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Amnesty program for granny flats center for debate

by Rebecca Wicks

The initial design was simple: to create an amnesty program for unpermitted granny flats, converted garages and other "second dwelling units" for the greater safety and integrity of Ventura neighborhoods. The raging debate that has grown out of this modest intent has spiraled into a lengthy discussion that has consumed residents, city staff and councilmembers alike.

The city estimates there are hundreds if not thousands of unpermitted second dwelling units within city limits. A measure presented at a city council meeting earlier this month outlined a building records disclosure program which would allow legalization of these units for a limited time. The amnesty program would charge discounted fees and no penalties for owners of unper-



Sergeant Tim Turner, Sergeant Sam Arroyo, Ofc. Anthony Morales, Sergeant Tom Higgins, Chief Ken Corney, Sergeant Brian Hewlett, Corporal Pat Lindsay, Detective Craig Kelly and Corporal Terry Medina participated in the Ventura Police Department's sponsoring of the Special Olympics "Tip-A-Cop" event held on Tuesday, June 21, at the Black Angus Restaurant located at, 4718 Telephone Rd. where they were the servers for the night. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

mitted units.

The original measure included a two-tiered system where units constructed before 1987 were exempt from most city zoning requirements. The city council later approved a change to extend the date from 1987 to 2004. Units constructed after 2004, will have current city

building code applied.

The date change made was somewhat logical to City Manager Rick Cole who explained that zoning laws were changed in 2004.

"Before 2004, it was very difficult to add or legalize a second unit in Ventura,"

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Rust has taken over much of the play structure at Marina Park and is an impending danger to small children

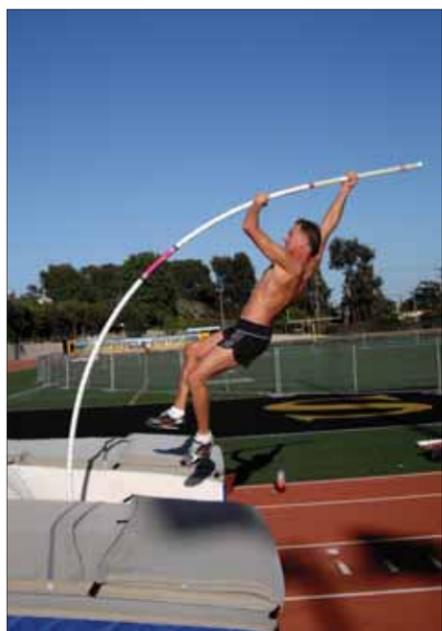
Marina Park Playground in dismal disrepair

by Kimberly Castro

Although I frequent Marina Park often with my two small sons, it recently has become quite apparent that the playground structure has fallen into dismal disrepair. I tried writing Mayor Fulton and the new Ventura Parks Manager, Nancy O'Connor to find out what the plans are for updating the equipment. The response was unfortunate and upsetting. Mayor Fulton wrote, "We have had to cut services in many, many areas because of the fact that we have lost almost 20% in revenue since 2008. We have closed a fire station and a library, we have cut about 15% of our police officers, and we are currently spending almost nothing out of our General Fund on capital improvements such as parks equipment. We are very aware that this is a problem and we are about to start work on an effort to figure out how to make capital improvements at an acceptable level. Among other things, we will be working with Pierpont Community Council and other community councils to see if we can work collaboratively to identify "doable" projects in the neighborhoods."

When I asked Nancy Parks about rumors of fencing up the playground at Marina Park she told me, "We do not plan on removing any equipment unless we no longer can repair it. We do not plan on putting a fence around the

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Dr. Victor Berezovskiy is an amazing 51-year-old athlete, if you don't think so try to keep up with him

Local decathlete ranked number one

by Ryan Graff

Not many people can say that they are in the best shape of their life as he or she enters their fifties. For master decathlete Victor Berezovskiy, 51, physi-

cal fitness and athletic dominance are everyday realities. Berezovskiy, who has been a city of Ventura resident for fifteen years, makes a living as a doctor of holistic health and spinal rejuvenation. He is also a track and field coach at both Ventura High School and Santa Barbara City College. He is now getting ready to tackle the most challenging events of his career as he travels to Sacramento for the World Masters Athletic Championships in July as the #1 ranked decathlete in the entire United States.

Many regard the decathlon as the most physically demanding of all sports. It consists of ten different events split between a two day period. In sequence, a decathlon consists of the 100-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400-meter dash, 100-meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin, and 1500-meter dash. At the World Masters Athletic Championships, there will be a field of the top thirty-two athletes in the world, representing a total of eleven different countries in Berezovskiy's age class of 50-54. "While there is indeed a terrific field of athletes that I will be competing against at the World Masters Athletic Championships, all of the events are scored using a point system. So, in essence, I am also competing against myself and the points as well as the other participants," said Berezovskiy.

Berezovskiy was born in Kiev, Ukraine and graduated from National University of Physical Training and Sports of Ukraine with degrees in sports

medicine and coaching. He earned a PhD in holistic health from Clayton State University of Natural Health.

Victor competed as a decathlete at the dual USA-USSR meet in 1978 as a member of Team USSR. As a lifelong competitor, Berezovskiy always regarded fellow athletes as role models. "When I was growing up in the Ukraine, we didn't have computer games like the youth of today. Our role models were athletes, and I wanted to be just like them and grow up to be a role model for children," said Berezovskiy. In order to achieve this goal, he follows a dedicated lifestyle of training vigorously three to five times per week and adhering to a strict diet to ensure that he is at optimum speed, endurance, strength, and tactical mindset. This helps him to maintain a high energy level and to not limit himself based on his age.

Berezovskiy was granted US citizenship sixteen years ago, and is extremely eager to compete for Team USA. "It has been my dream to represent the USA in the World Masters Athletics Championships since coming to the United States. I have been practicing for ten years for this World Championship. I am excited that this event is in my home state and will be covered by media and internationally televised. This is only the second time these championships will be hosted in the US, so it is especially important to me," said Berezovskiy. When he travels to Sacramento he will partake in the

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by Johanna Spinks
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Marina Park

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playground equipment unless we need to for safety reasons.” However upon my own inspection, there have been many items that were on the playground that have been entirely removed such as the bouncy horses and the “spin seat.” In addition, parts have fallen off the current apparatus and remain missing. The Parks Manager did tell me that Marina Park was identified in the City’s Capital Improvement Projects but that there are literally hundreds of projects slated over the next six years and the park’s equipment would only be replaced if there was funding available.

Marina Park is a favorite place for locals and visitors alike to come together to enjoy the beach and its beautiful surroundings. Children especially enjoy the playground area but the rust has taken over much of the structure and is an impending danger to small children. I asked the mayor since there appears to be very little funding available for any improvements why haven’t they explored charging for parking at the park like they do at Arroyo Verde Park. The mayor stated, “There are a lot of details and wrinkles that would have to be worked out (for example, would these folks just park on the street outside the park if parking on the street is free) but it’s worth discussing. Bear in mind that a group of citizens led by the Tea Party has just submitted signatures to put a ballot initiative on the ballot in November to prohibit paid parking on any city-owned property unless it is approved by a 2/3 vote of the citizens. If this qualifies and passes, it is quite a barrier to your idea.”

Unfortunately the playground at Marina Park has three strikes against it

1. A City with very little funding to up-

date one of its best known and loved parks.

2. The proposed parking measure to be placed on the upcoming ballot would not allow any paid parking locations unless voted on by a 2/3rd majority (therefore no additional funding for the park by this means.)

3. Mother nature continuing to shower the parks with unforgiving elements.

I recently met with a representative from a leading industrial playground manufacturer. Upon inspecting the playground’s equipment she concluded it was one of the worst conditions she’s seen a playground in and still operating. I solicited from both the playground manufacturer and the Park’s Manager what the estimated cost of replacing the current equipment is and they both quoted between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

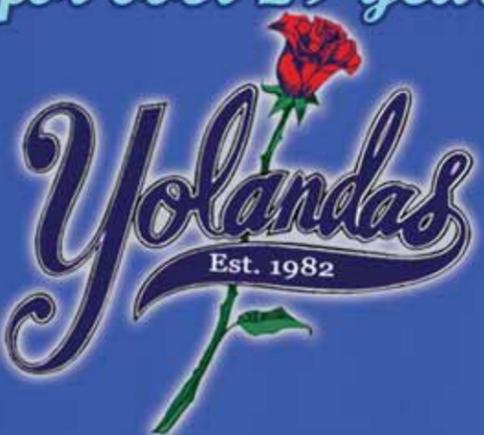
If you presently enjoy the playground with your children, enjoyed it in the past or have grandchildren that have benefited from the thrill of playing on the playground, I urge you to write the mayor, the parks manager and the city manager and continue to bring the playground to their attention. All of their email addresses can be found on the City of Ventura’s website: <http://www.cityofventura.net>.

Harrison holiday schedule

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the employees of Harrison Industries will be taking the day off on Monday, July 4. As a result, residential customers will have their trash and recyclables or green waste collected one day later than usual during the week of July 4-10. The regular schedule will resume the following week.

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City News

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As a docent you can choose your level of involvement. Select weekend activities and share your love of history with visitors as a costumed historical park tour guide or gift shop manager. Or choose to participate in annual events.

Docents may also choose to work on long-term projects through various standing committees on cultural education, historic acquisitions and res-

toration and are invited to visit other historical sites as a group, getting VIP “behind the scenes” treatment not available to the regular public.

For more information about their activities and the docent training program, visit www.olivasadobe.org.

Council approves budget

The City Council has voted to accept a \$259 million budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1. The budget was approved 6-0, Councilman Mike Tracy was not in attendance. The budget was first presented to the council in May.

The budget includes a general fund of \$88.8 million, a slight increase over the previous year's budget due to a small increase in tax revenues.

About \$5.2 million is for specialized funds, so the money can't be used for projects such as reopening of the closed fire station but there won't be a need for the type of cuts that have been necessary.

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Local Decathlon

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decathlon (July 6-7) and pole-vaulting (July 13) events of the World Masters Athletic Championships. While he will certainly be pushed to his physical and mental limits by having just a six day turn around between events, he feels he is ready to try his hand at being crowned “Greatest Athlete in the World.”

No matter what title he returns to Ventura with, Berezovskiy will certainly make his city and country proud during the World Masters Athletic Championships. Victor regards Ventura as “the best place on the planet,” and enjoys living in a city in which one can be outdoors and eat fresh produce all year long. Berezovskiy lives in Ventura with his wife and daughter. He believes the body is innately designed to heal itself with happy mindset, fresh air, sunlight, balanced and healthy diet, exercise, and rest. He developed his method and uses it on a large clientele of his holistic health practice in which he specializes in helping people with back problems to get well.

One of his long-term patients is Ventura philanthropist Sandy Laby. “Victor is truly an extraordinary man. He has accomplished so much as both a doctor and an athlete. I feel that everyone should know Victor's story and I think I speak for all of Ventura when I say that I will be cheering him on during the Championships,” said Sandra.

Another avid supporter of Berezovskiy is fellow Ventura High School track and field head coach Kory Anderson. “Victor is truly an amazing athlete, especially for a 51 year old. I've seen him training for a really long time now, and he is a very high-end athlete. He is a major inspiration to the athletes he coaches as they go through their high school and collegiate careers,” said Coach Anderson.

For additional information about the World Masters Athletic Championships, including a complete event schedule and athlete information, please visit <http://wma2011.com/en/home.htm>.

Amnesty program

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said Cole. “With the 2004 changes, more explicit standards were put into place.”

Language changes reflecting the date change from 1987 to 2004 are being made by the city staff and will be presented back to the council in July.

If the program is approved by the council in July, owners of unpermitted second units will be able to apply for legalization through Dec. 31, 2012. According to the measure, all penalties and fines will be

waived. The only money the owner will owe is whatever the city fees were when the unit was built.

If an owner chooses not to take part in the amnesty program, the homeowner risks being cited and fined for having an illegal unit.

“I'm not sure if I'll apply to the program or not, I'll have to take a closer look at the whole thing,” said Bill who asked to have his last name withheld. Bill owns a home where the garage is rented out separately from the main house.

“On the one hand I would like to have the rental be legit,” said Bill. “But it does make me wonder if I'm opening myself up to the city code enforcement agency breathing down my neck.”

Cole believes when owners review the program carefully they will see that it is an advantageous plan for second dwelling owners.

“The city is not going to be busting down people's doors, the goal has always focused on safety,” said Cole. “We have hundreds if not thousands of relatively safe occupied dwelling units, but don't want to rubber stamp them all if there are glaring safety hazards.”

While some flyers circulating around town have portrayed the city as a Gestapo-type regime when it comes to this topic, more visible critics of the measure such as Camille Harris are not opposed to the purpose of the city's movement.

“I have always supported a program to help legalize granny flats,” said Harris, a midtown resident and activist who often speaks on behalf of people who have second units.

“The devil is in the details, and I'm most concerned about how those are written into all this,” said Harris. “I'm trying to remove the things that make it look like a trap – because it will take just one thing to keep people away from this program.”

Harris was pleased with the city council's decision to change the amnesty date from 1987 to 2004. She does however, have other concerns including how owners will be able to pay the fee in order to legalize their units. Harris was hoping to see payment plan options incorporated into the larger program. At the last council meeting the city reported it did not have the resources to offer such options.

“A lot of those people are going to be elderly, and that's a lot of money for people to come up with at once,” Harris said. “I'm not sure if I understand why something like this wouldn't be offered, I would think the city would be open to receiving money regardless of how it could receive it.”

In the end, Cole and Harris both believe their point of views have been misconstrued and misunderstood.

“I think the city staff have tortuously complicated the issue,” said Harris. “The whole program is found money, and I don't think they are looking at it the right way.”

Cole is insistent the city's actions all follow public input gathered in a variety of meetings and forums and worries the city and its approach have been demonized throughout the process.

“Safety is a prime consideration, but the city has other considerations as well including the integrity of the permitting system and the protection of neighborhood quality of life,” said Cole.

Cole added he is optimistic about the success of the program if it is approved by the council next month.

“The program is not meant to be punitive or onerous,” said Cole. “I'm hoping when it is all explained, and people start having positive experiences going through the process, owners will see it as a program that makes sense.”

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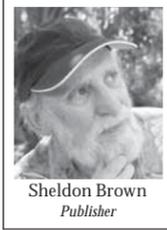
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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown
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■ Once again I would like to thank Johanna Spinks for choosing to present her wonderful portrait series in the Ventura Breeze. We, and Ventura are honored to have this gifted artist displaying her Face Of Ventura portraits with us. To see a short film about this series, produced by Peter Godinez go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idfH96wfXC4>

■ Recently the Ventura City Council gave the final approval for WinCo Foods to open a grocery store at the former Mervyns site located at 4750 Telephone. This building has been vacant for 3 years. Their action was necessary because those opposed to the store opening had appealed the Design Review Committee vote to approve the design. No other discretionary city approvals were necessary.

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■ There has been a lot of confusion regarding several film festivals that are presented in Ventura so I want to briefly explain them to you.

The Ventura Film Society, under the direction of Lorenzo DeStefano, is in their 3rd year in Ventura with VFS @ The Museum 2011 which screens at the Museum of Ventura County located downtown on Main. The screenings are basically presented all year round on every other Tuesday at 7pm

and present an alternative to mainstream American cinema. A review of their movies are always in the Breeze.

The 2011 Ventura Film Festival takes place from July 8-18. Over 100 filmmakers will be attending the opening and closing nights. There are over 245 films and screen-



"If I look pretty will you still hate me?"

plays in the Festival. There will be over 200 film screenings at various theaters across the city of Ventura. For more information see the article in this issue.

And on Wednesday, June 29, the Pacific View Mall will host the first installment of the Can Film Festival, a ten-event series of free family movie nights to benefit FOOD Share. The screenings will take place at 7 pm on Wednesday nights through August 31 in the Pacific View Mall's food court.

Mailbox

by allowable exceptions to the code: "Section 30005 Local governmental powers; nuisances; attorney general's powers. Further, the below Section acknowledges private property rights: "Section 30001.5 Legislative findings and declarations; goals: The Legislature further finds and declares that the basic goals of the state for the coastal zone are to: (c) Maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone consistent with sound resources conservation principles and constitutionally protected rights of private property owners."

From the above, the code seems to give the city a great deal of latitude to perform beach maintenance, and in this instance with greater justification for this specific problem. It would also seem that is just what the State legislature was intending when enacting the Act legislation. It also possibly explains how when ever the city desires to conduct work within the Shore Dr. there seem to be no problem, but when a homeowner with damage to their home wants to alleviate the situation the city blocks that request with other Coastal Act restrictions.

For those who believe "live at the beach, what do you expect?", could be correct if the beach was private, but it is not. Right or wrong the city and county subdivided this property and people followed by building homes next to this public beach. Judge Lane's decision takes this into account.

John Whitman
Ventura

Editor:

The Ventura County Rainbow Alliance (VCRA) has announced it is closing. The VCRA Executive Director, Jay

Smith is quoted as placing blame for the VCRA closure on the failures of its donor base. Nothing speaks "no confidence" in a non-profit management more than a lack of donor financial support. Nothing speaks "failure of leadership" more than blaming one's supporters for the consequences of one's own mismanagement.

The VCRA failure is due to that organization's sole focus on the tiny HIV/Aids component of the Ventura County gay and lesbian community and short-sighted lack of support for and representation of the entire Ventura County gay and lesbian community. No longer can gay and lesbian community centers survive by extracting their hefty, so-called administrative fees from federal, state, local and municipal HIV/Aids grants to cover their payroll, administrative and facility lease costs.

The VCRA collapse is also due to the fact that its Board of Directors and Executive Director failed to attentively cultivate a donor base within the entire mainstream Ventura County gay and lesbian community. Many members of that community withheld financial support from the VCRA because they did not want their donations used for VCRA payroll, administrative costs as well as VCRA HIV/Aids client housing and food financial subsidies already provided by more efficient County agencies.

The time is ripe for new leadership in the Ventura County gay and

The Eighth Annual Ventura County Jewish Film Festival was held in March and April 2 in four venues this year including Temple Beth Torah's Meister Hall and the Regency Theatre Buenaventura 6. This festival brings new and exciting, Jewish themed movies from around the world to Ventura County.

We are so very lucky to be living in Ventura with all of the opportunities to enjoy film and the arts and don't you forget it. And take advantage of it and get out and enjoy.

■ For those of you that have heard me on the Coach Ron Tunick Show on 1400AM KKZZ I will not be appearing on that show anymore, but will be on the radio on some other shows. Will tell you more next time so that you can listen in. I'm sure that it is the highlight of your week, like waiting for the sun to show up.

■ Even among those that favor the downtown parking meters they all hate their color (especially me) and modern look in our historic downtown. Actually they would be ugly anywhere except on Mars, and maybe even there.

It has occurred to me, and others that the solution to that is to make each one an art project (like the other boxes downtown).

I have spoken to a few people who would be happy to sponsor a meter in some way and pay the artists to paint them. Of course now that we will be voting on whether they will be staying in November we may just have to live with their ugliness until at least then.

And speaking about the meters I walked all of downtown on Saturday and only found a few scattered open parking spaces so it seems that someone is using them and shopping downtown.

lesbian community. There are myriad mainstream, HIV/Aids-negative, financially successful gay and lesbian Ventura County singles and couples who yearn for a local organization that will galvanize and represent them in their goal to overcome the old stereotypes as they strive for a higher level of societal education and, ultimately, acceptance and higher visibility understanding and solidarity. They are not victims requiring financial handouts. They are conventional people wanting to contribute to the betterment, harmony, prosperity and vitality of all Ventura County citizens.

Harris D. Berger
Oxnard

Editor:

I personally like the meters. You can now find a place to park close to where you want to go. If you don't want to pay for parking just park off Main Street in the public parking area. I hope the meters stay.

David Kurtz

Editor:

Or park on Poli and walk a short block down the hill and the exercise might do some of you some good.

Editor,

I was interested to read Maria Fidele's letter in your last issue. She wrote to disagree with Kathleen Eriksen who wrote that 10,000 residents who sign the

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Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.

—Shakespeare



News and Notes

Safety and legal conditions for the fourth

by Kris McDonald
Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

The Ventura City Fire Department would like to remind all 4th of July enthusiasts of some very important safety considerations for the upcoming holiday.

First and foremost, we encourage you to enjoy one of the many professional fireworks displays around Ventura County, especially our local Rotary Fireworks Show located at Ventura College. This is always a tremendous show, and with Fire Department personnel on site, this is by far the safest option for you and your loved ones. Gates open at 5pm, fireworks begin at 9pm, and tickets are available at the entrance. And the newly expanded free events there begin at 2pm.

The Ventura Street Fair and Parade, located in the downtown area from 10am to 5pm, is another tradition that offers fun for the entire family.

Please remember that it is illegal to possess, sell or discharge any type of fireworks (including Safe & Sane) in the City of Ventura. Over the years, there have been several fires resulting from the illegal use of fireworks, including a 700-acre brush fire that resulted in financial penalties being levied upon the parents of the juveniles responsible for starting the

blaze. The California Supreme Court recently ruled that fires started due to the malicious use of fireworks can and likely will be charged as arson under the Penal Code, thereby creating much stiffer penalties for these destructive acts.

Open burning, including bonfires on the beach, is also illegal. Fires can be enjoyed in fixed and approved fire pits only. In addition to the fire hazards and nuisance smoke that beach bonfires produce, many of these bonfires create dangers that last for days, especially when the embers are buried in the sand. Beachgoers, usually children, frequently step on the smoldering embers and suffer serious burns.

Another item that frequently causes injuries at the beach is carelessly discarded broken glass. Whenever possible, use only plastic or aluminum containers, and please remember that no matter what you bring...take it with you when you leave. It is up to each and every one of us to keep our beaches clean and beautiful. Recycling and/or proper disposal of waste materials is a must.

When you are in and around the water at the beach, remain in an area where a lifeguard is present. Lifeguard towers will be staffed at various locations along the Ventura coastline. Water rescues caused by swimmers and body boarders being caught in rip currents are a common occurrence. Check with the on-duty lifeguard for direction as to the best place to enter the water.

All too often, Ventura City Fire Department responds to assist victims of alcohol related incidents.

Please enjoy your holiday responsibly by not operating a vehicle or entering the ocean while under the influence. Always designate a driver and keep your wits about you by not drinking to excess. Injuring yourself or others, getting cited, or even landing in jail is no way to spend your 4th of July holiday.

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Locals discover their own backyard at "Dinner At the..." series

Southern California foodies typically have a lot to look forward to as the seasons evolve, especially on the Gold Coast with our powerful agricultural legacy. This year the anticipation rises a notch higher as Totally Local VC - Ventura's breakout advocacy network - announces the upcoming "Dinner At the..." series, innovative dining events that marry iconic Ventura locations with some of the area's topline chefs, preparing seasonal selections harvested from the region's celebrated farms.

The series is the brainchild of longtime Ventura resident and Totally Local VC founder Kat Merrick, who explains, "The goal is to draw attention not only to our local agriculture community, but to our outstanding local chefs and local businesses that have helped to make Ventura such an amazing place to live."

The series will be structured in three successive events, all revolving around seasonal, local fare. The events are priced to please at \$90.00 per person. The sum buys a five-course meal, paired with wine and entertainment, an offering that presents a unique community-building opportunity for all involved, from guests to organizers, beneficiaries and purveyors.

First up on the slate will be "Dinner

at the City," an elegant repast in the unusual context of Ventura's City Hall. The meal will be hosted by renowned chef Rachel Main of Main Course. Guests will sample local wine while the vintner describes their unique product.

After a tour of historic City Hall, guests will enjoy a sumptuous meal served in the elegant but unusual setting of the municipal seat, and in the voluble company of the local farmers and ranchers from whose land the food derives. As with the wine, the producers will offer insight and context on the consumables, forging a true link in the diners' consciousness between the field and the plate. Dessert will be created by Kate Slaton-Dunbar of Petite Reve Cafe, topped off with the exotic local liqueur by Ventura Limoncello Company.

Second in the series will be Dinner at the Cross, offered high on the hilltop in Grant Park, commanding sweeping views of all of Ventura. Dinner will be prepared by master chef Jason Collis of Jonathan's, whose work will be paired with an appropriately local wine. Gold Coast baker Shannon Wright will create a dessert to be remembered, served with a grand finale bird's eye view of the fireworks from the Ventura County Fair.

The third and final offering in the series will be Dinner At the Pumpkin Patch, hosted by longtime Ventura agriculture mainstays the McGrath Brothers farms. Guests will enjoy a hay ride as they learn the unique legacy of one of Ventura's oldest ranches and historic farm families.

Each guest will receive a Totally Local VC "swag bag," filled with gifts from local merchants, recipes, discounts and more, all to the purpose of deepening the experience of all that is local to Ventura County.

A percentage of event profits will be dedicated to local charities. Dinner at the City and at the Pumpkin Patch are slated to partner with Food Share, while Dinner At the Cross will benefit The Serra Cross Conservancy.

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Juan Aquilar, T. O'Hara, Bill Kirkland and Darryl Struth showing off the trophy winners as selected by Juan

Car show and fine food

Car enthusiast Juan Aquilar, owner of The Cottage Café, located at 2611 E. Thompson presents a monthly car and bike show in the rear parking behind the Cottage from 9am-noon on every third Thursday of the month.

Run by another car enthusiast Darryl Struth you are welcome to be part of the

show whenever you wish.

Darryl will also be presenting the VHS Alumni Annual All Class Reunion (formerly known as "Brown Bag") and Car And Cycle Show at the Quad on the Green at Ventura High School on July 30 from 10-2pm. There will be food available. Call Darryl for more information at 644-6211.



News and Notes



CAPS Chat

CAPS4Kids 2011

by Alex Uvari

CAPS 4 Kids 2011 is right around the corner, and I'm here to tell you all about the fun and exciting things we are bringing to the table this year. Hi my name is Alex Uvari, Lead Instructor for CAPS4Kids Program and I have been doing video production and multimedia since I was the age of some of the kids that have been going through our program. I am so excited to be bringing my wealth of knowledge in the areas of digital storytelling and video production to our digital storytelling classes. This year CAPS is pulling out all the stops - introducing our brand new Panasonic's HMC-150 High Definition Digital Camcorders, new tripods, lighting & audio equipment, and Apple's latest video editing software, iMovie 11. We have a great group of young but extremely knowledgeable Instructors as well as CAPS4Kids alumni returning to offer their assistance as interns.

Our first week of classes we will be pairing the students with local Non-Profit Organizations. Students will be meeting with the non-profits on their first day of instruction to determine the elements needed in their video. After they meet we will train the students in all areas of pre-production, directing, shooting, lighting, editing, and outputting their projects to DVD and the web.

The second week of CAPS4Kids we will be immersing the students into the world of news & journalism. Student crews will create their own 4-5 minute news / variety

program that will include many professional elements that are seen on today's top news shows. We will also be featuring some local professionals as guest speakers to share their real world experiences with the students.

Our third and final session of CAPS4Kids is our advanced short-film week, which is designed for returning students. The number of returning students and high demand for this session has us at capacity with 16 students.

If you or someone you know is interested in having their 12-16 year old sign up for CAPS4Kids Digital Storytelling Classes, we highly recommend signing up now as the first and second sessions are filling up quickly.

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. To view previous years CAPS4Kids videos you can go to www.youtube.com/capsforkids. You can also find CAPS-TV on Facebook @ [facebook.com/capstvventura](https://www.facebook.com/capstvventura), and you can also follow us on Twitter @ www.twitter.com/CAPSTVtweets.

Dudley House Speaker's Bureau

Two new topics covering turn-of-the-century Victorian era people and events have been added to the Dudley House Speaker's Bureau. These living history topics by one of our most popular speakers join nine other talks including twentieth-century games and toys, Victorian courting customs, Teddy Roosevelt's visit to Ventura in 1903 and the memoirs of a 1920's "town belle." The talks are offered free to school classes and community groups in need of outside speakers and the complete list is available by calling 641-3563.

Photo Contest



For \$30 where was this photo taken?

The first reader who can tell us where this photo was taken will win a \$30 gift certificate from any advertiser in this issue.

Just email your answer to editor@venturabreeze.com (this is a tough one, we think). Photo by Marsha Moreland (she is in hiding until after the contest).

Regarding our last photo contest, this is just one of the responses that we received from one of our wonderful readers.

Dear Breeze,

The picture in the May 18 paper is of the native garden in front of the Channel Islands National Park Headquarters. I often ride my bike there and it is a shot of the coreopsis after their gorgeous yellow bloom has faded.

Thank you,

Debe Emmanuel

Breeze:

Debe picks up her copy of the Breeze on Thursday mornings from Pete's Coffee House.

She chose her gift certificate from Yolanda's Mexican Food. She told us "I would like to take my teaching work group there for happy hour--you know us teachers--we are getting to the end of a long year!"

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DEAR MISS BETTY,

advice for those who need to be slapped.

Dear Miss Betty,

It is almost July and our neighbors still have reindeer and Christmas lights up. We may have to sell our home and we don't want potential buyers to be dissuaded by the festive holiday décor.
Upside Down Mortgage

Dear Upside Down,

Put your house on the market at the end of November when it looks like they just put them up.

Also, I had some neighbors who had the ugliest wreath on their door for months. One day when I was cleaning out a closet, I found an awesome wreath that looked perfect for their house. I left it on their doorstep anonymously and they have used it ever since. Maybe if you gave your neighbor something perfect for their house, for example – I had these flowers left over...I found this and thought of you – it might spur them to clean up their act. If you live in a subdivision and you have an HOA, you

can contact them about your overzealous neighbor they might have rules against it.

Dear Miss Betty,

I have been resistant to joining Facebook. Anyone I want to stay in touch with already has my e-mail address, but lately people have been asking me to join Facebook via my e-mail address. I don't want to seem cold. What should I do?

Facebook Frigid

Dear Frigid,

I have friends and family who live and die by Facebook and love it, but Ventura is such a cool city to live in, why wouldn't you want to meet people for coffee or lunch in person or meet in the Ventura Harbor and have a stroll? However, when someone requests you join Facebook by e-mail, it's usually because Facebook has combed their e-mail address book; Not because you were specifically selected.

Ventura Rotary 18th Annual 4th of July celebration
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News and Notes



Buz Bonsall and family own a large parcel of property along Canada Larga Road. The City Council recently discussed and decided against annexing part of this property for inclusion in its proposed Westside Development Plan.

Bonsall shares thoughts about Canada Larga annexation Part 1

by Tim Pompey

In a recent City Council meeting, the fiscal pros and cons were discussed regarding the annexation of the North Avenue and part of the Canada Larga property owned by the Bonsall family into the Westside Community Plan. It created a significant stir within the community and led to several hours of debate. In the end, Buz Bonsall himself requested that the City move forward on the plan as agen-

dized without including his property. His speech before the City Council was brief, but in this interview, Bonsall talks about some of the history behind the annexation proposal as well as his hopes for the future development of his Canada Larga property. This is part 1 of a 3-part interview.

T: How large is the total property you actually own along Canada Larga Road?

B: The entire ranch is roughly a little over 6,500 acres.

T: And the property that is being discussed with the City in terms of development is how much?

B: It's 800 acres, 120 on the east and west side of Highway 33 and 680 acres of the valley floor running east/west along Canada Larga Road.

T: How long have you owned this property?

B: We've owned this property since 1977.

T: And right now what are the primary uses of the land?

B: Cattle grazing, and we do have an organic farmer over on the west side of Highway 33.

T: When you bought the land, did you have any intention of developing the property for uses other than agriculture?

B: When we bought the property in 1977, the County of Ventura through its Regional Sanitation District already had sited a landfill project at Weldon Canyon, which is the first canyon to the north of Canada Larga Canyon, and that was already an ongoing situation before we bought the property. Ultimately we investigated the Sanitation District's management of the Simi Valley landfill, as did the Ventura County Grand Jury, which recommended that it be put out for private bid because of inefficiencies of operation, blowing trash, and seagull infestation. Ultimately the contract went to Waste Management of California. They turned that situation

around and provided a steady income to the County and got rid of the blowing trash and seagulls. We were impressed with that, so we decided to go with private versus public, and ultimately that landfill proposal of the 1970s went through an EIR project process which was approved by the County Board of Supervisors in 1992 by a 4-1 vote, but since the landfill project itself would have lost by a 3-2 vote, at that point Waste Management withdrew it. They still have a lease here on Weldon Canyon, so it's still an issue to be dealt with. That lease can go away with the development of the valley floor of Canada Larga.

T: What about other development, like housing?

B: We were trying first of all to see whether there would be this landfill in Weldon Canyon and that might have dictated what may or may not have happened relative to any other plans.

T: How would you explain the Williamson Act?

B: The Williamson Act is a self-renewing 10 year contract that is entered into between the County and the landowner, depending on whether you're into irrigated row crop agriculture at its most intensive or at its lowest intensity, which would be cattle grazing land like we have. With the Williamson Act, this is what you agree to be in. That category lets you file a notice of nonrenewal at any time, at which time it has nine years to run. The benefit is that you get a lower property tax for being in Ag than if it rose to its market rate for open space or Ag type of land.

T: How difficult would it be to change the current tax status on your land?

B: Not difficult at all. All you have to do is file a notice of nonrenewal and then it has nine years to run, and slowly your property taxes come up to the value of regular open space Ag land.

companies which operate interstate services.

Annually, Coach America pays a proportional or "apportioned" payment to each state for the miles the bus operates. In the case of the VISTA buses, virtually all of the mileage is in California and therefore California receives a significant amount of the vehicle license fees for each bus. The California DMV has a reciprocity program that allows them to manage the collection of fees for the apportioned vehicles.

VCTC does not own the buses, nor does it have exclusive use of the buses, and they are sometimes used for charters both in and out of the state. If VCTC actually took full control of the vehicles, requiring them to be registered in California, they would be eligible for "E" plates, like Gold Coast Transit or city police cars, and then we would pay only a registration fee - no annual taxes - to the state. Since VCTC manages the bus operations, the buses are subject to the California Air Resources Board requirements for air pollution emissions, and the California Highway Patrol inspects the buses and the "terminal" (bus yard) the same as all other public transit buses in the State to insure safety and proper maintenance.

When VCTC contracts for transit services and buses using federal funds, we are not allowed to discriminate about who is able to bid, and we look for the best value to allow us to provide the most service as the lowest cost.

I hope that answers your reader's question.

Sincerely,

Victor Kamhi

VCTC Bus Transit Director

Compassionate eating

by Bianca Rose Martinez

When I became a vegetarian about 11 years ago, it was a result of an empathy circuit in my brain that had been re-activated. I had always loved animals as a kid (who didn't?) and had lots of pets and stuffed animal toys to play with. There is a big disconnect with the neatly wrapped packages of meat at the store and the fact that they came from a living breathing being, that most likely endured a tremendous amount of suffering, pain and abuse, just to end up on our plates. Most of us don't like to think of these things when we take our meals, and the producers of these products go to great lengths to make sure that you don't know what goes on behind those factory farm doors. The mass production of animals for food is behind nearly every environmental disaster and human health issue we face. It comes in the form of contaminated water, food borne illness (from the unnatural conditions animals are kept in and processed), disease outbreaks, clear cutting forests for cattle ranches... not to mention the incredible amount of resources it takes to produce animals for food (fossil fuels, water, grain). With the human population growing each day, making ever-increasing demands on the Earth, doesn't it make sense to eat in a way that is more sustainable and better for human health and the health of the planet?

The awareness and empathy I now have for the suffering of other sentient beings has spread to encompass a larger picture. Across our country and even in our own county many agricultural practices that have become standard are actually harmful to the environment; from chemical pesticide use to the planting of genetically modified seeds. In our effort to "better"

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I would like to know...

Breeze:

The VISTA buses that I see around town have Wyoming license plates on them. Seems odd, could you find out why?

Steve Cook

Steve: Always happy to try to find out the answer to our readers' questions. Here it is directly from the source.

"Why VISTA buses have Wyoming license plates": It is a question that we receive, and frequently there is a second question which you did not ask, but which is implied - does that allow them to avoid paying California registration fees?

The company which VCTC (Ventura County Transportation Commission) contracts for bus operations and vehicles is a subsidiary of Coach America. Coach's leasing operation is located in Wyoming and purchases all vehicles for Coach America (over 2,000 nationwide) and registers them "apportioned" in the State of Wyoming. If you look closely at the license plates, you can see the word "apportioned" on them, and on other vehicles which are owned by

News and Notes



The staff from GLAD provide services for the deaf and hard of hearing in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties. Shown here are staff members Mark Robinson, Julianna Fjeld, Jasmine Casey, and Christina Montero.

Tri-County GLAD works with the deaf and hard of hearing

by Tim Pompey

Tri-County GLAD (Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness) has been providing their services to members of the deaf and hard of hearing community in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties since 1988. Regional Director Julianna Fjeld explained why there is such a need in this area. "There are approximately 63,000 deaf and hard of hearing in Ventura," she said. "In Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, they make up 8.6% of the population."

And Fjeld is quick to point out that the deaf and hard of hearing view themselves as anything but handicapped. "We are communication challenged," she said. "Just like someone from Europe who needs interpreting when they come to the U.S., what we need are interpreters that facilitate the communication between those that hear and the deaf and hard of hearing."

You can understand why this is important. People often refer to a deaf person as being disabled, but Fjeld believes this is not how members of the deaf and hard of hearing community see it. "It's a distinction about languages, not disability," she said. "From a deaf person's perspective, they're not disabled."

The deaf do have a language: American Sign Language. Fjeld clarified how that language differs between deaf and hearing communities: "We use our hands to communicate, from the head to the fingertips, that is our visual box, that is our perspective." She pointed out that sign language has its own syntax, it's own grammar and structure. The main difference is that American Sign Language is all based on visuals. "We rely on a lot of facial expressions and body language," she said.

Of course, with language development also comes cultural development, something Fjeld readily acknowledged. "We're the same human beings," she said. "The only difference is our cultural perspective." That cultural perspective has to do with visual language, and, as with any cultural difference, there can sometimes be misunderstandings.

To avoid some of this, Fjeld provided some guidelines for communicating with the deaf and hard of hearing. "Make sure you have the person's attention," she said. "Maintain eye contact, and be sure to let them finish their sentence."

Staff Interpreter Mark Robinson noted that each person who uses sign

language also has their own distinctive way of communicating. He knows that interpreting means also understanding the individual's identity. "To me, it's important for the interpreter to know and fit with the deaf person's communication style."

Administrative Assistant Jasmine Casey can testify about how important these services are for folks who need them: "I get a lot of calls from friends and family members suffering from hearing loss asking 'What can we do?'"

For Robinson, he knows his services can be crucial. "I do a lot of medical interpretation," he said. "So as an interpreter, it's important to be able to facilitate communication to a doctor or nurse in an understandable way."

Tri-County GLAD's services are free of charge and include Community Advocate Christina Montero as well as Fjeld, Robinson, and Casey. Together Tri-County GLAD's staff provides community services, peer counseling, employment referral, information and referral, independent living skills and community education.

Tri-County GLAD is affiliated with the State of California's Department of Social Services and is a one stop center for the tri-county area's deaf and hard of hearing needs. They are part of 8 different sister agencies that provide deaf and hard of hearing services throughout California. If you, a friend, or family member are in need of these services, you can view their website at www.tcglad.org or call them at 644-6322.

Grape Expectations

The wonderful wines of summer

by Eric Garnier
Wineoeric@gmail.com

Summertime has just arrived and with it starts the festivities. Weddings, back yard BBQ's, pool parties and for me, any excuse to get people together and enjoy the "Wines of Summer".

This is a period of time when the weather gets warmer, our eating patterns change, and with that so do our wine drinking habits.

White wines seem to come to the forefront during the summer. Chardonnay,



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Sauvignon Blanc, and Reisling become more the wine of choice for all the different occasions. Other less known varieties such as Viognier, Rousanne, Grenache Blanc, Albarino and Marsanne are also great choices during summer. What is nice about most of these Rhone wine varietals is that many of the wineries on the Ventura Wine Trail make these.

Chardonnay styles have changed over the last few years, with a big shift to the less oaky chardonnays. I prefer this style because the fruit stands out more and the wine does not seem as heavy. When shopping for this style, look for label descriptions like "stainless or naked or no oak".

Sauvignon Blanc, sometimes called Fume Blanc, on the other hand tends to be more grassy, with notes of grapefruit, citrus and eucalyptus. This wine is a

great sipping wine for hot days or before dinner. Some folks like this wine with salads or white fishes.

The dry Roses, not to be confused with White Zinfandel, are very pleasant to drink when it is very hot. They also pair well with a variety of foods from Salmon to salads.

Although this column is all about the great white wines of summer, I would be remiss if I did not mention the king of red summer wines. Zinfandel, which is also widely produced on the Wine Trail is the go to red wine for the summer BBQ's. This ancient grape varietal goes great with BBQ beef, chicken, veggies or whatever your grill cooks up.

So, go out there and stock up on your summer whites. Experiment, try new brands, new varietals and I assure you, you won't be disappointed.



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The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Gene Dunn

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Gene Dunn is a life-long Ventura County resident. Although he was born in Oklahoma City, he forced his parents to move to Ventura County when he was six months old having grown tired of the Oklahoma wind storms at an early age.

He grew up in the City of Port Hueneme terrorizing the merchants of the old downtown Market Street section. He attended public schools in Port Hueneme and graduated from Hueneme High School. He worked at Camarillo State Hospital for a couple years before becoming a fire fighter at age 20. Gene served as a fire fighter for 31 years and has been retired for 12 years. Gene has been a resident of the City of Ventura for 25 years.

Gene is a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. In addition to his busy family life, Gene rides his Harley whenever possible and has an award winning 34 Ford hotrod which Gene and his wife built together with help from some local craftsmen who specialize in custom cars.

He loves playing his guitars and photography. He owned his own photography studio in town for 18 years, has had many pieces of work published and has won awards at the Ventura County Fair for his work.

Gene is a "people person" and loves to travel. He and his wife, Barbara, rode their Harley from Ventura up through northern California, Oregon and Washington and across British Columbia Canada before heading home by way of Yellowstone National Park one summer. They have taken

numerous long trips on the Harley mostly to the Mountain States such as Colorado or Wyoming and both love the open road. Gene has been known to just jump on his Harley and ride to Tucumcari, New Mexico, to meet long time friends for a visit.

Gene is not noted for his "political" finesse. His frustration with the lack of landscape maintenance on the City streets prompted him to take action. His object was to show that if we all did something it would make a difference in the big picture. Although Gene and his

wife live in a condo with no yard work and therefore no need to own tools of the trade, Gene purchased some essential equipment and hit the streets with his weed whacker, rake and leaf blower. During the next few weeks, Mr. Dunn cleared weeds from more than ten miles of city streets. Many citizens saw him working and stopped to offer encouragement, thanks and support. Several donated their time. Helpful merchants such as Green Thumb and Cal Carts donated material and supplies which greatly aided the project.

What do you like most about living in Ventura?

Old Town Ventura, the Mission, the pier, the beaches, the weather ... well, EVERYTHING - except the weeds.

How was the experience of having your portrait painted by Johanna?

Gene said he was very honored and thoroughly enjoyed Johanna's spirit, talent and charming personality.

I was very honored and thoroughly enjoyed Johanna's spirit, talent and charming personality.



Captain Bill Finley



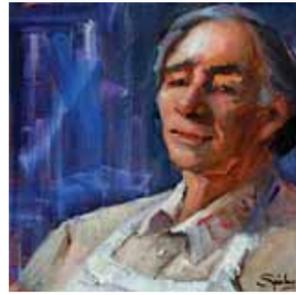
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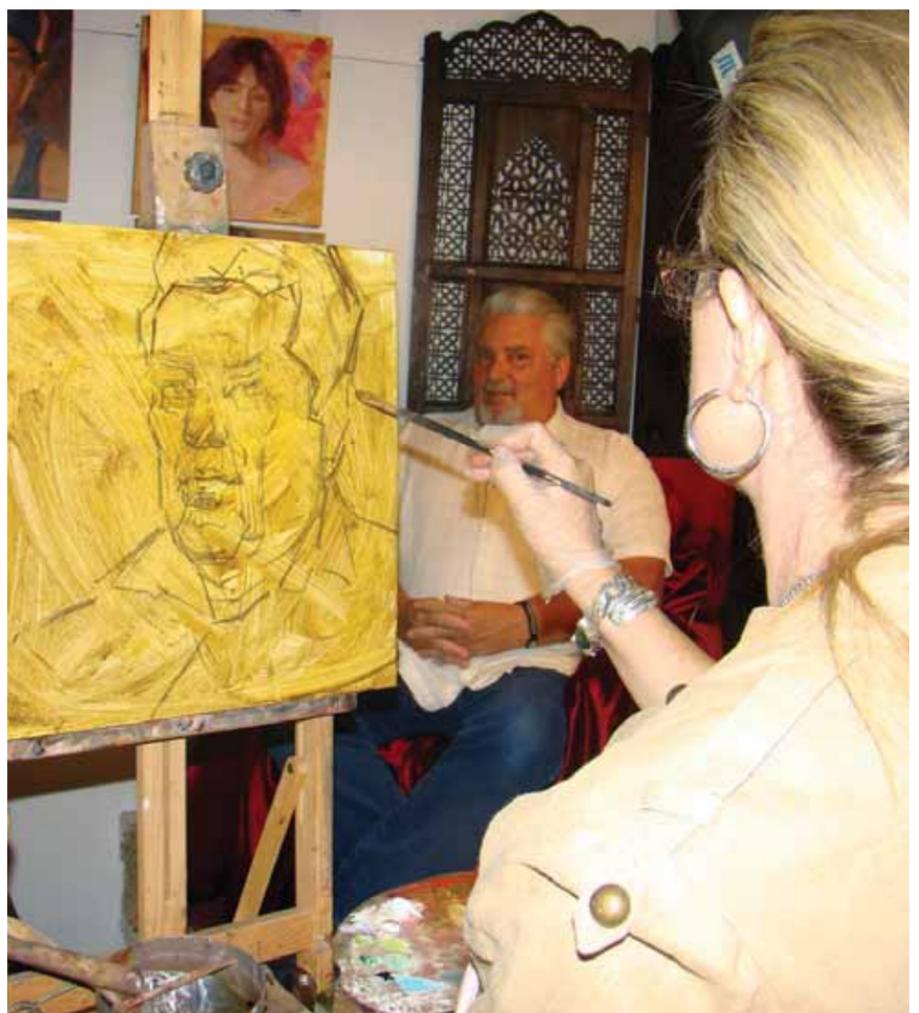
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Lorenzo DeStefano

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.

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Pirate Boot Camp, Sunday, July 10, 2011 - 1 to 3 p.m.
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Pirate Pub Crawl, Friday, July 15, 2011 - 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Join the Pirate Crew on a Pub Crawl, Friday, July 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost \$20 & includes appetizers at three Harbor restaurants, professional digital pirate photos, and sea shanties on beach! Ages 21 & over. Reservations: 477-0470

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The Ray Jay Band

by Leselie Matthias

"I fell in love with guitar in High School." This is Ray Jay's life and inspiration to live his dream. The Ray Jay Band is just a part of it. Ray Jaurique, stage name Ray Jay, spoke to me about his love of music.

Hailing from San Bernardino, he made his way to Ventura seven years ago. Ray Jay has 16 guitars presently, 6 of them he built himself. I asked him why he built some of his own guitars and he shared, "I wanted a certain

style, so I got the components and built the guitar."

The Ray Jay Band, his namesake, plays the first Friday of every month at BlackBeard's Seaside BBQ. Ray Jay shared, "we played when it was HiCees and were the first band to play when Lorie and Mark Iversen took it over and it became BlackBeard's. My band consists of Don Medina on drums, Matt Rodela on bass and myself on lead guitar.

When I asked Ray Jay what his hopes and dreams for the future were, he shared, "I'd like to play blues festivals and play on cruise ships." I'm sure with all his talents he'll reach his goals. But until then, you need to check out The Ray Jay Band at BlackBeard's.

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Jodi Farrell & The Front Street Prophets storm Ventura Vegas style

Starting in the fall of 2006, on Front Street in Ventura was the birth of Jodi Farrell & The Front Street Prophets. Trying R&B and blues and soul with a touch of funk the band evolved into what it is today.

Jodi Farrell is the lead singer and she also teaches voice, guitar and piano in her Mid-Town Ventura Studio. John Dunn is on bass and he adds the funky jazz sound to the group. Anthony Di Chiacchio is on the piano and organ. He has played from Times Square to Newport Beach and

played with the likes of Chuck Berry, Jim Messina, members of Three Dog Night and The Counting Crows. Rick Ambrose is on lead guitar and showed his talent formerly with such folks as the Midtown Rockets and Wildwood Music Company. His signature is his Fedora with an accompanying vintage suit. Last, but not least, Michael Golden on drums who actually founded the original Prophets in 2007.

The group can be heard at Blackbeard's Seaside BBQ and at the upcoming Olivas Adobe Music Under The Stars.

Jodi works the crowd and it has been said that she has "jaw dropping pipes." She has a range that transcends the imaginable and can accommodate any direction or style that she chooses.

Their music tells the stories of finding love, losing love, big cars with lots of chrome, bad men, the fast women that love them and maybe finding a little wisdom along the way.



The resident crew Miguel Loaiza, Juan Medel, Carlos Hernández, María Calix, Robb Cobb, Tammy Hernández, Nikki Caro and Joel Jiménez are working on the "greening" of apartments

The Housing Authority will complete the green remodel

The project began as a grant application to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that was specifically geared toward green renovations/improvements to existing public housing stock. The agency's Santa Clara apartments, built in 1964, proved to be a perfect fit and received \$1.79 million for a complete building rehab. The entire site is getting a green retrofit, inside and out. The apartment complex is located at 1216 E. Santa Clara St.

"Some of the units were pretty tired," says supervisor Robb Cobb of the nearly 50-year-old complex, who has overseen what he refers to as, "Basically recycling the whole building."

The comprehensive green renovation included the installation of more efficient windows, doors, plumbing, electrical wiring, lighting fixtures and appliances. All of the units received new flooring and low VOC paint.

The program, which recently received an Award of Merit and an Award of Excellence nomination from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and a Collaborative Action Award from the Ventura County Workforce Investment Board, has provided the residents with a skill and a living wage within the emerging green industry.

"The complex received a complete facelift and modernization with the latest green building techniques," said Mike Weaver, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura. "Employing our own residents to do much of the work is consistent with the Housing Authority's resident services programs that are aimed at helping those in public housing obtain the skills and job opportunities they need to get a new start and improve their lives."



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Anyone can be a "Road" scholar!

by Nanci Cone

Back in 1975, two unlikely collaborators founded the not-for-profit program, Elderhostel. Marty Knowlton was a well-traveled social activist and former educator while Dave Bianco was a highly organized university administrator at the University of New Hampshire.

Knowlton had recently returned from a four year walking tour of Europe where he stayed in youth hostels and met people in their 60s, 70s and 80s who were actively involved in their communities handing down traditions to younger generations. He discussed what he saw with Bianco who exclaimed, "This campus ought not to be having a youth hostel, it ought to be having an elder hostel!" And thus was a new program born.

In the summer of 1975, five colleges and universities in New Hampshire offered the first Elderhostel programs and, by 1980 through word of mouth only, more than 20,000 seniors participated in programs throughout all 50 states. The next year, international programs were offered that combined education with travel to foster experiential learning.

In 1989, Elderhostel provided \$500,000 in scholarships to income-eligible program participants and in 1998 programs were offered on ships and barges. By 1999 enrollments topped 250,000 a year and participants began receiving communications via email. Finally, in 2004, Elderhostel launched Road Scholar, a new series of adventurous, experiential learning programs and in 2009 the name was officially changed to Road Scholar with the word "Road" connoting a journey and real-world experience and "Scholar" reflecting a deep appreciation for learning.

Sadly, in 2009, Elderhostel co-founder Marty Knowlton passed away at the age of 88 but Dave Bianco, who helped establish the west coast headquarters in Ventura before retiring, is thriving and actively involved in Rotary of Ventura.

Road Scholar offers a varied list of lifelong learning adventures – basically something for everyone in today's world. Programs include:

Discoveries: Programs that cover themes from holidays and festivals to national parks and food and wine.

Intergenerational: These are programs designed for grandparents and grandchildren to study subjects ranging from dinosaurs to French castles.

Individual Skills: These include informal workshop environments covering such topics as photography, crafts, health, etc.

Outdoor Adventures: Participants spend

at least a third of their time in the outdoors hiking, kayaking, biking and more.

Service Learning: Students learn and provide hands-on work to support the needs of a community.

Adventures Afloat: Shipboard programs explore the world's most fascinating waters on everything from riverboats, small ships and ocean liners.

Day of Discovery: One-day programs where participants discover treasures in their own backyards.

The Ventura Road Scholar office offers a variety of programs in Southern California. Regional Program Director, Marcia Rhodes, comments, "I recommend locals come as a commuter or 'residential' participant to some of our Ventura upcoming programs. You'll learn a lot and have a great deal of fun in the process!" Future programs include:

Ronald Reagan July 31-Aug. 3, 2011 & Sept. 18-23, 2011 #13975

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For information on catalog mailing list, programs, and registration, call 648-6342 or visit the website at www.roadscholar.org.

Little known VA benefit

Saturday July 9, 2011, join Cypress Place Senior Living for an important and informative seminar and learn from the experts about the Aid & Attendance Benefit. This little known VA administered benefit can help pay for increasing medical costs associated with aging.

Seminar topics will include: Understanding VA benefits and the application process. How to become eligible. What benefits you are entitled to for residing at an assisted living community.

The afternoon seminar is presented by The American Association for War-time Veterans.

Don't miss this important information by these specialists. Wartime Veterans may qualify for up to \$1644 monthly and Surviving Spouses may receive up to \$1,056 monthly. Learn about this vital information for loved ones and those you care for.

The free seminar begins at 10:00 a.m. at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. Seating is limited so please call to reserve a seat. For more information or to RSVP, please call 805-650-8000. To learn more about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura, visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.

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Aegis of Ventura hosted the first of three Summer Concerts in the Courtyard Series on June 16. Residents and guests enjoyed the music of the swing era by The Ventura Jazz Sextet with Donna Green. Upcoming concerts are July 21 with Dusty Boots and August 25 with Sisi's Touch of Polynesia. Look for details in their ads in the Ventura Breeze or call 650-1114 for information. These are free concerts open to the public.



Helping to celebrate Gladys Williams' 100 year birthday at the Ventura Townhouse, where she has resided for the last seven years was her dining partner Esther (I'm only 96) Hochman and Stan Weisel who doesn't live there, but goes there to meet women.

Mailbox

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petition to remove the parking meters is just a "select few creating a lot of negative noise." I would agree that 10,000 citizens is a significant amount, IF those signatures were honestly obtained, which they were not. The signature gatherers lied to people to get them to sign. Anyone who signed that petition because they were told the meters were killing downtown businesses was lied to. Anyone who signed that petition because they were told that next the city would be charging people to park in front of their own houses was lied to. The truth about downtown is that the Downtown Ventura Organization, agreed to those meters to manage parking. Further, the vast majority of the downtown businesses like the meters and see them as good for downtown. The meters are not at all killing downtown. That is a myth being circulated by a very small number of very loud people.

The meter haters have told the city that they have not spent any money on this campaign. This is another lie because I know they had at least one paid signature gatherer because I saw her at the Farmer's Market. I asked why she was against the meters. She said because they were killing downtown business. I asked if she was a paid signature gatherer. She said yes. I asked her name. She refused to give it. So I know they had paid signature gatherers, which they were supposed to report to the city as an expense, but they told the city they had no expenses.

Now they like to say "the people have spoken" and they look forward to an honest and objective debate about the meters. They also say not to trust any information put out by the city about the meters because the city is biased. Are they kidding? The only ones who have demonstrated bias and lies about the meters are the petitioners. Alison Carlson
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Community Events

Ventura's July 4th Street Fair - "A Celebration of American Music"

Ventura's popular 4th of July Street Fair, a 36 year tradition with the city, will be held on Monday, July 4th in the Downtown Ventura Cultural District. The Independence Day celebration begins officially at 10:00am and continues until 5:00pm.

Street Fair activities will be stretching a full 9 blocks along downtown's Main Street from Fir Street to Mission Park. There will be approximately 300 participating artist and crafters, entertainment on six stages and an assortment of food booths.

Kids' attractions include Pony Rides, Train Rides, WOW Inflatables and Gold Rush Mobile Rock Climbing at Mission Park. Entertainment will appeal to all attendees. The Ventura Visitors Bureau will be open for the duration of the street fair, visit them at California and Santa Clara Street along with many of the Downtown Merchants.

Oak Street will host the Sierra Club with their exhibits of environmentally friendly cars. The Sierra Club will also offer many environmentally friendly and global awareness displays and hands-on activities for children.

Free parking is available in the downtown parking structure, as well as city lots. Attendees may take the free shuttle bus from the Ventura County Government Center to the Street Fair site every 30 minutes. Smoking is not allowed on the shuttle bus, and only service animals are permitted.

Admission to the Street Fair is free. This event is presented by the City of Ventura Parks Recreation & Community Partnership Department.

2011 Ventura Film Festival

There are over 245 films and screenings in the 2011 Ventura Film Festival which takes place from July 8-18. Over 100 filmmakers will be attending the opening and closing nights and will be giving question/answer sessions at their films. More than \$120,000 in prize award value will be given away at the 2011 Ventura Film Festival, including the new GHS awards valued at over \$14,000.

The opening night on Saturday, July 9, features a dinner at the Ventura Beach Marriott with Academy Award winner George Chakiris and limousine service to a film screening of the 50th anniversary of West Side Story at the Majestic Ventura Theater. There will be live musical performances by European #1 stars Cella and Lexi Ulmer followed by the presentation of Academy Award winner George Chakiris' lifetime achievement award by the Ventura Film Festival. The opening night also includes world premieres of local films and a children's film workshop and film screening.

Between the opening and closing nights there will be 11 days and over 200 film screenings at various theaters across the city of Ventura including the Majestic Ventura Theater, Century 10 Downtown Theaters, the Regency The-

aters, and the Ventura Beach Marriott's grand ballroom.

Filmmakers and writers will be flying in to attend from countries around the world including Brazil, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, UK, France, and 7 other states in the US. They will be staying at the Ventura Beach Marriott, the presenting sponsor, the festival hub, and filmmaker lounge.

The closing night on Saturday July 16, features the Ventura premiere of the current Academy Award winning film, Inside Job, and the 2011 Ventura Film Festival Awards Ceremony. This film is about the financial crisis of 2007-2010 directed by Charles H. Ferguson and is narrated by Academy Award winner Matt Damon. The 2011 Ventura Film Festival awards ceremony will take place after the film. There will be an after party at the Ventura Beach Marriott.

The Ventura Film Festival is a charity benefit for the environment. All proceeds are donated to select environmental non-profit organizations.

Tickets and passes are available at <http://venturafilmfestival.org/tickets>.

"Music Under the Stars" concert series at the Olivas Adobe

Dine, dance and be merry all summer long at "Music under the Stars"-Ventura's popular concert series outdoors at the historic Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, near Ventura Harbor-on Saturday evenings from July 9 to September 3. Tickets are \$20. Gates open for dining at 6:30 pm with concert from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Purchase tickets at the door or reserve at 658-4726 during regular business hours.

July 9: Louie Cruz Beltran--Latin Jazz

July 16: Barbara Morrison-Jazz and Blues

July 23: Upstream-Reggae & Soca

July 30: Whiskey Dawn-Country Western

August 6: Soul City Survivors-R & B

August 13: Front Street Prophets-R & B Soul & Blues

August 20: Army of Freshmen-Rock

August 27: Lisa Haley & the Zydekats-Zydeco

September 3: Rob Rio & the Revolvers-Boogie Woogie

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prepared by BuenaVentura Catering for \$15 per person.

For more information contact Georgeanne Lees, Office of Cultural Affairs Supervisor at 658-4720 or glees@cityofventura.net.

Foundation awards to Livingston

The Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Foundation has awarded Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association \$35,000 to provide home healthcare for the sick, handicapped, elderly and homebound residents of the Oxnard plains. The funds will be made available for patients who are indigent, without insurance or with only Medi-Cal.

The Smith Foundation grant was made in recognition that the overall need for subsidized home healthcare is on the rise, driven by a lagging economy, high rates of unemployment and more uninsured. As a consequence, Livingston's Subsidized Care Program has experienced a four-year trend of skyrocketing demand. The number of indigent patients Livingston provided care for more than doubled from 186 in 2007 to 389 in 2010.

Livingston founding nurse Olivia Hathaway made her first house call on July 21, 1947. By 1955, the agency's three nurses were visiting nearly 300 patients a year - and a third were indigent residents who could not pay. More than six decades later, Livingston remains Ventura County's only nonprofit provider of comprehensive home healthcare, medical hospice and in-home support.

For more information on Livingston's home healthcare programs visit lmvna.org or call 642-0239. For more information on The Smith Foundation visit the Ventura County Community Foundation website vccf.org.

Steam into the 4th of July

Fillmore & Western Railway is celebrating the 4th of July, 3-day weekend beginning Friday, July 1 with a President's Special Express. The train will be powered by the recently restored 1913 Baldwin Steam Engine #14, as it pulls out of downtown Fillmore's Central Park station at 5:00pm. The train will return to the Fillmore station by 8:00pm.

On Sunday, July 3rd, the regularly scheduled weekend scenic excursion will depart the downtown Fillmore station at 11:30am, returning at 3:30pm and will also be powered by the #14.

On the 4th of July, Fillmore & Western features two daytime one-hour rides driven again by #14. Also on the 4th of July in downtown Fillmore, the population of the little town doubles because of all the classic car fans, the fireworks fans and the chili fans.

To make reservations on any of the train rides of the 4th of July weekend call 524-2546 or visit their website at www.fwry.com.

Ventura events

July 3: The Dudley House presents the **Lavender Garden** a music box exhibit by Lief Engeswick along with a December 16, 1941 broadcast of the Red Skelton Show. Also a Flea Market and Collectibles Fair will be featured during the Dudley House open house.

The Dudley Docents will give tours of the history of the house with its Dudley family furniture and the museum's most recent acquisitions. The house will be open from 1 - 4 p.m. The flea market and collectibles fair will begin at 9 a.m. The newly installed lavender garden has some 100 plants of 20 different varieties with information on each plant, admission is free. The Dudley House is located at the corner of Ashwood and Loma Vista in Ventura. Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house please call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

July 3: CPR Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions Monthly Meeting will host a talk on **"Nuclear Arms Security Issues: Military and Medical Perspectives and the Prospects for World Peace."** As part of CPR's continuing commemoration of Nuclear Abolition Day, CPR presents this talk by Dr. Dodge on building support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). This spring, Dr. Dodge went on a speaking tour in New England with Col. Richard Klass. Dr. Dodge represented Physicians for Social Responsibility; Col. Klass represented the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation. Now that the Senate has ratified the New START Treaty, the CTBT is considered the logical next step in arms control. Dr. Dodge will discuss the current prospects for peace and the CTBT.

The meeting will start at 3 p.m. Foster Library's Topping Room, 651 E. Main St. Learn more about CPR and find out how you can get involved @ www.c-p-r.net/CPR phone 850-5849

July 8: The Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club and The Ventura Jazz Orchestra invites you to a **Big Band Swing Dance** featuring the vocal styling of Donna Greene and Glenn Novack. Come swing dance to a traditional 19 - piece show band, smiles are guaranteed. The Swing Dance will be from 7 - 10 p.m. in the Poinsettia Pavilion Ball Room 3451 Foothill Rd. Admissions is \$12 at the door and refreshments and parking are free. If you would like more information please call 648-1143.

July 8: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution May meeting will feature the program: **"Continental Marines in the American Revolution,"** presented by Curtis Porter who will be in uniform. The luncheon event will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave. All SAR compatriots, American Revolutionary War history buffs, friends and visitors are welcome at this special free event. The self-pay luncheon cost is \$20 per person, which includes a slice of Marie Callender's pie. Call Robert Taylor 216-7992, Bill Hurley 492-2583 or Ron Risley 647-0751 if you desire more information or please visit the Chapter website <http://pattonpatriots.org> for more information on SAR Chapter activities.

July 9: The **Ventura Beginners Personal Computer Users Group** will meet in the 3rd floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. Jenna Dunham, the Ventura Sales Director for Swift Chip, will present "How To Use the Internet". For more information, call Marcie Malony at 648-1368.

July 10: The Ventura County Chapter of USA Dance Inc. will be holding their **July dance party** at the Academy Dance Studio, themed, "The Fourth of July." The dance party's location is 2550 East Vineyard Ave., Suite 200, in Oxnard. The event starts with a free West Coast Swing Lesson by Janet Snyder at 2 p.m. followed by open dancing from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Music will be a variety of ballroom, Latin and swing cd's. Also featured are male dance hosts, refreshments and a

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Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)

Professor Scamp
Ph.D

■ On June 15th the California Law Enforcement K-9 "Faithful Partner" Memorial was dedicated at the "Faithful Partner" Monument at UC Davis. California law enforcement K-9s that have been lost in the line of duty will be remembered for their courage and honored for their service. A full honor guard, pipers and a motorcade, followed by a large procession of over 60 police and sheriff's K-9 teams. K-9 units from around the state were there to pay tribute to these brave police dogs and the courageous service that they have given in protecting our communities.

The "Faithful Partner" monument, which features a life-sized bronze German Shepherd Dog on a black granite star, is a testament to the strong bond of affection and loyalty between police dogs and their officers and is dedicated to the memory of California law enforcement dogs whose lives have been lost in the line of duty. The monument displays plaques honoring 39 K-9s that lost their lives while serving our state between 1960 and 2009.

On August 26, 1984, Ventura Officer Vern Alstot and his K9 partner Sonny, along with two other officers, were in pursuit of a wanted and armed parolee, who had kidnapped his ex-girlfriend. While being chased, the suspect fled his vehicle and K9 Sonny was deployed in an effort to apprehend him. As Sonny got close, the suspect drew a gun and fired two rounds, fatally wounding Sonny. The suspect surrendered shortly thereafter and was taken into custody. He subsequently plead guilty and served six months of a one year sentence.

At the time, it was only a misdemeanor to harm a police dog. As a result of this incident, in 1985 California State Senator Robert Presley successfully introduced an amendment to Section 600 of the California State Penal Code (PC), which made the killing of any police animal a felony (hooray for him).

In tribute to Sonny's service and sacrifice, Ventura patrol cars will be displaying a sticker commemorating the anniversary of his loss. Former VPD Of-

ficer Vern Alstot, who is now retired from service as Battalion Chief Ventura Fire Department stated, "I am overwhelmed and deeply touched by the actions of the VPD's K9 Team in choosing to honor Sonny's passing in this way. Even after twenty-five years it is still hard for me to appropriately describe the connection an officer develops with their canine partner, and I will never forget his dedication and loyalty."

You can now visit the Ventura Police Department (VPD) K-9 Storefront (located at the Pacific View Mall, lower level near Target) and meet your K-9 Officers



Sonny is another of my heroes who gave his life to protect us

and their partners. The Meet & Greet will take place on Saturday, July 2 between 11 am and 1 pm and again on August 6 at the same time. Take photos, check out the Storefront, or purchase a VPD K-9 Team Frisbee for your two or four-legged friends – all proceeds go to the National Police Dog Foundation. Please go say hello to these heroes.

■ Now that summer is here (maybe the sun will figure that out soon) you might be taking your dog for a long car ride, these are some things to remember.

Bring a few of our favorite toys, not all 50 of them but the excitement of something new makes us even happier.

And, of course treats; my favorite.

Our favorite blanket or bed (I don't have a security blanket) helps minimize

at the Loma Vista Road campus. A patient and two staff members were exposed to noxious vapors from an accidental spill of an acid solution used to treat skin conditions in a second-floor treatment room. The building was evacuated and the ventilation system shut down prior to the first responder's arrival. The city's hazardous materials response team was called. Hazmat crews collected, bagged and removed the spilled material and then tested the affected areas to ensure it was safe to reoccupy the building.

All three victims were contacted by facility staff and later returned to the hospital to undergo medical evaluation.

Armed Robbery

Through Thursday, June 9th, to Sunday, June 12th, there were three armed robberies that occurred on west end of Ventura. The two suspects, George Marin and Robert Flores, approached each victim while they were walking. The suspects, armed with a handgun, demanded property from the victims. The victims gave the suspects property and the suspects fled. On the third occasion, the victim refused to give up his property

Forever home wanted



Hi:

I'm Esme, an adorable 4 month old Pit Bull mix. My brothers Casper and Stanley and our mom Kasey are anxiously awaiting our forever families to come and take us home. Our other siblings have found their forever homes, now it's our turn. Our mom was rescued from Animal Regulation and later gave birth to all of us at our foster home. Since we're just puppies, children in the home must be 6 years or older. We can't wait until we're cherished members of

our very own loving families. Stop by and meet us, you're sure to fall in love and want to take us all home.

The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place
3203 East Main St., Ventura, 644-PETS (7387)

www.carlvc.org

Scamp Club

Hi:

I'm Piper an American Eskimo (but I don't live in an igloo).

I'm about 2 years old and I live in Ventura.

Like most dogs I like to bark (to get my way), run, play and chew on the couch which upsets my friend that I live with.



Join Scamp Club

Animals of all sorts can join the ScampClub. Email me your picture and a little about yourself, including your address, to Scampclub@venturabreeze.com. You will be in the Breeze and become world famous.

the unsettled feeling of being in unfamiliar surroundings when we stay at a motel/hotel that welcomes us, and many do these days.

Our grooming tools.

Vaccination records

First aid kit

Medications

Fresh water (or champagne)

And be sure to keep us in a well-ventilated area, the temperature rises quickly in a car parked in the hot sun. And never leave us unattended in a parked car – we get lonesome.

Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

Police reports are provided to us by the Ventura Police Department and are not the opinions of the Ventura Breeze. All suspects mentioned are assumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Burglary Tools Arrest

On Sunday, June 12, at 3:35 p.m., a citizen contacted the VPD to report James Murphy, 47 years old, walking in the area of Johnson Drive and Bristol Road, trying door handles of vehicles. Patrol units located Murphy in the area of Capri and Elba. He refused to listen to an officer's commands. Murphy then began to walk away from the officer who was able to stop him and place him in custody. Murphy possessed dozens of different types of keys along with other burglary type tools.

Hazardous Material Spill

On Thursday, June 9th, from 5:05 to 7:30 p.m., Ventura fire units responded to a report of a hazardous condition on the second-floor of the recently opened Ventura County Medical Center's urgent care center/outpatient treatment facility

and fled from the suspects. No one was injured during the course of these crimes.

Residential Burglary

On Wednesday, June 15th, Richard Lashbaugh was in his residence when a female acquaintance rushed inside the apartment requesting the victim call 911. Michael Gallardo entered the victim's apartment and threatened to shoot and kill both Lashbaugh and his acquaintance. Lashbaugh confronted Gallardo at which point he felt what he believed to be a handgun placed against his torso by Gallardo.

The victim was able to escape from his apartment and call police. Responding officers located Gallardo's vehicle a short distance from the victim's residence. Gallardo was taken into custody without incident and was transported to the VC Jail. The victim and acquaintance were not injured during the commission of this crime.

Bank Robbery with Arrest of a very stupid man

On Friday, June 17th, at 1:00 p.m., the VPD received a call of a bank robbery that had just occurred. The suspect, Tommy

Miramontes, had entered the bank and demanded that the teller put all the money into a backpack.

The teller complied with the demand and gave an undisclosed amount of currency to the suspect. Miramontes fled and had taken a dye pack in the currency, which exploded, leaving him with marked money.

A few hours later, a witness saw Miramontes washing money in the pool at a motel on Johnson Drive and called the VPD. Patrol officers detained Miramontes in the pool area.

Miramontes was taken to the VPD where the investigation continued. Miramontes may have been responsible for additional bank robberies that have occurred within Ventura County.

Regional Structure Fire

On Monday, June 20th, at 1:00 p.m., Ventura fire units were dispatched to a reported fire in a residential unit at the Pepper Tree condominium complex in the 1300 block of Saratoga Avenue. There were many calls reporting the fire, some with conflicting information as to the fire unit's correct address.



Youth

Studying abroad in Israel

by **Chloé Sehati**
Ventura High School

Imagine walking into something with no expectations. Imagine going somewhere foreign to you, where you stand as the foreigner. You can't have any expectations because you don't know what is in store for you, and because of this, your eyes open and your vision explodes with a sharpness you never thought could come from your own pupils. Suddenly, everything starts to change...but most importantly, you do.

Why did I do this? Because I was thirsty, I was starving for something more than what I was surrounded by here in Ventura's paradise. I knew that there was something amazing waiting for me, and I took the opportunity and grabbed it. I didn't know what to think when all of the plans were forming together and it was actually happening for me, but I do know this: I never listened to anyone but myself. People told me all the time that I was crazy. I was constantly being reminded of everything I would miss, and I fought through it because in your life, you have to make sacrifices. And for me, this was not a bad thing at all. Yes, it was tough leaving Ventura High School in the middle of the school year, but everyone was remarkably supportive.

Here's the thing: traveling abroad is intense. First, there was the culture shock. Everything was different... at first, I didn't even understand the signs leading me to the bathrooms unless they had pictures next to them. No one bagged my groceries for me... that was something completely unheard of. To walk into McDonald's or the mall – any public place or parade, in fact – there was security. Even on their days off, soldiers with guns strapped to their shoulders walked around outdoor shopping centers in uniform and ate at the tables next to me. Instead of pigeons and seagulls everywhere, you find cats – yes, wild cats!

The program I attended, NFTY EIE (North American Federation of Temple Youth Eisendrath International Exchange), allowed eighty-two teenagers from all over America to come together in Israel and experience the semester of a lifetime. We stayed at a place called Kibbutz Tzuba, a community on the outskirts of Jerusalem, and we called it home instantly. Although our schedule was already set in stone for us, however, we still were on our own, making decisions for ourselves and setting our own habits. Our high school was seconds away from our rooms in little cabin-like buildings, and every day we had to be ready for an eleven-hour school day. If we weren't in the classroom, we were all over Israel learning about its history, culture, and land. Starting our day at 8 A.M. and ending at 7 P.M. from Sunday to Thursday took a lot of adjusting, but believe it or not, we survived. Over time, I became truly accustomed to the push-and-shove ways of Israelis, and I fell in love with Israel. It was like I was dipped in a tank of cold water and only felt the temperature for a few moments: I was shocked at first, and then I just let myself dry out naturally.

Traveling abroad isn't for everyone, but it was the best decision I have ever made for myself. It takes guts. It's intense and you have to give up so much, but it's the greatest way to live in the present and do incredible things for yourself with incredible people. Next year, there are two Juniors from Ventura High School alone leaving the country for an entire year, going to places like Chile and Italy. If there is one thing I could advise,

though, it's this: Expect nothing. Expect nothing, and you'll get so much more. Walk in with no expectations.



PEAK students participated in watershed education

Pilot program combines learning with fun

Students from 6 of the 7 Program Enrichment for Afterschool Kids (PEAK) participated in a pilot program that combined learning with fun. It's a unique program sponsored by the City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability Division, Parks, Recreation and Community Partnerships, Ventura Unified School District, Santa Barbara Channelkeepers, Channel Island Outfitters and CA State Park Lifeguards.

Over 120 students participated in the 3-part watershed education course designed to expose students to environmental careers, learn about their local watershed and how to protect it. Schools participating included Sheridan Way, EP Foster, De Anza, Portola, Lincoln, and Montalvo.

Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, Jill Sarick Santos taught students what a watershed is by using a watershed model, essentially, a scaled version of our city with streets, buildings, creeks and an ocean.

During the second field trip, students went to Foster Park and conducted water quality sampling with the assistance of Santa Barbara Channelkeeper Environmental Educator, Penny Owens. Students tested the water's pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and collected samples of different macro-biota (fish and insects).

The final trip was at the Ventura Harbor where Channel Island Outfitter co-owner and guide, Matt May and CA State Park Lifeguards took students into the water on kayaks. The whole idea was for them to turn around in their kayaks and look back upon their watershed and see the connections from previous field trips.

PEAK is a free program offered through a partnership with the City and the School District. It provides a safe environment for students to work on homework, play and participate in different enrichment programs.

"The whole idea for the program was to take students out into their watershed to really experience the lessons we've taught them in the classroom. We want to expose these young people to a variety of environmental careers and we hope that they are interested enough to take the lessons back home" says Ms. Sarick.

For more information on the City sponsored environmental education programs, call 652-4501 or go online to <http://www.cityofventura.net/pw/es/greenschools>.

Violin classes for children

Sponsored by S.T.O.C.K. (Success Through Our Communities' Kids), a local non-profit organization an amaz-

ing 10 week program that will teach your child to play the violin and perform in the August Concert Art Show at the WAV Theater Gallery is being offered.

The professional instructor is Peter Shuere of the Ventura Children's String Ensemble. He has successfully helped many children master stringed instruments using the famous Suzuki computerized training method. Proven techniques of this training will excel the rate of learning for all the students in this summer program. Classes are at The WAV every Monday evening from 7pm till 8:30pm. This kid's program does not require previous experience. Violins will be provided if needed. This is a great opportunity for parents to encourage their children to experience music and the performing arts. For enrollment and more information contact Brian Torres at 665-3191 or CommunitySTOCK@gmail.com.

Travel the world at Foster Library

Youth of all ages are invited to travel the world of imagination during the Ventura County Library 2011 Summer Reading Program which runs from June 12 to August 21. "One World, Many Stories" is the theme for youth up to 12 years of age. "You Are Here" is for teens.

All aspects of the program are free including prizes, certificates, story time, craft programs, parties and events. To kick off the program, Dave Twister, balloon artist extraordinaire, will perform at each of the Ventura County Library branches during late May and the month of June. The calendar of shows and events is at www.ventcolibrary.org and flyers are available at each library circulation desk.

Youth are encouraged to keep track of the time they spend reading, or being read to by someone else. After reading 15 hours, they receive a prize and a certificate of achievement. Teens are also welcome to volunteer to help run the programs. Volunteer credit may qualify for community service hours at their schools. For more information, call Lori Karns at 677-7156 or your local Ventura County Library branch.



Obviously Colton and Michael Hanson are enjoying their Camping at the Y

Resident Camp at the Y is an experience of a lifetime

Exploring nature, gaining new experiences and making new friends are just some of the benefits of participating in Resident Camp. As summer fast approaches, Resident Camp reminds parents that camping is a unique and invaluable experience for children and teens.

"Getting a summer break from learning in school doesn't mean that kids should not spend the summer learning outside the classroom," says Sarah Savelich, Youth Programs Director, Ventura Family YMCA. "At Resident Camp, campers learn how to be responsible and resourceful, work in groups, solve problems and make decisions

that will help them grow as individuals – all while having fun."

As a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y works to help children and teens discover their full potential by providing opportunities to learn and grow. According to camping experts at Resident Camp, there are five reasons why kids should experience summer camp:

FOR ADVENTURE: Summer camp is all about fun adventures in the outdoors. YMCA camps have a new adventure for every child and teen. Visit ciymca.org/ventura for details.

FOR NEW EXPERIENCES: Day and resident camps are about learning outside of school, exploring and appreciating the outdoors, developing new skills, making friends and showing leadership.

FOR PERSONAL GROWTH: While being away from the routine back home, youth have a chance to develop confidence and independence by taking on new responsibilities and challenges.

FOR NEW FRIENDSHIPS: Amidst the fun of camp games, songs, swimming, canoeing and talent shows, campers meet new friends.

FOR MEMORIES: Summer camp is an unforgettable experience that will give each camper memories (and campfire stories) that will last a lifetime.

Resident Camp provides exciting and educational camp programming for children and teens including sharing cabins with friends, enjoying cabin activities led by volunteers, having the chance to shoot arrows in the archery range and swimming in a private lake. Each camper will also have the opportunity to set new personal goals in the YMCA Rags and Leathers program.

In addition to the subsidized rate available to all youth, financial assistance is available through their Open Doors program to ensure that every child and teen has the chance to go to camp.

For more information about the Summer Camps and Resident Camp, contact Sarah Savelich at 642-2131 ext. 23 or visit ciymca.org/ventura.

School City classes

Tuesday, July 5 - Resumes that Sell, 8:30 am – 4 pm - Hands-on workshop providing assistance in completing a resume, cover and thank-you letters. Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center at 654-3435 to enroll.

Wednesday, July 6 - Power of VOS (Virtual OneStop), 1 pm – 4 pm - Learn about the Virtual OneStop website and how you can use the various tools in the system to build your resume and customize your job search to a specific location and occupation. Must have basic computer skills. Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers. Space is limited. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center at 654-3435 to enroll.

Wednesday, July 13 - Winning Interviews, 9 am – 4 pm - Supplies the tools to make a lasting first impression when interviewing. Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers.

Space is limited. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center at 654-3435 to enroll. These workshops take place at 4601 Telephone Road, Suite 109.

Sports



Time for a far off vacation

by Kenton Rivas

After being teased by the countless editions of surfer magazines showing images of mystical barreling waves being surfed in places that do not require the neoprene spiderman suit, I knew that was something I most definitely wanted to partake in. After gandering at the December edition of Surfing magazine a couple years ago on my lunch break from my hum drum job down in Hell A with the cover reading "It looks like you could use a vacation", I pulled the trigger and bought a ticket to a far off land. The far off land was Costa Rica. I had a little more than two months time between finishing my job and starting graduate school. I had money saved from my time slaving away on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico so I figured why not stay there the whole time? If I didn't like it or grew tired of the situation I could change my ticket and come home early. This thought never crossed my mind while I publicly transported, hitch hiked and water taxi'd myself down the coast in Centro Americana. The main focus of surfing waves without the wetsuit took a backseat to the overall experience gained through the people and cultures I encountered along my way. And oh yeh, the surf was great!

The feeling of adventure when you land in a third world country and not knowing what to expect when you get off the plane is exhilarating and pretty freakin' rad. When I got off the plane in Liberia, Costa Rica the hot humid weather felt like it hit me right in the face. I couldn't wait to get in the ocean! After I got to my hostel and threw my bag down I grabbed my surfboard and ran down to the beach. I couldn't have pictured a better first glance scenario as head high glassy peaks and thong bikinis scattered the beach with the sun about an hour away from setting.

My time spent in Costa Rica was pure fun and adventure and indeed a life changing experience. I feel like exploring is in our DNA, it just needs some awakening. After you come back unscathed and fun'd out you can't help but give thanks for the sake of just being alive. The once monotonous existence at your usual job, neighborhood and day to day offer a joy that you forgot before you got away. The plans for another adventure in the near future is certain.

In many countries it is part of the culture to travel the world and thereby gain the experiences one does while on the rucksack revolutionary path. The traveler path is one where you can adopt whatever you choose from the various cultures encountered and rediscover what it feels like to do some good old fashioned l-i-v-i-n. You can read all the books and watch all the movies you want, but there is no substitute for living it! "Wandering re-establishes the original harmony which once existed between man and the universe." - Anatole France. I think YOU could use a vacation!

Business

VCCU President appointed to Consumer Protection Committee

Joseph Schroeder, President and CEO of Ventura County Credit Union (VCCU), has been appointed to the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Consumer Protection Committee. With its network of affiliated state credit union leagues, CUNA serves 90 percent of America's 7,700 state and federally chartered credit unions.

As a member of the Consumer Protection Committee, Schroeder will work to monitor developments in the area of consumer protection laws and regulations, such as fair lending laws that affect credit unions, address concerns regarding such laws and rules, develop voluntary guidelines in this area for the benefit of credit unions and their members.

"As CEO of VCCU, it is imperative that I strive to protect the rights of our organization and its members," says Schroeder. "VCCU's participation on this board will enable us to address the concerns of our organization, its employees and members at a higher level."

The Ventura County Credit Union was chartered in 1950. It is the largest credit union headquartered in Ventura County, with five offices, nearly 50,000 members and \$500 million in total assets. Visit www.vccuonline.net for more information.



Dr. Bunny Vreeland, owner of the Vreeland College of the Healing Arts is shown with Lori Ann McClave, the school's first Advanced Hypnotherapist graduate and new instructor at the College.

Community events

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50/50 raffle. Admissions is \$10 for general admission, \$9 for dance buddies, \$7 for USA Dance Members and \$5 for active duty military and youth. For more information please call 646-6271.

July 10: First United Methodist Church is hosting, "The Heart of Laughter," A fun-filled lecture on using humor in your life, 3 - 5:30 p.m. Gene Perret, renowned comedy writer, author, producer and triple Emmy award winner and Writer's Guild award recipient is the presenter. Gene's comedy writing has entertained audiences for decades through many of televisions long-running variety shows and situation comedies. We promise you'll laugh yourself silly. Attend and enter the free drawing for a "Humor Kit" containing several of Gene's hilarious books among other things. The performance will be held at 1338 Santa Clara St. Admission is suggested at a donation of \$20 at the door. Please call if you have any questions 643-8621.

July 9&10: Channel Islands Harbor will

hold the **10th Annual Fine Arts and Craft Show Series** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The event will feature original works of art from about 35 artists, consisting of oil paintings, watercolors, photography and sculptures. Visitors can also choose from a large selection of high-quality crafts, including ceramics, stained glass, woodcrafts, jewelry and gift items. The outdoor festival is free, open to the public at the corner of Channel Islands Blvd and Harbor Blvd. For more information about the 10th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Show series, visit the Channel Islands Harbor's website at www.channelislandsharbor.org.

Ojai events

Ojai City Manager Robert Clark has announced that effective **July 1, City Hall will be open** Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. City Hall has been closed on Fridays since 1993 when employee work hours were reduced from 40 hours per week to 36 hours per week to save money. The new schedule was requested by the City Council in order to improve customer service.

The addition of Friday office hours will not add any cost to the City budget. "Our goal is to make it as convenient as possible to transact business with the City, and our challenge is to do that without placing a burden on the budget" said Clark.

Ojai is in for a hot time every Sunday night this summer as the Ojai Center for the Arts presents "Jammin at the Art Center," a series of outdoor music concerts featuring the best in an eclectic mix of local music.

July's lineup features the stylings of **Jimmy Calire July 10**; the funky, folksy, country-west intonations of Milton Kelley & "The Still Slightly Above Ground Band" **July 17**; siren-supreme vocalist **Julie Christensen July 24**; and Japanese folk guitarist Goh Kurosawa in a benefit performance for **The Japanese Children's Relief Fund July 31**. Make a date for 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the outdoor patio. They'll be tri-tip sandwiches offered by "Bad Wolf BBQ" and beer, wine and spirits.

Tickets are \$10 with children under 12 free.

Sundays, 4:30 pm at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave, Ojai. Fundraising Series Tickets: \$10 per film at the door Summer Passes available. Call 646-8946 or visit www.ojaifilmsociety.org

On Sunday, **July 3, 2011** the Ojai Film Society will screen **Win Win**, a small-scale drama from Thomas McCarthy.

On Sunday, **July 10** the Ojai Film Society will screen **Jane Eyre**, a beautifully photographed, superbly acted adaption of Charlotte Bronte's timeless Gothic romance. "There is not a drab image or a middling performance in the piece," writes Colin Covert of the Minneapolis Star Tribune. "Can a film be true to

a classic literary source and still seem fresh? The answer is yes, and the proof is the new adaptation of Jane Eyre."—Leonard Maltin's Picks

July 17 **Beatles Stories USA 2010** (1 hr., 30 min.) Not Rated

OFS Filmmakers Series Event: Q & A and Reception after the screening with Filmmaker Seth Swirsky.

Decades pass, musical and cultural trends come and go, new generations grow up: yet the love of the Beatles endures. "This film is fantastic, so from the heart and so wildly revealing. An epic and timeless masterpiece."—Cameron Crowe (Screenwriter/Director, Almost Famous)

To purchase tickets call the OFS office 646-8946 or visit www.ojaifilmsociety.org.

First Sunday Music on July 10 Sunday at 1:00 P.M. at the Ojai Library; 111 E. Ojai Ave.

Ojai Library welcomes the **Evergreen Recorder Consort** who will perform "Summer Breezes and Peanut Butter" a diverse selection of music that celebrates the unique qualities of the recorder. They will demonstrate the different sizes and varieties of their instruments while playing music from the Baroque and Renaissance periods, and the 20th and 21st centuries.

"**Sharp & Savvy: 14 Historic Men of Ojai**," an original history exhibition opens at the Ojai Valley Museum on June 30 and runs through September 11, 2011. Reception will be on Saturday, July 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit is a three-dimensional, in-depth study of fourteen influential men, who are acknowledged as 19th century "movers and shakers" in the Ojai Valley.

The museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Ave. Free parking is available in the lot off Blanche Street behind the museum building. Adult admission is \$4.00. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays noon to 4 p.m. Private tours or can be arranged.

For more information or to RSVP for the July 16 gala reception, call 640-1390 x 203 or visit the museum website at www.ojavalleymuseum.org/.

Compassionate eating

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nature or make things more "efficient" we run the risk of damaging the natural systems we depend on so much.

I encourage you dear readers to vote with your forks. What we spend our money on and the things we support with our choices have a huge impact on how the human story will play out. Buy some local organic produce, cook a plant-based meal at home or order that veggie burger next time you are at a restaurant. Your body, the animals and the planet will thank you.

For delicious plant-based meal recipes, local veg-friendly restaurants and places to get our local produce check out: compassionateating.wordpress.com.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Get Started

By DJ Kohli Rocks!

Hello, once again to all my fellow music freaks! Summer is officially here! Local bands are playing and touring, spreading the word of their music!

He's My Brother, She's My Sister

This band really got a big push when they performed at Indie West Fest! The band has a very unique cast of characters on stage and they all blend together very well! You could feel the music bond between brother and sister, Rob and Rachel Kolar. Of course, one of my highlights is watching percussionist Lauren Brown tap dancing on her drumset! Their band is getting ready to embark on a West Coast tour! They will be hitting up: Portland, Seattle, Costa Mesa, Big Sur, Fresno among many other stops! Their tour includes a stop in Thousand Oaks, at the Open Borders festival on July 4! Check out their band page on Facebook for more tour info, pics, & videos!

Open-Mic at Blackbeard's BBQ

With recent involvement from new scenester; Lucinda Welsh (aka Lulu-Be), providing acoustic artists - she's helping spread the word of a new Open-Mic at Blackbeard's BBQ at the Ventura Harbor. It is put together and hosted by Ken DeVoe every Tuesday Night beginning at 5pm! The open mic welcomes all original songwriters! Check it out! Special thanks Mark Iverson!

Shades of Day @ Zoey's Cafe

Be sure to check out Shades Of Day at Zoey's Cafe on June 30 @ 8pm. Performing songs from their newly released album, "Take All Night." Hope they'll play my new favorite, "Love Parade." This song should be a radio hit! It's so catchy!



Queensryche celebrates 30 Years!

One of my all time favorite rock bands, Queensryche, is celebrating 30 years with a new tour and album! Currently on a double billing tour with Judas Priest, the band will release, "Dedicated To Chaos" on June 28. Featuring their newest rock hit, "Get Started!" The singer, Geoff Tate also will be starring in the upcoming horror film, "The Burningmoore Incident." Happy 30 years to the Ryche world!

-DJ Kohli Rocks!

Kohlistmusicpit.com

Music Calendar 6/29 to 7/12

For more events go to Fun-in-Ventura.com

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Karaoke every Wed 6-9pm
Thur 6/30 - Bottom Feeders 6:30-9:30pm
Sun 7/3 - Blue Stew 2-6pm
Thur 7/7 - Bottom Feeders 6:30-9:30pm
Sun 7/10 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

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All Star Blues Night every Wed 8pm
Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm

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Thur 7/7 - Coso Live

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Sun 7/3 - Noble Creatures 4pm

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Jazz at the Mark every Wed
Thur 6/16 - Otis Hayes
Thur 6/23 - Bill McPherson

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598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)

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Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm
Wed 6/29 - Louis Mahala
Thur 6/30 - Shawn Jones

Zoey's Café

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

Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm
Thur 6/30 - Shades of Day, Lainey Taylor 8pm
Fri 7/1 - Franky Fuchs, Teresa James, Carl Byron 8pm
Sat 7/2 - We Govern We cd release 6:30pm
Sun 7/3 - Paul McCallum 12:30pm, Coliseum, TFW, Lumber Lung, Suburban Moms
Thur 7/7 - Milk Drive on tour from Austin, Amanda & Travis Marsh 8pm
Fri 7/8 - Orlando Napier Band 6pm
Sun 7/9 - Matthew Santos 7pm
Mon 7/11 - Brian Wright Band, Ladies Gun Club 8pm
Tue 7/12 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

The Entertainment Report

Silver Screen

by Linde Carlson

These are my picks for the week.

Midnight in Paris



Woody Allen's romantic comedy *Midnight in Paris* is by far the best thing he has done since *Annie Hall*. Enchanting as it is eclectic this film will resonate

VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

Crooklyn

Reviewed by Geovany Cousins-Jones
Ventura Film Society

In this semi-autobiographical look at life in Brooklyn during the 1970s, director Spike Lee takes us into the heart of a boisterous and complex African-American family. The Carmichaels live in a racially-mixed, working-class neighborhood. Their loving but careworn mother (Alfre Woodard) barely makes ends meet as a teacher. Her husband (Delroy Lindo) is an unemployed musician with dreams of playing his own music his own way. Their five children, four annoying brothers and one very independent sister, are the bedrock of their world and the bane of their existence. The kids grow up fast

with situations you can relate to.

As always in my opinion, Owen Wilson is a charmer. His creative delivery and style fits into almost any type of role, but melts your heart as a leading man like butter on a freshly baked biscuit. The story takes you to Paris, where Owen Wilson plays a novelist caught in a brain freeze of sorts and can't seem to eek out a book to save his soul.

While vacationing in Paris with his fiancée and her parents, his life takes an unexpected turn as he steps into a cab at Midnight, channeling him through a time capsule into a world of a by-gone era of the 20's of famous novelists and artists.

What he doesn't expect to happen is, he falls in love with Paris, and..... another woman, played by Marion Cotillard. You will be transfixed throughout his fantasy, making it your own. A must see! Showing at the Century Theatres. Rated PG 13 running time 94 minutes

The Art of Getting By



British actor Freddie Highmore all grown up and balancing Cambridge with acting, known for his role in *August Rush*, (which is one of my favorite films of all times) *Spiderwick Chronicles*, and *Finding Neverland* to name a few.

Freddie plays high school senior George, a self described "Teflon Slacker", an artist and loner obsessed with the philosophy that why bother trying to do anything, you are just going to die anyway. This thought process creates confusion and disconnection from the things that really do matter in life.

Struggles in school, the potentiality of not graduating, and the stress of a broken home, George has his fair share of inner demons, not to mention he is considered a weird-o by his school mates.

Befriended by a schoolmate, Sally, played by Emma Roberts, as subliminal as it may seem, there are underlying feelings slipping through. But time is not on his side when his best friend Dustin, played by Michael Angarano moves in behind his back and steals his girl. George's bleeding heart permeates coldness, until he learns Sally is not interested in Dustin, and the tables turn for George in a sweet way.

I really liked this movie and Freddie's charm is adorable. He has not changed one bit from his role in *August Rush*. Showing at the Century Theatres. A must see!

Rated PG13 Running time: 1 hour and 23 minutes

in the life-filled streets. They learn to deal with the death of a loved one and how their identities and principles are strengthened by their loss. Despite many challenges shared by all loving, complex families, the Carmichaels hang together in this touching, hilarious, and redemptive story of a family working hard to keep love and hope alive.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "Crooklyn" on Tuesday, July 5 at 7pm as part of our VFS @ the Museum 2011 Film Series, which is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month through December 6 at the Museum of Ventura County's Martin V. & Marta K Smith Pavilion, 100 E. Main St. Downtown Ventura. For advanced tickets & information www.venturafilmsociety.com 628-2299

Two on the Aisle

Funny Money is not a counterfeit comedy

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Have you ever fantasized about what you would do if you found a big pile of cash?

That's the underlying premise of "Funny Money," the comedy now playing through July 24 at the Elite Theatre Company's Petit Playhouse in Oxnard's Heritage Square.

When Henry Perkins (Frank Malle) arrives at his home outside of London he carries a briefcase filled with ¾ of a million in cash. It seems his real case got switched on the train with that of another passenger. After multiple trips to the men's room of a local pub to repeatedly count the money before heading home, Henry decides to keep the windfall. Because he is afraid the true owner will be coming to recover his obviously ill-gotten currency, Henry tells his wife, Jean (Lorraine McDonald), to pack as he orders a cab and one-way tickets to Barcelona.

However, as they say, complications arise. First, there is the expected momentary arrival of Betty and Vic (Kimberly Peters and Ryff Wolf), the couple Jean has invited to dinner that night to celebrate Henry's birthday. But when the doorbell rings they open it to find a local police sergeant (Art Peters). It turns out the sergeant knows nothing about the cash, but is looking to level a morals charge against Henry based on his unusual behavior at the pub.

Next to arrive is the impatient cabbie (Ken Jones), followed by dinner guests Betty and Vic. Then, another police detective (Derek Foster) from a different district appears to advise Jean that Henry has been shot in the head - an identification based on the contents of the murder victim's briefcase.

The police officers and others are continuously shuffled around in an effort to keep them from learning the truth and about one another. All the while Henry scrambles to manage each new situation and still get out of town before the murderer arrives to reclaim the money. When a mysterious

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The Lighter Breeze

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Mother Goose and Grimm



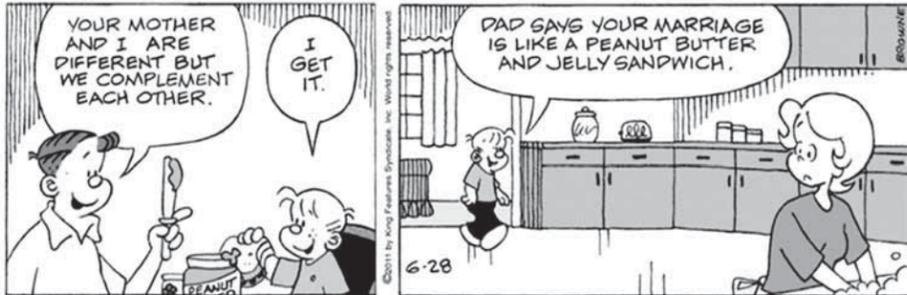
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Weekly SUDOKU

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.

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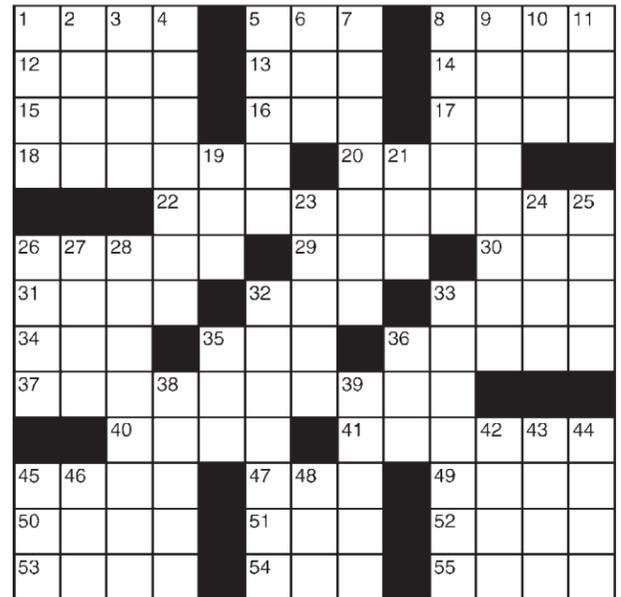
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King Crossword

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- 13 Expert
- 14 Hemingway nickname
- 15 Join with a blowtorch
- 16 Ultramodernist
- 17 Formerly, formerly
- 18 Moe, Larry or Shemp
- 20 Croon
- 22 Property
- 26 Get more ammo
- 29 Shade source
- 30 Trigger's rider
- 31 — Major (constellation)
- 32 Pigs' digs
- 33 Existed
- 34 That man's
- 35 Buck's mate
- 36 Carries
- 37 Integer, e.g.
- 40 Daytime drama
- 41 Cruel
- 45 Too
- 47 Couric's network
- 49 Thought



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- 51 Reaction skyrockets
- 52 Standard
- 53 Undersized
- 54 Aye opposer
- 55 Lcky stuff

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- 4 Pyrenees nation
- 5 Breathing problem
- 6 Anger

- 7 Without precision
- 8 Exhausted
- 9 "Dennis the Menace" girl
- 10 Chances, for short
- 11 "Roscoe"
- 19 Jewel
- 21 Doctrine
- 23 "— Eat Cake"
- 24 Ripped
- 25 Spud's buds
- 26 Rhine feeder
- 27 Huron neighbor
- 28 Booth, e.g.
- 32 Trace
- 33 Employed
- 35 "CSI" evidence
- 36 Commandment count
- 38 Daft
- 39 Full, as eyebrows
- 42 "American —"
- 43 Infamous fiddler
- 44 Moist
- 45 Matterhorn, for one
- 46 Reed or Rawls
- 48 Feathery neckpiece

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening; otherwise, you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send to you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times, stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put

off all this time.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a difficult situation involving someone close to you. But you know you're doing the right thing, so stick with your decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now's the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) That project you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a colleague before you can consider it done.

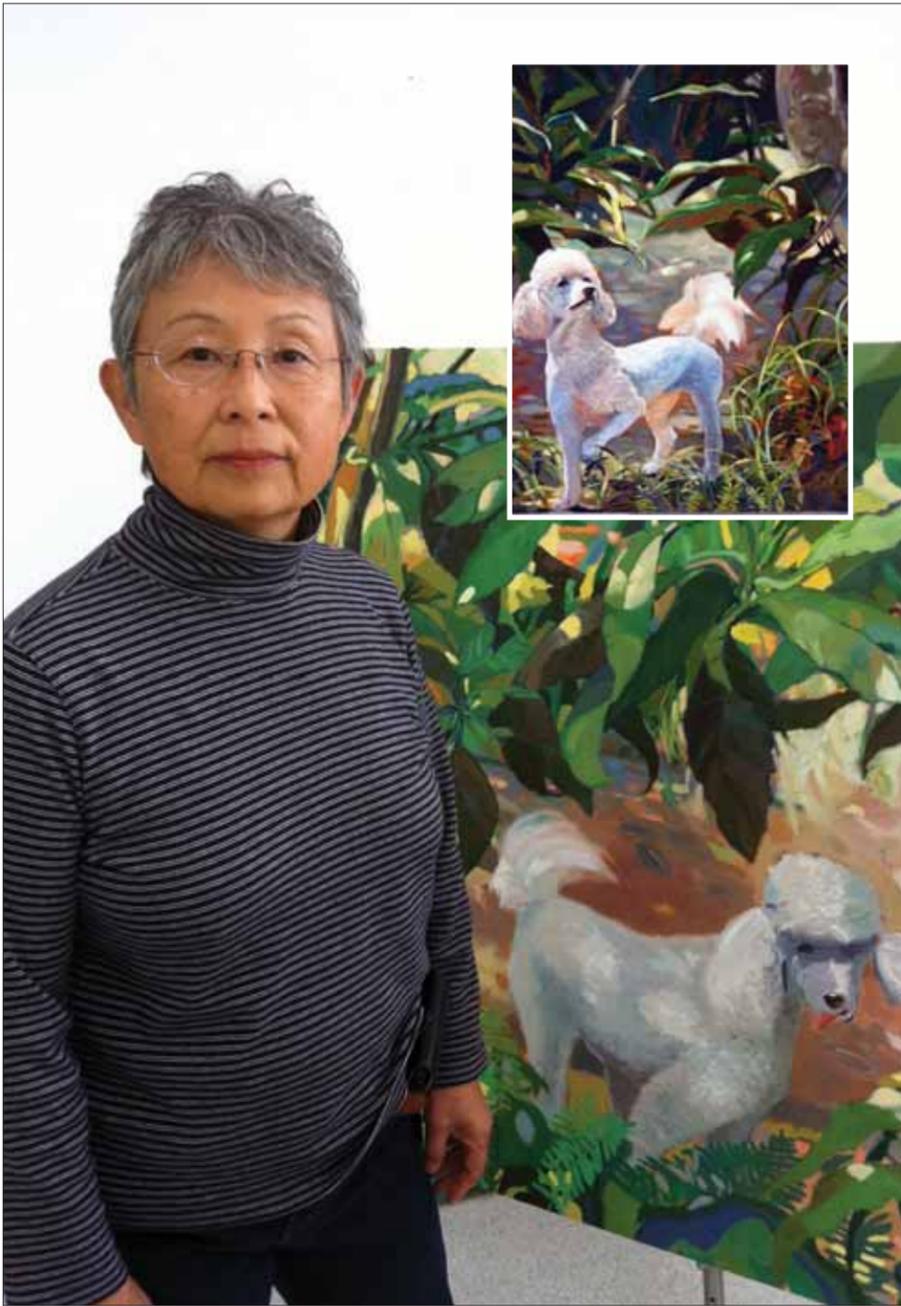
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hardworking Piscean. A nice, refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise ship.

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Art Scene



The Heart of the Artist

Hiroko Yoshimoto, Artist of Distinction

by Emily Thiroux Threatt

For Hiroko Yoshimoto, inspiration simmers. An idea will arise from a concept that she is interested in at a point in time coming from an accumulation of practices and experiences. She is inspired by traveling, nature, news, and social happenings. As she explores and researches an idea, she also explores which medium and style will best work with the subject matter. She is a master with realistic, abstract, figurative, and landscape art which she creates with oil, charcoal, encaustic, water color, or sumi ink. When an idea comes together for her, she then creates a series of works on that subject.

Three of her series especially inspired me. Four Seasons was created for installation at a gallery in Japan. The pieces anchoring the 4 corners of the gallery were portraits of four of her family members: her niece, her sister, her mother, and her great aunt. While the series has a personal theme for her, at the same time it is universal and feminist. She explores each individual, bringing out their best qualities and talents while showing the regeneration of the life cycle. The portraits were painted with the inspiration of multiple personal photographs and each includes the subjects favorite flower or plant and an indication of their personal talent. On the wall's between the portraits, a series of painted leaves ties the portrait's

together with their colors indicating the passing of time from the spring of her niece, the summer of her sister, the fall of her mother, and the winter of her great aunt. The series transcends the particular moment to universal significance.

Locally her recent work *Rising From the Ashes* was inspired by the aftermath of the fires on the hillsides of Santa Barbara. Witnessing the devastation to the landscape from the fires, Hiroko collected ashes and charcoal and went to work. She received grants from Ventura County Arts Council, Arts Alive, and Ventura County Foundation on a project funded by the James Irvine Foundation to enable her to take her ecological concern to the public using the ashes and charcoal mixed with other mediums to create a visually impressive memory of the horrible scene of the fire's aftermath. While the rebirth of nature after the fire is the major theme here, Hiroko went further to work with the community on fire prevention. Her hope is that the audience who views this series will carry an awareness of the importance of fire prevention to the future.

Her current series, "Backyard Peace and Happiness," allows her to play with shape, color, texture, life, and space as she chronicles the amusement of her poodle frolicking in her lush backyard. This series gives her

an emotional break for dealing with the horrors of the fire. This vibrant series will be on display at Vita Art Center for the month of July which will culminate in the new Westside Art Walk where Hiroko will be given the first Artist of Distinction award for an outstanding, distinguished body of work, combined with outstanding service to the arts and larger Ventura community. Mary Perez of Vita Art Center says, "Given her status in the arts, her long, distinguished service as a teacher, her mentorship of so many, and her leadership contributions to numerous institutions and causes – Ventura College and the Museum of Ventura County, as examples – Hiroko was the committee's overwhelming choice to receive the inaugural award in 2011. It is richly deserved."

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/>

Re-imagined ArtWalk a summer highlight

The new Westside ArtWalk will unite Ventura's vibrant arts community in one

weekend of coordinated events. The two-day celebration of the arts will run Saturday, July 23, from 1 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, July 24, from 12 to 5 p.m.

Westside Artwalk is a free, self-guided tour of dozens of galleries, studios and pop-up venues in Ventura's Westside Cultural District and Downtown. A signature event for Ventura for many years which brought in cultural tourists from all over, it is now being run by an all-volunteer group which has added new life to the event. ArtWalk was previously put on by the City of Ventura, but fell victim to budget cuts this year.

"We weren't about to let the momentum die. Instead we formed a creative team which is invigorating the event with new ideas," said Josh Addison, founder of the Bell Arts Factory and chair of the Westside ArtWalk Committee.

Venues include the Bell Arts Factory, Working Artists Ventura, Stone-works Studio and Gallery, Vita Art Center, Art City, Arts on Main, Red Brick Gallery, San Buenaventura Gallery, Artists' Union Gallery, The Museum of Ventura County, and many more. New temporary galleries will be put together just for the event.

A highlight of this year's event is a showing by Focus on the Masters of some of the area's most well-known artists, along with photographs by FOTM Founder Donna Granata which document their work. The exhibition will be housed in the Erle Stanley Gardner Building ground floor, on the corner of Main and California streets.

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portunity to share with ArtWalk participants the historic significance of our archive – a treasure-trove of information about our fabulous Ventura County artists,” Granata said.

Also new this year is the Bowl Hop. Buy a \$25 limited edition, hand-made ceramic bowl during Westside ArtWalk and your ceramic bowl and punch card can be taken to any or all of the participating restaurants. Proceeds benefit FOOD Share and ArtWalk. The bowls will be available for purchase at the Ventura Visitors Center, 101 South California St., and Vita Art Center, 432 North Ventura Ave., Studio 30.

Two terrific after-parties will round out the weekend’s events. One is Saturday night at the Museum of Ventura County, to honor the featured artists. It begins at 7 p.m. and will feature food and entertainment.

The weekend culminates in an arts auction and party Sunday evening from 5-8 p.m. at the Erle Stanley Gardner Building which will benefit Focus on the Masters and its arts education programs. The gallery auction highlights include original work by John Nava, Gerd Koch, Cheryl Ann Thomas, Sylvia Torres, and Christine Brennan. Silent auction items will also be available. For more information on the FOTM after party, call 653-2501 or visit www.focusonthemasters.com.

For more information on Westside ArtWalk, including how to be an exhibitor or participating venue, visit www.westsideartwalk.org, email info@westsideartwalk.org, or call 746-2818 or 794-7670.

Two on the Aisle

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passer-by (David Lease) enters the picture the story moves to its entertaining conclusion.

A classic farce, the play is based on a highly implausible situation, physical humor and disguised identities, plus over-the-top characters who just keep getting into a deeper comedic holes. In addition, the tempo moves from fast-paced to frantic as the piece moves to a resolution. The result is pure hilarious escapism. It is a genre too seldom presented on local stages.

Director John Barker’s cast is more than up to the multiple challenges presented by the tightly crafted script. It is an ensemble with an uncommon depth of experience and the actors deliver full measure as they make their improbable characters seemingly cred-



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ible. But most of all, they are funny. The Elite Theatre Company’s production of “Funny Money” continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. until July 24 at the Petit Playhouse in Heritage Square, 730 S. “B” St., Oxnard. Adults: \$17, Seniors & children: \$15. Reservations: 485-5118. www.elitetheatre.org.

Give blood

United Blood Services is experiencing a critical shortage in type O-negative blood. The shortage has hit just as blood bank officials are gearing up to prepare for the next long summer holiday weekend, over July 4th. United Blood Services is urging O-negative blood (“Universal

Donor”) donors to donate immediately and for other eligible donors also.

Donations may be made at the UBS Center at 2223 Eastman, or any of a number of community blood drives happening throughout the county. Make an appointment at (800)715-3699; or online at www.Blood4Life.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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