Ventura County, please contact Regional Director Peggy Preston at 650-7717, via e-mail at [Ppreston@sosc.org](mailto:Ppreston@sosc.org), or Officer Bernadette Compean at 797-8872, or e-mail at [bcompean@venturapd.org](mailto:bcompean@venturapd.org).

## Business

### Marijuana businesses out

by Rebecca Wicks

While the State of California made it legal for Californians to consume marijuana for medical purposes, issues around how and if residents can obtain the drug abound. Since the state enacted the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, many counties and cities – including the City of Ventura – have been quick to install their own city ordinances outlawing the organizations and businesses who might dispense the drug.

Medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives and collectives are currently not permitted in the City of Ventura. While a ban exists, a number of pot delivery services have attempted to circumvent bans on storefront businesses. The rapid growth of the number of delivery services exemplify marijuana's move from a shady underground industry into an uncharted quasi-legal area.

This month the Ventura's Sheriff's Department along with the Ventura Police Department took a firm stand stating they will put a stop to any and all marijuana dispensary businesses in Ventura and the greater county.

A number of dispensaries advertise online and in local newspapers including the Ventura Breeze. Owners of one such dispensary Mary Jane's Bud were arrested earlier this month by deputies from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department stated it conducted a month-long investigation before arresting Fabian Citraro and his wife Amanda Citraro whose business serves all of Ventura County according to its Web site. The department was not shy about its intent to stop other dispensaries from operating in Ventura.

Chief Deputy Gary Pentis of the Sheriff's Department says his message is a simple one "Shut down or move out of the county."

Some in the legal industry have criticized laws aimed at disallowing dispensaries and delivery services calling them ways of unconstitutionally blocking those in need of the drug.

A number of services that have advertised locally may be changing the way they do business, or at the very least changing their communications with the public. A number of groups who have previously advertised as serving Ventura have taken down their Web sites including Ventura Medical Marijuana. Others such as 805 Delivery now state they are "no longer accepting orders from new or existing patients."

Still others such as Tom of Emerald Flower of Life prefer not to make a comment for fear of being lambasted by the media.

"It looks like it's going to have to be a legal battle on the patients' side," said Michael, a local attorney who asked not have his last name included. "Think of these first dispensaries as guinea pigs, there isn't a lot of hope for them."

### Peter K. Godinez – new Ambassador to Xerox Corporation

Ventura Breeze's own, Peter K. Godinez has been selected as an Ambassador to Xerox Corporation for the Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties responsible for the marketing, advertising and PR for

their products, service, and technology support. Peter has 29 years experience in the copier and document management industry working 20 years for Xerox

His return to Xerox will be very beneficial to businesses in Ventura. He will continue his commitment to the Ventura Breeze writing about Social Media for Business Results. Peter will also be launching, via KADY TV "The Technology Show Case" that will be sponsored by Xerox Corporation. The program will educate, encourage and entertain on how technology has effected our live in both business and personal. Peter can be reached at [peter.godinez@xerox.com](mailto:peter.godinez@xerox.com).

Breeze

We want to congratulate Peter on his new position with Xerox and look forward to his articles and new TV show.



A celebration was held at Robeks Fruit Smoothies for the new ownership and 3-year old Van's first haircut for charity

### Out with the old (hair) and in with the new ownership at Robeks Fruit Smoothies

Nary can a soul be found who hasn't been touched by cancer. Cancer in their own life, cancer in a mother, father, husband, wife, child, best friend, co-worker... and many fight for cures for this devastating disease and give of time and money to put a halt to the beast.

Some even give hair.

Three-year old Van did just that. He'd never had a haircut and his ponytail measured twelve inches on the eve of his donation to Pantene Great Lengths. Pantene encourages men and women to make the kindest cut and donate to those whom have lost hair to cancer.

Hair loss to a woman fighting cancer can strike a crippling blow. A real-hair wig can cost as much as \$1,200 and insurance usually only covers part of that. It takes nearly six pony tails to make one wig. Through organizations like Pantene Great Lengths, American Cancer Society, and donations like Van's, more cancer patients can thwart the dreaded side effect of chemotherapy and the burdensome expense of a wig.

Van's generous donation was a part of the festivities to welcome new ownership to Robeks Fruit Smoothies, located at 4726 Telephone Rd.

Robeks serves all natural smoothies, frozen yogurt and fresh squeezed juices so partnering with the American Cancer Society seems, well...natural. Robeks is currently collecting donations for the American Cancer Society's Strides Against Breast Cancer. All donations are welcome and donations of \$20 or more will receive a 10% VIP card, good on all purchases at the Telephone Road Robeks through all of 2010.

# Show Time



Two on the Aisle

## Willkommen to Ojai's "Cabaret"

by James Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

Berlin was the sin city - the Las Vegas - of Europe following World War I. The party scene revolved around cabarets featuring floor shows with singers and dancers performing numbers introduced by a master of ceremonies. The era became the backdrop for the multiple Tony award-winning musical, "Cabaret," now playing at the Ojai Art Center Theater through July 25, 2010.

Set in 1931 as the cancer of Nazism was growing in Germany, the piece is best described by a line at the end of the show - "There was a cabaret, and there was a master of ceremonies... and there was a city called Berlin, in a country called Germany... and it was the end of the world."

The principal character is Sally Bowles (Holly E. Ferguson), a singer at the sleazy Kit Kat Club who lives life with abandon and is oblivious to events beyond the stage door. The script focuses on her brief affair with a would-be novelist (Zach Farber) from America. A subplot contrasts an equally doomed romance between a struggling boarding house landlady (Marilyn Lazik) and her Jewish suitor (Venturan Ed Buckle). The enigmatic and lugubrious Emcee from the Kit Kat Club (Cecil Sutton) appears throughout to weave the action together.

As "Cabaret" is considered as a major example of the American musical, the Ojai Art Center's production is a model of community theater at its finest. In community theater seasoned performers, many with extensive professional credits, provide the nucleus of an excellent theatrical experience, at the same time mentoring by word and example the growth of younger actors. It has long been so in Ojai. A young Zach Levi, the star of TV's "Chuck," learned parts of his craft at the Ojai Art Center as a partner in performance with cast members in the current show. So the tradition continues as talented young performers learn not to look at the floor while delivering their lines and other tricks of developing character consistency.

The enriching touch of director Tracy Williams Sutton is evident throughout. The addition of a male chorus, and the insightful choreography of Venturan Jeff Wallach, provide additional stage time and experience for a many of the Ventura residents in the cast, including Danielle Portugal, Erika Robles, Tara Loughran, Michael McGraw, Bryan Whitten, along with Vince D'Andrea.

Cecil Sutton in the expanded role of the Emcee displays the style and panache that has made him a perennial favorite with

Ventura County audiences. Holly Ferguson blends just the right mix of effervescence with vocal energy as Sally Bowles. Zach Farber shares his strong vocal training as Cliff, the novelist, while Marilyn Lazik and Ed Buckle bring heart and soul to their characters. Laura Ring is a hoot as the lady with the flock of nephews who are all sailors and Frank Malle turns appropriately menacing as the burgeoning Nazi.

The cast presents the familiar musical numbers with verve and gusto, supported by a small, live orchestra under the skilled baton of musical director Jimmy Calire.

Due to mature themes and references, the show is not recommended for children.

**Cabaret** at the Ojai Art Center  
113 S. Montgomery St., Ojai  
Thru July 25 - Fri. & Sat.-8:00.  
Sun.- 2:00  
Gen'l-\$25/Sr&Stu-\$22  
(805) 640-8797 www.OjaiACT.org

## Review of Knight and Day

by Tim Pompey

Starring Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz, Paul Dano

★ ★ 1/4

Currently Playing at Century 10 and 16

Don't laugh. Movies need reviewing. Columns need writing. I had to choose something. So, tag, you're it. I picked "Knight and Day." Action, comedy, maybe some cleavage. Hey I'm all for fun at the movies. Still, as action comedies go, this is a throwaway.

Not that Cruise and Diaz aren't charming. I mean, come on, just look at them up there. Hunky Cruise as Roy Miller, the secret agent who can kill a plane full of assassins, then turn and kiss the girl. Hotty Diaz as June Havens, cracker jack car mechanic with a sunshine smile, who just wants to rebuild her father's GTO and get to her sister's wedding. And then there's that inventor that everyone wants to get their hands on. Something about a battery with limitless energy? Poor Simon Feck (Dano). Can't anyone leave a poor genius alone?

Of course, without these folks and their foibles, where would the story be? Good question. So, how can it be, with all these potential storylines, that the film still leaks oil like an old rusty Dodge? Okay. Admittedly, none of these plot threads are very original, but it certainly could have been more fun if someone had just bothered to do a rewrite or two, ask some hard questions, like how do people who are injured, drugged, and in the hospital, manage to travel around the world? Anyone ever hear of customs agents?

So I gave up on this movie making sense. Still, there might be a little fun to be had. On this count, I have to give the movie credit. Cruise and Diaz are working hard with the limited resources they're given. There are some good comedic moments and action sequences, particularly as our duo zooms through a town in Spain on a motorbike trying to escape running bulls and flying

bullets. They switch seats - in mid shooting no less. And rumor has it that Cruise and Diaz are doing some of their own stunts. Like I said. They're working.

What I hoped for was a bit more sizzle between them. After all, they're beautiful. How hard is it to make me believe they're in love? Remember Tom and Nicole? Tom and Penelope? Alas, Roy's too busy killing people. June is interested, but Roy's a secret agent. Secret. Remember? So, they kiss, they run, they kiss, they run. All over the world. Who's their travel agent, anyway? Aw heck. I give up.

And so will you by the time this movie is over. True, Roy can fly a plane and shoot assassins. June can rebuild a GTO and look great in a bikini. Together they make cars squeal and choppers whine. But can they make me care about this movie? Well, as Simon Feck's favorite dynamic duet, Hall and Oates, would sing, "No, I can't go for that, no, no can do."

## Youth



Jumping into a lake is just one of the many fun activities that the YMCA campers get will get to enjoy at summer camp

## Spend summer with the Ventura Family YMCA: Where fun and friendships happen

Sunshine, blue skies, warm temps and no school can only mean one thing - it's time for summer camp! The Ventura Family YMCA offers a safe and caring environment where kids and teens have fun, learn new skills, get outdoors, make friends and make memories.

This year marks the 125th Anniversary of Camping at the YMCA. To celebrate the Ventura Family YMCA will host a Camp Rally on Wednesday July 14 at 6pm to celebrate. The Camp Rally will consist of a camp fire and a Rock-A-Thon fundraiser. Participates of the fundraiser will rock in a chair for 125 minutes to help raise funds for the children going to resident camp in the summer.

"Spending the summer at camp is not only a valuable and safe experience for youth, it's also important to their personal development," says Jacob Munyon, Child-care Director at the Ventura Family YMCA. "Camp helps youth develop social skills and decision-making skills, and learn from new experiences."

Day Camps at the Ventura Family YMCA provide exciting and educational summer camp options that appeal to both parents and kids. Day camps are featured at three locations through out Ventura and provide a variety of activities that focus on

character building skills. The Ventura Family YMCA also offers specialty camps that are unique week long programs designed to cater a child's specific interest from sports to photography.

If you are looking for away camp for your child, week long resident camps are held in Miramonte, California near the Sequoia Lake for both youth and teen age groups. Campers share cabins with friends and activities include archery, crafts, hiking and more.

For more information about Ventura Family YMCA camps or how you can sponsor a child in need to help send them to camp contact Jacob Munyon at 642-2131 or visit [www.cymca.org/ventura](http://www.cymca.org/ventura).

The Ventura Family YMCA serves over 20,000 individuals annually through facility memberships, before & after school childcare, day & resident camps, youth sports, swim lessons, teen programs, and many more healthy lifestyles and community enriching programs throughout Ventura, Oxnard, Ojai, Santa Paula, and Saticoy. The Ventura Family YMCA is located at 3760 Telegraph Rd.

## Boys & Girls Club of Ventura receives award

The Oak View Center of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura received the Oak View Civic Council award as the 'Organization Of The Year' at their Awards Ceremony on June 6, at the Oak View Community Center.

Oak View Center opened at the Oak View Community Resource Center in 2007 and serves over 80 children and youth from first through eighth grade in year-round after-school and summer programs.

The Boys & Girls Club of Ventura is a 72 year old youth-serving organization that serves over 6,500 youth (6 to 18) and families at their 5 sites in Oak View, Saticoy and Ventura. The Club mission is to..."provide a positive place for all youth and quality programs to help them become healthy, responsible, confident and productive members of the community." The Club is open to all youth regardless of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, financial or any other consideration.

For additional information, to schedule a tour or volunteer check their website at [www.bgclubventura.org](http://www.bgclubventura.org). or call 641-5585.

## What's a parliamentarian?

Sharon Hillbrant, of Camarillo, will present a parliamentary lesson titled "Requests and Inquiries" at a meeting of the Zeta Chi Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) on Monday, July 19. The lesson covers Parliamentary Inquiry, Point of Information, Request to be Excused from a Duty, Request to Withdraw a Motion, and Request to Read Papers.

The unit meets at 7 p.m. in the Topping Room, E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main St. Free parking is available behind the library.

Zeta Chi holds regular study meetings at the library on the third Monday evening of each month except December; unit member dues are \$25 per year.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

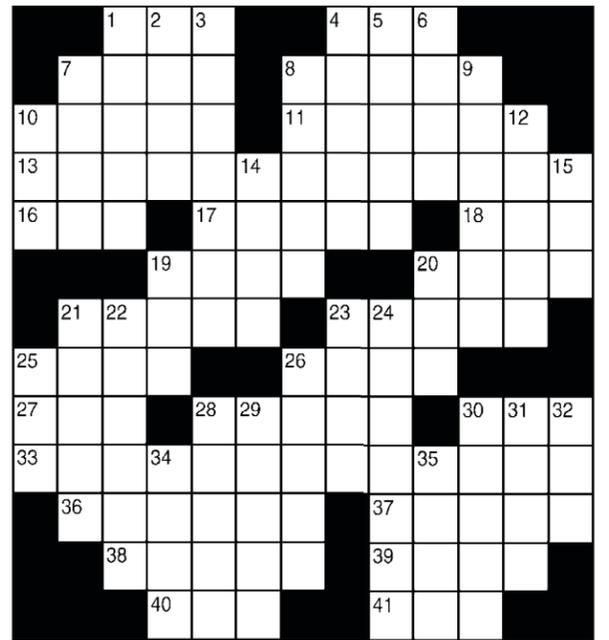
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Shell-game need
- 4 Whale group
- 7 Family
- 8 Less believable, as an excuse
- 10 With eyes wide open
- 11 Islands near Portugal
- 13 Government official
- 16 Links prop
- 17 Search
- 18 Cattle call?
- 19 Perry Mason portrayer
- 20 Ponce de —
- 21 Enticed
- 23 Clever
- 25 Spanish appetizer
- 26 De-bag the cat?
- 27 Perch
- 28 Baby's ailment
- 30 Commotion
- 33 Tina Turner hit
- 36 Injure
- 37 Doha's country
- 38 Knock- —
- 39 Fairy tale preposition
- 40 Screw up



- 41 Always, in verse

- 9 Hole-shaping tool

- 24 Rhesus monkey
- 25 1/6 fl. oz. colors
- 26 Run, as colors
- 28 Supply the food
- 29 Different
- 30 Thespan
- 31 Campus bigwig
- 32 Bobby of hockey
- 34 Barn-roof attachment
- 35 Scruff

### DOWN

- 1 West Point freshman
- 2 "My Name Is —"
- 3 It's nothing new
- 4 Stares
- 5 Lifeless, old-style
- 6 TV mogul Griffin
- 7 Fingerprint, often
- 8 "Star Wars"

- 10 Suitable
- 12 Beezer
- 14 It gets in the whey
- 15 Heavy weight
- 19 Underwear with underwire
- 20 Science workshop
- 21 Dens
- 22 Increase
- 23 Lost traction

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although you don't like to change plans once they're set, once again, you might find that doing so can make a big difference in your favor. Family matters dominate the weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You continue to get encouragement for your proposals, including some support from unlikely sources. Use this positive flow to move forward with your plans. Good luck.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Family matters are dominant this week. It's a good time to be with those you love. It's also a good time to contact and reunite with loved ones with whom you've lost touch.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to allow differences of opinion to create unpleasant feelings, especially in the workplace. A neutral observer could check out the situation and suggest a resolution.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While the Lion's Den is the center of attention this week, with family matters dominating much of your time, workplace issues are also important. Try to find a balance between them.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The future of a new relationship could depend on how much the usually impatient-to-get-things-done Virgo is willing to stop pushing and let things

happen naturally.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Worry over a loved one's well-being is eased with good news from a sympathetic source. Your continued show of love and support is important. Stay with it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to consider mending fences with someone you wish was back in your life. Forget about blame, and focus on the good things you once shared.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to start researching information regarding whatever changes you're considering, whether it involves a new home, a new location or a new job.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A long-anticipated job opportunity could turn out to be less than you expected. But appearances might be deceiving. Check it out before you decide it's not for you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Adapting to a new situation might come more easily than you expected. You can look for continued support from colleagues who appreciate your contributions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Someone you care for might need more reassurance from the typically "unemotional" Pisces. Go ahead. Open up, and you might be surprised at what you find when you do.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a romantic at heart, although you can be amazingly practical when you need to be.

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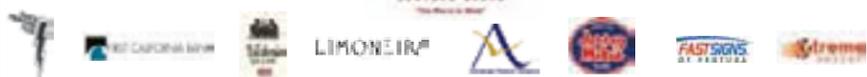
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Their 13th Annual Ventura PAL "Help the Kids" Golf Tournament was held on June 11 at the Olivas Links. The event raised over \$30,000 in support of youth activities within the city of Ventura.

The title sponsor, as they have been for 13 years was Aera Energy. Aera Energy LLC has a long-standing tradition of community involvement. Through comprehensive company donations programs and volunteer efforts, Aera makes a significant difference in the communities where they operate.

Aera people are active volunteers in schools, civic organizations, and non-profit agencies helping, among others with the Ventura Education Partnership and the Ventura Police Activity League.

### VC Fusion to face Portsmouth in exhibition game

by Keith R. Pillow, Correspondent

The Ventura County Fusion are hoping the third time's the charm.

The region's first and only world-class, championship-caliber soccer franchise, and the reigning champions of the Premier Development League (PDL), will play an exhibition match against two-time Football Association (FA) Challenge Cup winner and 2010 FA Cup runner-up Portsmouth Football Club (F.C.) at 3:00 p.m. PDT on Sat., July 17, 2010, at Oxnard College Stadium.

The exhibition represents the Fusion's third match against prominent professional English squads in its four-year history. The Fusion challenged Everton F.C. on July 24, 2007, at Home

Depot Center in Carson, Calif. during its inaugural season, and then faced Burnley F.C. on July 21, 2009, at Buena High School.

"It's truly a great honor for the Fusion to face Portsmouth, a top-performing English football club in recent years," said Ranbir Shergill, general manager of the Fusion. "The organization has a fantastic history with many longstanding traditions, so we look forward to welcoming Portsmouth and its many passionate fans to Ventura County. More importantly, the exhibition continues our mission of competing against prominent professional clubs from around the world. For our players, this game represents another opportunity to test their talents against a major European team with several notable 2010 FIFA World Cup participants."

The game, also known as a "friendly", is one of four contests the English club will play as part of a month-long North American promotional tour, its first trip to the Western Hemisphere since 1951. In addition to the Fusion, the renowned squad, affectionately known to its fans as Pompey, will also face Club America on Wed., July 14 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, Calif.; FC Edmonton on Wed., July 21 at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; and D.C. United of Major League Soccer (MLS) on Sat., July 24 at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1898, Portsmouth is based in the city of Portsmouth, Hampshire, and is known for its rich history and traditions derived from the lore of the Royal Navy port. Oftentimes called "The Blues" by its legion of fans, "The Blue Army," Portsmouth will play in the Football League Championship during the 2010-2011 season after recently being removed from the English Premier League for financial difficulties. The club plays its home games at Fratton Park, named the 10th most atmospheric stadium in football by the London Daily Mail.

The Fusion and Portsmouth have an interesting connection. Bob McNab, the Fusion's new assistant coach and director of player development, briefly served as Portsmouth's caretaker manager during the 1999-2000 season.

The Fusion stand at 6-3-1 on the season. Before squaring off against Portsmouth, the team will face the Orange County Blue Star at home on Sat., July 3 at 7:00 p.m., and then go on the road to Utah to face the Ogden Outlaws on Thurs., July 8 and the BYU Cougars on Sat., July 10. The day before the Portsmouth match, the Fusion will tangle with the Lancaster Rattlers at home at 7:00 p.m.

## Health

### Free blood pressure screenings

Community Memorial Hospital is offering free blood pressure screenings in its main lobby every Monday, from noon to 2 p.m., beginning in July through its HeartAware and StrokeAware programs.

No appointment is necessary; walk-ins are welcomed.

## Health

The American Heart Association recommends routine periodic screening for high blood pressure since the condition does not have any symptoms and is often known as the "silent killer." The AHA reports that many people assume that high blood pressure is related to high levels of stress, tension and nervousness, but the truth is relaxed, easy-going people can still have it.

The only way for people to know if they are hypertensive is to have their blood pressure checked. High blood pressure can develop over time, and there are many treatment options available to manage the disease.

The screenings are provided free of charge through Community Memorial Hospital's HeartAware and StrokeAware programs. For more information, call 667-2818 or visit [www.cmhshealth.org](http://www.cmhshealth.org).

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Ventura- Ventura Public Health - 3147 Loma Vista Rd. Monday's beginning July 12, 5:30-6:30pm or Wednesday's beginning July 14, 12-1pm

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Steven Mosley will present "Chosen Garment, The Whole Bible in One Act"

## Steven Mosley at The River Community

Christian producer and author Steven Mosley will present "Chosen Garment, The Whole Bible in One Act" at The River Community on Sunday evening, July 11, at 5:30 pm.

In this dramatic, 42-minute, one-man show, Steven takes people on a whirlwind tour of the Bible that's both humorous and deeply moving. Using story, character, dialogue and costumes as props, he presents Scripture as a compelling epic.

Steven Mosley does his dramatic presentations all over the country--in churches, at universities, and for conferences. With over 200 telecasts to his credit, he is a Telly and Angel award-winning producer and scriptwriter.

Steven is also the author of twelve books.

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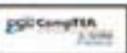
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