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The seniors, from Suz Montgomery's adult classes, defeated the "kids" in the Knowledge Bowl

Knowledge Bowl brings out the best in everyone!

by Nanci Cone

Seniors, who attend Suz Montgomery's Extended Learning Academy held at the Ventura TowneHouse Senior Living Center, where the competition was held Monday, June 6, competed against students from Ventura High School in the second annual Knowledge Bowl quiz.

The idea was to offer questions the way the television show "Jeopardy" does to test abilities – youth versus experience. Last year, the students had a basic advantage since the object was to press a buzzer to answer and they were able to do so a lot quicker than the seniors. Because of that, the students handily beat the seniors with a score of 380-248.

The Knowledge Bowl consisted of two rounds of 30 questions each on history, geography, civics and current events. Each team had 10 seconds to answer the questions put to them. This year, Ms. Montgomery opted to eliminate the buzzers to make the competition a lot fairer and it was the decisive factor in the contest with the seniors beating the students this year with a score of 12-11. In this contest there were a number of questions that neither group could answer correctly.

Montgomery teaches a variety of adult education classes to the seniors and came up with the idea as a way to help bridge the gap between the age

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At the May 22 18th Annual Boys & Girls Club Garden Party fundraiser (held at the Four Points by Sheraton) the Westview Center Glee Club entertained those attending by singing "Stand By Me".

The fundraiser also featured fabulous food and wine from local merchants and the wonderful music of Karl Keller's "Sax And The City".

Hillside Conservancy deals with land donation fallout

by Tim Pompey

When the Ventura Hillside Conservancy finalized the deal on a 15-acre donation from local land owner Buz Bonsall last year along the Ventura River, it was supposed to be a happy moment for the organization. The land had been donated by Bonsall as part of a lawsuit settlement between him and the Ventura County District Attorney's Office.

Then, last fall, VHC was informed that Bonsall's land appraiser, Jeff Kauttu, was preparing a fair market value estimate that might be considered above the norm. "We didn't know what the actual value was," said board member Steve Svete. "We didn't know the amount. All we knew was that the

appraisal was high."

The land conservancy began preparing for Kauttu's appraisal by consulting with the California Council of Land Trusts' (CCLT) legal round table. Executive Director Matt Sayles also began collecting information from other land trust organizations about prices for similar properties.

When Kauttu's appraisal finally arrived in December, VHC learned he had valued the land at about \$82,000 an acre, well beyond what anyone expected.

Once the appraisal was received, timing on the deal became critical. Bonsall's escrow date, as well as the terms of the stipulated judgement between him and the DA's office, needed to be closed by December 15.

The board also felt that if they didn't execute the agreement by the end of December, Bonsall might have legal recourse. "The problem," said board member Brooke Ashworth, "was that if we didn't accept the donation proposal by a stipulated date, we could be found to be in violation of our contract."

During board discussions about the agreement, Director Sayles expressed concern that accepting the property with an inflated appraisal violated standard land trust practices.

Ashworth points out, however, that IRS Form 8283, which had to be signed off on as part of the agreement, specifically included text on the form that read: "This acknowledgment does not represent an agreement with the claimed fair market value."

In the end, despite Sayle's objections, the board agreed to the deal. "Everyone made their decision based on the best

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"I'm sure that there is a stairway there somewhere."

Sand wars: beach residents win a round

by Rebecca Wicks

The long-standing saga of encroaching sand near homes and in the streets of the ocean side Pierpont community continues with the most recent skirmish won by the residents. For years questions around who is responsible for sand removal, and later if sand removal is legal at all have circled the oftentimes heated discussion.

Superior Court Judge Barbara Lane ruled the city should in fact remove excessive sand buildup outside beachfront properties and public stairways. Lane's statement outlined that the city must remove buildup pressing against the plaintiff's retaining walls to a level below the property owners' walls and homes, as well as the sand buildup in the streets and on public stairways.

In the past, the city removed sand from public areas butting up against residential property as well as on public stairways and streets. According to residents some sand was moved somewhat haphazardly in the late 1990s. In 1999 the Coastal Commission intervened and stopped the city from removing sand from the area declaring the vegetative dunes were sensitive habitat. Since 1999 sand has built up against residential properties and public stairways causing safety concerns and some property damage.

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The Ventura Police will be out of service during the "Tip-A-cop Fundraiser" on June 21. See page 7 for all of the details (in case crooks read this, we are kidding about being out of service).

This issue's **Face of Ventura** by Johanna Spinks is on page 10.

On Thursday, June 16, from 5 to 8 pm, Johanna will be painting a **Face Of Ventura** at the Greek in the Ventura Harbor during "Art Night in Ventura Harbor". Go see this wonderful artist at work.



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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown
Publisher

■ The ballot initiative to vote to remove the parking meters (and other paid parking restrictions) will be on the November ballot so Venturans will finally get a chance to express themselves regarding this very controversial matter. Much more to come as it gets closer.

The measure will restrict all future paid parking unless it is approved by 2/3 of the voters even though the measure only needs to be approved by a simple majority.

■ There is such wonderful and sad news regarding Libby Bowl located in Ojai.

At the recent unveiling of the wonderfully remodeled Libby Bowl Ojai architect David Bury (59) was too frail to attend the grand opening and passed away shortly after it was held.

The \$4 million remodel was a wonderful result of civic pride, of grass roots funding and the city. Hopefully we can be as successful with our proposed botanical gardens. The Libby Bowl is right around the corner so think about attending some of their very good events and concerts.

■ Diane and I, and about 5,000 others attended the 18th Annual Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival held at CSUCI on June 5. 150 wineries, 30 breweries and 85 food exhibitors with their food (many from Ventura).

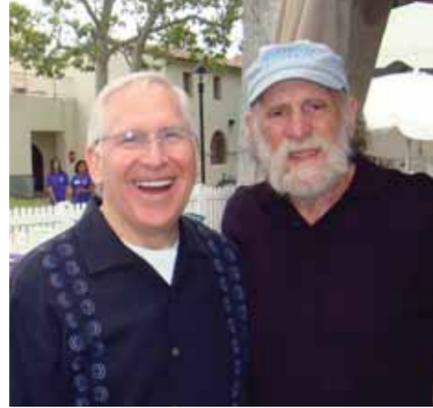
Mind boggling, I didn't eat again for several days and a most wonderful cause (see Scampclub for the wonderful Casa Pacific service dog that greeted all to the event).

■ I'm very excited about the future of the Ventura Breeze. We are obtaining

many new and wonderful advertisers and writers.

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As you know these are tough times for the print media so I very much appreciate the support shown us by our local busi-



The Zarley family was one of the major sponsors of the Casa Pacifica Wine & Food Festival. This is Jim Zarley and I enjoying the event. The children, families and staff were grateful to the family for their generous support of the fundraiser.

nesses who show their support for Ventura by advertising with us.

And it is very exciting to be adding even more wonderful writers to our staff who have contacted me because they wish to inform and educate Venturans by writing for the Breeze.

I always welcome ideas (and articles) from our readers regarding new information to be published in the paper.

Even cute pictures of your grandkids

(but only if they are cute).

■ Besides appearing on the Coach Ron Tunick radio show on AM1400 KKZZ on Monday's from 4-4:30 this has been Ventura Breeze month on the "Lyn and Cyn Show" on KKZZ (11-noon).

I have been on with several guests this month and will be on June 20, 21, 22 and the 27th with Ventura's finest so please listen in and please call in to say hello and speak with my guests and even me.

■ The parking fee for spaces in the lot next to the Ventura Pier have been raised to \$10 and the State is no longer accepting validation from the restaurants.

But before you start yelling at Ventura officials the State has taken back control of this lot and they are raising the fee, not the City.

■ These have nothing to do with Ventura but I wanted to see if you are paying attention.

A report commissioned by Catholic bishops has determined that "Sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests is an historical problem blamed on the sexual revolution and that the priests were swept up by a tide of deviant behavior that became more socially acceptable in the 1960s and 70s."

So I guess that means that all rapists, pedophiles and other sexual predators arrested in the 60s and 70s should be let out of prison because they were "swept up by a tide of deviant behavior".

I'm very happy that our politicians are spending their time on the extremely important issues facing our country like gay rights and abortion and not wasting their time on un-important issues like unemployment, the economy, the environment and a whole bunch of "wars" that we are in.

Mailbox

and retired by then but showed off doing one handed push ups and some shadow boxing. It was nostalgic for me because I remember watching him fight on TV many years ago while sitting in my grandfather's lap.

Boxing stories are fun. Keep em coming. And keep up the good work.

Louis J. Vigorita
Attorney

Friends and colleagues and neighbors;

Bill Knox, who is running for City Council and who grew up here, is willing to serve on the Ventura City Council and I wholeheartedly support him. A married father of a young child, a graduate of Ventura Schools, an attorney, and an executive of a firm that provides accounting technology for nonprofits, he is educated and enthusiastic, and thinks clearly. He is a member of the board of the Ventura County Taxpayers' Association, and is the chairman of the East Ventura Community Council.

He has tremendous intellect and is fair-minded, with a great sense of justice. He is pleasant and respectful, even of those with different viewpoints. Whether you live in the city limits or not, you might consider assisting Bill because he has so much more to bring to the larger scene.

A meet-and-greet fundraiser is being held on Thursday, June 23, at 6 pm at Nona's Courtyard Cafe, in the Bella Maggiore Inn at 67 S. California St. It is sponsored by Councilman Neal Andrews, Thomas J. Wood, Ken Luper, and the undersigned.

Please attend; you will be pleased with what you learn about this bright young star.

Kioren Moss, MAI

Hello Breeze,

I lived across the street from the Hansen Farm on Saticoy Ave and Telegraph Ave. when I was young which is now marked by 8 or 9 condo's and some asphalt with yellow stripes on it. We used to be able to tell the change in the seasons by what was growing in that field. My favorite was when the entire field glowed purple in the sunlight from acres of lavender. It is a wonderful piece of land and I was saddened to see the sign posted on Saticoy Ave. notifying the reader of the pending auction.

I understand it is a complicated world and I am certain that the rationale to sell the property is strong and intact but it still strikes me as fundamentally wrong. An institution like the UC (University of California) with a mission of educating students in the sciences of agriculture might consider the long term impacts of encasing such beautiful chunks of land in concrete, stucco and sod. Otherwise, why not change the UC departments title from AG to Real Estate development. The two agendas represent two completely different long term views on land use. Obviously I am no expert, but I grew up across the street and I am going to miss the color changes, the smells and the stillness in the middle of so much activity.

Regards,
Andy Killion
Ventura

Dear Friends,

Please check out our new online store for the Ventura Botanical Gardens at www.CafePress.com/VenturaBotanicalGardens. This is a great way to support our efforts and spread the word every day by showcasing our name on the hats, totes, and other super items we're offering at this site! Show your pride in Ventura and our community effort to create a world class garden.

Thanks,
Doug Halter

Dear Editor,

In response to Ms. Eriksen's article dated May 18-31, 2011 regarding the parking meters I would not refer to more than 10,000 residents as "a select few creating a lot of negative noise!" This is the number of voters who signed the petition to take the issue where it should have been taken in the beginning--to the taxpayers, the people who pay the bills and bring their business downtown. They are all too often excluded from the discussion as is the case with her article.

Whether you support or oppose the parking meters, both residents and merchants must have the freedom to choose on Election Day. This is democracy in action and I encourage everyone to embrace it.

Sincerely,
Maria Fidele

A person starts to live when he can live outside of himself.

—Albert Einstein



City News



Members of the community had many questions regarding the proposed Promenade enhancement projects

The presentation of the Beachfront Promenade Enhancement

by Yanninia Madigan
(student at Brooks Institute)

On May 31st at the Crowne Plaza Hotel members of the community attended a presentation to discuss the California Street Bridge and Beachfront Promenade enhancement projects.

The City of Ventura Public Works Department and Public Art Programs and artist Michael Davis discussed the plans for improving the California Street Bridge by making it better for pedestrians. Some of the improvements discussed were higher rails to increase safety and a waiting areas for pedestri-

ans along with lightning issues.

A number of community members brought up several key issues. For instance some were concerned with pedestrians crossing, and the overall safety of the pedestrians who walk along the bridges. Some of the suggestions that were made were to create waiting areas for the pedestrians as well as to move the bike traffic into the street by creating a bicycle lane.

The presentation then went on to discuss the Beach Promenade and the

renovation being made. Among the renovations include the replacement of deteriorated electrical conduits, installing new energy efficient LED lights along the promenade wall and the aesthetic enhancements that are currently in the planning process. Overall the presentation seemed to go pretty well, and several key issues were brought up and discussed.

Artist Michael Davis was selected in 2003 to work on the design team to create aesthetic and functional improvements in conjunction with California Street Off Ramp and Pedestrian Improvement projects.

Since January 2010, Davis has been working as part of a city-led design team to develop lighting, seating and railing designs for the Beachfront Promenade. Davis was selected for this project in order to thematically tie the planned improvements for the California Street Bridge to the Beachfront Promenade.

Why Ventura is special

by Mayor Bill Fulton

Ventura has a remarkable ability to pull together and accomplish things in ways that other cities just can't.

The weekend of June 4 and 5 was no exception. On the Westside of town – specifically, the large vacant lot on the corner of Ventura Avenue and Kellogg Street, our city folks were working with the Westside Community Council, E.J. Harrison, and dozens of volunteers doing a Westside Cleanup Day. It was a remarkable effort that brought our Westside community together in so many different ways.

Often when we do a "cleanup day" – as we have recently done at the beach, Downtown and in Midtown – it consists mostly of picking up trash, scraping gum off the sidewalk, and things like that. These efforts not only beautify the community but also help limit the flow of trash into the rivers and the ocean.

The Westside effort was a little different – but with the same intent. With Harrison's help, Westside volunteers and our folks set up dumpsters and recycling locations on the Kellogg site. Anybody who wanted to bring large items to dump could do so. When the event started at 9 am, there was a line of cars around the block.

Now, at first glance, the sight of a bunch of cars idling in a neighborhood on Saturday morning to dump off mattresses, refrigerators, and other such items might not seem like a community event. But it was truly amazing. First, there were dozens of people volunteering to help haul and sort the trash and recycling material. And second, the people who were bringing their stuff were really helping the neighborhood and the community. Not only were they cleaning out their garages (and, in some cases, their yards), but they were also properly disposing of items that might otherwise wind up on the street or in the river bottom.

In a world with so much "stuff," it can be a constant battle to keep our city clean and beautiful. Just as important, however, is keeping trash out of the rivers and the ocean. Dumping trash in the river bottom harms water quality – and also subjects the City and its taxpayers to possible fines from the Regional Water Quality Board of thousands of dollars a day. The Westside Cleanup Day

built community pride and teamwork, made our city more attractive, and saved the taxpayers a lot of money.

The next day, a music video was being filmed in Figueroa Plaza for saxophonist Dave Koz and a lot of people participated in this fun community event.

That same afternoon, a memorial service for Nick Haverland was held at Arroyo Verde Park. As everyone now knows, Nick was the promising 20-year-old kid – about to go off to Hawaii to study ethnobotany – who was killed by a drunk driver on Telegraph Road a few weeks ago. Nick's tragic death has brought so many of us in our community together and Sunday's memorial service – attended by hundreds of people despite the rain – told this story well.

The memorial was the third event that weekend that reminded me why Ventura is such a special place. I truly believe most communities cannot accomplish the things we do here.

Judy Devine answers Parks and Recreation question

Q: My family (children in elementary and middle school) just moved to Ventura from the Los Angeles area. What recreation classes, programs and parks does the city offer?

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Take your family to our state-of-the-art Ventura Aquatic Center at 901 S. Kimball Road, with three pools (competition, recreation, and playground), and two giant water slides. Classes are available for swimming, diving, water polo, lifeguard training, pool exercise and water safety. Also, there are summertime aquatic camps and pool party facilities. Last summer, more than 2,900 kids took our swim lessons. You can also come enjoy the pool during open swim times, Family Float Night or the Dive-In movie night. For the 2011 schedule, hours, fees and information, visit <http://www.cityofventura.net/aquatics>.

Whether you love arts, fitness, history, music, nature, science or sports, there are many ways to discover Ventura's many parks and facilities. Our summer programming includes classes, camps, lessons, sports, activities, concerts and events at locations throughout the city. This is a perfect way to get to know Ventura and meet new people. The city's recreation guide, called MY Ventura, lists all programming information. Pick up a copy at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli St., Room 226 (weekdays, closed alternate

Crowell, Weedon & Co. Welcomes Cheryl Gooss

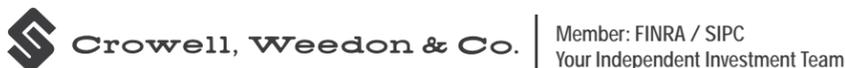


Crowell, Weedon & Co. Ventura is pleased to introduce Cheryl A. Gooss, Associate Vice President - Investments. Gooss began her career in the financial services industry in 1997 for Dean Witter Oxnard, later acquired by Morgan Stanley. She served as an advisor for Morgan Stanley until they merged with Smith Barney in 2009, at which point she came on board with Crowell, Weedon in their Westlake Village office. Gooss is a long time Ventura County resident with a passion for the arts and animal rescue.

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City of Ventura has new Water General Manager

The new Ventura Water department has its first General Manager. Ventura City Manager Rick Cole announced recently that Shana Epstein has been hired as the new Ventura Water General Manager. Epstein recently served as Environmental Utilities Manager for the City of Beverly Hills and was selected through an open recruitment process.

Ventura Water has been organized from the former Water and Wastewater divisions of the City's Public Works Department and will eventually include stormwater operations as well. The new department accounts for more than \$40 million in annual revenue and employs nearly 100 staff members serving more than 40,000 customers.

"Shana offers both operational experience and big picture understanding of Ventura's goal of remaining self-sufficient in water through environmental leadership," said City Manager Rick Cole. "She's been the very first person to hold the job in three out of her last four positions. She's a pioneer with a great track record and we have a great opportunity to better serve our customers with the new Ventura Water operation she'll be leading."

After a national search that yielded more than 90 applicants, Epstein was one of two finalists interviewed by a panel of City directors and environmental and business leaders, including the Ventura Chamber of Commerce and the Surfrider Foundation Ventura County Chapter.

During her tenure at the city of Beverly Hills, she led a staff of more than 70 employees and was responsible for providing water, wastewater, solid waste and storm water services. Prior to taking the position in Beverly Hills, Epstein served in the public utilities department for the City of Anaheim. Epstein holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego.

Hillside Conservancy

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interest of the organization," said Svete. VHC became the official owner of the property and Bonsall was eligible to write off part of the estimated land value on his taxes.

Then, last January, Sayles abruptly resigned, and in April the VHC received

a letter from the CCLT informing them that they had been suspended from membership in the organization.

According to CCLT Executive Director Darla Guenzler, the issue was not the appraisal itself, but the fact the estimate should have received further scrutiny. "There was substantial reason to question the appraisal," she said, "and they still signed off on it."

Guenzler pointed out that it's up to the individual land trust to follow through on any property estimates that may appear to be overpriced or questionable. "For the land trust, it has a responsibility to act in the public interest and raise questions," she said. "Our concern is for the organization's high professional and ethical standards."

Asked what additional steps VHC should have taken, Guenzler replied, "I think seeking additional outside counsel would have been worthwhile."

But according to an e-mail published by the Ventura County Reporter, Kauttu staunchly defends his estimate, concluding that the land was appraised based on the "value of the whole." Kauttu's estimate took into consideration Bonsall's larger parcel (a total of 41 acres) from which the 15 acres had been divided. He wrote that "the portion donated is an integrated portion of the whole property. I concluded the value of the donated property on a pro rata, average unit value basis."

As all of this fallout is sifted through by VHC, one question still remains: What is a reasonable estimate for the donated property? According to Ashworth, "We commissioned an independent appraisal in January and we haven't received that info yet."

Why did they do this *after* the land deal was finalized? "We did it in part to make sure that we were maintaining an accurate value of the land in our books," she replied. Still, the uncertainty of the land's value remains a nagging issue: "We're wrestling with the fact that there can be such a range in appraisals indicated by state certified appraisers."

Svete and Ashworth accept responsibility for the board's decision. "Every time we explain the circumstances," she said, "it appears that we are not contrite, and that's not true. We accept responsibility and we're not making excuses."

VHC is currently trying to reestablish its CCLT membership. "Our goal is to be reinstated and we've been offered that opportunity," Ashworth stated.

She also maintains they still have strong community support: "I think the community has been very understanding that we acted with the best of intentions. There have been some questions raised, but not a loss of support."

Ashworth believes the organization will continue to learn and grow and that land use in Ventura will continue to be a major concern. "VHC's conservation mission is important to people in Ventura," she said, "and that support will carry us through."

Sand wars

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Last year, Pierpont residents and the city reached a legal cost-sharing settlement where the city agreed to allow grading and sand removal in limited areas. The Commission stepped in once more and blocked the effort citing the area should not be overly disturbed with motorized equipment.

City officials have not immediately embraced the judge's ruling.

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City Attorney Ariel Calonne did not dispute the sand being a substantial issue for residents with "very real impacts." However, Calonne questioned whether it is the city's responsibility to step in and help these residents.

"The city didn't create mounds of sand," said Calonne. "The question is whether these are problems that the taxpayers should bear or a consequence of those choosing to live at the beach."

Comments such as these made by Calonne have infuriated Pierpont residents.

"The city has neglected to clear public streets, walkways and stairways of sand, period," said a resident who asked not to be named. "That is what our tax dollars go toward, to keep public ways accessible and safe no matter where they are in the city."

City officials have also stated the ruling neglects to address the Coastal Commission's mandates. Residents disagree.

"The city may have said to have had their hands tied by the Coastal Commission, but this ruling shows clearly it's the city's responsibility," said Robert Smith who rents in the Pierpont area.

Judge Lane made her ruling based on the fact that the city had not "acted reasonably in its maintenance and control of the Shore Drive beach property." The report goes on to order the city "to take appropriate action to abate the continuing sand nuisance."

The city can appeal this decision. Action was discussed at a closed City Council meeting on June 6. Discussion and results from that meeting were not disclosed at the time of this article.

Knowledge bowl

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groups. She said, "Lifelong learning has no age, and never ends."

This year's senior contestants

included Bill Reach, 80, a retired businessman; and retired teachers Mary T. Ayers, 74; Ethel Johndoff, 62; and Don Haskell, 68. Haskell, who taught in Ventura schools for more than 30 years, said he had been preparing by watching the news and playing practice rounds along with "Jeopardy" on television.

Representing Ventura High School were seniors Lucas Souza, 18; Doug Petree, 18, and Matt Roberts and Tanner Shelton, 17, a junior. All described themselves as knowledge enthusiasts who spend free time watching the History Channel and all are looking forward to attending college in the fall except for Tanner who has one more year ahead of him at Ventura High School and hopes to be in next year's Knowledge Bowl.

Ventura High history teacher Linda Brug coached the losing Knowledge Bowl team and said the change in format made a huge difference. Brug wrote the questions for the Knowledge Bowl using a combination of current and recent events of the past century. She said the younger team was enthusiastic about facing the seniors and that they love doing this.

As senior Mary Triplett Ayers stated "I liked very much that all the Ventura High contestants said that they are always pursuing learning. One said that he read the encyclopedia for recreational reading when very young, and all said that they watch the History Channel."

So many think that graduation from high school or college marks the end of learning. It doesn't. Learning should have no end. When you stop learning, you are ready to die. Lifelong learning should be our goal.

"See you next year."



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At the close of The 40th Annual Veterans Avenue of Flags Memorial Day Service located at The Ivy Lawn Cemetery, the advanced colors fly while the closing national anthem is played.

Memorial Day service at Ivy Lawn Cemetery

by Josh Reason

Scores of family members, veterans, press, and city officials sat in the warm sun during the Memorial day service at Ivy Lawn Cemetery in Ventura on Sunday May 30.

The attending crowd overflowed the estimated seating and the event ended up with standing room only. Veterans from all generations dating back to WWII participated in the Memorial Day ceremony by laying wreaths, as guest speakers or as color guards. However, according to the events speakers and Ivy Lawn Staff, in unity, the consensus of the crowd and those involved in the event were expressed clearly. That we, as the United States of America, should never forget those who have served, their sacrifice, and the sacrifice of their families.

Captain James J. McHugh, Commanding Officer Naval Base Ventura County presented The Memorial Day Address to the overflowing crowd. KADYTV.com interviewed Capt. McHugh after the address inquiring about his thoughts and the reflections regarding Memorial Day.

"Memorial Day, is a special day, were you remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, with their lives, that enables us to live this freedom that we have. So that we can go to the BBQ's and go to the beach without worry of our freedoms being taken away," McHugh said.

Along the main road leading to the events location, American casket flags fly for hundreds of yards in remembrance of those who did give the ultimate sacrifice. On the bottom of each flag is the name, the date of birth and the date of death of those who gave their life in the service of their country. The casket flags were donated by the families of the service members for Memorial Day events like this said Terri Taylor Gonzales, president and general manager of Ivy Lawn Memorial Park.

Gonzales estimated that close to 1200 people were in attendance. In an

interview done before the ceremony commenced, by KADYTV.com, Gonzales expressed her feelings on this Memorial Day.

"This is to let the families who have lost loved ones know that we will never forget them," said Gonzales. "And the veterans that have lost their brother or sister know that we will never forget them," she added.

"Do you sense in America that we are seeing a renewed sense of patriotism," asked bill DeFoi anchor for KADYTV.com.

Gonzales responded in agreement "I think so, Ventura County has always been a very patriotic event and recently the crowds that come out are not the same people."

In tribute to so many different members of the armed forces and organizations who served along side them; there were, elected presentations by service members, such as, a poem written by Bill Scheider in remembrance of the Merchant Marines of WWII. Other elected groups, like the Pacific Coast Highlanders Pipe Band, that followed selected military and military families who laid wreaths in honor of those that died. The band played Scottish bag pipes and marched in cadence up to the podium where the wreaths were laid to rest.

The Ceremony was concluded with a rifle salute by Ventura Military Explorers, a fly over by the 805th Navigation Squadron and the releasing of white doves from Smitty and Company of Oxnard. Taps was played by Jennifer Vasquez a trumpet player with the Young Marines a Military group from Los Angeles County. Vasquez played taps just before the white doves were released, flew around the crowd and then headed north to a unknown location.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Ventura City Councilman Neil Andrews and Ventura District 1 Supervisor Steve Bennett who did not give an address however were in the ceremony.

VFD and Brooks Institute

by Kris McDonald

Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

Brooks Institute and Ventura City Fire Department (VFD) have always had a strong working relationship, one which has provided local Brooks students unique opportunities to hone their photography, film, and visual journalism skills. It is a relationship that has also helped VFD to display the many facets of its "all-risk" emergency response services to the citizens of Ventura. VFD, under the direction of Fire Chief Kevin Rennie, and Brooks Institute have now partnered in an innovative and long term approach to this cooperative effort.

This new, innovative community partnership between VFD and Brooks Institute is a shining example of a win-win situation. One that provides a real-world learning environment for Brooks students, while giving VFD the ability to provide additional community services that would otherwise be cost and budget prohibitive.

Brooks Institute has created an entirely new program that focuses its students on exposing the many functions and services provided by VFD. The program has a short duration, high-intensity curriculum that cycles new students through every eight weeks, with each class building on the work done by the previous class. This unique, hands-on curriculum builds the skills and portfolios of each student, better preparing them for their career in related fields.

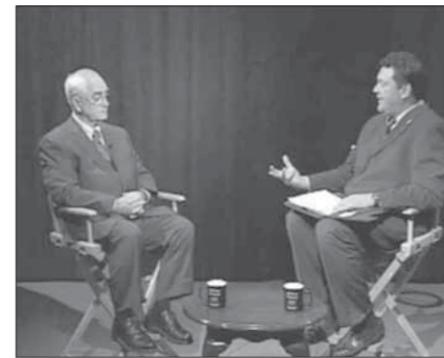
Brooks students are embedded as a crew member, at various times, within all of the five currently staffed fire stations located within the city. Their mission is to gather front-line emergency film footage and photos, with a strict adherence to patient privacy. Students gather photos, video, and information about not just emergency responses, but also the important round-the-clock services being delivered by VFD.

Students are responsible for the editing and production of collected material as well as producing various marketing and social media related products. The work done by Brooks students will be used to build VFD's web presence via our department website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. Material gathered by Brooks will also be used to create VFD informational handouts that Firefighters will provide to patients and citizens who suffer a crisis or require other assistance from Ventura's Firefighters. These documents will assist our community members in their time of need.

Most notably, however, Brooks students will be developing video presentation materials as well as educational, take-home materials that will be delivered to elementary school children during our upcoming "Safety Day" in the Fall of 2011. This new, innovative approach to bringing fire safety to children via multimedia is a very exciting leap forward in our public education program.

The Ventura City Fire Department would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Brooks Institute, its staff and its students. Without them, this incredible opportunity to better serve our citizens would not exist. Hopefully this community partnership can serve as the foundation for many more to come.

Visit us online at www.facebook.com/venturacityfire, www.youtube.com/user/VenturaCityFD, and www.cityofventura.net/emergencyprep.



New County Tax Collector is being interviewed by Peter Godinez, who tried to get a discount on his property taxes.

"He's the taxman" Steven Hintz, Ventura County Treasurer - Controller

by Peter Godinez

Xerox Ambassador

Paying property taxes is not everyone's favorite "to do" item in the April and December timeframe each year.

Well, since we are required to pay these taxes, I guess I cannot think of a better and more qualified human than Steven Hintz, newly elected (January 2011) Treasurer-Tax Collector of County of Ventura.

His valued employees at the Tax Collector department address him as "Judge". A respectable title he has earned as a retired Ventura County Superior Court Judge. During his judicial tenure, he presided over 330 jury trials and 435 court trials. The same leadership, respect and decision-making qualities that made him a successful judge are the same attributes that make him successful in this very challenging position as a "tax collector".

I empower myself to be considered a "Hintz" expert (no I am not the president of his fan club), but I have had wonderful opportunity to observe this gentleman in various capacities of his life.

My first exposure to this man was when he coached my son in Ventura Youth Basketball, along with his son. His knowledge of the game probably would not measure up to, let's say, Phil Jackson, but his ability to encourage 10-year-old boys (our sons are 30 years old now) was remarkable. His favorite "shout out" was "that's the way to play".

Eleven years later, our daughters were playing on the Ventura High School Volleyball team together. What is special about this was that Steven announced the games. Announced he did, with the most loud volume (level 11) and excitement ever seen in the sport of girl's high school volleyball. As a judge I am sure he pounded a mean gavel, but I have never seen a man (or women) pound his foot harder and louder on the full cheering the crowd than him. Powered by his favorite candy, Skittles (any favor will do), this former judge and present day tax collector was able to captivate the diversity of the crowd. You almost have to see it to believe it.

Hintz has performed extensive community service work. He co-



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founded the Ventura Cops and Kids Club in 1977 and coached 40 different youth sports teams from 1978-2009. From 1985-1988, he served as president of the Easter Seal Society of Ventura County.

The people of this county elect their new tax collector since the last vote was 30 years ago. Based on his love for his wife, his son, his daughter, his friends and his passion for life I can see why he won.

Ventura is very fortunate to have such a special man leading the fine people of Ventura County. There are just some people who can walk in a crowded room and make it light up. Steven Hintz is just that special Soul.

Come on Ventura, shout it out, "that's the way to pay those taxes."



CAPS CHAT

CAPS4Kids this July

by Kirsten Ricketts

Have you heard about the CAPS4Kids Digital Storytelling program? We hope you have! It's a fantastic program that CAPS has been operating since 2007. CAPS4Kids is all about teaching the youth of our community how to tell their own stories through video. CAPS runs 3 weeklong sessions in July open to students ages 12-16. In addition to our summer program, CAPS also does a pro bono class for the Boys and Girls Club here in Ventura. Over the past couple of years we have also partnered with elementary schools in VUSD and brought the CAPS4Kids program into the classroom. It's been a great way to expose more young people to video production technology and gain confidence in their creative talents.

The CAPS4Kids Digital Storytelling program is designed to give kids the chance to become an integral part of a group that develops new skills, creates lasting friendships and demonstrates the importance of collaboration. The classes help students learn and develop the skills necessary to create visual media in teams. They also provide a forum for the exploration of creativity, imagination and self-expression through the use of digital media while building self-confidence. CAPS was founded on the principle of self expression and free-speech. It is our mission to provide the community with the tools needed to create visual media for the purpose of communicating to fellow citizens. All of our CAPS4Kids youth programs are designed to reach out to the kids in our community, show them how to create digital media, and teach skills and principles that will help them with whatever career path they may choose.

This summer's CAPS4Kids Digital Storytelling classes are being held from July 11-29 with three different topics of focus for each week. The students will learn how to write a script, work with high definition cameras and edit on the latest software. Not only does CAPS provide the latest in video production technology, we have topnotch instructors who will give students the best hands-on training available.

The 2011 CAPS4Kids classes will be directed by CAPS Production Technician, Alex Uvari. Alex has been a coordinator with the program since its inception 5 years ago. Alex is a graduate of Foothill Technology High School, which is right across the street from CAPS-TV! He earned a scholarship to attend the Technology Development Center in the Studio Production & Digital Multimedia Certificate Program at TDC Studios, where he graduated in early 2008. Alex has been a part of the CAPS staff for 5 years working in all areas of video production, training certification and member services.

For more information about this summer's CAPS4Kids Digital Storytelling classes or how to support this great local program, stop by our media center at 65 Day Road in Ventura, visit us online at www.capstv.org, or call 658-0500. You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/capstvventura, and follow us on Twitter, www.twitter.com/CAPSTVtweets.

Lifeguards return to Harbor Cove Beach for the summer

Beautiful views of the Ventura hills, small lapping waves, and windblown sand dunes are just a few things that attract local families to Harbor Cove Beach during hot summer days. Coined as one of the safest beaches in Ventura, locals often refer to this protected shoreline as, "Mother's Beach."

But two years ago, the future of lifeguard services at this hidden gem were in jeopardy due to budget changes. The safety of this beach cannot only be attributed to the breakwater that keeps it protected from high tides and large waves, without lifeguards, beachgoers at even the safest of beaches can be at risk. The Ventura Port District realized the importance of these services to the people of Ventura and visitors alike and negotiated a contract with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation that would allow lifeguard services to remain intact at Harbor Cove Beach.

Oscar Peña, the General Manager of the Port District believes this is an important service for visitors and local residents to feel secure as they enjoy the summer season. Peña said, "The Board of Port Commissioners feels this is money well spent in our community."

Lifeguard services will be offered now through September 5, Labor Day, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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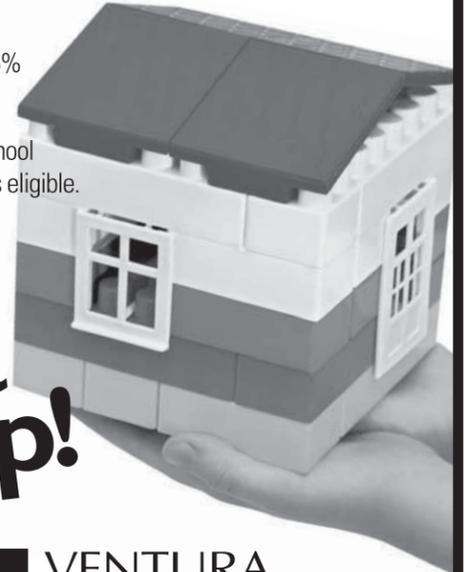
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Community Events



A Marine Corps Color Guard presents arms at last year's Salute To Our Veterans event at Cypress Place Senior Living

Cypress Place to host "Salute To Our Veterans"

The 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 tribute will be Command Master Chief Dean Joyce, USN.

A free BBQ lunch will follow the tribute, and live musical entertainment

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

This event begins promptly at 11am on Thursday, June 30 at Cypress Place Senior Living, located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 650-8000.

Cypress Place Senior Living is a premiere senior community in Ventura County. The beautiful senior living campus features an Active Senior Living community and adjacent Assisted Living and Alzheimer's/Dementia Care community connected by a lushly landscaped courtyard.

To learn more about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura, visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.

Entries sought from Ventura County Chefs, Growers and Vintners for Fair

Celebrity chefs from throughout the county are invited to join the 3rd "Bounty of the County" contest at the 2011 Ventura County Fair on Sunday, August 7. The purpose of the competition is to give local chefs the opportunity to showcase their talents while utilizing the greatest number of Ventura County products. The teams that best represent Ventura County in the most appealing way has the opportunity to win cash prizes up to \$750. Entry deadline is Saturday, July 30, 12 noon and the letter of intent is due on Friday, July 1

For more information www.venturacountyfair.org or 648-3376.

The Harbor's hot this summer

Breathtaking views and sandy beaches aren't all that Ventura has to offer this summer. With a summer calendar full of art nights, yoga classes, free concerts, and of course, pirates, Ventura Harbor Village has something for everyone.

The last Saturday of every month, at 10:30am go to the dogs with Doga, Yoga for Dogs! (June 26, July 30, August 27, September 24 & October 29). Show your pup some love and Zen and learn this unique form of yoga on the Village Main Lawn, cost \$5.

Kids' creativity takes center stage as well this summer for Kids' Creations Sundays from Noon to 2:00, through Labor Day. Enjoy free projects for the kids at Harbor Village Gallery each week, featuring a different art project, plus a chance to explore the changing exhibits and gifts in the artisan store.

Then, head over to the Carousel Stage for some family fun and enjoy the smooth beats of reggae, blues and jazz on Sundays (June 19 to September 4) from 1:00 to 4:00 with the Summer Sounds Concert Series.

Shape up and have fun during the Harbor Lights Summer Sprint Series; a 5K Run/Walk- Aquathon- 1/2 mile swim held on Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:00pm (June 30 to August 4). Event

includes the whole family with a Children's 1K. Produced by N'Step Events, the Sprint Series is six fun-filled nights of running, walking, swimming, dining and unwinding. Evenings include live entertainment, a kid's zone, nightly raffles, and healthy lifestyle expo. Registration available online at www.insidetrackventura.com or at the event.

Music makes the Fair go 'Round

Ventura County Fair announces free concert series.

Free grandstand entertainment brings thousands of fairgoers together every year to dance and sing along with some of their favorite performers live in concert. This year the Ventura County Fair lineup includes a variety of live performances in several different musical genres. Grandstand entertainment is free with admission to the Fair.

Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo, Friday, August 5, 7:30 PM

Clay Walker with Matt Morris, Saturday, August 6, 7:30 PM

Three Days Grace, Monday, August 8, 7:30 PM

The Four Tops, Tuesday, August 9, 9:11pm

The Beach Boys, Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 PM

REO Speedwagon, Wednesday, August 10, 7:30

Lifeline with Toy, Thursday, August 11, 7:30 PM

Trace Adkins, Friday, August 12, 7:30 PM

The 2011 Ventura County Fair opens Wednesday, August 3 and ends on Sunday, August 14. All grandstand concerts, and a variety of other fabulous entertainment, are free with the cost of fair admission.

Now you can find the Ventura County Fair on Twitter, MySpace and Facebook.

For more information about the Fair visit www.venturacountyfair.org or call 648-3376.

Ventura events

June 15: The Ventura County Libertarians will hold their monthly Supper Club Meeting at 7pm. The speaker will be William Knox, candidate for the Ventura City Council. The public is invited to come hear his perspective on city government. The event will take place at Marie Callendar's Restaurant, 1295 South Victoria Ave

June 18: The Ventura County Genealogical Society, Inc. (VCGS) will be holding its regular monthly meeting Saturday. Before the meeting begins and during the breaks, genealogy books and supplies are available for purchase. Guests are always welcome to attend their free meeting. The guest speaker is Toby Scott speaking on the subject of "Using Your Computer to Better Organize Information." The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at the Ventura LDS Family History Center, 3501 Loma Vista Rd. at Mills Rd.

June 20: National Association of Parliamentarians meeting of California Zeta Chi Unit. Elizabeth Wong

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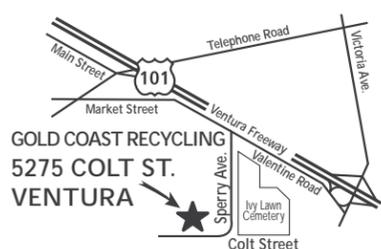


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of Westlake Village, member of Zeta Chi Unit N.A.P., will present the Lesson entitled: "Discipline at Meetings" & will cover Proper Use of Motions & The Eight Basic Points to be Learned about Every Motion. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m in the Topping Room of the E.P. Foster Library 651 E. Main Street. Parking available behind the Library. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday evening of every month except for November and December. For more information about the Zeta Chi Unit of N.A.P. please contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or sandy108@pacbell.net

June 22: Ventura Executive Suites hosts their monthly **Networking Event**. This is an opportunity to meet other local business people and new clients. This is a free event held to encourage the growth of locally owned businesses. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This night of networking is open to anyone who would like to join in so please invite a friend. For more information and to RSVP, please call 653-2381 or send an email to info@venturalexecutivesuites.com

June 24: Featuring over ten artists including Saint Pierre with guests Manuel Rodriguez and his ensemble of gifted musicians in a sea of wonderful stringed instruments. This performance creates a heart touching and engaging atmosphere through the passion of their music. Solo arrangements will be heard by many young guitar masters including Brad Pupa and Josh Lantagne. The Godfather of classical guitar, Carlos Gonzales, will make a special guest appearance. The Wav Theater Gallery - Two shows: Friday **June 24**, 7pm & 9pm Dinner and beverages available for audiences at both shows. \$10 advance, \$12.50 at the door. Dinner show ticket \$24.95 (888) 226-9668 175 So. Ventura Ave. (Free parking at the corner ff Ventura Avenue and Thompson Blvd) www.ConcertArtShow.com for more information.

June 25: There is a **Boaters Swap Meet** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Peninsula Yacht Marina. New and Used Boat Equipment, Marine Supplies, Nautical Knick-Knacks, Boat Tools, Electronics, Hardware, Sails, Fishing Gear, Sail & Power Boat supplies and More will be for trade.

The Swap meets location is 3700 Peninsula Rd. Oxnard, Ca. Call 985-6400 for information. There is free admission for all to enjoy the day to look, buy, sell or swap.

June 28: Ventura Travel Club is having their monthly meeting to discuss topics for their next travel excursion. The informal discussion group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at Pirates Grub and Grog at 450 S. Victoria Ave, Oxnard. Guest speakers are on hand to answer questions and provide topics and ideas for travel. The club meets at 6:00 p.m. in the rear of the restaurant. For information, contact Phyllis at 984-1277.

Ojai events

Presentation on Breast Cancer and Nutrition by Susan Speer, oncology specialist at the Cancer Center of Ventura County, St. John's Hospital. Tuesday, **June 21** from 12 to 1:30 at HELP of Ojai's Oak Tree House (next to Little House) 111 West Santa Ana Street. This talk is free and open to

the public. Call 646.5122 for more information.

A dance to benefit **The Wounded Warrior Project** will be held on Friday Night, **June 10**, 2011, at the Chapel Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave. in Ojai. Dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 will feature musical renditions of the Ventura Jazz Orchestra Sextet and the Vocal Stylings of Donna Greene. Also featured are Intermission Entertainment, a 50/50 Raffle and Refreshments. Admissions: \$15 General, \$13 Dance Buddies (with card), \$10 USA Dance members (with card) and \$5 Active Duty Military and Youth.

Dress: "Dress to Impress" or "Casual".

The **Tom Scott Quartet** will perform at a jazz concert at the Ojai Valley Community Church, 907 El Centro, on Sunday, **June 26** at 6 p.m. The three time Grammy winning saxophonist will be joined by Ojai legend Roger Kellaway on piano, Vinny Colaiuta on drums and Chuck Berghofer on bass. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, and \$100 VIP seating with a meet-and-greet the musicians after the concert. For tickets or info call 746-0936 or buy online at www.conta.cc/ojaijazz.

The first class craft beer and food-pairing event, **Salute! A Finely Crafted Beer & Food Festival**, will come to life Outdoors at Ojai Beverage Company during Father's Day Weekend, **June 17 & 18**, to present locally and nationally celebrated craft breweries alongside renowned regional restaurants and exceptional local musical talent. Two sessions of beer & food pairing with the Unlimited Tasting Session for an audience of 750 people on Saturday, June 18th from 2pm - 6pm for \$40 per person. Guests who wish to have the VIP Experience, limited to 100 people, can purchase a ticket for only \$85. The VIP Experience features a special appearance and education on craft beer and food pairing by renowned pairing expert and Certified Cicerone "Dr." Bill Sysak who hails from Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens. Each course of the dinner will be paired with an exceptional beer hand selected by the "Dr." himself.

On Sunday, **June 19** at 4:30 pm the **Ojai Film Society** will screen **Cold Weather**, a comical mystery from indie auteur Aaron Katz. A self-styled Sherlock Holmes leads an unlikely team of irregulars in a ramshackle investigation of his missing ex-girlfriend that draws the slacker sleuths into Portland's underground. "Indie director on the rise Aaron Katz (Quiet City) delivers his most engrossing film yet," Geof Berkshire, Chicago Tribune

On Sunday, **June 26** at 4:30 pm the Ojai Film Society will screen **Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives**, a fantastical tale from Thailand of a dying man who relives his past lives and visits with ghostly relatives. Uncle Boonmee was the surprise winner of the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 2010. "A beautiful, slow-moving meditation on life, death, and relationships that transcend time and space." Steven Rea, Philadelphia Inquirer

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The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Lorenzo DeStefano

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Originally from Honolulu, Lorenzo DeStefano is the founder and director of the Ventura Film Society (VFS), a member-based cinema cooperative now in its third year.

The VFS, whose mandate is "Discover The World Around You", screens twice-monthly at the Museum of Ventura County. They promote film as public art and bring quality alternative film and filmmakers to the community throughout the year.

Ventura has been part of his life since the mid-80s when he spent frequent weekends here while working in L.A. His longtime friendship with Art City founder Paul Lindhard, a key figure in the city's artistic evolution, showed him the possibilities for artistic collaboration and dynamic involvement in Ventura. He has been a full-time resident since 2006.

As a writer and filmmaker he has participated in many projects in theater, fiction, non-fiction, documentaries, feature films and network television. He was the producer/writer/director of "Hypergraphia", an upcoming film starring Oscar-nominated actor John Hurt. His music feature about the Beatles of 1960s Cuba, "Los Zafiros—Music From The Edge Of Time", reunites the two surviving members of The Sapphires, a legendary Cuban pop group. "Talmage Farlow", a PBS documentary, is a definitive portrait of the great American jazz guitarist Tal Farlow.

After serving a lengthy film editing apprenticeship that began with "The Blue Lagoon", he was lucky to work for several years with Oscar-winning editors William Reynolds, Richard Halsey and others, co-editing and later editing over twenty features that included "Dreamscape", "That Championship Season" and "Girls Just Want to Have Fun". Also he was the supervising editor and a producer and director on

the groundbreaking ABC/Warner Brothers drama series "Life Goes On".

He was involved in theater in L.A. in the late 80s as director of the 25th anniversary L.A. production of William Inge's "Natural Affection"; Horton Foote's "The One-Armed Man"; and the world premiere of "Twisted Twain", a one-man show by the late Bill Erwin. Two of his plays of his, "Providence and "Camera Obscura" have been produced.

He began as a freelance photographer out of high school in Honolulu. Later, in California, he switched his attentions from still photography to film. It was a journey to Cuba in 1993 that, along with numerous other visits, reawakened the photographer in him. A traveling exhibition, "La Hora Magica/The Magic Hour--Portraits of a Vanishing Cuba", has been shown extensively in Cuba and in New York, London, Los Angeles and Vancouver. He has exhibited locally at Art City, the Artist's Union Gallery, Bell Arts Factory and the Sylvia White Gallery.

What do you like most about living in Ventura?

Ventura makes sense to me as a mid-sized city whose component parts, multi-ethnic and broadly diverse, come together more often than in other towns and cities I have known. Beneath the surface attractions of great weather and an aesthetically-pleasing location there beats the heart of a very special place where, it seems to me, most people are trying to live their own definition of a righteous life.

And how was the experience of having your portrait painted by Johanna?

Johanna makes it very easy to sit in one position for two and a half hours. In the process, her sensitivity and talents capture something in her subjects they may have never seen themselves.



Captain Bill Finley



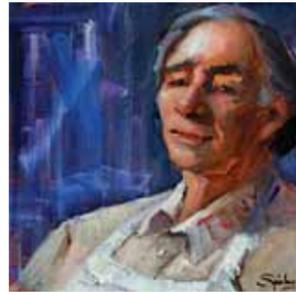
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Portrait artist Johanna Spinks teamed up with the Breeze to take on a new challenge "The Face of Ventura". Aiming to paint 52 worthy Venturans, each in a single sitting painted directly from life at her Bell Arts Factory studio in around two hours. No photos are used, the direct interaction with the sitter is the purpose of the challenge. This feature will run in the Breeze over the next two years.

Face of Ventura Images Copyright Johanna Spinks



Photo by James Scolari

Ventura Skilled Nursing Facility

Victoria Care Center (VCC) has successfully completed its third Licensing Survey from the California Department of Health Services as well as a comprehensive Title 22 Compliance Survey.

Excellent results on each of these surveys has resulted in VCC graduating from the Centers for Medicare / Medicaid (CMS) Special Focus program and positions VCC to receive a Four Star rating in the CMS Star Rating System.

VCC Administrator, John Gardner, who assumed leadership responsibilities for VCC operations last fall states

"Our continued high marks on our state and federal surveys provide third party confirmation of our high quality and commitment to excellence at VCC. Our entire team of care givers and support staff continue to pursue world class care and service, the results of which are now documented in our survey scores."

Services at VCC include skilled nursing, long term rehabilitation, physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy, IV therapy, enteral feeding programs, wound care, pain management and respite care.

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Art Scene



See Kim Clarke's fanciful faces and many other fine pieces at Art Night in the Ventura Harbor

Art Night in Ventura Harbor

Thursday evening, June 16, from 5:00-8:00pm 25+ artists will be demonstrating their painting and craft techniques and showing their finished works throughout Ventura Harbor Village.

The Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery will be featuring Kim Clarke, who will be sculpting her fantastic and fanciful faces along with Troy Schmidt, who will be demonstrating his expertise on the potter's wheel.

Plein Air painters, Gourd carving demonstration along with jewelry design outside Hats Unlimited and the Treasure

Cove patio.

Harbor Village Gallery will be featuring: Jeff Zatlin, Mary Kolada Scott, Debi Nowak-Hawkes, Lis Schwitters and Pam Salem Le "Petit" Restaurant & Bakery will be offering a surprise tasting not to be missed.

And the Village Carousel is offering 2 for 1 carousel rides and special prices on their great fudge! The Greek Restaurant is featuring artists Johanna Spinks, who is painting the Face Of Ventura for the Breeze and Anna Karakalos along with an extended happy hour.

The Heart of the Artist

The meticulous art of George Stuart

by Emily Thiroux Threatt
www.theheartoftheartist.com

Art is frequently seen as a static expression, a moment captured in time with the interpretation of the work left up to the viewer. Like getting the opportunity to view Haley's comment once in eighty years, if we are lucky, once in our lifetime we may experience a unique artistic expression which brings art and history to life. This experience can be yours when you encounter the work of Mr. George Stuart who uses the one quarter scale figures he creates of significant people from history to illustrate the monologues he performs expressing their stories.

Mr. George Stuart is a consummate artist, actor, and historian, but he is the first to deny all three roles. He states that if someone happens to learn something

by listening to him, that he is surprised. Yet his legacy is a true gift to humanity.

As a young man, Mr. Stuart worked as an actor and at a costume shop in New York and in the exhibits department at the Smithsonian, but he returned to Santa Barbara to discover his true life's passion. When he first started fashioning historical characters, he had a concept but lacked in many skills, and he wasn't sure where these figures would take him. Upon the suggestion of a friend, he started developing historical monologues and used his figures as illustration for his performance. Then he took his show on the road. He has been creating more figures and more monologues ever since, for the last 60 years.

To create his figures, he starts with wire to make a skeleton for his taking an architectural approach to meticulously fashioning each of the characters he brings to life from history. First he builds that skeleton, then he creates a body, then he sculpts head and hands, he adds hair, and he fashions the clothing.

Just imagine all of the different skills he developed over the years to create these figures. He is a cobbler to fashion

the shoes. He is a jeweler to fashion the intricate jewelry designs. He is a hair stylist to dye and curl the sheepskin scalps of the figures. He is a shopper to find just the right fabrics. He is a sculptor to carve the intricate, accurate faces and hands. He is an artist who accurately details the muscles, tendons, and fat of each figure. He is a tailor to sew the gowns, and cloaks, and fashions. He is an historian researching the time periods, the people, and the lifestyles of his subjects. He is a writer who takes the historical events and weaves them into fascinating monologues. He is an actor, delighting his audiences as he brings history to life.

Each year Mr. Stuart puts together a new monologue with figures to illustrate his tales. So over the years the collection of figures has grown. Some have been sold and others have been widely displayed. Most recently, a collection of figures has been shown at the Clinton Library in Little Rock, Arkansas.

As the figures age, they must be maintained. Just as our clothes get dirty or wear out, so do the figures. Refurbishing is a critical part of maintaining the collection. Sometimes new clothes are made, or even a new head or hands. He has discovered that at this point he enjoys the restoration more even than the creation of new figures. He has the opportunity to re-see what he has created and look at the characters from a different perspective.

The Smith Gallery at The Museum of Ventura County always has a display of Mr. Stuart's figures. Currently, The Bourbon Dynasty with figures such as Louis the XIV, Marie-Antoinette, and Napoleon Bonaparte is being exhibited. You can also see a display of a cross section of how figures are created. Fas-



Louis the XIV can be seen hanging around the Museum of Ventura County. Photo by Peter D'Aprix.

inating! And you can learn about the figures in the display and experience a performance of Mr. Stuart at The Age of the Sun King on July 5, and After Us, the Deluge on August 16. For reservations, call 653-0323 x 315.

In this age when funds are being drastically cut for education and the arts, Mr. Stuart has created a way outside of the ordinary to keep history alive. <http://www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com/index.html>

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. And I hope that you'll read my blog and support the artists I feature. <http://www.theheartoftheartist.com/category/Blog/>

Museum exhibit contrasts beach wear trends

Take the plunge into summer with *Splash!*, an exhibition highlighting ocean-inspired art and Ventura's beach resort past, running July 2 through September 18 at the Museum of Ventura County. Artwork by more than 30 regional artists can be seen throughout the museum's galleries, plaza, and courtyard, including large-scale sculptural installations and artistic surfboards. The historical component of the exhibit contrasts early 20th century beach wear with today's trends, explores 1960s surf culture, and offers a look back at Ventura's former Bath House, unique "Tent City" and Pierpont Bay resort.

The opening reception is on Friday, July 1, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., and includes music by The Soul Surfers and entry to all galleries. Admission is \$5 for the general public; museum members are free. For reservations call 653-0323 x 7.

The Museum of Ventura County is located at 100 East Main Street in downtown Ventura. Hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, members and children under 6 are free. For more museum information go to www.venturamuseum.org or call 653-0323



Do you think that this style is coming back? Find out at the Museum! Photo by Barr.

Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)

Professor Scamp
Ph.D

■ If you are going away for a vacation this summer, your pets and plants might need someone to take care of them. My 11 year old friend Sarah is a very responsible person and could do it by going to your house. She has experience with animals (Has a dog, bunny, turtle and fish). Also, small animals (hamsters, lizards, birds, etc.) that live in cages could be taken care of in her own home.

She only charges \$6 per day for one visit and will feed and walk your animals, water your plants, whatever needs to be done and \$11 per day for two visits per day. It's nice that a young person has her own business so give her a call or email her at 642-3291 or jofflo@roadrunner.com.

■ The general statistics for the US shows that it really pays to microchip your pet and keep your current contact on a registration database such as Petlink. In a recent study of 53 U.S. animal shelters, only 1.8% of stray cats and 21.9% of stray dogs were able to be reunited with their owners. In the same study, 38.5% of stray cats with registered microchips were reunited – over 20 times more and 52.2% of stray dogs with registered microchips were reunited – over 2.5 times more. That still means that lots of pets are not reunited so please keep those gates closed.

■ Whether through his car donation program, or helping with fundraising events, Jeff Kroll has decided to dedicate his energy to his passion for animal welfare. Always an animal lover and often a dedicated volunteer for animal related causes, Kroll decided upon turning 50 that he would leave the corporate world behind and devote his time and experience to help animals in need.

Most of Kroll's retirement days are spent helping the Humane Society of Ventura County raise much needed funds through a vehicle donation program he has been operating since 2004. He accepts cars, RVs, boats, motorcycles and other vehicles from the public on behalf of the Humane Society of Ventura County. He prepares the vehicles for sale including needed repairs, smog test,

insurance, and DMV processing fees, raising over \$120,000 to benefit shelter animals.

Those wanting to donate a vehicle are encouraged to visit the Humane Society website at www.hsvc.org. Click "Support the Animals" and select "Donating a Car" to access an online donation form. Donations qualify for an income tax deduction as the Humane Society of Ventura County is a nonprofit organization. For more information or to donate a vehicle by phone, Jeff can be contacted at 640-8128 or 805-890-1486 and be sure to tell him that I sent you.

■ If you need to take your pet on an airplane these are a few things that you should know.

If you are a passenger on the same flight as your pet you may transport your pet as accompanied baggage (so now we are baggage). On flights of less than 6 hours most airlines will allow pets to be taken with you in the cabin. The container for this must fit under the seat in front of you and must have a water-proof bottom (so no bloodhounds).

Or pets can travel by plane in the pressurized cargo hold. Whether the pet is flying as checked baggage or as cargo we will arrive in the same special area of the cargo department, which is pressurized and temperature controlled (I like it at about 70 degrees). Airline personnel make every effort to handle pets with the care they deserve (or at least they are supposed to).

Animals traveling internationally (I'm almost 50 years old and I haven't been to Europe yet) need to have a 15 digit microchip that should appear on all veterinary and vaccination certificates.

Purchase a compliant pet carrier in which your pet can comfortably stand, lie down and turn around. Give your pet at least one month to become familiar with the carrier at home.

Check your pet's collar tag to make sure it won't become caught in the carrier doors (and don't have your address on the collar, it might just lead some "bad guys" to your house).

Clearly identify your pet on the outside of the container including a photo, name, and contact information for your pet's destination point. Carry

a robbery that had occurred minutes prior.

Three male victims indicated they had left the 7-11 convenience store and were walking north on Hill Street when they observed a sedan stop alongside them. A suspect exited the vehicle and pointed a shotgun at the victims and ordered all three victims to their knees. The victims were ordered to empty their pockets. Another suspect obtained the property and the two suspects re-entered the vehicle.

During the course of the crime, the identities of the suspects were discovered: Edwyn Hernandez, 18 years old, and Santiago Hernandez, 19 years old. The third suspect was interviewed and released. The suspects were booked in VC Jail.

Commercial Burglary Arrest

On Saturday, June 4th, at 6:50 a.m., the VPD received a call of a suspicious subject on 1986 South Victoria Avenue. An alarm call was received at a law firm in the same vicinity. Officers located Jose Ceja, 19 years old, in the parking lot of the business, and discovered a

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Even though some of them don't live at Casa Pacifica anymore, I still love them! Sometimes, they come to visit me and that makes me so happy!

And you can always come visit me also at Casa Pacifica and to learn more about us go to www.casapacific.org.



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And do remember that these are just some guidelines and that each airline has its own so be sure to check with your airline.

Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

Robbery with Firearm

On Friday, May 27th, at 6:53 p.m., VPD responded to a possible shooting victim at Grant Park 655 Brakey Road. Officers located a witness in the area. The suspect had attempted to take victim Chase Christensen's property at gunpoint. Christensen refused and the suspect struck Christensen on the head with the handgun he was holding. The suspect then fired his gun at the ground near Christensen's feet. The suspect took Christensen's property and fled the location in a sedan driven by an unknown female.

Officers were unable to locate the suspects. Christensen refused any medical attention and was uncooperative with the police investigation. There were several conflicting statements between various witnesses. Christensen received a laceration to his head from the impact of the firearm.

Armed Robbery

On Thursday, April 14th, at 11:00 p.m., VPD responded to the 200 block of Hill Street to contact the victims of

broken window at the law firm. Ceja was involved with the commercial burglary. He was arrested and booked at the VC Jail. He had just been released from the jail the day before on a prowling charge.

Residential Structure Fire

On Sunday, June 5th, at 8:14 a.m., Ventura fire units were dispatched and responded to a fire in a residential

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Volunteers from CAREGIVERS, Rotary East, Foothill and Ventura high schools surround Curt McKenna

Senior Cone-nection

A fine collaboration

by Nanci Cone

Recently Rotary East of Ventura and CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly joined forces to make a difference in someone's life. When Rotary's Craig Miller was approached about creating a new program, he thought it would be a great idea to help people who needed work done on their homes but couldn't afford it. Rotary East wanted to partner with a nonprofit group, which is where CAREGIVERS came in.

CAREGIVERS provides services to hundreds of seniors that enable them to remain in their homes. "Pairing with CAREGIVERS has allowed Rotary to reach the people who need our help most," said Craig. "When we decided on whom we were going to help, the response from my Rotary club was fantastic," he went on to say.

George Harrell of CAREGIVERS suggested the first recipient should be Curt McKenna, a 96 year old individual from Casitas Springs who lives alone and some might say is disabled. Curt loves life, does not see himself as disabled and, once you meet Curt, you realize how special he is," comments George. Executive Director Brad Berens added, "Curt is an amazing individual. He has such a positive outlook on life and an incredible background. We were fascinated as he related tales of how he drove out west in his purple Ford touring car with the bright red canvas top. There wasn't a person who showed up that wasn't impressed with him!"

Curt said it all very succinctly. He said, "People are always telling me that I've led a fascinating life. Heck, I'm still here so I'm still leading a fascinating life!" Students from Foothill and Ventura High Schools who participate in CAREGIVERS' Building Bridges program were on hand to brighten up the inside of his house and rid it of any cobwebs that might have been missed due to Mr. McKenna's macular degeneration. During that time, Curt regaled everyone by talking about his exploits as well as his 13-year relationship with Barbara, a very colorful individual he met at the Legion Hall. He commented, "She's only 70 years old but that was just right because I like my women younger!"

It was an ambitious undertaking with the volunteers from Rotary cleaning away brush, pulling up the weeds and mowing the ¾ acre site to prevent it from becoming a fire hazard. After five hours of intense work from the Rotary and CAREGIVERS volunteers, Rotarian Husam Hishmeh, one of the volunteers and owner of several Domino's Pizza restaurants donated a dozen pizzas and drinks that satisfied and re-energized the weary crowd. The food was great and Curt, who tried the vegetarian pizza, was amazed. He said, "Gee, I never knew they even made anything like this!"

Everyone really enjoyed meeting Curt who did a great job bridging the generational gap with his fascinating stories from the Depression, World War II through his current day adventures. He definitely set a great example everyone who came out to help.

For more information about how you can help, visit the CAREGIVERS website at www.vccaregivers.org or to learn more about Rotary East, visit their site at www.rotaryventuraeast.org.

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Health

Compassionate eating

by Bianca Rose Martinez

While at a chain grocery store the other day I was almost shocked to find that the cilantro in my hand was from Oxnard. Usually I opt for the abundance of local produce found at the farmers market but I needed it for dinner that night and it would be days before I could go to one. I long for the day when Ventura has its own co-op market that supports local farmers and makes fresh local food available seven days a week. I am always amazed when I see avocados and other fruits and veggies shipped from miles away that fill the produce sections of grocery stores. Es-

pecially when there is so much available in Ventura County! We are truly blessed to live where we do with rich soil, lots of sunshine and fresh ocean air. These components, so critical to life itself, are sometimes taken for granted in our modern world. Many of us consume too much over-packaged convenience foods with ingredient lists that sound like something out of a science fiction movie. Most of it lacking in vital nutrients or so far removed from its original states they are what Michael Pollan calls "food like substances". So much of that unnecessary packaging ends up littering our streets, oceans and clogging up landfills. I am a strong believer in the "health is wealth" mantra. What we eat has such a huge impact on our own health and the world around us.

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Sports



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How long before I am shooting in the 80s?

by Sheldon Brown

The City of Ventura offers golf lessons for all ages and abilities at Olivas Links Golf Course (managed by Kemper Sports) located at 3750 Olivas Park Dr.

Olivas Links is bringing adults into the game of golf in a fast, fun and affordable way through the new Get Golf Ready in 5 Days program.

This new golf program is comprised of a series of five introductory lessons offered by their PGA professional and staff instructors. Classes offer a small-group environment at the very affordable price of only \$99.

Each of the five lessons provide basic skills instruction as well as information regarding the background of the game's rules, etiquette and values and on-course learning opportunities are part of each lesson. Techniques regarding chipping, putting, full swing, half swing and bunker play as well as the fundamental guidelines regarding the use and maintenance of golf equipment, keeping score and navigating the course are taught. So I decided to give it a try and take the 5 beginner lessons.

The instructor is Ernie Hutchins and he is wonderful. Very patient, encouraging and knowledgeable about the game.

I have had 3 classes, putting, chipping and pitching and part of the first lesson he explained the different clubs (putters, irons and woods) and the basic layout of each hole (I didn't know that there are 4 tee positions for different players). I really look forward to using the woods and really whacking the ball in a future lesson.

Ernie explained that "A links is the oldest style of golf course, first developed in Scotland. The meaning of the work links comes from the fact that the area of land links the land with the sea. Links

courses tend to be on, or at least very near to, a coast, and the term is typically associated with coastal courses, often amid dunes, with few water hazards and few if any trees."

Our links course is very beautiful and even has some old farm equipment laying around and wonderful birds and some beautiful ponds. A wonderful place for a picnic if it wasn't a golf course.

I'm told that the style of play on a links golf course is considerably different from the style of play on other types of courses but, since I've never played on either I wouldn't know. I did miss trying to get the ball through the windmill though.

You can register several ways but I would suggest that you contact Ernie and he can tell you when the classes are offered and answer any of your questions at 677-6770 or ehutchins@kempersports.com.

For the third year in a row, Olivas Links, owned by the City of Ventura, was nationally recognized on Golfweek's list of the "Best Municipal Courses in the Nation."

And you experienced players can experience the award-winning course during the Ventura City Championship hosted by the City of Ventura this year on June 25th and June 26th at Olivas Links and sister course, Buenaventura Golf Course. Registration is due by Friday, June 17th. The Entry Fee: \$160 walking; \$150 for Olivas Links or Buenaventura Men's Club Members (Cart is an additional fee paid at the course each day) Entry Fee includes lunch both days. To be eligible you must be at least 18 years of age, with a valid USGA handicap. Go online or visit pro-shop for official entry form.



You could be skateboarding like Karmichael Pompa before you know it. Photo by Rob Woods

Start a super fun, lifetime passion now

by Kenton Rivas

Summer is upon us and if you already surf you're probably not that stoked on the local wave situation. If you have yet to experience the bliss of riding a wave this is the best time to start a super fun and possible lifetime passion! There are many local surf schools such as Surf Class through Chipper "Bro" Bell; 12 time World Freestyle Frisbee champion and local ambassador of stoke as well as pro surfer Mary Osborne's surf school and a couple others. Whatever your plans are this summer I challenge you to do something new and enjoy it!

Summertime in Ventura is not our best season for waves. Surf isn't as powerful or plentiful during these months. Trips to surf the south swells are always fun, but unless you're totally fun-employed and can afford to fill your tank with our ultra premium priced regular gas on the reg, you just don't have the feasibility to surf as much during the summer.

What's a surfer bro to do to deal with these dog days of summer? Find a new hobby? I did just that last summer when I picked up skateboarding, rock climbing, and yoga. The first thought that naturally comes to mind is how awkward it will be starting something new; it is. Get over it. Pay your dues and add to your bag of tricks. Give yourself some leeway in your learning curve and toss your ego aside.

Skateboarding is one of the most natural transitions and fun substitute for surfing. Get padded up if you're older or new to the craft. It's not cool anymore to get your cast signed; especially at the office. I apologize for not apologizing if the 11 year old that rips hurts your feelings when he laughs at you at the skate park. We are lucky to have several free skateparks in the area.

Rock climbing outdoors is one of the funnest and gnarliest things I've ever done. Learn some basics at

Vertical Heaven and go from there. Focus on technique, not strength. The mountains have an appeal similar to the ocean where one can be in solitude with nature and at peace. Ojai has lots of easy access beginner climbs. Make sure you're safe and educated!

Yoga? Isn't that for girls? Actually it's not. Yes, lots of girls attend yoga classes, so maybe that will get the male population more classes. I recommend trying a few different styles/instructors and find the one that is right for you. After wrestling for ten plus years it is amazing the flexibility I have gained through yoga. Yoga is a great treat for your body and mind. Yoga allows us to release the tension that we all store in our muscles while also aligning our spine. Yoga prepares you for everything, but nothing prepares you for yoga. An excellent yoga studio is located in downtown Ventura by the name of Yoga Jones. There is a special "yoga for surfers class" taught by Maxwell Miller.

We are all very fortunate to live in this area with access to the many things the outdoors has to offer. The world is our playground. Check out more than just the jungle gym!

Youth

City Impact providing services to at-risk children and others

City Impact, a nonprofit organization providing services to at-risk children, youth and families throughout Ventura County, will be hosting its 1st Annual Ventura Beachfront Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 18.

The half marathon and 5K run/walk will begin on the west side of the Ventura Pier. The half marathon runs along the oceanfront promenade and extends along the Pacific Coast Highway creating a flat and scenic course. The 5K runs out and back along the oceanfront promenade. The event will feature a Kids 1K, free for children 10 years and under. Course time is a generous 4-hours! Early start time: 7:00am (expected 2-1/2 - 4 hour finish time); Regular start time: 8:00am (expected finish under 2-1/2 hours); 5K Run/Walk start time: 8:15am; and Kids Fun Run start time: 9:30am.

To register go to www.cityimpact.com under the events for the half marathon and 5K run/walk. For additional information on the event, contact Vickie Saipale at 983-3636 ext 105 or by e mail at info@cityimpact.com. Pick up for packets will be available on Friday, June 17 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Joe Kapp Real Estate office located at 785 S. Seaward Ave. and Saturday, June 18, from 6:00am to 7:30am at the Ventura Pier.

After your run enjoy some great food and music. Awards will be provided for top 3 finishers in 10 year age increments. All half marathon finishers will receive a commemorative water bottle. All participants in the Kids 1K Fun Run will receive a finisher's ribbon. All proceeds will benefit at-risk children, youth and

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families throughout Ventura County served by City Impact.

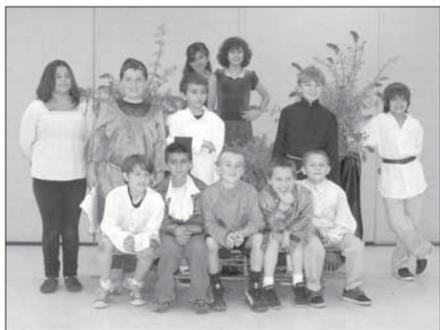
City Impact is a multicultural community-based and faith-based organization serving more than 2,800 at-risk children, youth, and families weekly. City Impact was formed in 1995. For program or general information on City Impact, call 983-3636 or email info@cityimpact.com. You can also visit their website at www.cityimpact.com.

Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Summer Camp

Summer Camp enrollment for the six week program beginning June 20th and ending August 12th is now open at the five centers of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura. Each center features a variety of different themes, program choices, fees, projects, field trips, age groups, and hours. Among planned summer camp events are field trips to the Santa Monica Pier, sports events, garden tours, the aquatic center, beach, movies, Santa Barbara Zoo, Lake Casitas, Arroyo Park, etc. There will also be computer centers, art projects, theme weeks, both indoor and outdoor sporting events, learning centers, gardening and surfing at some sites. The five day a week camp will also feature a free daily lunch and snack.

Camp sign-ups, fees, age groups, daily programs and field trips are featured at each of the five sites. For additional sign-up information visit their website at www.bgclubventura.org to check the individual center summer camp schedules. The addresses and contact information of the five centers are as follows:

Robert Addison Center, 1440 North Olive Street, Ventura – 805-641-5588
 Bill LeFevre Center, 1929 Johnson Drive, Ventura – 805-641-5599
 Saticoy Unit, 11321 Violeta Street, Ventura – 804-659-3340
 Oak View Center, 555 East Mahoney Street, Oak View, 805-649-9000
 Westview Center – 234 Vince Street, Ventura, 805-641-0523



Catalina Acosta, Denise Castro, Connor Cook, Sophia Cruz, Peter Dufau, Adrian Esparza, Nathan Jamboos, Leo Maida, J.J. Mazzola, Arthur McCoy, Alfonso Mendez and Daniel Padilla were from the classroom of Ms. Kate Barsch and their Shakespeare teacher is Dr. Kim Dufau

Fourth graders presented Romeo and Juliet

On Wednesday, June 1 lunch at the Westside Cafe included a special treat. The 4th grade class from Holy Cross School performed Romeo and Juliet. The class prepared this short version

of the Shakespeare play as a community service project and partnered with The City of Ventura Senior Services to perform at the conclusion of the usual lunch program at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center. The students were well-rehearsed, looked great and provided a great addition to the lunch program.

Make A Mark charity event

The Make A Mark charity event on June 25th, is a charity event that benefits Ventura and Oxnard foster children and underprivileged children by providing them with youth basketball camps hosted by the former NBA basketball player Jaquain Hawkins. Through this youth program, the fundamentals of basketball are taught along with educating youth about childhood obesity, promoting stroke awareness and mentoring boys and girls about maintaining healthy lifestyle through sports. This charity is known as Hawks Hoops Sports foundation and will take place at Ventura college from 10am-3pm.

The youth camp starts at 10am-1pm and then starting at 1pm a celebrity basketball game will begin and is open to the public.

In the evening starting at 6pm Michelle Ranae and Danielle Viale, founders of make a mark productions, are designing a red carpet high profile night of music, art, and a fashion runway show to raise money for Hawk Hoops Sports foundation presented at the WAV at 6pm.

To purchase tickets please go online to ashorething.eventbrite.com.

If you are interested in sponsoring or registering a kid go to www.hawk-hoops.com

Foster parenting informational meeting

On June 21, at 6pm learn how you can become a partner in caring at a Foster Parenting Informational Meeting at the Ventura County Humans Services Agency at 855 Partridge Dr. Over 600 children are currently in foster homes in Ventura County, and every day, another child is removed from their home because they have been neglected, abused or abandoned. Discover how the healing, support and guidance of a loving foster home can offer a local child a better tomorrow. You could be the answer to a child in crisis in your community. For more information call 654-3456 or go to <http://www.vchsa.org/foster>.

Fourth Annual Henry Schwab Violin and Viola Competition

The Fourth Annual Henry Schwab Violin and Viola Competition will once again present Ventura County's best and brightest talented young artists per-

forming violin and viola concertos with the Ventura College Symphony at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Community Presbyterian Church, 1555 Poli St. Music Director, Robert Lawson, will be conducting seven young artists performing one movement from a concerto performed in an earlier February 2011 competition when the artists competed for an opportunity to present his or her concerto with the full Ventura College Symphony on June 18.

The public is invited to attend this exhilarating performance. Competition finalists ranging from 8-17 years old will perform works from the Baroque era to the 20th century as follows:

The competition is made possible by a generous gift from the Schwab Family Charitable Fund. Four contestants will receive varying monetary awards, and the first place winner will return next season to perform the complete concerto with the Ventura College Symphony. Tickets can be purchased online at www.vcsymphony.com or at the event door on the evening of the performance. General Admission: \$15; Students and Seniors: \$5.

Junior anthropology program helps children

The Museum of Ventura County is now accepting registration for Chumash Youth 2011. The two sessions are June 20-24, and June 27-July 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and open to students currently in 3rd or 4th grade. Sessions are limited to 15 students.

This junior anthropology program helps children learn about the traditional culture of the Chumash Indians, Ventura County's indigenous Native Americans, through Chumash songs, stories, and games, as well as hands-on activities. Children make their own arrowhead, learn to make plant fiber string, a clapper stick instrument and other projects using traditional methods. During each session, Chumash elder Julie Tumamait-Stenslie visits to share legends and stories of her people.

T-shirt, snacks and all materials are included in the registration fee, which is \$50 for the general public, \$40 for museum members. Scholarships are available. Registration forms may be downloaded under education resources at www.venturamuseum.org, or picked up in the lobby of the Museum of Ventura County, 100 East Main St., from 11 a.m. to 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. For further information contact education@venturamuseum.org or call 653-0323 ext. 300.

It's time to go "Into the Woods"

Performance Theatre for Young Artists will present "Into the Woods," with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, June 17 -26 at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. The musical weaves together plots from several Grimm's Fairy Tales and explores what happens to several characters beyond their "happily ever-afters." The stories are detailed and expanded, with twists, turns and surprises that connect the characters and their futures beyond the original fairy tales' "The End." The show

features talented 11- to 18-year-old actors from throughout Ventura County

"Into the Woods" premiered in 1987 on Broadway and garnered numerous Tony Awards and other honors during its first run and revivals in New York and London.

Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. June 17 and 18, 2 p.m. June 19 and 25, and 5 p.m. June 26. A special gala will be held at 6 p.m., June 25, followed by a performance at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.00 for adults, and \$12.00 for students, seniors and children 17 and under. Admission to the June 25 gala and performance costs an additional \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.ptya.org. Since the show is a dark comedy with some mature subject matter, it is not recommended for very young children.

A California Nonprofit Organization, PTYA provides education, training and experience to young Ventura County artists by offering workshops, and community theater and other performance activities. PTYA's office, rehearsal rooms, stage, music room, and set and costume shops are located at 3451 Foothill Rd.

For more information about PTYA, go to www.ptya.org or call 653-1962.

YMCA adds Operation Kick to its outreach

On Tuesday, June 28, the Ventura Family YMCA will add a new addition, Operation Kick, to its already popular outreach program, Operation Ventura. Children from local homeless shelters and transitional living agencies will come to the Y, every Tuesday and Thursday, to enjoy a fun eight week sports clinic which will allow them to learn and play soccer, spend time in a positive environment with other children and to have a lot of fun being a kid.

Operation Kick, hosted by the Ventura YMCA, and supported by generous donations from Gill Investigative Services and Santa Barbara Business College, will allow more than 80 local children the experience of playing soccer and learning about teamwork and sportsmanship. Donations from Play it Again Sports and Wells Fargo will provide the children with more than just sports instruction, they will also receive their own soccer ball, cleats, jersey and a water bottle.

Operation Ventura is comprised of three outreach programs, Operation Senior and Operation Splash and Operation Kick. Each program provides children and/or seniors, in unfortunate circumstances, the opportunity to experience the Y.

"At the Y strengthening communities is our cause and through these programs we are able to open our doors to those in need of a place to help them be more healthy, confident, connected and secure", states Margo Byrne, Executive Director.

For more information about Operation Ventura, please contact David Palomares at 642-2131 ext. 13 or visit ciymca.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., Ventura log on to ciymca.org/ventura.



School

West Side's best kept secret is now well known

by Anne Roundy-Harter

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Many visitors to 2060 Cameron Street in Ventura are often surprised by the beauty they find. Words such as "park-like, calm, peaceful, and friendly" may not be the first you think of to describe the campus formerly known as De Anza Middle School. This could be because DMS is now De Anza Academy of Technology and the Arts (DATA), a new magnet school serving students in grades 6-8 from throughout the city of Ventura and beyond. DATA is a School of Choice, meaning that parents from outside the neighborhood boundary apply to have their children attend. So many families have applied that the school now has a waiting list to enroll. Why would people make this choice? In addition to the beauty of the campus, many families are attracted to the unique programs offered at DATA.

New programs this year include a school-wide focus on college and career preparation and 1:1 computing for every student in sixth grade. All 6th grade students have a Netbook (laptop computer) that they carry to and from school each day for use in the classroom and at home. Students learn computing techniques: posting their work online as well as completing traditional papers, creating PowerPoints, making videos, learning design elements, and blogging in a safe, password-protected online environment. By 2012-2013, all students in the school will enjoy 1:1 computing, thanks to a multi-year federal grant. Students experience the arts through programs such as Mariachi and Graphic Arts classes and Photography Club. Recently, DATA hosted an Arts Spring

Showcase. Community members spread blankets on the lawn and listened to students singing and performing various musical numbers outdoors, while also enjoying a silent auction and bake sale to raise funds for the PTA.

DATA is about more than just technology and the arts. For the first time ever, the school has a community service requirement for all students. DATA students have contributed thousands of hours to our local community. This year, students have helped paint a mural at Foster Park, volunteered in the elementary schools, cleaned up litter at the beach, and collaborated with Kiwanis Club members on holiday projects for seniors, as just a few examples. All students are invited to visit Southern California college campuses; universities students have visited include UCSB, UCLA, USC, CSUCI, Pepperdine, and Loyola-Marymount. This spring, twenty-six DATA students participated in the Kaiser Permanente Hippocrates Circle Future Doctors program, visiting the USC Keck School of Medicine and Woodland Hills Medical Center and learning about financial aid for medical school. DATA's staff members know that the students of today are our future leaders of tomorrow and so the school strives to provide a rich array of opportunities for students to grow and thrive.

For more information about De Anza Academy of Technology and the Arts (DATA), you are encouraged to check out our website www.dataschool.org, or to call 641-5165 and schedule a tour. Come see "the best kept secret on the West Side"—the secret that is no longer so secret!

These facilities will provide general purpose classrooms; specialty class labs for computer sciences, geographic information systems, architectural technology, business, nursing, emergency medical training, and paramedic skills; faculty offices; learning and building support space; and education, administration, and faculty support space. The project was funded using Measure S Bond funds, and full occupancy is expected by August 2011.

The building dedication will include the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees, Chancellor, Ventura College President, employees, and students. The event is open to the public, and free parking is available.



At the recent De Anza Academy of Technology and the Arts "Arts Spring Showcase" besides their computer generated art the students showed that they can still draw by hand as shown in their wonderful art exhibit.



May 13th was the culmination of the Class of Spring 2011, Ventura College School of Nursing class of graduating students. Once the students have completed the prerequisites, they enter the two-year nursing program, completion of which allows them to take the State of California Registered Nurse (RN) licensing test. The graduation is marked by "The Pinning Ceremony" which consists of each student receiving the Nursing Pin which is pinned on them by a Registered Nurse selected by the student who has made a difference in their lives. There were 36 students in this class. Photo by John Ferritto



Alexandra Phelps awarded \$2,500 scholarship

Foothill Tech senior earns scholarship

The prestigious Philanthropic Education Organization STAR Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year was presented to Alexandra Phelps, a senior at Foothill Technology High School. The scholarship was presented at the Foothill Senior Awards Night ceremony by Carol Dawes.

Alexandra Phelps is the daughter of Gary and Joan Phelps and was recommended for this scholarship by Chapter MC of Ventura. Alexandra will attend California College of the Arts where she has plans to study illustration begin-

ning this fall.

The scholarship is \$2,500 based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. The program is open to young women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada and who are graduating high school seniors at the time of application.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, founded January 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is an international philanthropic and educational organization which promotes increased educational opportunities for women. The P.E.O. Sisterhood has given nearly \$190 million in financial assistance to more than 80,000 women. The P.E.O. Sisterhood also owns Cottey College, a two-year liberal arts college in Nevada, Missouri.

For additional information on the P.E.O. Scholarship, call Alberta Word at 643-0357 or visit peointernational.org.

Ventura College building dedication

Ventura College will hold its Health Sciences Center, Multidisciplinary Center East, Multidisciplinary Center West building dedication on Wednesday, June 29, 3:30 p.m., at the northeast corner of campus, 4667 Telegraph Rd.

Business



Sheldon and family celebrated his 39th birthday at Squashed Grapes (Adam, the owner, is in the box).

Making of the wine-part 2

by Sheldon Brown

A few issues ago I wrote about a new local business where you can make your own wine and our experience with the first process which is preparing the wine.

It is called Squashed Grapes ("Your Personal Wine Making Experience") and is located at 2351 E. Main.

Adam Randall, the owner and proprietor helped us select and prepare the

wine. It was not a start from scratch wine making process but starting with a prepared plastic bag that contained 6 gallons of the selected juice and going through a simple process that would eventually turned it into wine (6-8 weeks).

When the wine is ready for bottling most people have a "filling the bottles and adding the labels party" there with friends and you can bring your own food and wine (ours wasn't ready to drink yet) which is what we did. And because it was close to my 39th birthday we made it a birthday party and Diane made wonder-

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ful finger food for the occasion as only she can.

What happens now is preparing and filling the bottles, inserting the corks and applying the labels (which Adam will make for you). In this case Scamp's label. Now he has a column and a wine to call his own (see his article).

It turns out that this is really the fun part of the wine making experience especially if you bring a "junior high" sense of humor with you which, luckily almost all men have (and some woman) because all of this process can have sexual connotations and was a blast.

Adults being juvenile and silly can be very cathartic, especially with all the junk going on in the world. We all laughed and acted stupid and had a great time, we were there for about 2 hours. So when you do this don't bring anyone who is too uptight, they will be no fun at all. Of course, sometimes it's fun to just really aggravate someone who is always serious about things so maybe you should bring them.



Petite Reve Café, is a new local coffee house and bakery located at 1124 Seaward that features home made bakery goods, hot drinks such as "Red Eye" and cold drinks such as Italian Soda all created by the imaginative mind of owner Kate Dunbar to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

Petite Reve is French for "little dream" and that is what she is fulfilling for her and her customers.



On June 8 the grand opening, and ribbon cutting of Bill Riegler's Surf Brewery was finally held. The opening was attended by local dignitaries and members of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce.

The Brewery is located at 4561 Market St. and is open from 4-9pm on Wednesday and Thursday, 3-9pm on Friday, 11-9pm on Saturday and 11-6pm on Sunday and brews an assortment of fine beers.



Jacques Bellesiles brings over 30 years experience to Crowell, Weedon

Crowell, Weedon & Co. welcomes partner Jacques Bellesiles

Crowell, Weedon & Co. Ventura is pleased to welcome Jacques Bellesiles to their branch. Crowell Weedon is a brokerage and money management firm, with a history of nearly 80 years of financial integrity in Southern California

Bellesiles' financial career with Crowell Weedon began in 1970, in the Los Angeles branch, where he worked in a variety of strategic corporate positions for 30 years. In 2000 he was recruited to the firm's Encino branch, and then went on to open their Westlake branch in 2003. Bellesiles is a partner with the firm, and a veteran in the financial services industry. He joins Crowell Weedon's growing team in Ventura, and brings with him a history of success and unparalleled expertise.

Bellesiles is a long-time Ventura resident and has lived on the beach since 1964. He is heavily involved in many aspects of the Ventura community and culture, and is an advisory board member of the Ventura Botanical Gardens.

Crowell, Weedon & Co. is one of the largest independent investment firms in the Western United States since 1932, with \$8 Billion in client assets, small enough to know each client individually, yet large enough to operate on a global level. Crowell, Weedon clients benefit from unparalleled service, experience and objective research.

Their Ventura Office is located at 5740 Ralston Street, Suite 301. 620-4700 or visit www.crowellweedon.com.



On May 13 the Ventura Chamber of Commerce held their Business Tabletop Expo 2011 "Hollywood At The Harbor" at the Four Points Sheraton. Included were 59 exhibitor tabletops, 5 food booths and a come dressed as your favorite movie star contest which was won by Yvonne Knepper (shown on the bottom, right), Community Marketing Director of Cypress Place Senior Living who was awarded a "Chammy" and a Ventura Breeze booth that held a drawing for a free ad and a bottle of Scamp's own label wine.

Compassionate eating

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All the more reason to eat consciously and compassionately for ourselves, for animals and for our planet. Do yourself and your community a favor and visit your local farmers market, it can be a culinary adventure to try some more obscure vegetables that are outside of your comfort zone. Never seen purple cauliflower? Not sure what the heck to do with fennel bulb? Many of these more obscure veggies are packed with vital nutrients, minerals and cancer fighting anti-oxidants. How else can you improve your own health and the save the planet all at the same time? Sounds like a winning formula to me. Next issue I'll expand on what it means to eat with compassion; plus some tips on how easy it is to make a difference with everyday food choices.

For delicious recipes featuring local produce check out: www.compassionateeating.wordpress.com

Mental illness Education

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family-to-Family Education Program is a series of twelve weekly classes for family members, partners and friends of individuals with a diagnosed or undiagnosed mental illness. Classes are free, but pre-registration is required and classes begin June 22. 12 Wednesdays, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Vineyard Community Church, 1320 Flynn Road, Suite D, Camarillo.

Police reports

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unit on the third-floor of the Ventura Inn, located on 487 East Main Street. Firefighters located and quickly extinguished a small fire that started in a single residence unit on the third-floor. All occupants of the third-floor were evacuated safely. The cause of the fire was determined to be a lit cigarette left unattended in the residential unit, which ignited combustible material nearby.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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SCRAMBLERS

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3. Calm; 4. Shard

Today's Word:

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Thank you, Indie West Fest!

by DJ Kohli Rocks!

Out of all the music festivals I've ever been to at the Ventura Fairgrounds, Indie West Fest is by far my top favorite! Why? Because, if you go to Coachella in Indio, Lollapalooza, and other fests-- sure there are lots of bands and hundreds of fans surrounding the stages. But, how many festivals, bring in a home-family-feel type feeling? Even our own Warped Tour here in Ventura, you don't get that homegrown feeling. Indie West Fest fused some of the best Ventura bands and meshed them in with visiting bands and it was such the perfect combo. Going around to all 5 stages, people hugging everywhere! "So good to see you!" Seeing Jan from Rock City Studios pass by, running into friends; Delaney Gibson, Steve and Polly (from Zoey's Cafe), and more. Ran into other musicians I used to work with years ago. Then going stage to stage, you'd run into people again!

Michael Jones and his team put together quite an eclectic mix of bands. My top fav new bands I saw for the first time were; He's My Brother, She's My Sister, Gram Rabbit, Old Man Markley, Redd Kross, & Electric Sister. Of course, Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven (David Lowery's famed projects!) were kick ass headliners. Cracker went into their big mainstream hit, "Euro-Trash Girl." Everyone's heads were bobbing along! Then, a bit after, to the stage facing opposite -- you saw flames burning! As I rushed to get closer, turns out it was a band called Three Bad Jacks. Drummer playing with flames surrounding along with the other musicians. There were so many eye catching moments throughout the day. Whether it was the grown up kids from Jetsetter tearing it up, or the disco-headed rabbit in Gram Rabbit, or smoke coming from the stage as The Mighty 18 Wheeler were rocking out!

Overall, my highlight was seeing Jeff Hershey & The Hearbeats. With the stage surrounded by palm trees, the band was in great form. At one point -- even a train was chugging by and the train bells sort of seemed to sound at the perfect moment with the band. The band waved and people on the train waved back. Jeff Hershey was getting the crowd jumping and bobbing. Drummer, Tony Cicero ripping it up! Such a kick ass set! Other highlights that I saw included; We Govern We, Heather Rae & Tumbleweed, 50 Sticks of Dynamite, Happens Again..., Whiskey Glass Eye, Gypsy Death Star and more.

We Govern We cd release party @ Zoey's in July

We Govern We has announced their official cd release party for, "Reznor's Orchid." They've been working on this album for 3 years! Previewed a few new tracks at their Indie West Fest performance. You can preview tracks on ReverbNation.com. This party will celebrate the physical release that features amazing artwork done by singer, Anna Karakalos, who also happens to be a WAV resident! The difference between buying the album on iTunes and buying the physical is you will not get the full artwork done by Anna. I love when she draws birds and wildlife! She's so good! Make your reservation at Zoey's Cafe asap! You will not want to miss!

Keep it rocking!

--DJ Kohli Rocks!

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PS: I mentioned them earlier, but one band you must see next time they perform in Ventura is He's My Brother, She's My Sister. The entire band is so unique. Biggest highlight for me with them, is their female drummer wearing tap dancing shoes! Yes, she was tap dancing on her drum set! Look for the band on YouTube, Facebook, and Myspace! The real treat though, is seeing this band live! They roc

Music Calendar 6/15 to 6/28

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Sat 6/18 - Alastair Greene 6-10pm

Sun 6/19 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Thur 6/23 - Bottom Feeders 6:30-9:30pm

Fri 6/24 - Addict's Attic 7-11pm

Sat 6/25 - Jodi Farrell & the Front Street Prophets 6-10pm

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Bombay's Bar & Grill

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Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm

Thur 6/16 - Dead Letters & The Bridges

Fri 6/17 - Ras Rebel Bday Bash

Sat 6/18 - Masters of the Past 5:30pm, Hindsite 9:30pm

Sun 6/19 - The Original Raw Silk

Thur 6/23 - Clever One

Fri 6/24 - Big Rockabilly show with Devil Doll

Sat 6/25 - Bloody Mary Morning reunion

Sun 6/26 - 4 on the Floor

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Thur 6/16 - Bongo Town

Fri 6/17 - Copy Cats

Sat 6/18 - Mini Driver

Wed 6/22 - Big Adventure

Thur 6/23 - Coso Live

Fri 6/24 - Helicopter

Sat 6/25 - Midnight Train

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Open Mike Night every Wed

Majestic Theater

26 S. Chestnut St., 805-653-0118

Fri 6/17 - Lifted Music Festival: Sweedish Equil, DJ Tonic, Epic Twleve, DJ Rocke, AMFM Alexander, DJ Mahli, DJ Pyro
Sat 6/18 - Brew & View featuring Kill Bill Vol 1

Fri 6/24 - Brew & View featuring Big Lebowski

Watermark On Main

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Intimate Acoustic with Dano every Tue

Jazz at the Mark every Wed

Thur 6/16 - Otis Hayes

Thur 6/23 - Bill McPherson

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Exit Through the Gift Shop

USA/UK 2010, 87 minutes

Directed by Banksy

Academy Award Nomination - Best Documentary 2010

Reviewed by Robert Louis Chianese
Ventura Film Society

This comic documentary employs all sorts of subtle trickery. Like the life and work of Banksy, the infamous street artist who directed it, "Exit Through The Gift Shop" is never quite what it seems. Video nut and used clothing entrepreneur Thierry Guetta films anything and everything that appears in front of his camera. When he meets his hero, Banksy, and begins filming him making his illegal street art, the subject turns the tables on the filmmaker and decides to make a film about Guetta. When Guetta finally becomes a street artist himself, subject

and object get thoroughly confused. Perhaps the whole exercise is Banksy's postmodern point about art in the 21st century—it's now public, on the street, anybody can do it, and the artist can remain anonymous. Banksy takes us on a trip through a hall of mirrors in his cinematic fun house.

In the process he shows that art can still create an aura of fame and arouse the obsessive curiosity of fans, a word derived from "fanatics".

Exit through the Gift Shop is funny, full of tension, weird, and a treat to ponder.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to bring this compelling documentary to the Museum of Ventura County on June 21 as part of the VFS @ the Museum 2011 Film Series, running the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. Screenings are held at the Museum of Ventura County's Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Pavilion, 100 E. Main Street, Downtown Ventura. For advance tickets & information -www.venturafilm-society.com or 628-2299.

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Sun 6/19 - Shoemaker Bros

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185 E. Santa Clara St., 805-652-1137

Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm

Wed 6/15 - Hotels & Highways "Welcome Trespassers Tour" featuring Mia Dyson

Thur 6/16 - Rodney Dillard & the Dillard Band 8pm

Fri 6/17 - Wrecking Crew documentary fundraiser 5:30pm, Delaney Gibson 8pm

Sat 6/18 - M23, Strike Anywhere Glass and Ashes 6:30pm

Sun 6/19 - Spin it Indie mini fest: Jenny Alpert, Shane Alexander, Delaney Gibson, B. Willing 6pm

Wed 6/22 - Peter Case, Justine Bennett opening 8pm

Thur 6/23 - Dave Palmer & Friends 8pm

Sat 6/25 - Jeff Kaiser 6pm

Tue 6/28 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, these are my picks for the week.

The First Grader



I had the extreme pleasure of seeing The First Grader at a press screening at CinemaCon, an entertainment industry convention which I wrote about a few weeks back.

The First Grader is one of those films that started out as an independent film and was so taken by the theatre owners, they released it through general distribution. An aw-inspiring, tug-at-your-heart strings true story about Kimani, (Oliver Litondo) an 80 year old Kenyan man whose only dream in life is to go to school. As a boy, educational opportunities are cut short when his mother is murdered by British soldiers.

Kimoni Ng'ang Maruge finds himself in the remote mountain top in the Kenyan Bush. Stumbling upon a fenced

school yard, he is adamant about entering. Struggling to convey his passion and desire to learn, he does not leave without some major convincing. Jane Obinch (Naomie Harris) is the teacher of a class of twelve six year olds. Teacher Jane finally takes him under her wing with some concern for policy and the relationship grows sweeter with time. Kimoni experiences his fair share of turmoil, and so does Jane. Kimoni shows the world anyone can learn at any age. A must see!

PG13, running time 1.45 minutes.

The Hangover Part II



It's hard to fathom a second one, but as entertaining as it is, you almost become addicted to the antics and the what's next aspect of this second attempt at insanity. A box office smash, one of the highest grossing R-rated comedies of the year pulling in over 200 million dollars. It's a franchise alright, so folks get ready for number 3. It's a possibility.

The Hangover starring, Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms) and Alan (Zach Galifianakis) are on another bachelor party romp, but this time Stu is marrying again after a failed first marriage and his fiancé is from Thailand. Although he insists he doesn't want a bachelor party, Stu and his two musketeers still manage to wake up in a Bangkok hotel, with a crazy monkey, and loss of memory about everything that happened. Then to make matters worse, the brother of his fiancé has disappeared. The craziness continues with non-stop action, some graphic nudity, drug language, and pervasive language. Enter at your own risk.

Rated R, running time 1.50 minutes.

Enjoy, and have a reel-y great week!

Two on the Aisle

Backstage with Hamlet at Santa Paula

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

The world premiere of "Directing Hamlet," by award-winning Ventura

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The Lighter Breeze

Zits



Mother Goose and Grimm



Hagar the Horrible



Crock



Solutions on page 19



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Poke
GUDEN

Impose
SOFTI

Placid
CLAM

Piece
RAHDS

TODAY'S WORD

"Eat your _____, dear ... or Momma will dump it on your head!"

Solutions on page 19

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

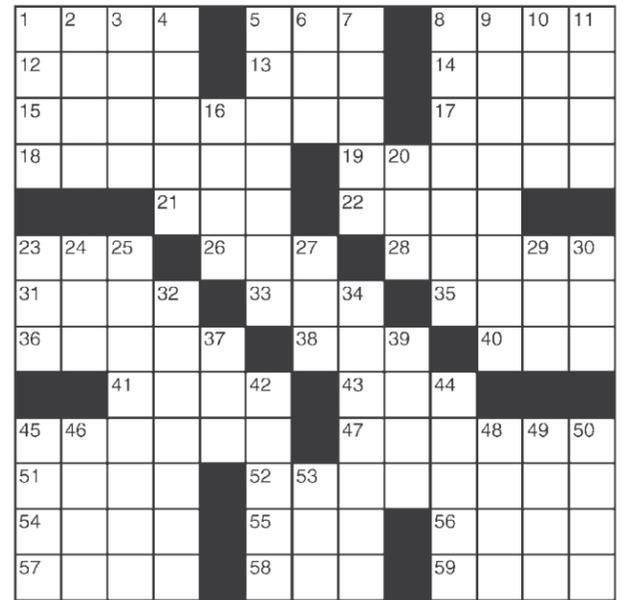
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King Crossword

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- 5 Couric's network
- 8 "Zounds!"
- 12 Beehive State
- 13 Chop
- 14 Unchanged
- 15 Bogart-Bacall movie
- 17 Animal's stomach
- 18 Swimsuit brand
- 19 Red-orange fish
- 21 Skillet
- 22 Old fogey
- 23 Actress Zadora
- 26 Edge
- 28 Card-game rulebook
- 31 Frizzy coiffure
- 33 Taxi
- 35 Insult
- 36 Highway warnings
- 38 Go down slightly
- 40 Early bird?
- 41 Hasn't paid yet
- 43 "Great!"
- 45 Rent payer
- 47 Sedative
- 51 Winged
- 52 Snail, on a French menu



- 54 Tennyson poem
- 55 Alias abbr.
- 56 Gator's kin
- 57 Picnic invaders
- 58 Wire measure
- 59 "Thirty days - ..."
- 8 Portuguese pre-euro money
- 9 Ugly-faced waterspout
- 10 Asian nurse-maid
- 11 Moist in the morn
- 16 Hebrew month
- 20 "- la-la!"
- 23 Joad and Kettle
- 24 "- Were King"
- 25 Any of Jason's crew
- 27 Frenzied
- 29 Haul
- 30 Work unit
- 32 Advancing
- 34 Lens created by Ben Franklin
- 37 D.C. VIP
- 39 Hemingway nickname
- 42 Fulton's power source
- 44 Canoe material
- 45 Author Janowitz
- 46 Verve
- 48 Ta Mahal city
- 49 Tugboat noise
- 50 Grave, in a way
- 53 Schuss

DOWN

- 1 Diving birds
- 2 Staircase component
- 3 Comic Danny
- 4 Drag (Var.)
- 5 Habitual
- 6 Plead
- 7 Scabbard contents

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Wearing rose-colored glasses won't solve a thorny personal situation. You need to take a hard look at what's happening and then act according to the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Weigh all your options carefully before making any decisions you've been putting off. Then go ahead and plan a weekend of family fun.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While personal and financial situations continue to improve, some setbacks might occur. But they're only temporary, so hang in there.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters dominate the week. Health problems raise concern but soon prove to be less serious than you had feared. Things start easing up by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Most situations are calmer now, both at home and on the job. But there's still a chance that a co-worker will set off another round of unpleasantness.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's no need to fish for compliments from an admirer who can't say enough nice things about you. The upcoming holiday bodes well for family gatherings.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to compete, both on a personal and a sporting level, and you hate to settle for anything less than excellence.

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Two on the Aisle

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County playwright Michael Perlmutter, opened last weekend as one of Santa Paula Theater Center's intimate Backstage Productions.

The script lets the audience discover the circles within circles in the tenuous relationship between a newly cast young actor and a seasoned director while rehearsing for a production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

It is also a play written by an actor/director for actors and directors. Anyone who has been on stage will see patches of familiarity in the director's obsession with clarity, and the actor's confusion in his attempts to please the director. For those who have not been "on the boards," the tight dialogue and characterizations open windows into the hard work that goes into creating what an audience ultimately sees.

Joe Boles (the director) and Curtis Cline (Brian, the actor) are clearly up to their twofold task. Not only do they tackle the spot-on frustration of interpretive clashes in the modern day rehearsal setting, they are also up to the challenge of presenting Shakespeare. A heady combination they both handle extremely well.

The multi-layered script is well written, containing thoughtful insights among a web of intriguing interactions between the characters, all punctuated in just the right places with lines that elicit laughs to break the moments of tension.

The show is also directed by playwright Perlmutter. It turns out his directorial skills rival his talent as a playwright, which is not often the case. But in this production it allows Perlmutter to effectively give full effect to his vision as a playwright by helping his cast extract all the intended nuances of his demanding script.

As a world-premiere production, "Directing Hamlet" is a work in progress. In our opinion, the ending is one area where additional polishing may ultimately take place. The piece has two story lines. As a theatrical experience the first is 95% finished by the final blackout. The second story line, although touching, appears late in the play, is not fully developed, winds up quickly, and so is not fully satisfying. Nonetheless, the play, especially with these actors and director, is excellent.

The comfortable nature of the Backstage Production venue heightens the show's impact. What's a Backstage Production? Well, in addition to its



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regular season of Main Stage plays, the Santa Paula Theatre Center also produces new, small cast and experimental works to give authors, actors and audiences opportunities to stretch and grow. As some extra space is available (since the building was not

originally designed as a theater), these shows are presented in an area that is literally part of the backstage of the main stage. Hence, the name - Backstage Productions.

"Directing Hamlet" continues Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at

8 p.m. (except Saturday, June 18 when there will be a concert on the main stage) and Sundays at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Contact the theater at 805-525-4645 or www.santapaulatheater-center.org. The theater is located at 125 So. Seventh Street, Santa Paula.

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- Wright Library, 3pm-3:45pm** - Rubicon Theater Children's Program will be offering Fun Family discussions and interaction, directed by Brian McDonald.
- Wright Library, 4pm-5pm** - Gypsies in a Trunk Production, *Sleeping Beauty*, directed by Jeff Wallach
- Wright Library, 5pm-6pm** - How to go on an Audition Classes, directed by Jeff Wallach. Improve your skills at acting, singing and dancing (limited to 120). Photographer on site.
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- Marketplace, 2pm-8pm** - Artists vendor booths, food, lots for sale!!
- Carnival, 2pm-7pm** - Bounce houses, old fashioned games with prizes. Come try your luck!
- YMCA games, 4pm-7pm** - Sack races, relays, balloon toss. Come join the fun for **FREE**.
- Children's Chalk Art, 2pm-7pm** - Bring your friends, show the artist in you!
- Live Music, 2pm-7pm** - Come bring your food from the Marketplace and enjoy!
- C.A.R.L. Animal Rescue, 3pm - 6pm** - K-9 Dogs, Search and Rescue, Demos.
- Murphy Antique Auto Car Show, 2pm-7pm** - See the Classics.
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