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24th District may be up for Democrats to grab

by Rebecca Wicks

With another controversial proposed redistricting map presented, one thing seems sure to remain the same: Ventura will stay divided - between two congressional districts, that is. Heated debate has swirled around this year's redistricting project which has proven to be a very involved and at times confusing process.

Currently, the majority of Venturans living along the coast and southwest of Main Street belong to District 23, which encompasses much of the greater coastal area through Santa Barbara just past Cambria. The congressional district is represented by Democrat Lois Capps. The rest of Ventura belongs to the 24th District which includes most of Ventura County sans Oxnard.

The newly proposed districts would place more of Ventura into the 24th District. The only remaining areas staying in Capps' 23rd District would be the Pierpont neighborhood north of Peninsula Street and most addresses southwest of Main Street but north of S. Evergreen Drive. The rest of Ventura from the Avenue through east Ventura would remain in or move to the 24th Congressional District.

Mayor Bill Fulton who was hoping to see all of the city of Ventura unified within one congressional district was



According to the organizers of the Westside Artwalk, held last weekend it was a huge success with the turnout even exceeding what they had hoped for.

Artwalk was previously sponsored by the city but, because of budget cutbacks the city is no longer involved so artwalk was conceived and presented by the artists and other Ventura citizen supporters of the arts who contributed hundreds of hours of their time to make it so successful.

Organizers stated that they plan for the event to be held annually. There were nearly 20 venues and galleries showing the works of hundreds of local and visiting artists, plus food, music and art demonstrations at the various locations.

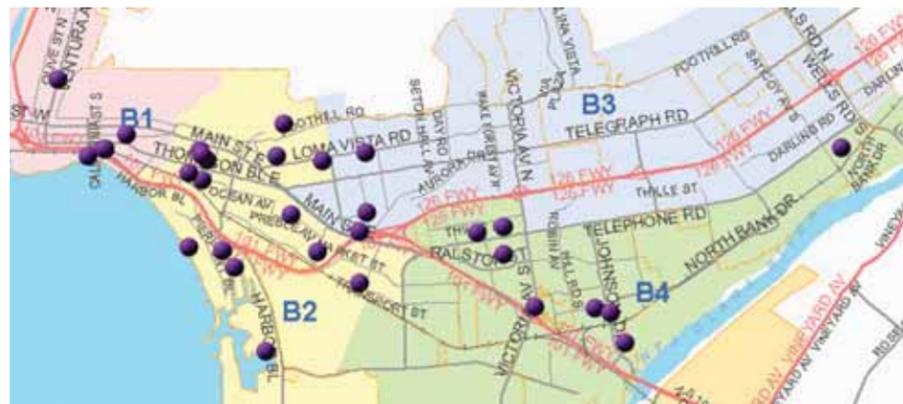
disappointed in the most recent iteration of the lines.

"I understand when you get to the nitty gritty you have to draw the line somewhere, but I don't like the fact that even a small part of our city is broken up" said Fulton. "The truth of the matter is for things like receiving state and federal resources, it will be better for Ventura if all boundaries - congressional, state assembly and state senate - line up together along city lines."

City Manager Rick Cole has a different view on the matter believing being separated into two congressional districts means little for Venturans.

"The city nor the city council operates on a partisan basis," said Cole. "Both congressional representatives pay

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As shown on the map, vehicle burglaries are widespread with some "hot spots"

Vehicle burglaries on the increase

Recently Ventura has seen a substantial increase in the number of reported "Vehicle Burglaries and Thefts from Vehicles" committed throughout the City of Ventura. On average there are typically between 10 to 12 reported incidents of vehicle burglaries and thefts from vehicles over the course of a week. In this case, for the period July 12 to July 19 there were a total of 35 incidents. This represents a 192% increase from the previous week in which there were 12

reported. The majority of all incidents occurred during the evening to early morning hours.

The VPD thinks some of the suspects may work in groups. Typically, one person drives into a neighborhood and drops the others off. The individuals then canvas the area rummaging through unlocked vehicles or valuables left in plain sight. The suspects typically look for easy items to grab and walk

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Chamber CEO resigns

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce has announced that Sandra Burkhart, hired little over a year ago as CEO of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, has resigned to take a position with a fellow chamber member, Western State Petroleum Association (WSPA).

Ms. Burkhart has been hired by WSPA, a nonprofit trade association that represents companies that account for the bulk of petroleum exploration, production and refining in the West. She will be joining the WSPA staff as Senior Coordinator, Coastal Region, State Marine and Property Tax Issues effective August 1, 2011.

Her exit comes a year after bringing a renewed energy and revitalization to the chamber. Her fresh ideas, new events, and use of technology to better connect with members and the Ventura business community has elevated the Chamber over the past 12 months.

Board Chair Marni Brook said her departure was a surprise, but she lauded Burkhart for her "incredible energy" and for bringing positive momentum to the chamber.

She credited Burkhart for launching a young professional group (YPG) to bring more young people into the chamber ranks at a time when the economic rebound is still sputtering and business owners remain tightfisted with budgets.

"Presiding over the Chamber has been challenging, exciting and at times difficult. But, throughout my tenure with the Chamber, I have been sustained by the hard work and commitment of the people I've had the honor to work with, including both my staff and our Board of Directors," said Ms. Burkhart. She continued, "I will always be proud of my association with the Ventura Chamber."

Ms. Burkhart will be working locally and plans to stay connected with the chamber through WSPA, Brook said.

The Board of Directors of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce has announced the appointment of Nancy Maxwell, the Chamber's Membership Director, as Interim CEO for the Ventura Chamber. Maxwell's experience with the Ventura Chamber spans over three decades and includes various capacities.

The Board of Directors is currently conducting a search for the permanent CEO position.



Last year's hat contest winners Peggy Harris, Bernie Krakower, Grace Brandt, Monroe Kaplan, Donna Gernat and Jacques Bellesiles might just be back to defend their "crowns"

Third Annual Polo, Picnic & Paradise fundraiser

Polo, Picnic & Paradise, a fundraiser for Ventura Botanical Gardens, is scheduled for Sunday, August 14th from 11am to 4pm at the Santa Barbara Polo Club. The event features the USPA Lucchese America Cup tournament.

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Ventura County Fair 2011

Ventura County Fair 5K Run & Walk seeks participants

The Ventura County Fair and 7 time NCAA division 1 All American champ Josh Spiker are seeking runners and walkers of all ages to participate in the third annual Ventura County Fair 5K Run & Walk. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all abilities are encouraged to participate in this 3.1 mile fundraiser held on Saturday August 6 at 8am (check in begins at 7am) at Mission Park.

Runners are encouraged to dress in Fair themed costumes. Costumes are highly encouraged and awards will be given to the best-dressed participants. The Fair theme is "Bounty of the County" but participants can dress in any costume.

Awards will be given out for fastest times in 5 year age groups. Stick around to watch the Ventura County Fair Parade and then go to the Ventura County Fair to make a full day of fun.

New this year will be the free Ventura Family YMCA kids 1K Run. A new course in downtown Ventura will feature the best views in Ventura, Widow Maker Hill and a fast finish down Main Street. This race starts at 9am (check in at 8am).

To sign up visit www.VC5K.com to download a registration form to mail-in or to sign up online.

This fun and healthy athletic event

supports the Ventura County Fair Foundation. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, dedicated to raising and allocating the funds necessary to preserve and enhance the vitality of the fairgrounds for generations to come.

Post race food will be provided by Aloha Steakhouse.

Breeze:

Breeze publisher Sheldon will be a judge for the Fair themed costumes and he can be bribed with hugs.

Ventura Fair Foundation "Main Entry Plaza Project"

On Thursday, July 14th at the Ventura County Fairgrounds there was the official brick laying to commemorate the opening of the "Main Entry Plaza" at the entrance.

For generations to come there will be thousands of visitors entering the Ventura County Fairgrounds enjoying the uniqueness and beauty of the Main Entry Plaza.

Each engraved brick will be carefully placed in the main Entry Plaza at the main entrance to the Ventura Fairgrounds. The Founder's Circle bricks will sell for \$250 for individuals and \$1,000 for companies and organizations logo in a 4-brick page.

Greg Totten and Sue Chadwick placed blocks that day while others watched and shot photos to capture the

event. There were pastries and fruit, coffee and cucumber water served by Ovations, who are a staple at the fairgrounds.

If you are interested in having a brick please call 648-3376 and speak to Heidi or visit www.venturacounty-fair.org.

This project is sponsored by the Ventura County Fair Foundation which is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization dedicated to preserving the Fairgrounds position as one of the most beloved and unique public facilities in all of Ventura county.

Ventura PD encourages you to be mindful during the Fair

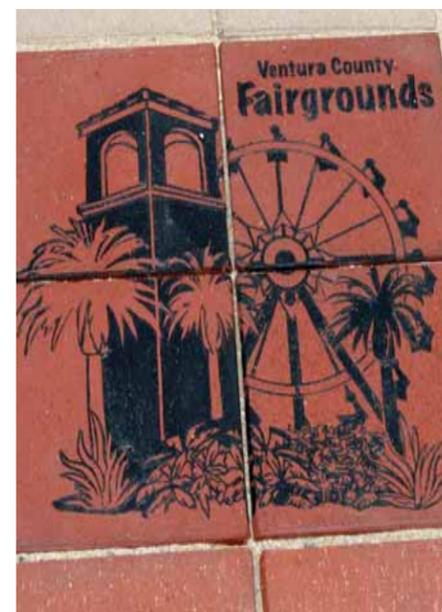
The Ventura County Fair will open on Wednesday August 3rd and continue through Sunday August 14. The Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit would like to remind motorists to be mindful of a few things while driving to the Fairgrounds.

The Fairground parking lot is subject to closure at any time due to maximum vehicle capacity. These closures are not uncommon and multiple closures may occur on a daily basis. When these closures occur, traffic will be monitored and diverted by police personnel by way of hand control and traffic barricades. As a result of the diversions, traffic congestion can become heavy with

extremely long delays. It is imperative that motorists obey all traffic control signs, detours, and diversions to ensure the safety of everyone. Any motorist that drives around or through barricades or disregards the directions of police personnel will be subjected to being cited as a zero-tolerance stance will be taken.

The Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit strongly encourages fairgoers to utilize the many shuttle bus services available.

In addition to heavy vehicular traffic, there is a significant amount of pedestrian traffic in the areas surrounding the Fairgrounds. The Ventura Police Traffic Unit would like to remind motorists to be cognizant of pedestrians crossing the roadways and to yield to their right-of-way.



The lovely bricks are in the entry at the Fairgrounds.

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City News



Will future generations think of this as cave drawings by a primitive people?

Art, vandalism or legal loophole?

by Sheli Ellsworth

Is graffiti, on the Union Pacific railroad trestle over Highway 101, art or defacement of public property? Should the city accept Union Pacific's joint proposal involving Caltrans to help clean up the tagging? Or, could the tagging simply be part of Ventura's avant-garde art scene?

Did the four teenagers who discovered the cave drawings in Lascaux, France stumble upon vandalism or rare Paleolithic illustrations?

The proposal to clean up the graffiti, which has been in the works for two years, includes a payment (up to \$90,000) from Union Pacific to Cal Trans for painting, lighting, and fencing. Cal Trans would also be required to install "shields or guards" on the trestle's girders to prevent climbing. The City of Ventura would receive an increase in franchise fees of \$4,000 annually (from \$8,000 to \$12,000) for its trouble, which could be extensive. Councilmember Neal Andrews thinks that this amount should be \$100,000.00.

The city would be responsible for providing paint for the initial repainting, security upgrades like fencing, lighting, surveillance cameras and police presence, along with signs and future maintenance like painting and the shields for the 50-year term of the franchise contract (which some councilmembers think is too long). Public works has estimated the initial cost of the project at about \$60,000, of which, \$20,000 would come from Union Pacific and an annual graffiti abatement cost to the city of about \$30,000.

On July 11, the city council voted

5-2 to keep negotiating with Union Pacific and reject the current proposal. Councilman Carl Morehouse, who voted against continued negotiations, feels that the railroad's proposed franchise fees are ridiculously low and the city should just wait for a more reasonable offer. The most controversial part of the deal is the franchise agreement that includes the city's assumption of liability for any lawsuits stemming from the trestle. This blanket liability would include all lawsuits, even those that might not result from city action, while the bridge itself would continue to be owned by the railroad. Union Pacific would effectively be using the city as a liability agent.

"The contract they are proposing would absolve them of all responsibility for graffiti for 50 years," says Councilwoman Christy Weir. "...the hang-up is the fact that UPRR wants us to sign away our rights to approach them for help in the future."

Mann thinks that the trestle should become an art project but Cal Trans only uses a silver long lasting paint. Councilmember Jim Monahan suggested that we give the "taggers" cans of the silver paint and let them paint it. They never seem to fall off while tagging.

Union Pacific claims that graffiti clean up is not regular maintenance for railroad bridges and their concern is structural stability. Most of the bridges are located in areas where graffiti cleanup is not a priority. There are thousands of the railroad bridges in California, but very few are located in tourism areas near the beach so ours is unique in this sense.

shot in the arm when the Ventura City Council voted unanimously to issue \$390 million in municipal tax-exempt bonds toward financing the Brent St. facility. The proposed six-story, 252-private room hospital will replace the current facility and will contain host gardens and other outdoor facilities.

The city will be assuming no legal liability for repayment of the bonds,

which allows the hospital to procure a lower interest rate for financing. The nonprofit hospital will repay the debt by making annual payments of \$31 million for over 30 years. The state constitution allows for such collaboration between hospitals and local governments. The nature of the city's bond participation will be fully disclosed to investors.

The city has also agreed to give up a 45,000-square-foot lot, off Main Street, in exchange for a 19,000-square-foot lot in the same area that the hospital owns for the construction. Both sides agree that the monetary values of the exchanged parcels were roughly equal. The hospital will assume all related costs of the deal. The council agreed to the trade, and the bonds hoping to stimulate mid-town investments and business.

24th District

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attention to us – in some cases it may even be better to have two representatives pay attention to us."

Perhaps the biggest headline for those Venturans who will belong to the 24th District is that their district will now be made up of a majority of Democrats. The 24th District is currently represented by 13-term Republican Elton Gallegly. The district is currently 41 percent Republicans and 35 percent Democrats. With the proposed changes – which leave Simi Valley out of the district – the numbers are exactly opposite: 41 percent Democrats and 35 percent Republicans.

This possible change has a number of people speculating that 24th District Congressional seat may be up for a Democrat to grab in the next election.

A handful of Democrats have been noted to have expressed interest in making a run for the seat that has remained firmly in Republican hands since 1993. Those who may be exploring the possibility of running in the upcoming election include former Ventura Mayor Richard Francis, Moorpark City Councilman David Pollock, Oxnard Harbor District Commissioner Mary Anne Rooney, Supervisor Steve Bennett of Ventura and Thousand Oaks businessman Tim Allison.

Gallegly has not publicly stated if he will run again however, continues to collect donations for his campaign account where he has amassed more than \$800,000. Capps has stated she will run for reelection regardless of how redistricting lines fall.

Final redistricting lines are scheduled to be approved and adopted on July 28. This will leave new candidates approximately 10 months to gather enough steam – and cash – to attempt to topple Gallegly if he chooses to run again.

Cole who is following the process with interest is optimistic about what a change might mean for the city of Ventura.

"When one [political group] is dominant, local government can get taken for granted," said Cole. "Competitive districts are good for local government at least at the assembly and state level."

Vehicle burglaries

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away with, e.g., money, small electronics, laptop computers, jewelry, personal

documents, guns, etc. Once they have them in hand they will call their partner who is driving the vehicle and coordinate to have them picked up.

Nobody is immune to crime but these are steps that the VPD recommends to help make a difference:

First and foremost, we urge everyone to be vigilant and responsible neighbors and community members. Please immediately report any and all suspicious activity to us at 650-8010 (24 hr. non-emergency number) or 911 in the event of an emergency.

We believe the vast majority of these crimes are crimes of opportunity and as a result, our department cannot stress enough the importance of locking your doors and removing your valuables from your vehicle.

Pay attention and be aware of your surroundings.

Set your alarm if you have one.

Lighting can be a deterrent – park in a well lit area whenever possible.

Do not leave the keys in the ignition or your vehicle running, not even for a "minute". Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATMs, etc.

Never hide a second set of keys in your car. Extra keys can easily be found.

If your vehicle breaks down, remove it from the public street or parking lot as soon as possible.

If you have a garage, use it rather than parking outside where your vehicle is more vulnerable.

Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors and share this type of information.

Connect and keep up with our department as we issue crime alerts, press releases, crime maps, and other valuable crime and safety information by following us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/venturapd, or visit our website at: www.venturapd.org.

Third annual fundraiser

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Polo, Picnic & Paradise is a high-class afternoon affair that features good food, endless fun, and great excitement on the playing field.

As in previous years, this year's event is set in a private pavilion at the edge of the polo field that includes a served gourmet lunch and a limitless supply of no-host mint juleps and wine. A great silent auction includes items such as vacation get-aways, fine dining experiences, unique artwork, and beautiful jewelry.

Both ladies' and men's hat contests will be held, and all are encouraged to participate. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including most elegant, most debonair, most creative, and most unique. Sensible shoes should be worn as the event tent is on a grassy area and the traditional "stomping the divots" will occur at halftime.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$100 per person; tables of ten (\$1,000) may be reserved in advance.

Tickets may be purchased at www.venturabotanicalgardens.com or by sending a check to Ventura Botanical Gardens, Inc., P.O. Box 3127, Ventura, CA 93006-3127.

Ventura Botanical Gardens, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to creating environmentally sound and sustainable gardens at Grant Park that celebrate the beauty of the Ventura County coastline while inviting the community to participate in programs of preservation, education, conservation, and community service.

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City Council approves bonds CMH

The new \$320 million Community Memorial Health System hospital, slated for completion by 2016, received a huge



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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown
Publisher

■ In late breaking news Ventura County Superior Court Judge Kevin McGee has sentenced Ventura resident Robert Jack Bell to a year in jail and three years probation for leaving the scene of a crime after hitting Ryan Tremearnea with his car in a driveway behind Foster Library earlier this year. Tremearnea was dragged about 60 feet after being hit and died at the scene. He was also ordered to pay more than \$23,000 as restitution to the victim's family plus court costs.

In May, Bell, the former owner of the closed Top Hat Burger Palace had pleaded guilty to a "felony hi-and-run".

It had been determined that Tremearnea was drunk at the time and was laying on the driveway and that Bell could not have seen him but did leave the scene after knowing that he had hit him.

In making his ruling the judge considered that Bell didn't have any criminal record and had never even received a traffic ticket.

Bell could also enroll in a work furlough program which would allow him to work while serving his jail sentence.

This sentence is certainly much much less than was anticipated when this story first broke and greatly disappointed Tremearnea's family who felt that he could have survived the accident if he had been given immediate medical help.

■ A five member Los Angeles city council committee has recommended that the City of Los Angeles abandon their red-light camera program. An audit by the city has found that the cameras cost the city more than it receives in fees and that the program has

not conclusively shown to have increased public safety. Other cities, including Anaheim and Loma Linda have closed down their red-light camera program.

Many Venturan's feel that our red-light cameras are inappropriate and are just another sign of "big brother" looking down on us. I think that our city council should take note of what other cities are doing and consider closing down our camera program also.

Would love to hear what you think.

■ I know that many of you have been following Helen Yunker's 10 year "fight" with the city regarding the "slippery slope" next to her home. The good news is that someone actually bought the lot and has



Venturan's come in all shapes and sizes, that's why we love the place

actually started to build on it next to her home. The bad news is what they are doing to make this lot buildable is mind boggling and very ugly.

Huge retaining walls, deep concrete caissons, reinforcing the steep slope below her house and much grading to build what would appear to be a very small home

squeezed in between other houses.

They must be spending hundred of thousands of dollars just to prepare for the building of the home. If they got the lot for nothing they paid too much for it.

■ If you receive a message that looks basically like the following from a friend it is a scam so ignore it and immediately let your friend know. And what kind of a friend could they be anyway if they didn't ask you to go to Spain with them. And if you believe this when you receive it I am collecting the funds so please send all of the money to me.

"Hoping you get to read this on time, I made an impromptu trip to Madrid Spain, Last Night, I was robbed and the thief made away with my bag containing my money, passport and credit card. I have been to the embassy and they are only willing to let me fly back without my passport, I will have to cover costs for ticket and settle my hotel bills.

Unfortunately, I can't have access to funds without my credit card, I made contact with my bank but they need more time to come up with a new card for me. I was thinking of asking you to lend me some funds and I can give back to you as soon as I get back. I really need to leave here as soon as possible. Kindly let me know if you can help me out.

I await your response....."

■ The city council has taken the final action to put the "paid parking" initiative on the November ballot at the same time they have asked the court system to assign a judge to review the initiative to determine if it is legal. In making the decision a judge could remove it from the ballot.

I think that removing it would be a mistake even if it is determined to be non enforceable, at least leave it on the ballot and find out what Venturan's think of the measure by voting on it, at least we would be heard.

Mailbox

Editor:

I wanted to commend and thank Bianca Rose Martinez for her article on Compassionate Eating. There are many vegetarians who become so only for health reasons. If everyone thought with their hearts like her, this world would be much more like heaven. The thinking and feeling functions of other living entities has long been proven in science but much more often ignored. People tend to draw the line of compassion only for personal pets and not for "livestock". Most see farm animals simply as unfeeling products for our needs and sense gratification. But any person with an ounce of feeling, if they were to witness the cruelty inflicted on our farm animals would turn their heads in disgust and sadness.

There are no anti cruelty laws that protect these poor animals, just because they are considered live stock for human consumption, thus the internal justification that happens in the minds of most meat eaters. It is only due to "humans" that so many of our wonderful animals have become extinct! The tunnel vision of those who only eat for their immediate sense gratification has dulled and desensitized their finer sentiments, so much so that they have become numb to the cruelty done to most other sentient beings.

The artful packaging of our food products, as Bianca mentions, has hidden the bloody horrors of the slaughter behind every tasteful morsel. Even the words "slaughter and Butcher", all connected to the meat industry, bring up visions of horror. But you

do not hear these words connected to the vegetarian diet. Oh I am going out to field to slaughter me some cauliflower and butcher me some oranges and artichokes. No blood to clean up or decontaminate. I am hoping that many people will realize, as Bianca has, that meat is not so much a need as it is a want and that there is a healthier and more compassionate way to eat that benefits all.

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Breeze:

The "panel discussion" held at the Museum on Wednesday, July 13th to "Create the Vision for Ventura's Libraries & the Community" was a total waste of my time. The "innovative" ideas expressed by visiting experts were not new to Jackie Griffin, our County Librarian who described how many of these "innovations" are already in motion in our own library system at the present time. Griffin also reminded the audience of what a good job is being done in our libraries with our meager tax revenue compared with the hefty per capita revenue other entities enjoy.

I serve as a volunteer in the Friends of the Library sales room in the Foster Library. I am in a position to observe the many helpful and courteous services which are given daily by the staff. At the same time I hear

patrons complaining about the closing of Wright and the inconveniences they are suffering...which are no fault of staff. This idea of "privatizing" the library is pure nonsense. The old saying, "if it ain't broke, why try to fix it?" comes to mind!

Eunice M. Koch
Ventura

Dear Sheldon,

We ArtWalk volunteers could not ask for a better partner than the Ventura Breeze. We took a beloved city event and kept it alive and we could not do this without the support of community partners like you.

Thank you so very much,

Marie Lakin

Westside Artwalk Promotions Chair

Josh Addison

Westside ArtWalk Chair

Editor:

Regarding the parking meter initiative, I have been asked to provide "concrete evidence" of my allegations that signature gatherers lied to get people to sign and that at least one was paid to collect signatures. Well, sorry I did not have my camera on, but I was told by one man at Lowe's that the city would next be charging people to park outside their own homes and by a woman at the Farmer's Market that the meters were "killing

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The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science.

—Albert Einstein

Dear V Breeze,

I've been hooked on your paper since I stumbled upon it a year or two ago. I appreciate how you guys embrace & report on our community in such a local yet informative way. I've been recently impressed by your new columnist, Kenton Rivas, who has added perspective & breadth of travel to your paper. His articles are fun, refreshing & reminds us of the importance of appreciating coastal living & its spirit.

Kudos to you guys.

All the best,

Cindy

Ventura



News and Notes



Captain John Korka, 31st Seabee Readiness Group Commander and NFLEC Commanding Officer, being interviewed live on BRAINSTORMIN' with Billy the Brain. Photo by Mason Lowery, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center

Live Talk Radio in Ventura County

Live talk radio doesn't have to be syndicated via satellite from some remote location to be relevant to Ventura County residents.

There's a local talk radio program that rivals any syndicated show, Brainstormin' with Billy the Brain on KKZZ AM 1400. Listeners call Brainstormin' with Billy the Brain a show with a "sincere thirst for true, direct and nonpartisan conversation." Radio syndicators compare the program to 60 Minutes Radio.

Recent shows have featured local guests like Mike Tracy, Deputy Mayor of Ventura and Captain John Korka,

31st Seabee Readiness Group Commander and NFLEC Commanding Officer. Guests of national prominence include Rick Santelli of CNBC; Mike Farrell of M*A*S*H and Dick Cavett.

Among the other guests of local interest was Jeff Maulhardt, author of *Jungleland*, a book reviving the history of Ventura County's first commercial tourist attraction that closed over 40 years ago.

Starting in late July, a new feature titled "What's Bugging You, Ventura County" will encourage listeners to call in to discuss topics that are of special interest to local residents.

Bonsall shares thoughts about Canada Larga annexation Part 3

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 agendized 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 3 of a 3-part interview.

T: In an ideal scenario, what would you like to see happen with the Canada Larga corridor?

B: Well, on the valley floor of Canada Larga, my concept is to have a two-digit number, which means 10 to 99, of multi-acre parcels that might have an agriculture and/or equestrian component to them for a rural or semi-rural situation here on the valley floor of Canada Larga.

T: Can you also see, as a part of that, some open space?

B: As part of that 680 acres, the development footprint is within 200 of those 680 acres, so that leaves 480 acres for open space and riparian habitat within the parcel itself, and adjacent to the south is roughly 2,200 additional acres of land that could potentially be negotiated to a land trust or some permanently deed-restricted nondevelopment status with some public access component such as equestrian, hiking, or biking type trails while preserving large areas in its natural habitat state.

T: Do you still feel like there's a possibility of having this property developed?

B: Oh certainly.

T: Do you think that there's a strong environmental perception about Canada Larga that has hindered this development?

B: Possibly strong environmental misperceptions would be more accurate.

T: Could you clear those up?

B: I think the misperception is that this is some sort of pristine natural habitat on the valley floor that some people have called wildland fire habitat area, when in fact, the valley floor parcels have been farmed for over 100 years, which means it's cultivated fields that have all been fenced, plowed, irrigated, grazed, and are not in their original natural state. The potential development footprint would involve a little over 200 acres of the 680-acre valley floor. In addition, those hillsides outside the development parcel have all been part of the cattle ranch since before California statehood, since Mexican land grant days. They are for the most part grasslands with coastal sage scrub habitat in some areas, but it's all been grazed for 150 years. It's not wildlands. It's not chaparral. It doesn't have manzanita woody plants that grow, as up in Matilija Canyon, or north of Ojai in the Los Padres National Forest, or behind Santa Barbara, where there is a much larger fire risk,

where there is brush that could be up to 20-25 feet tall, depending on how long it's been since the last brush fire. On this ranch, the areas that we're looking at out here are really grasslands with coastal sage scrub. At best they might be knee-to-thigh high in terms of where the brush is, and then there are oats and grasses in the areas where the cattle are grazing, and very few oak trees.

T: So you have a sense that housing development and open space can coexist together here along the Canada Larga property?

B: Yes, one can just look at any other rural type areas such as Ojai and see examples of housing placed in a rural area and that's what the vision is here.

Compassionate Eating

Amazing documentaries by Hope Dance

by Bianca Martinez

Over the past few months I have seen some amazing, eye-opening documentaries put on by Hope Dance in Ventura and Santa Barbara. I was already aware of the crazy and unethical things going on in the food industry, but my awareness definitely deepened as a result of seeing films such as *Vanishing Bees* and *Farmageddon*. Although I don't eat meat or consume dairy products, I strongly believe that people should have the right to know what they're eating, and have access to 'real' food be it raw milk or produce that has not been genetically engineered.

In the past I didn't really understand the dangers of GMOs (genetically modified organisms). By doing my own research and exposing myself to some of these whistle-blowing films I am now strongly opposed to them. According to the Institute for Responsible Technology, new studies are showing some of the dangers of these crops. Consuming GMOs can cause allergic reactions, increase resistance to antibiotics, damage thyroid function and adversely affect natural hormones in the body. Over time this may result in hard to pinpoint diseases and ailments caused by a build up of toxins or a weakened immune system. An environmental concern I have is that once scientists release these living organisms into the environment, there is no edit->undo. It can't be recalled or controlled and we really don't have a clue how it will affect our planet's natural eco-systems. There is a strong suspicion pointing to systemic pesticides (plants that have pesticides inside their actual genes) is causing colony collapse disorder; a phenomenon that is harming helpful pollinating bee populations. On a political level, farmers who are trying to do the right thing and grow naturally organic crops run the risk of being fined or having their entire farm seized if just one GM plant gets into their field because they don't have the license to grow it. Hmm that doesn't seem fair to me.

We can help put an end to this, improve our health and protect our planet by raising our awareness of where our food comes from, eating local, organic products and supporting the labeling initiative of GMO foods for the 2012 ballot. For more info go to GMO Free Southern California on Facebook for updates on events and ways to get involved.

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CAPS CHAT

Thank you CAPS-TV!

by Kirsten Ricketts

When I started working at Community Access Partners of San Buenaventura (CAPS) in 2004, I was relatively new to Ventura. I had yet to learn about all the things this great City had to offer. Back then, CAPS was only a few years old and was located across the parking lot from our current location at 65 Day Road, in a much smaller building. I discovered CAPS-TV by browsing the City of Ventura's website and learned that Ventura had a Public, Education and Government (PEG) channel on local cable – CAPS Channel 6. PEG Access television in Ventura would soon turn my life in a new direction where I would come to truly appreciate the meaning of “community”.

My first several months at CAPS, as a Production Technician, were enjoyable times where I was meeting new people from around town on a daily basis. From City staff and elected officials to nonprofit leaders and business executives, I was quickly learning that the sleepy beach town I was first introduced to was an alive and happening place. I spent many evening hours in the attic of City Hall directing live City Council, Planning Commission and VUSD School Board Meetings. It was during this time that I became familiar with all the important things that were taking place in this city and realized how vital community media was to Ventura.

In 2006, as Operations Manager, I took part in the launch of the new Government and Education channel, Ventura Television (VTV) Channel 15. It was exciting to see how local content was growing with more available air time for public and government/education programming on two separate channels. This was also the year that we moved into the new CAPS Media Center. It's amazing to think of all the growth this organization has experienced in the last 5 years.

I have witnessed CAPS4Kids Digital Storytelling grow from a one week summer class to a year-long program that has an incredible impact on the youth of our community. I've seen our Video Voter program, which provides candidates the opportunity to talk about important issues, expand from municipal election races to county, state and federal races. I have watched our community members improve their skill sets with advancements in technology as CAPS transitioned into tapeless workflow with new high-definition cameras.

I look forward to hearing about how CAPS outreach in this community will continue to grow. As this is my last week serving as the Operations Manager for this organization, I want to thank the CAPS staff, Board of Directors, members and supporters for 7 great years.

If you're interested in learning more about how CAPS serves the community or how to join as a member, stop by the Media Center at 65 Day Road in Ventura, visit us

online at www.capstv.org, or call 658-0500. You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/capstvventura, and follow us on Twitter, www.twitter.com/CAPSTVtweets. What's your story? We can help you tell it!

Airhead Parts and Barber VW raise awareness for FOODShare

Barber VW announced they will give away a one week use of a new VW to support FOOD Share's Drive-out Hunger campaign at the 13th Annual Airhead Parts Vintage VW “Treffen” Car Show, Channel Islands Harbor- Oxnard. Free admission to the event for both attendees and participants. All those who bring two cans of food will be entered to win one-week in a new VW from Barber VW Ventura and hundreds of dollars in other prizes to be raffled off by Airhead Parts as part of the “Drive-out Hunger” campaign.

This year's 13th annual event will kick off with Airhead's traditional 1,000 mile VW Treffen Cruise, which starts in Portland, Oregon on July 31 and travels down beautiful California Hwy 1, ending in Ventura on Saturday August 6 at the Channel Islands Harbor where Airhead Parts hosts their Vintage VW car show starting at 7am.

Food donations will also be accepted on Friday August 5, at the Airhead Parts open house from 2pm-7pm at 1604 Morse Ave., Ventura. This will feature a free barbeque and 10%-50% off sale on all vintage VW parts and accessories

Go to: www.airheadparts.com/cruise or call (800)550-6036 for information. You may also enter online to win hundreds of dollars in gift certificates, car covers, t-shirts and more. Find out more details about the FOOD Share Drive-out Hunger One week cruise in a new VW from Barber VW at: www.airheadparts.com/driveouthunger.

Opening reception makes a big “Splash!”

by Annie-Gabriel, C.Ht., C.At.

If you were anywhere in the vicinity of the Ventura Museum grounds, on Friday evening, July 1st, you were privy to the wonderful sounds of “Surf & Sea”. It marked the Opening Reception of the Summer “Splash!” series, which runs through September 18.

The evening's festivities were seemingly from a time when Ventura was one of the notorious beach towns that were part of the Surfing phenomenon, from the 1950's through the 1960's. Surf-Music was provided by “The Soul Surfers”, and there was no shortage of decked-out surfer couples doing the twist, the dive and the mashed potatoes, while others toured the “surf-inspired” exhibits. Over 30 local artists were displaying their “Surf-Art”, while people ate, drank refreshments and danced the night away.

WAV artists, Chris Charney and Erik Abel said they both live and breathe “surf-art”, while Sarah Kalvin expressed how they were all grateful to be included in this event. Scientist and artist, Bijian Fan, had a soothing, yet exhilarating installation of 3-D metal swan sculptures and other



Main Street is looking sharp with the addition of 26 new planters extending down Main Street in the 200, 600, and 700 block areas. The new planters were installed earlier this month as part of a larger beautification effort which included replanting the original 46 planters with nutrient rich soil and new plant materials where needed. The beautification effort was funded in part with revenue generated from the parking meters. Photo by Carter Friedman

sea-inspired creations. Other displays, all surf and sea related, included photography, with some archive prints from Ventura Beach, circa 1905, as well as painting, sculpture, mixed-media, glass, wood and fiber, artistic surfboards and vinyl skins. It is a rare collection of art and history of Ventura's local beach culture. Kudos to Robin Woodworth, Ariane Karakalos, Susan Gerrard and Staff for a wonderful Community event.

If you missed this, luckily, you can catch it all summer long. The Museum of Ventura County is open Tuesday-Sunday – 11a-5p.

Sustainability on Film

by Danielle Peak

Sustainable Ventura is now a new kind of reality—it's a TV show. Hosted by Ray Olson and Maryann Ridini Spencer, “Sustainable Ventura” showcases Ventura's green initiatives.

The show is put on by the city's Environmental Sustainability Division, a sponsor of free city and county wide sustainability events, including environmental outreach programs to schools and other organizations. Part of the Public Works Department of Ventura, the Environmental Sustainability Division aims to educate the community on issues such as recycling and storm water protection. Every year about 5,000 students in grades K-12 partake of programs based on these concerns, says division member Joe Yahner.

“Sustainable Ventura” is broadcasted by Community Access Partners of San Buenaventura, also known as CAPS TV, on channel 15. (Visit www.capstv.org/ for a full network program schedule.) The show airs Thursdays at 8:30pm, Monday-Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:00am, Sundays at 8:30pm and every other Wednesday at 8:30pm. A new one half hour long episode will be released every month.

The first episode, which premiered June 9, explores the efforts of Ventura's Crowne Plaza and AWS Automotive to

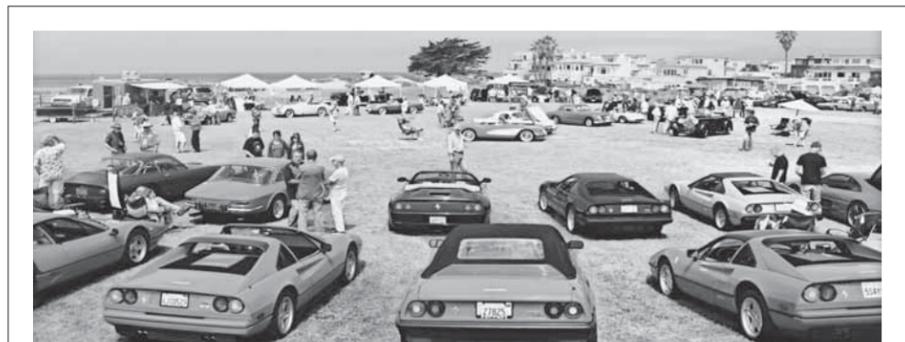
“get their green on” (as the show's slogan would describe it). Both these businesses were recipients of the Poinsettia Award for Environmental Excellence in 2010.

Released earlier this month, July's episode focuses on Ventura's storm drain system. Olson, manager of the Environmental Sustainability Division, and Ridini Spencer report on the importance of making sure only clean water drains to the ocean. Tune in to find out what you can do to reduce and even prevent the pollution of storm water runoff, and how the city is working towards this goal.

The Environmental Sustainability Division hosts a hazardous waste collection event the third Saturday of every month (excluding December). Such materials, e.g. batteries and fluorescent bulbs, will be taken to “green” treatment facilities. Be sure to watch August's episode of “Sustainable Ventura” for more information on these collection events and for a behind-the-scenes look at how hazardous waste materials are made green.

Ray Olson says the goal of the Environmental Sustainability Division is to get the city involved in keeping Ventura clean and beautiful. “Sustainable Ventura” is not the only film initiative geared toward emphasizing the importance of natural resource conservation. The division has teamed with the Dudley House Historical Site and other volunteers to produce “Treasure of San Buenaventura,” a show premised on the “what if” route of historical interpretation. What if Ventura had started recycling, storm water quality, and water conservation programs over one hundred years ago? “The Treasure of San Buenaventura” chronicles the discovery of contemporary treasures such as recycling and compost bins in Ventura County in the late nineteenth century. Characters include E.P. Foster and members of the famous Dudley family.

Visit www.SustainableVentura.wordpress.com for more information on “Sustainable Ventura” and “The Treasure of San Buenaventura” and to view the City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability Blog.



On Saturday, July 9 the Ventura Sports & Race Car Club presented The 4th Annual Ventura Motorsports Gathering 2011 at Marina Park. This two day event started off with a rally-tour on Saturday followed by the gathering on Sunday and featured an outstanding array of vehicles from vintage to the very new. Corvette was the featured Marquee at this year's gathering which was very well attended. Photo by Julian Gonzales (see this issue for a story on Julian).



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Exceedingly dangerous fire season ahead

by Kevin Rennie

Fire Chief, Ventura City Fire Department

Fire is, and has always been, a natural part of the beautiful environment we have chosen to live in. Wildfires are fueled by a build-up of dry vegetation and driven by hot, dry winds. They are extremely dangerous and nearly impossible to control. Fire season in Ventura County is now a year-round reality, and Summer/Fall 2011 is shaping up to be exceedingly dangerous. Large amounts of rainfall and increased foliage growth this year have left us with high potential for extreme fire behavior. Both firefighters and residents need to be on heightened alert to the threat of wildfire at all times.

Ventura City Fire Department takes every precaution to help protect you and your property from a wildfire. Firefighters engage in advanced training, readiness drills, and make countless preparations. The reality during a major wildfire, however, is that there will simply not be enough fire engines or firefighters available to defend your home. Fire suppression resources have been reduced on local, State, and Federal levels. Residents need to take personal responsibility for protecting their own lives, the lives of their family, and their property.

If your home borders a natural area it is in the "Wildland-Urban Interface", and you may find yourself directly in the path of a wildfire. If your home is within

1-mile of a natural area it is in the "Ember Zone", and still at significant risk. Wind-driven embers can travel long distances from the fire front, destroying homes and even entire neighborhoods. There are many ways to maximize the chances of your home surviving a wildfire. One of the most important things you can do is to create a "Defensible Space", a buffer between your home and combustibles, both natural and man made. Another is to retrofit your home with ignition resistive construction features, and to clear combustible debris from roof, gutter, and vent areas. These simple actions by you will give firefighters the upper hand they need to succeed in saving your home.

The best thing you, your family, and friends can do to protect your safety during a wildfire is to leave early, evacuating well ahead of the fire. Creation of a wildfire action plan, and a family disaster plan, will help eliminate the guesswork and stress that will certainly accompany an event such as this. Everyone in your family should be familiar with the plan, especially where to go and how to get in contact with each other. You can find detailed information about our "Ready, Set, Go!" program, which includes ignition resistive home preparation, creation of defensible space, wildfire action plans, checklists, and family disaster plans on our website www.cityofventura.net/

page/ready-set-go.

It is not a question of if, but rather when the next wildfire will occur. With some advance planning and preparation you can dramatically increase your safety and the survivability of your property. The most important person protecting your life and property is you. Are you ready?

Visit us online at facebook.com/venturacityfire, and youtube.com/VenturaCityFD.



Ventura's new development will have homes starting from the low \$400,000 and floor plans from 1,837 to 3,284 square feet

Ventura welcomes a new home community

by Mira Reverente

Some things are worth the wait. Take the case of Ventura's much-awaited single-family home community the Ventura Collection.

Simply called the Ventura Collection, distinct urban cottages and sizable executive-style homes will be on the market starting August 20, courtesy of developer City Ventures.

"We bring attainable home prices to a wide range of people," said Herb Gardner, president of City Ventures' Homebuilding Division, in a press release.

Soft opening

Founded by Mark Buckland and Craig Atkins, the Orange County-based developer has been building high-quality homes all over the state from San Diego to San Francisco since 2009. It holds over 3,500 lots throughout California, in vibrant and enticing neighborhoods.

"We are on the pre-sale stage right now," said Courtney Spanjers, field manager. "We

are thrilled about the interest and attention the community has been showing."

The Ventura Collection is City Ventures' initial foray into Ventura County. The highly desirable community is at Darling and Wells in East Ventura and boasts of six floor plans from 1,837 to 3,284 square feet.

Forty-seven units starting from the low \$400,000 will be up for grabs when the sales office opens on August 20. "It will be like a soft opening," said Deborah Bryant, marketing manager.

Goodbye model homes!

Instead of the usual model home preview, City Ventures will be utilizing 3-D technology to give potential homebuyers virtual tours. "It's a cost-saving strategy as well as a shift towards streamlining outdated marketing practices," said Bryant.

Potential homebuyers can still "walk through" the bedrooms, kitchen, decorative porches, balconies, driveways and garages. Virtually, that is.

Digital community maps will also help the future homeowners pinpoint the nearest parks, schools, shopping malls and other recreation areas, giving a clearer vision of living in the community.

"We are orchestrating the death of the model home," said Gardner. "We have identified technology that allows us to deliver a comprehensive understanding of our homes."

"We then pass those internal cost savings directly to our homebuyers, which none of our competitors can say or do," said Gardner.

The Ventura Collection also boasts of "no Mello-Roos and HOA fees." "There will be a city maintenance fee that everyone in Ventura will be paying for later on," said Spanjers. "However, it will be tax-deductible, unlike the HOA fees."

Heroes' Program

To top it all, City Ventures will be offering an incentive to military, medical and public safety personnel. Dubbed the "Heroes' Program," a \$10,000 special financial incentive will be available to these "everyday heroes who serve our community," said Bryant.

"It's our way of giving back and it's very fitting given Ventura's proximity and close connection to military bases," said Bryant.

The target move-in date for the Ventura Collection is January 2012.

City Ventures' Ventura Collection is at 895 Periwinkle, Ventura, CA 93004. For more information or to register for updates on home-buying opportunities, please visit www.VenturaCollection.com or call (951) 836-9119.

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Kat Merrick, founder of Totally Local VC, helped host the recent "Dinner at the City" event on the lawn at Ventura City Hall. The upcoming "Dinner at Serra Cross" is scheduled for August 11.

Totally Local VC schedules dinner at the cross

by Tim Pompey

If you've ever thought about having dinner at a beautiful spot overlooking the Ventura harbor, now is your chance. The second in the series titled "Dinner At The" will happen at Serra Cross on Thursday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Totally Local VC and will be hosted by a large group of local growers. The dinner is intended as a fundraiser for the Serra Cross Conservancy and FOODshare.

It's not every day you get to meet the farmers who grow your dinner, but that's exactly what will happen. When guests arrive, they will be introduced to wine makers from Vino V Winery and brewers from Ventura's own Surf Brewery.

Jonathan's will cater the event with local produce from Watkins Ranch, Rio Goza Farms, and Limonera. My Florist will provide the bread, and dessert comes courtesy of the local bakery Marie Shannon.

At the close of the meal, after an evening's conversation with all the local growers, everyone will pull up chairs and enjoy fireworks from the Ventura County Fair.

Kat Merrick, the founder of Totally Local VC, described the dinner as something "very visual— how we eat, taste, touch and hear our message, which is living local."

Want to know what's for dinner? Turns out that is a surprise. The menu will only be introduced a week prior because its coming fresh and, according to Merrick, "We never know what we're going to get from the farmer."

While Totally local VC is new to Ventura, Merrick has been around Ventura County since 1978. She formerly owned the retail clothing stores Surf Chick and Redhead Clothes.

Merrick began Totally Local VC about a year ago as a way to help support local businesses. "It's always been my soapbox," she said, "and I saw the niche coming. I saw this coming with the economy collapsing."

She described Totally Local VC as a partnership among businesses to help support both the local economy and significant community organizations. "It's a live local alliance," she said, "a program that's been developed to educate the community on the benefits of living local—eating local and local agriculture, music, and the arts, and organizations such as Serra Cross Conservancy and FOODshare—all of the wonderful things about our community."

As a young girl, Merrick spent her summers on a farm in Florida. She remembers community farm dinners that

were held to raise money for church and feels that her dinners have that same feel. "The concept is about bringing and building community," she said. "There are lots of events that blow through town and never support the community. For us, these dinners are a way of keeping those dollars in our community."

Merrick hopes that Totally Local VC can shift public support toward local business. "A 10% shift to local business can increase revenue locally by \$138,000 million," she said.

"Dinner At The" will continue every 4 months. The hope is that the profile of the local farmer can be raised in the community. Judging by past dinners, the idea is attractive. "At the last dinner, it was like meeting a rock star," Merrick said. "The growers are meeting all of these people and having a conversation as they're moving around the table. They love the appreciation. They love to talk about what they do, because it's so amazing."

Asked about the impact of these dinners, Merrick replied: "We came away from the last dinner with the connections that we made. Diners left knowing a little piece of Ventura history, feeling like they knew a farmer. I think these dinners are just going to continue to grow."

Tickets for "Dinner at the Cross" are \$90 per person and can only be purchased online at www.totallylocalvc.com. Seating is limited to 100 guests.



Incoming President Sherry Cash (seated right) and left to right: Joni Berger, Donna Nelson, Penny Jarecke, Dede Taylor, Peggy Ruesink, Delegate Jill Martinez, and Arlene Briggie from Soroptimist International

Officers and directors installed

At a special luncheon meeting on June 15 at the Pierpont Inn, the Sorop-



On July 16 Barbara Morrison was scheduled to appear at the Olivas Adobe for the Music Under the Stars summer music series but had to cancel at the last minute due to illness. She called her good friend Sweet Baby J'ai who rushed here from Catalina to perform with Morrison's band and they sounded as if they had been playing together forever a tribute to their great musicianship.

She is a critically acclaimed singer, songwriter, producer, arranger and actress who has toured the world with her distinctive sound.

She told us that "The beautiful setting combined with the warm welcome I received from Venturans was really something special."

And she was so well received by Venturans that she has been asked to return next year, so if you missed her she is a must for you to see next season.

Photo by Aysen Tan.

timist Club of Ventura installed new officers and directors. The Ongoing President, Sherry Cash, thanked outgoing Directors and expressed her appreciation to the incoming officers and Board members for their willingness to serve and recognized the service of all the club members. She announced a club theme for the year of "Simplicity, Clarity and Purpose".

Incoming officers and directors are Sherry Cash as President, Donna Nelson and Kay Armstrong as Co-Treasurers, Peggy Ruesink as Recording Secretary, Penny Jarecke as Corresponding Secretary, Vice President for Fundraising Arlene Briggie, Pam Pecarich and Dede Taylor as Two-Year Directors, Dena Rogers and Donna Nelson as One-Year Directors – all of Ventura.

The Soroptimist International (SI) is a local service club for business and professional women with the goal of making a difference in the lives of women and girls, has also announced this year's scholarship award winners.

The Violet Richardson Award honors young women for their volunteer efforts in their school or community. It is awarded annually to a teen, ages 14-17, and her volunteer organization to recognize the inspiration and dedication it takes to be a volunteer making a difference in the lives of others. This year's scholarship was awarded to Sarah Ortiz, a senior at Ventura High School.

The Woman's Opportunity Award is dedicated to women who are returning or entering the job market, who need to further their skills, education or training to upgrade their employment status, and who are supporting family members. This year's scholarship of \$1,500 was awarded to Karie Kohn, a single mom who was laid off from her long term job, is taking classes in nursing, and searching for a new position.

For more information about Soroptimist and how you can become a

member, please call Sherry at 701-1251.

Mailbox

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downtown" (which the Downtown Venruera Organization says is not true). That woman told me she was being paid to gather signatures, and she refused to give me her name. I have been told by one other person that he also encountered this same woman and that she also told him that she was being paid.

I think the people who signed these petitions can judge for themselves the credibility of the signature gatherers. In my personal opinion, they were telling untruths at worst, and not unbiased presenters of the situation at best. For example, was anyone told by them that 8 out of 9 spaces downtown are still free? I think not. They just want you to focus on the 1 out of 9 spaces that are not free. Further, the metered spaces are free all the time for handicapped persons, and the meters have been tweaked to suit the situation downtown.

Those meters have freed up what used to be a very congested Main Street. Before the meters, I could never park on Main Street anyway, and Main and the immediate side blocks were usually clogged with people going round and round or waiting for people to back out of spaces. If people want that back, they should vote to remove the meters.

And this is not a tax. A tax is a government charge you cannot avoid paying (like sales tax). The meters are like paying for a better seat at a concert. It is a user fee, not a tax. Anyone who does not want to pay it can park ½ block away in a free lot or space (or on Poli). So let's try to be logical about it. There is too much emotion in this issue, and it is unfortunately dividing us.

Alison Carlson
Ventura



The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



“Jalopy Joe” Moody

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

When Sheldon and I had our first meeting to discuss who would be a good sitter for my evolving art project, *Jalopy Joe* was among the first on the list. After hearing of his sad passing, I felt a commitment to go ahead and paint Joe, albeit from photos. As I kept putting off doing his sketch for the series, I realized I could not work from a photo again in the series as it defeated the purpose of my *Face of Ventura* project which is the direct interaction with the sitter revealing their life story to me in their own words and the art of portrait painting to them in my words and paint. So, as honored as I am to have Joe in the series, this will be the only sitter in the series done from photo reference.
Johanna Spinks

Ventura icon Joseph Albert Moody, better known as “Jalopy Joe” passed away on January 26, 2011 at the young age of 62 after a long illness.

Joseph Albert Moody was born in Sandusky, Ohio, eventually moved to Arizona then to Santa Barbara in 1971 and in 1999 to Ventura to stay.

In 2007, with his best, and life long friend Brenda McDaniel, who shared his love for motorcycles and jalopies, they opened “Jalopy Joes” on Santa Clara Avenue and eventually moved the business to Main Street near Cemetery Park where it is still located and open for business.

A service was held at the Joseph Reardon Funeral Home on February 13 and a party celebrating his life was held after at the Elk’s Lodge in downtown.

Hot rods, jalopies, cars of all makes and motorcycles could be heard for miles around as his many friends and customers showed

their love for Joe by forming a long procession of vehicles lead by Brenda herself driving their famous 1926 Ford roadster. Joe could be seen driving around Ventura in his roadster on a daily basis. And, of course Sally the Boston terrier was in the passenger seat barking out directions.

Brenda said “This was Joe, the man who knew every bum in town.”

“He was a man who loved every type of bike and every type of car,” she added. “We had many, many sunset cruises, Joe, me and the dog Sally.”

Jalopy Joe was many things to many people, but a friend to all. Young, old, the unemployed, professionals, men and women.

One friend who spoke during his memorial service said “Joe was a kick-ass tough guy whose favorite parking spot was painted red. What I’ll really miss the most is I could hear him coming from two blocks away.”

You couldn’t stop Joe from doing anything he wanted to do. He didn’t compromise, he was who he was. He wanted to be the person that he was.

Charles Wessler, a deacon at Our Lady of Assumption Church, said that Moody loved people, motorcycles and jalopies. He was a free spirit. He may be gone in his physical being, but he’ll never be gone. This world is a lot brighter because

of Joe was here.

Brenda was kind enough to provide Johanna with wonderful photos of Joe so that she could paint his portrait.

Brenda was amazed at how well the portrait came out and how much it really captures the spirit of Joe.

Brenda was amazed at how much it really captures the spirit of Joe.



Captain Bill Finley



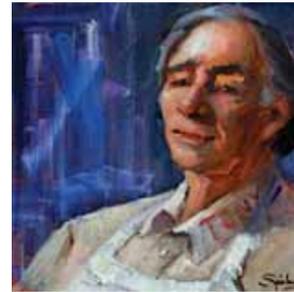
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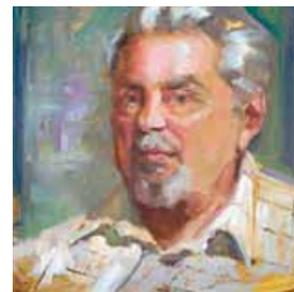
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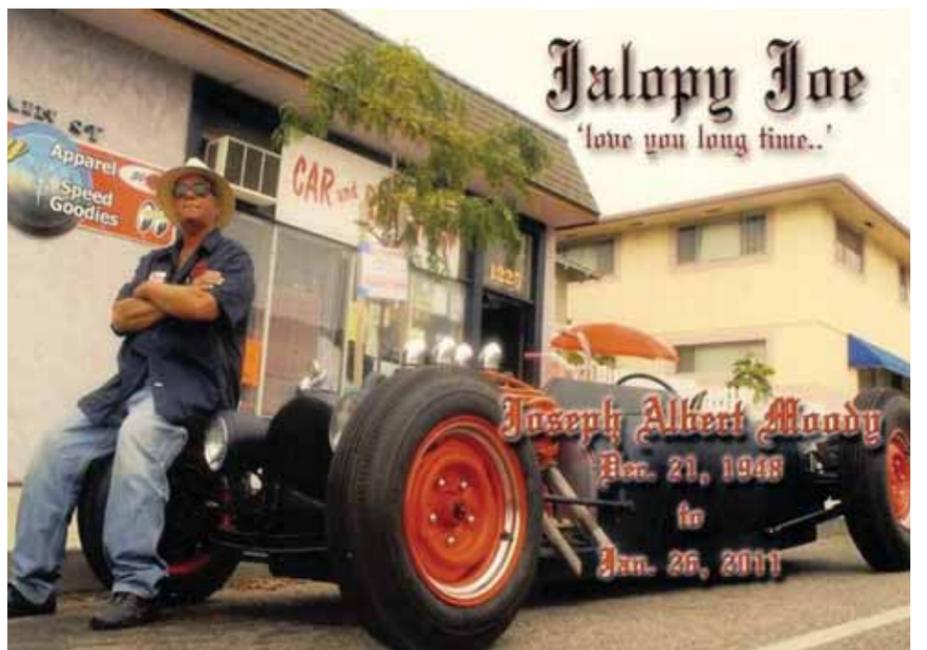
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The Breeze is proud to present “The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks”, an on-going art project by award-winning portraitist Spinks to paint 55 worthy Venturans, each in a single sitting, painted directly from life at this artist’s Bell Arts Factory studio in around two hours -and each captured by The Breeze. No photos are used, the direct interaction with the sitter, hearing and painting their story, is the purpose of the challenge, along with the artist’s wish to showcase the relevant world of painterly portraiture today. This feature will run in the Breeze over the next two years. Readers are invited to nominate a special person for the series.

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On July 9th, on an outdoor deck located above Blackbeard's Seaside BBQ in the Ventura Harbor Village the Breeze's own Leselie Matthias and Daniel G. Burhenn were married before a select group of friends and relatives.

Pictured here are Mark Garcia (friend of the bride and groom), best man Chuck Billings, the groom Daniel G. Burhenn, Preacher Mark Anderson (back center), the lovely bride Leselie Ann Burhenn and matron of honor Lorie Mosher-Iversen.

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In addition to swordplay and pirate slang, Pirate Days offered a magic show, talking parrots, pony rides, a treasure cove contest, belly dancing, food and drink at village restaurants, and pirate costume contests for kids and adults.

One pirate sported a pet rat wearing a cocked hat and earring in one ear. "His name is pi-rat," growled the pirate to a crowd of kids.

Stacey Reed, Ventura Harbor Village marketing consultant, said Pirate Days has been a hit since its inception six years ago. She couldn't give a crowd count, but said more parking was available this year than in prior years and two free shuttles were busy, plus a water taxi from Marina Park on the north side of the harbor.

"It (the crowd) is probably as good as previous years because we have so many ways to get to the village," Reed said. "It's a harbor and everybody loves pirates. Besides, our pirates are family friendly."



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Community Events

Surfers' Point & Bike Path Ribbon Cutting

On Saturday, July 16th the ceremony was held for the Ventura County Fairgrounds Surfers' Point and bike path project. There were many people in attendance at the event. Ventura was privileged to have a group from the NOAA SeaGrant working with us. In attendance at the event were Barry Costa from Pierce, Judith Weis from Rutgers, Anders Andren from University of Wisconsin (Madison), Amy Scaroni and Sarah Lester from UCSB. The Surfers' Point project was 18 years in the making and provides major improvements to the area after the parking lot and bike path were heavily damaged by beach erosion. Key benefits of the project included relocating the bike path and beach parking lot further inland, out of harms way and protecting these improvements with cobble rocks that are buried in the beach sand. The project also included a new underground storm water filtration system to improve beach water quality by preventing pollutants from reaching the Ventura River Estuary and ocean. "This project is the first of its kind in the nation and perhaps in the world," said Mayor Bill Fulton.

The project was a collaborative partnership between the California Coastal Conservancy, California State parks, City of Ventura, State Coastal Commission, Surfrider Foundation, the Ventura County Bicycle Coalition, and the Ventura Fairgrounds that began working together in 1995 to develop this environmentally sensitive and innovative approach to protect our beach and preserve public access. Ventura will now be a model for other communities to develop these areas in this way.

Wine tasting

Ann Deal and Becky Harmon will open their beautiful Ventura home and wine reserves from 1:00 to 5:00pm, Saturday, August 13th for an exciting afternoon of wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and music to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura. Well-known local author Joan Blacher will be autographing, selling and sharing proceeds from her newest book, "Lethal Lake".

The Boys & Girls Club of Ventura operates five centers in Ventura, Oak View and Saticoy. Proceeds from the event go to support the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura's on-going work of providing a safe, positive place for the community's youth. 3,500 kids and families benefit from their expertise. A recent CLU study revealed the following positive information about youth attending B&G clubs:

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91.8% improved self confidence.

The event tickets are \$100 each and only 200 tickets will be sold. For additional information call Leilani at 641-5585 or check the website at www.bgclubventura.org.

Ventura events

July 29: Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market has once again partnered with Neil Strawder, a.k.a. Bigmista, an award-winning grilling expert, to **barbecue** for its customers at various stores throughout the summer. He'll be cooking up the Fresh&Easy Grill Pack along with high-quality sides for customers, all free of charge from 5-7pm at the Fresh

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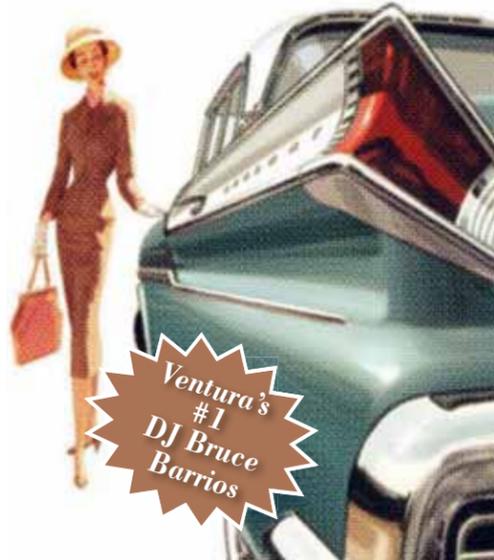
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by Nanci Cone

My friend Curt told me he just had back surgery recently. Now to most people, it would be a ho-hum item. It seems everyone nowadays had or is having some kind of back issue. Curt McKenna, however, is 96 and the reason he needed the surgery was because he was on a ladder trying to repair the roof. Oh, and did I mention he has hearing loss and macular degeneration?

To Curt, it's not a big deal. He bought his home when he was 80 and found out later the entire foundation was rotten. After getting a quote about the cost of repairing it, Curt said, "Heck, with what they wanted, I knew I could do the same thing at a fraction of the cost!" During a five-year period, Curt used his car's jack, propped up a section of the house, repaired it and went on to the next area. He worked day and night to make the place habitable. He took the siding off the house, sanded it, painted it and hung it back up. He also rebuilt the kitchen area, built a back porch and made his own carport. And he's still going strong!

We first met a few months ago when I introduced Rotary East Community Services Director, Craig Miller to everyone at CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly. They agreed to work together to provide repairs or yard work to someone who needed the help. When George Harrell, director of the Building Bridges Program at CAREGIVERS, heard about what was planned, he said, "I know the perfect person! You folks have to meet Curt McKenna. He's an amazing guy!"

Curt is one of the most cheerful people I've ever met. As he puts it, "You never know what's going to happen so you might as well enjoy it while you can. I don't want to talk about WWII - that happened a long time ago. It's over! Let the past stay in the past. Me, I'd rather spend time with my girlfriend Barbara, laugh, and enjoy her corn bread or that apricot dessert she makes."

Curt is definitely one of those really unusual, extremely interesting people that always has a good story to tell. In the 1930s, he bought a Ford touring car for \$25, painted it purple and helped his sister make a red convertible top from scraps of canvas he

salvaged at a shipyard. Imagine what people thought as he drove this car across the country! "When I got to Hollywood Boulevard back in those days, I saw people sleeping in their cars and desperately looking for work," he says. He was lucky to find work in a print shop where he learned the business and eventually opened his own place. Upon retirement, he moved up to West Ventura County.

So, next time you see an elderly member of our community trying to cross a street or get their walker through a store door, how about pausing in the rush of your own life to give them some extra consideration or even listen to a story of times gone by.

To learn how to get involved, visit CAREGIVERS at www.vccaregivers.org or Rotary at www.rotaryventuraeast.org.

Free internet classes for seniors in Oxnard

Beginning the first Tuesday in August, two back-to-back series of free hands-on computer training sessions will help seniors feel confident and safe using the Internet to apply for Medicare, renew a driver's license, and access information, benefits and services that can greatly enhance their lives.

The training will be held at the Oxnard Wilson Senior Center, 350 N. "C" Street in Oxnard. The two series will run for three Tuesday mornings: Aug. 2, (9:30-11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.), Aug. 9 (9:30-11 & 11:30-1), and Aug. 16 (9:30-11 & 11:30-1).

Participants should be 50+ years old, already possess basic computer skills such as using a keyboard and mouse, and be willing to commit to all three sessions--a total of five hours' instruction and practice.

Names will be taken on a "first reserved, first served" basis. Classes are limited to four students--with room for two more who can bring their own laptops--to allow for plenty of online practice and one-on-one help. To enroll, call 385-8028.

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& Easy Neighborhood Market located at 5101 Telegraph Rd.

Fresh & Easy is also looking for the next great summer side dish to sell in its stores. To submit a recipe please visit, www.freshandeasy.com/bbq.

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August 7: The Dudley House will air a 1929 radio program of the recordings of the Portuguese Fado as part of the old time radio series during the **Dudley open house**. During The open house there will be a Flea Market and Collectables Fair beginning at 9 a.m. The fair will have antiques, collectables, jewelry, floral decorations, dolls, crafts and many other items on the grounds of the Dudley House. The Dudley docents will be giving tours on the history of the house with its Dudley family furniture. The newly planted Lavender Garden is also now available, admission is free. The Dudley house is located at the corner of Ashwood and Loma Vista in Ventura. Anyone interested in working in the docent tours of the house is encouraged to call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

August 13: Please join Assembly member

Das Williams and the Ventura College Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Program for a **Green Jobs Summit**. This event will feature educators, innovators and government officials. Learn about the vital links between a robust education system, legislation and the emergence of new technologies. The event will be held at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ventura College 4667 Telegraph Road.

Ojai events

The Ojai Valley Museum recently launched its new **OjaiHistory.com** website. The website brings a wealth of Ojai history articles, photographs, and video to the Internet. The articles are in the form of posts that allow readers to comment and contribute their own memories about Ojai's past.

"Everyone has something to add," says website moderator Craig Walker, "an old photo, a personal recollection, a story that gives life to the historical record. We welcome community participation."

The majority of the posts are taken from the museum's extensive library of previously written material. The museum's goal is to eventually move its entire library online where researchers and Ojai history buffs can search a wealth of stories and historical information. The site also invites local authors to contribute posts on Ojai history topics. Anyone interested in serving as an OjaiHistory.com researcher/author should email Walker at craigw9953@aol.com.

OjaiHistory.com is funded by a grant from the Smith-Hobson Foundation and managed by the Ojai Valley Museum.

The **Carl Saunders Sextet** will be performing two sets of "straight-ahead" Jazz at 7 pm on Saturday, **August 13** at the Ojai Valley Community Church, 907 El Centro.

With Carl Saunders on trumpet, the group includes Bob Shepherd on tenor sax, Scott Whitfield on trombone, Christian Jacob on piano, Kevin Axt on bass and Santo Savino on drums.

This is the third in a series of concerts produced by Richard Tell and the Ojai Jazz Festival.

The musicians in the Carl Saunders Sextet have played with such greats as Ella Fitzgerald, Sara Vaughn, Carmen McRae, Roberta Gambarini and Frank Sinatra

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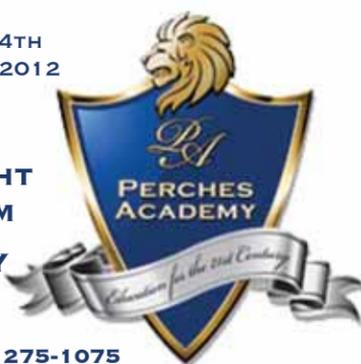
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Business



In the eleventh grade Julian decided to take a digital photography class at Ventura High School which changed his life

Ventura's Young Business Leaders Julian Gonzales, photographer

by Chloé Sehati

A picture does not just speak for itself with "1,000 words;" it also speaks for the person who captured it. Nineteen-year-old photographer Julian Gonzales, a recent Ventura High School graduate, opened his own photography studio just a few months ago and speaks of the journey that led him to success.

It began just a few years ago when Gonzales picked up his mom's "little camera" and curiously began taking pictures, discovering a new hobby and enjoyment of his. Soon enough, he decided to purchase his own camera. Not thinking much of this talent as anything but a hobby changed when someone commented on the angles of his photos, really showing a liking towards them. This led to idea that he could do something more with this skill.

"My brothers really encouraged me," Gonzales explained. He and his two older brothers began taking a closer look into photography. When it came to taking action, he has his mother and his grandfather to thank. "They did it all, they raised me to be who I am now." His grandfather taught him how to work through struggle, while his mother supported him the entire way through. "She would say, 'yeah! Let's try it out!'" She was the one who got me the camera that led me to success, if you'd call it that." In the eleventh grade, he decided to take a digital photography class at Ventura High School and still uses what he learned in his car portrait photos today.

Julian Gonzales' style does not call for much gear at all. "I just like the whole look, the whole vintage deal... there is something about the old-fashioned looks that I'm just drawn to." His goal with his pictures is not only to keep his photos looking clean and professional, but to also give them a not-so-modern taste. This is why his devices don't

call for much spending. "I just have my camera and a little backpack. I don't have all this equipment worth thousands of dollars like other photographers."

Besides his calls to take photos at events, Gonzales goes to events on his own, handing out business cards between taking his photos. His studio is where everything comes together as he places his high-quality work in frames and albums.

Julian finds his interaction with others extremely rewarding. "Seeing the people when they see my work brings them back to their earlier years when they were a child... I hear them say, 'my dad had that exact car! And he would take us everywhere in it!' or things like that... The most rewarding part is seeing them smiling when they see my work, bringing them back to when they were young."

On the other hand, a young man with his own business has lot of pressure, especially because of the new aspect of self-responsibility. "There are days when I want to hang out with my friends, but I know that I'll fall behind if I do, so it's really tough for me sometimes."

Expressed in its simplest form, photographer Julian Gonzales stated, "I'm just a local trying to bring back the culture... a local who does my own thing."

To take a closer look at his work, visit the website of Julian Gonzales at <http://www.myspace.com/julezphotography2011> or his studio at Bell Arts Factory on Ventura Ave.

Breeze:

This is the first of a new feature presenting Ventura's outstanding young entrepreneurs. If you have someone under 25 years old that you would like to recommend for this series please let us know at editor@venturabreeze.com and why.

BBM&D wins contract for RAM

BBM&D Strategic Branding is pleased to announce that it has successfully prevailed the contract selection to develop the Regional Art Museum web site. The nearly twenty year-old firm won the award in the face of stiff competition.

The Regional Art Museum, in Thousand Oaks, is the slated to be a vital cultural resource and will offer access to, education of, and appreciation for contemporary and traditional fine arts.

Walter Johnson, RAM Task Force Website Committee chair, said, "We are excited about working with BBM&D

Strategic Branding. They have deep insight into the museum industry and many years of experience with destination marketing."

Barbara Brown, BBM&D Creative Director/CEO, said "We are enthusiastic about the potential of working with RAM. The concept of such an incredible resource locally, without driving to Los Angeles, opens up all kinds of interesting opportunities for learning and appreciation of the Arts. We are proud that they chose us as their marketing partner"

BBM&D Strategic Branding is a full service marketing communications firm. They specialize in museums, healthcare/beauty, food/agriculture, fitness and manufacturing. Their award-winning work can be viewed at bbmd-strategicbranding.com. BBM&D won two prestigious Maggie awards earlier this year.



Scotch and Sirloin under new ownership

by Kim Castro

If one of your old past times was to grab a cocktail and watch one of Ventura's majestic sunsets from a barstool at the old Scotch and Sirloin then you will be happy to learn that it will soon reopen under new management in April 2012. An avid boater and 30 year marine biologist, Sam Sadove, has not only purchased the old Scotch and Sirloin but also the 70 boat slips, shipyard and dry storage area that accompanies it. This isn't Sam's first dive into the restaurant business, he also owned a successful restaurant called the Boathouse in East Hampton, New York. Sam changed gears in his professional life after a battle with cancer that forced him to leave his profession as a marine biologist while he received medical treatment. Now, a cancer survivor, Sam turns to the things that bring him joy in his life...family, good food, boating and the ocean. All of which will be present in his newest endeavor. Sam's new venture will be a family affair. His son, Alex, will run the shipyard, his stepdaughter, Christina will run the bar in

the restaurant and his wife, Karen, will be very involved with the restaurant's operations.

Sam looked at properties in the Caribbean, the Carolinas, Florida, and Massachusetts before setting his sites on Ventura. A friend of Sam's mentioned to him that a restaurant was offered for sale in Ventura and after one visit he was smitten. Sam also mentioned he endured one too many cold winters in New York and Ventura is a welcomed change. Sam is re-furbishing all of the present boat docks and will be improving the wall surrounding the dry storage area to be much more aesthetically pleasing. The restaurant will offer lunch, dinner and a Sunday brunch with most of the fare focusing on moderately priced seafood dishes (with an array of landlubber choices as well.) Don't worry if you've carved your name in an old barstool at the bar, Sam also loves the bar's location and thinks that is one of the best spots in the restaurant. As far as boat access goes, Sam says "my wife commanded me to have slips available to the restaurant patrons." So, not only will there be slips allocated for anyone out for a boating trip but there will also be an area for anyone taking a dinghy or paddle board. If you are looking for some fun ambience, Sam is also going to have a few nights of the week dedicated for live music. The restaurant also receives the "Scamp seal of approval" because the patio will be dog friendly.

Sam has a few names for the restaurant that he's keeping under wraps until a later date. He and his wife have already purchased a home nearby and are eagerly looking forward to becoming better acquainted with Ventura and all it has to offer. In the meantime, all of us locals will be eagerly awaiting the opening of Ventura's newest restaurant on the water.



The Ventura Harbor Boatyard recently celebrated their 25th year by throwing a wonderful anniversary party at the Boatyard located on Spinnaker Dr. right before the Harbor Village.

The event included an abundance of food, music and drinks and a balloon artist and face painter. Ventura Harbor Port Manager Oscar Pena said that the boatyard, and our commercial fishing fleet is extremely important to Ventura and brings many dollars to our local economy.



On June 18 the Gracie Morumbi academy, that teaches Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu held a grand opening at their brand new academy located at 2160 E. Thompson Blvd. Owners Fabio Leopoldo and Erik Klinger welcomed members and guests to the celebration.

Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp Ph.D

■ On Sunday, July 24 the wonderful Pooch Parade was held at San Buenaventura State Beach park. It featured a dog walk and pet expo to raise money for the Canine Adoption and Rescue League.

The Breeze had a booth there so I was able to meet many new friends and my friend Ana Baker provided free dog face painting (dogs on people not painting the dogs).

■ The Humane Society of Ventura County will host a Grand Opening of its new Harry Valentine Visitors Center on Saturday, July 30 from 10am until 4:30pm at its Ojai Shelter and Adoption Center. Tour the new center, visit the shelter animals, enjoy tasty refreshments and a bargain basement book sale to help raise funds for the animals. Visitors can also order an engraved paver stone to help fund the expansion of kennels to help make room for more animals in need.

Harry Valentine was a man who decided to leave a legacy by leaving his estate in the care of the Ventura County Community Foundation to distribute to the Humane Society of Ventura County for the purpose of increasing spay and neuter services.

The Humane Society of Ventura County (HSVC), who for years has been providing low cost spay and neuter services, shares Mr. Valentine's dream to make spay and neuter services available to families county-wide at an affordable cost.

Visit hsvc.org or call 646-6505 for more information.

■ We have a new dryer that has a buzzer on it that sounds just like our front door buzzer so every time that the oven buzzes I run to the front door to see who is there and get all excited to say hello and every time the door

bell buzzes my publisher runs to the dryer to see if his underwear is done. One of us isn't too bright.

■ I am supposed to be a lap dog but because I write so much I think that I am actually a laptop dog.

■ A 2-year old Patter-dale terrier named Bear was finally reunited with his owner after turning up in a shelter over 700 miles from his home in Los Angeles. Thanks to a good Samaritan who brought Bear into a shelter, where he was scanned for a microchip, Bear's owner received a call from the shelter all the way in Washington. Bear had been at the shelter for 5 days. It isn't clear how the dog traveled 700 miles in two days, but the owners think that someone took him because his collar and tag were missing. I have told you many times to have us "chipped".



Forever home wanted



Hi:
I'm Webster a very dog friendly male 3 year old Beagle mix who is looking for a family to come and take me home. I was rescued from Animal Regulation and I'm thankful to be given a chance to find my forever home. I hope I don't have to wait too long. Just look how cute I am.

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

Scamp Club

Ciao:

I am "Roma", a 3 and half year old Dachshund. I love walking in the marina and sailing all over the islands!

Parlo Inglese e Italiano e capisco tutto sul cibo. Un saluto a tutti Roma....



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.

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.

Vandalism Arrest

On Thursday, June 23rd, at 12:35 p.m., a witness at Thille Park called 911 to report seeing three suspects using permanent markers to graffiti several objects, city owned trash cans and an electrical box, inside the park area.

Officers observed three subjects matching the description given by the witness, walking several blocks away on Telephone Road. Officers contacted the three subjects and after their investigation, determined all three were involved in the vandalism.

Joe Osuna, 19 years old, and Daniel Chavez, 19 years old, were both booked into the VC Jail.

Residential Burglary

On Monday, July 4th, at 4:38 a.m., Nicholas Chaban, 20 years old, attended a holiday party on Via Ondulando. Chaban left the party and began walking in the neighborhood, attempting to gain entry into unlocked vehicles. Chaban removed property from at least four vehicles in the 800-900 block of Via Ondulando.

Chaban found a fifth unlocked vehicle and used the remote control

inside the vehicle to open the resident's garage door. He entered the garage and ransacked an additional vehicle parked inside, but did not enter the living quarters of the home.

Officer Involved Shooting

On Tuesday, June 28th, at 4:45 a.m., investigators from the National City Police Department contacted the VPD and requested assistance taking custody of a homicide suspect. The suspect identified as Jesus Farias committed a homicide in National City Police Department's jurisdiction and was believed to be hiding in Ventura. The VPD decided to investigate a residence in the 200 block of Pomo Street, where Farias was hiding out.

The occupants exited the house as requested, but Farias attempted to escape by exiting the rear of the residence. SWAT officers fired a single shot and struck Farias.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Friday, July 8th, at 12:43 a.m., the VPD received several calls reporting shots had been fired in the 1300 block of Santa Clara Street and the victim, Elias Castaneda, had suffered a gunshot wound. Officers located the victim, who had been able to flee into a nearby apartment complex. Castaneda was treated at the scene and transported to the VCMC in stable condition.

Castaneda had been riding his bike and was chased by several males in a

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On Sunday, July 24 the Canine Adoption and Rescue League held their annual Pooch Parade at San Buenaventura State Beach Park under cloudy skies that cleared up as the event ended. The well attended event featured the pooch parade, vendors, demonstrations, a wonderful silent auction, and adoptions; fun for the entire family with the theme "Prevent A Litter...Fix Your Critter". Scamp was there to greet his millions of fans, including Devin Kress.



Sports

This is Ventucky with plenty of surf to be had

by Kenton Rivas

If you have yet to hear the slang term that combines Ventura and Kentucky to produce the word "Ventucky" as to describe our area you have now. I for one like what the hybrid combination of two words from two very different places vaguely implies. "Ventucky" is beachy but a bit backwoods, laid back but also blue collar, Californicated but also salt of the earth southern. Anyone that is from here or has lived here for sometime probably has their own spin on the term. If you're having a hard time accepting you live in such a town, quit fighting it, embrace it.

Ventura is a unique town. The picturesque sleepy beach town is like no other at times the peace and quiet mimics a ghost town. We seem to have more churches, salons, tattoo and massage parlors per capita than anywhere else I've ever been. Ventura also seems to produce more legit pro surfers per capita than anywhere else; arguably of course. Surprising? Not really. I believe the local surf culture aids this proud fact. Of course it also helps that the area is stacked with tons of good surf spots. To provide an in depth look at surfing here would require a series something like the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Ventura surfing isn't San Diego, it definitely is not Los Angeles or Malibu, and for the most part Santa Barbarans trickle down to our wave playground. Ventura isn't as surf industry influenced as the Orange County ultra bro'd out scene, and has much better waves with lesser attitude and heads in the water than Hell A or Malibu. In fact, Ventura is kind of an unknown to many between Malibu and Santa Barbara. Let's keep it that way! How about taking down the Rip Curl sign off the C Street exit? This isn't San Clemente!

If the surfers in Ventura are one thing it's committed. Patagonia does what every business or company in town should do here in giving their people time in their day to go surfing. I don't think the flex time is hurting their profits too much either. The surfers here love to surf; and surf anything. From long board to short board surfers here just want to get wet! Just ask Caveman, local Point ambassador, gnarly wave rider, and suspect extra terrestrial. If you have never seen Caveman surf add it to your bucket list and make your way to the point one of these days; the guy surfs like no other.

Ventucky surfing is everything that is the town; somewhat of an enigma. An eclectic mix of people from the hard core loc dogs at the point every day, to the boys down at the dredge, to the Emma Wood regulars, to the Mondos family beach and much more make up the varying surf scenes from beach to beach not to mention the epic surf during a south swell out on the islands. One thing is for certain; there is plenty of surf here to be had!

Why Venturan Victor Ortiz will reign supreme

by Ryan Graff

History would tell us that local boxer Victor Ortiz performs best when others doubt him. The epitome of this came when he took a unanimous decision from Andre Berto to claim the World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight title belt. After this, one would think Ortiz's contraries would be silenced.

This is why I was frustrated to no end when our friends at the Ventura County Star published an article suggesting Ortiz was trying to convince himself that he could contend with the likes of Floyd Mayweather, Jr., whom he will attempt to defend his title against at Cowboy Stadium on September 17. Surely our own hometown sports writers who are so familiar with Ortiz can't possibly be on the Mayweather bandwagon.

What irks me the most is that Ortiz is rarely doubted for his physical abilities, but rather for his background and lifestyle. At age twenty-four, Ortiz is ten years the minor of the illustrious Mayweather and isn't known for his endorsement deals or engaging in the flashy gamesmanship that has marked much of Mayweather's career. Apparently, this is supposed to make me believe that he is less talented than the multi-million dollar Mayweather.

I would encourage the people who would knock me for being a 'homer' to look a little more closely at this match up. Ortiz (29-2-2, 22 KO's) is certainly no slouch when his numbers are compared to those of Mayweather (41-0, 25 KO's). While it's easy to get caught up in the fact that Mayweather is undefeated, it is important to point out that despite a career roughly half as long as Mayweather's, Ortiz has booked only eight fewer total fights and recorded just three fewer knockouts.

Ortiz complements his experience with high intelligence and knowledge of the game. Mayweather is seemingly using Ortiz's unique southpaw style to prepare him for World Boxing Organization (WBO) Welterweight Champion Manny Pacquiao. By overlooking Ortiz, Mayweather is making a serious mistake.

Ortiz is proud of his humble roots. Quite frankly, he does not need Hollywood to write his story because his life is blessed enough as it is. From being a foster child in Kansas to wearing the WBC strap, Ortiz personifies everything we should have learned from the Rocky series. Despite all of the adversity he has faced, Ortiz continues to give back to his Ventura community and thank all those who have been standing by his side for many years.

Vicious' Victor Ortiz is a clean-cut guy with a ton of charisma. He will attend any charity event, sign any autograph, and do any interview. While he reluctantly turns on the trash talking chatter for the sake of the media, it's what Ortiz doesn't say that truly defines his character. He proves his respect for the sport by expressing his confidence with his gloves rather than with his mouth, fighting not for the riches and stardom, but for the love of the game. That same thing certainly cannot be said about Floyd 'Money' Mayweather, whose nickname says it all.

At the end of the day, Ortiz is still the man sporting the belt. Let's not forget that you have to beat the champ to be the champ. I have a feeling that 'Pretty Boy' Mayweather's face won't look so elegant when Ortiz's hand gets raised on September 17.

Youth

Boys & Girls Club golf classic

The Title Sponsor of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura's 28th Annual Golf Classic is C.D. Lyon Construction, Inc. The event is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2011 at the Saticoy Country Club.

The registration, check-in and putting contest begin at 10am. Tee-off with the Shotgun Start/Texas Scramble Format begins at 11:30am and includes awards for the top teams in three flights and a woman's division. Contests include: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive (men/women), Hole in One sponsored by Lexus and Putting Contest with cash prizes.

The Saticoy Country Club was designed by world famous course architect, William Bell, Jr. and is widely regarded as one of Southern California's finest golf courses.

The entry fee is \$275 per golfer with each reservation including: green fees and cart fees, tote prize bag with golf shirt and other goodies, lunch, beverages and a banquet awards dinner including a live auction (there is an additional fee of \$50 for each additional dinner guest).

The Fairy Queen Flutterby to be at Foster Library

Benefiting Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) author Robin Borakove, as character Fairy Queen Flutterby is having a storytelling at the downtown Foster Library at 10:30 am on Tuesday August 2. She will have a book signing directly after show and all the net proceeds from the sale of her book go to JDRF. Go to www.littleedwintriumph.com and learn more that you can do to help support our diabetic community.

Auditions! Master Chorale Children's Choir

Auditions will be held on Friday, August 19th for the Children's choir. This award winning choir sings with the master chorale and presents its own concerts as well. The choir provides vocal coaching, sight singing and theory instruction and rehearses on Mondays in Ventura. Choirs are for ages 6-18 and the season runs from late September to May. Plans for a choir tour to Quebec city for older students are underway.

Call now for an appointment to audition August 19 at 796-1951.

Ventura City Corps reaches milestone

It's mid-day when City Corps gets the call. A home on the East side of Ventura owned by an elderly man has several fruit trees that are just going to waste. There are no projects scheduled for the afternoon and teenage volunteers are flowing in. Ken Cozzens, retired Sheriff's Captain and Ventura City Corps

Site Director asks if we could come right then to assess the need. Later that week, another 200 pounds of fruit is donated to Food Share by Ventura City Corps on behalf of the generous elderly gentleman. He further extends his gratitude with a generous donation to the Corps which helps with the necessities - keeping fuel in the trucks and snacks in the bellies of the teens.

Ventura City Corps began gleaning fruit trees throughout Ventura as a service to those who couldn't back in 2010. The 2011 goal, set by Cozzens, was 10,000 pounds. Just six months into the year...the goal is met.

Gleaning is just one in a whole slew of services and projects the Ventura teens perform throughout the City. Through service to the community Ventura City Corps promotes civic responsibility and establishes youth as a meaningful, capable and essential resource to their communities.

Ventura City Corps is seeking youth volunteer leaders, ages 21-30, to lead projects throughout the summer. All youth 12-18 interested in making this an outstanding summer are encouraged to volunteer. Life and work skills, fun and relationships, are all developed through Ventura City Corps. You can find applications and more information about getting involved with Ventura City Corps or making a tax deductible donation at www.venturacitycorps.com or by stopping by at 77 N. California Street. For a calendar of upcoming projects, visit VolunteerMatters.com/VenturaCity.

Health

Aspiranet today

Sonia Estrada, Aspiranet's MTFC Program Supervisor, knows what a difference one year can make. Last year, when Aspiranet launched Ventura County's first-ever Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) program designed to aid troubled foster teenagers, Estrada was hoping that she would be able to find special foster parents willing to work with at-risk teenagers. Not only did she find them, one year later she is celebrating the incredible transformation of her first two MTFC graduates.

Aspiranet, one of California's largest social service agencies, created MTFC for at-risk youths ages 12 - 17 who require intensive support and structure. MTFC teams foster parents with an Aspiranet program supervisor, individual and family therapists and a life skills coach to work collaboratively with troubled foster teens.

"I have seen dramatic transformations in all of the children in our MTFC program," said Estrada. "I am proud to be a part of a clinical team that is passionate, provides tremendous support and is dedicated to helping children realize their true potential. There is no better feeling in the world than knowing you have given someone the tools that they need to move forward in the world and be successful."

After the two teens transition back to home, Aspiranet will provide continued support to ensure that their placement is stable and to monitor their ongoing progress.

"The program was very hard to get used to but now, as I am getting ready to graduate, I can see how much my life has changed," said a 17-year-old MTFC

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youth. "I thank my MTFC team and my foster parents for all of their hard work and support. If it weren't for them, I do not know where I'd be right now. Thanks to MTFC, I have a bright future ahead of me and know that I can do anything I want."

Estrada reports that there is a waiting list of children wanting to participate in the MTFC program and an ongoing need to recruit more MTFC foster parents. For more information, call (877)380-HERO.

Bereavement Support Groups

Free Adult Bereavement Support Groups are being sponsored by Livingston Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice. There are three groups with the following times and places:

Every Wednesday, from 3 - 4 pm @ First Presbyterian Church, 850 Ivywood Drive, Oxnard.

Every Wednesday, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm @ Livingston VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave (#106), Ventura.

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 3 - 4 pm @ The Ventura Townhouse, 4900 Telegraph Rd., Ventura.

All meetings are open to those who have experienced a loss and drop ins welcome. Receive emotional and educational support, explore and express your feelings, and rediscover a sense of hope while gaining a social support system. Call 642-0239 or visit their website www.livingstonvna.org

Pint for Pint Blood Drive

Recent blood usage has been high, and even though blood donations since the July 4 holiday have been strong, donors are needed to ensure an adequate blood supply in the coming weeks. As a special thank you to summer blood donors, United Blood Services has partnered with Marble Slab Creamery in Ventura County and all area blood donors through August 14th will receive a certificate for a pint of Marble Slab Creamery ice cream.

While donations of all blood types are encouraged, donors with Type O-negative and Type AB (positive or negative) are especially needed, as there is currently a shortage of these blood types. There is always a special need for AB plasma, and this summer there is a serious shortage, both locally and nationally.

Donations may be made at the UBS Center in Ventura at 2223 Eastman, or any of a number of community blood drives happening throughout the county. Donors are asked to make an appointment by contacting United Blood Services toll-free at (800)715-3699; or online at www.Blood4Life.org. Just click on "Donate Blood" and type in your zip code to find a list of drives nearby. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. Walk-ins are also welcome, and will be honored as our appointment schedule allows.

You may donate blood if you are over age 16, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger.

Police reports

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vehicle after having a verbal confrontation.

Stabbing

On Wednesday, July 13th, at 6:55 a.m., the VPD responded to 1185 Cypress Point in an attempt to locate subjects arguing in the courtyard. Officers located the victim, Anthony Hilton, 25 years old, bleeding from a stab wound to his upper torso.

Hilton and a female acquaintance had arrived at the complex where they found the suspect, Andrew Tripp, 26 years old, waiting for them. A brief verbal altercation ensued between all three parties. Tripp retrieved a knife from his pocket and stabbed Hilton once. Tripp then fled the area.

Tripp was located a short distance from the crime scene and was taken into custody without incident.

Felony DUI

On Wednesday, July 13th, at 10:38 p.m., two Ventura PD officers on patrol heard the sound of a traffic collision near San Jon and Thompson and saw a vehicle speeding away from the area. The officers caught up to the vehicle and determined a collision had occurred.

An injured bicyclist was treated at the scene and transported to CMH. He suffered moderate blunt force trauma to his upper torso after being struck by the vehicle and knocked to the ground.

Paul Winchester made a left turn too sharply and was driving in the opposite lane of travel when he struck Joshua McMakin who was riding his bicycle on Thompson.

Winchester was arrested at the scene for driving under the influence and causing injury to another as well as fleeing the scene of an accident.

Stabbing

On Sunday, July 17th, at 12:30 a.m., the VPD responded to the 7500 block of Lemur in an attempt to locate a possible stabbing victim. Arriving officers located the victim, Andre Ribeiro, 21 years old, bleeding from a stab wound to his upper torso.

The investigation revealed Ribeiro was attending a nearby party when he became involved in a verbal confrontation with several other males. Ribeiro was leaving when he was attacked and received one stab wound to his upper torso. Ribeiro escaped the attack and was transported to the VCMC where he was treated for his non-life threatening injuries.

Assault with Deadly Weapon on vagrant (2 times)

On Friday, July 15th, at 3:10 p.m., Melody Baker, a local downtown vagrant (police term), was sitting in her wheelchair in a park at 342 E. Main St. when she observed Matthew Wehrman walking towards her with a canned alcoholic beverage. Baker noticed he was drinking from the can, which is a city ordinance violation, so she demanded he stop drinking. Wehrman pulled Baker out of her wheelchair then threw the metal can at her face, which broke her glasses. Baker also sustained moderate injuries to her nose. An officer filed the initial report as an assault with a deadly weapon. Wehrman fled the area prior to police arrival.

On the 16th, Baker once again was in the downtown area when she saw Wehrman. Officers were able to detain and arrest Wehrman who was on parole for property crimes.

Also on July 22 Melody Joe Baker was sitting in her wheelchair in the same park when she observed Cesar Rodriguez, 52-year-old old vagrant drinking an alcoholic beverage. Baker used her digital camera to videotape the City Ordinance violation and Rodriguez noticed Baker videotaping. Rodriguez approached Baker and forcefully took Baker's digital camera. Baker resisted Rodriguez and he struck her one time in the face. The blow caused Baker to lose her grip on the camera and Rodriguez walked away with Baker's property.

Baker followed him in her wheelchair and observed him enter a downtown bar. Baker summoned police officers to the location and directed them to Rodriguez who then resisted officer's attempts to detain him. Rodriguez was subdued and arrested for robbery then booked into Ventura County Jail. Baker's digital camera was not located.

Train vs. Pedestrian

On Monday, July 18th, at 12:26 p.m., the VPD received a call from Amtrak regarding a person being struck by a northbound train. Officers found the victim lying next to the tracks at the east end of the trestle that traverses the 101 freeway. Ventura Fire and AMR personnel later arrived and the 50-year-old male was pronounced dead at the scene.

The engineer saw a male lying on the tracks and began sounding the horn and initiating emergency measures to stop the train. Because of the short distance, the train was unable to stop and the deceased was struck and killed. It has been determined that this was a suicide.

Boatyard Fire

On Tuesday, July 19th, at 8:00 p.m., Ventura Fire Department responded to a report of several boats on fire in a boat storage/repair yard on Palma Drive. Smoke and flames were visible from throughout the area including Oxnard. Several boats were burning in the boat yard near the main structure. As the Truck Company used a rotary saw to cut through fencing for access, fire engines applied large volumes of water between the burning boats, structures and dozens of other exposed boats. Once the main fire was out, crews were able to get close and extinguish the remaining boat fires. A total of 4 boats were heavily damaged with 2 more sustaining damage. Fire cause is under investigation.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

June 15

11:47 p.m. Patrol was dispatched to

a medical emergency on Spinnaker Drive. Upon arrival, Patrol found two intoxicated teens who were calling a cab. They were part of a group that had arrived on a bus and dropped off for a Rave Party that had been advertised on Facebook. 200-250 people were escorted from the beach.

June 18

7:25 p.m. The Dockmasters received a report that a car was broken into at Harbor Village and two purses were stolen out of the trunk.

July 1

1:25 p.m. State Lifeguards request assistance detaining a male who exposed himself to a juvenile female at Harbor Cove and then left the area on a jetski. Patrol contacted PD and was able to locate the subject and detained him and his girlfriend at the Patrol dock. After questioning the male suspect, PD took him into custody.

8:30 p.m. Patrol received a report of a fire in the Arundel by Surfer's Knoll. Patrol transported FD to the area. The fire was a campfire. About twenty people scattered upon arrival.

July 10

9:12 a.m. NPS reports that they accidentally pumped diesel into a gasoline powered vessel. Patrol towed them to their dock.

July 13

1:14 a.m. Patrol observed a traffic accident in the VIM parking lot. Upon arrival, the driver was unconscious. He awoke upon stimulation and reported he has a medical problem. Once treated, he was able to drive away on his own.



On July 23 the new Staples at the mall had a "soft" opening. Store general manager Ralph Jennings explained that because this is "going back to school" shopping time that they just wanted to ease into their opening right now but will have an "official" opening after school starts. He did take the time though to read the latest issue of the Breeze.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Summer's getting hotter!

by DJ Kohli Rocks!

Condewit joins forces with Kellie Lee

Experimental rock act, Condewit has joined forces with Kellie Lee for a live bill at the Majestic Ventura Theater on July 30. It's actually one of the founding members of Condewit, Matthew Ortega's birthday event. Kellie Lee recently performed at the Ventura Music & Art Expo at the WAV. Completely different styles of music, but we all love a good variety show, right? Check out the music of Condewit at Facebook. The band features: Matthew Ortega, Aaron Alls, Chris Lammers. Matthew was previously known as a core member of former act, Intrepid. After Intrepid split up -- Matthew began to write his own music. And eventually formed, Condewit. The music has a lot of futuristic and progressive sounds.

Preachers & Pornstars get famous'd

One of my favorite metal bands here in Ventura, Preachers & Pornstars, have decided to take a break from their ever-long recording sessions and gig a little. Saturday, August 13, the band will invade Famous Sports Bar & Grill. Alongside other great metal acts such as Quiverbone, Famous Psychos, The First Victim and Butcher Babies. Preachers & Pornstars are heavily known for their stage presence, and you will see their members sometimes play guitar and bass in the audience. Wonder if the band will bring their go-go girls too. It's always a fun party when they take the stage. Get ready for the floor to rumble as the screams of Shan Parsons vibrate the floors.

50 Sticks Of Dynamite at WAV

Recent Indie West Fest act, 50 Sticks of Dynamite, are set to perform at the WAV inside the theater gallery on July 29th with Saint Pierre. They are doing two shows -- one at 7pm and the other at 9pm. 50 Sticks is a blues/rock band featuring: Ian McFadyen, Whitey Wingland, Michael Dominguez and Chris Jensen. The event has been put together as a fundraiser for the WAV art center. Check out the music of 50 Sticks... at ReverbNation.com and Facebook.com.

Have you heard Halestorm?

One of my new-ish favorite band obsessions is Pennsylvania based band, Halestorm. First heard this band, when I saw them on a bill with Disturbed and Avenged Sevenfold last Summer -- and though I would check them out. Slowly, I've been buying songs off iTunes and watching their music videos. They are sooo good. Great hard rock with amazing female vocals by Lzzy Hale. Kick ass tracks recommended are "Familiar Taste Of Poison", "I Get Off", "Love/Hate Hearbreak", "Dirty Work", and "It's Not You." The band also just released, "ReAniMate: The Covers EP," featuring rock covers including, "I Want You (You're So Heavy) - Beatles", "Hungerstrike - Temple Of The Dog", "Slave To The Grind - Skid Row", and they actually did a rock/metal cover of "Bad Romance - Lady Gaga." I highly recommend you check out their music videos on Halestormrocks.com or on Youtube. When will they do a Queensryche cover?

Bombay Bar & Grill 26th Annual Beach Party

It's that time of year again -- when Bombay Bar & Grill takes up the parking lot and throws their Summer beach party. This year -- kicks off with an All Star Blues Night on Wednesday (July 27), The Calamity (July 28th) and on Friday, July 29th -- Jeff Hershey & The Heartbeats will play outside while The Divine Crime performs inside.

New Liberty will also host their CD Release party on Saturday, July 30th. Kyle Hunt and The King Gypsy, Pullmen and The Shoemaker Bros. will also perform.

Thank you for reading - keep on rocking!
--Michael Kohli
(aka DJ Kohli Rocks)
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Music Calendar 7/27 to 8/9

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Sun 8/7 - Paul McCallum 12:30pm
Tue 8/9 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

Intimate Strangers

Tuesday August 2nd at 7pm
France 2004 - Patrice Leconte - 104 minutes

Reviewed by Robert Chianese
Ventura Film Society

"Intimate Strangers" fits into at least two genres, romance and thriller, and this adds to its erotic tensions. Ana (Sandrine Bonnaire) keeps an appointment with a man in an office (Fabrice Luchini) whom she assumes is her new therapist.

She's depressed, needy, and opens up to him, but she's entered the office of a tax advisor. Her intimate revelations lead him to keep silent about who he really is. He's lonely too, and uptight, and the sparks fly between them.

The sexual energy in this amazing

film is at first cerebral, a seduction by thoughts, however misdirected. Then the lithe, gorgeous Bonnaire coyly seems to trap her deceptive listener in her unhappy life. He is snared and guilty at the same time. And so are we as voyeuristic viewers, allowed in the room where two people expose their unsatisfactory lives.

Directed by Patrice Leconte, this critically acclaimed film demands our intimate attention as we puzzle over who's fooling whom.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "Intimate Strangers" on Tuesday August 2nd @ 7pm as part of our VFS @ the Museum 2011 Film Series. Screenings are on 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/ 805-628-2299

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, These are my picks for the week.

Monte Carlo



Monte Carlo, directed by Thomas Bezucha stars Selena Gomez. This adorable Disney star, plays Grace, a college graduate who is given the gift of a lifetime from her parents, a trip to Paris.

Along for the ride is her best friend Emma, (Katie Cassidy), and her step sister Meg (Leighton Meester). The three adventurous ingenues, bored with their tour group arrive at the hotel. What was supposed to be luxury accommodations turns out to be nothing more than an enlarged closet with a bed. When Grace discovers she is a British heiress look-alike, the girls' luck changes. Thrown into a lavish world of royalty and unexpected romantic encounters, Grace, Emma and Meg are immediately transformed from rags to riches albeit belle's of the ball.

The girls are whisked away to Monte Carlo, taking advantage of all the luxuries and attention, especially the attentions of Princes and sons of Aristocrats. The girls meet prospective suitors, however, falling deeper and deeper into her facade, Grace meets a dreamy gentleman, but all the while he is confused with her behavior because she is sweet and her real life twin is not.

This romantic comedy was clean fun, and fast paced. The cast was fabulous, and the girls entertaining. What I loved about the message was that after all is said and done, and all the charades are put into place, what is left is ultimately the sacredness of friendship.

Rated PG Running time 1 hour 49 minutes

Horrible Bosses



This hilariously dysfunctional plot follows three disgruntled pals, Nick, (Jason Bateman), Kurt (Jason Sudeikis), and Dale (Charlie Day) who desperately try to find happiness, but their bosses make it virtually impossible. Overbearing, abusive, and sexually harassing (Jennifer Aniston, Colin Farrell, and Kevin Spacey) micromanage and possess maniacal tendencies, just

enough to get under your skin. The goons meet over drinks at a local night spot to concoct a plan. They meet up with Jamie Foxx, a hit man/gangsta-type who consults with them and ultimately steals their money, thus finding out he is not what he's cracked up to be. The modern day stooges cook up a scheme to get rid of their bosses on their own and what ensues is mayhem.

I loved this movie. It is quirky, and entertaining. It cracks you up from beginning to end, and the chemistry of the cast is impeccably compatible playing off each other's wry and dopey delivery.
PG 13 running time 98 minutes

Two on the Aisle

Poirot Solves a Puzzler in Santa Paula

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

As a literary genre the whodunit murder mystery - where the brilliant detective ferrets out the identity of the murderer from a raft of suspects and complicated clues - is arguably the most popular form of detective crime fiction.

The fictional Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, created in the 1920s by renown British mystery writer Agatha Christie, is one of the most famous of these characters, along with Sherlock Holmes. Poirot brought the murderer to justice in 33 novels and some 50-plus short stories penned by Dame Christie. He has also been the central figure in numerous films and television shows.

If you are unfamiliar with Poirot or Agatha Christie's work, you can catch a fine example this summer because the Santa Paula Theater Center is currently presenting Christie's "Black Coffee" through August 14.

The action is set in an English manor house in the 1930s. While the family and guests partake of after dinner coffee Sir Claud Amory (Jerry Nehring) announces the imminent arrival of Hercule Poirot (Todd Andrew Ball). Sir Claud has invited the detective to help him discover who in the household has stolen a secret formula. However, when Poirot arrives he finds Sir Claud has been poisoned. Someone doctored his coffee.

As with all Christie mysteries, indeed all mysteries of the era, there is a great deal of drawing room exposition before Poirot gathers everyone together to sum up the clues and announce the killer's identity.

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The Lighter Breeze

Zits



Mother Goose and Grimm



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Beetle Bailey



Grin and Bear It



"Rodney has come to take me away from all this. Can we stay here?"

Bizarro



Solutions on page 19

King Crossword

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A misunderstanding tests the temperament of the sometimes headstrong Aries. Instead of blowing your top, take time for a pleasant diversion while things cool down.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A workplace problem could make the divine Bovine see red. But talk it out before you consider walking out. Some surprising facts emerge that change your earlier focus.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You face a choice between ignoring your uneasy feelings about your relationship with that special person and demanding explanations. A close friend offers wise counsel.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change you'd been hoping for carries an unexpected complication. Stay the course, and things will work themselves out. Be sure to make time for family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor spending time with loved ones. On the job, new ideas are generally welcomed. But some demands for changes could cause problems. Be ready to defend your choices.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: That workplace problem is close to being resolved with results that should please everyone. Take time off to indulge your love of

fun and games.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most of the time you are the most unflappable person around. But be ready to be thrown off-balance in the nicest way when Cupid takes aim in your direction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's not often when someone tries to "sting" the sharp-witted Scorpion. But it can happen. Continue to be skeptical about anything that seems too good to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your strong sense of self-esteem helps you serve as a role model for someone who needs personal reassurances. Your efforts pay off in an unexpected way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close considers revealing a painful secret. Withhold judgment. Instead, open your generous heart, and offer dollops of your love and understanding.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your talents as a peacemaker are called upon once more as an old problem re-emerges with new complications. Move cautiously in order to avoid falling into hidden traps.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your artistic side is enhanced with the reception given to your new project. Use this success as encouragement toward fulfilling your larger goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your natural sense of leadership is combined with a deep sense of responsibility. People trust you to give them both guidance and understanding.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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Art Scene



Thomas and Granata on the radio

Cheryl Ann Thomas and Donna Granata (Founder/Executive Director-Focus On The Masters) were guests July 20th on "Lyn Fairly & Friends", KKZZ AM 1400.

This sculpture, by Thomas is an example of her amazing coiled ceramics technique where she takes hundreds of clumps of black, white or gray clay that are hand rolled into thin, foot-long strips and laboriously stacked to form a modest scaled pot.

Then, rather than smoothing out the coils' textures and ridges and the gaps between the strips she allows the material to yield to its unique properties intentionally over-fired, the constructions unpredictably collapse, sag and fold in on themselves evoking artifacts uncovered at archeological sites.

Vote for your favorite art pieces by local school children

Two local Ventura County businesses invited kids to be part of the 2nd annual Ventura County Student Art Contest. This contest was started last year by Service Master by TA Russell, in conjunction with the Ventura Chambers Arts in the Park Festival. Last year there were some amazing entries and over \$1,500 was donated to the art programs of three local schools. This year there were over 162 submissions from students in Ventura county between grades 1st through 12th.

All residents of Ventura County are encouraged to go to www.ventrastudentart.com and place their votes for their favorite pieces. You can vote for each art piece by rating it from 1 star to 5 stars. The more stars means the more you like it. The collective results are stored automatically and the art with the highest ratings will be the winners. The schools of the winning students will receive financial donations to their art program and the 1st through 3rd place students will receive prizes compliments of the Pacific View Mall.

The art work is also displayed at the Pacific View Mall in the center section of the upper level throughout the summer.



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You can go see the art work in person and then go online to vote. Please help support our local kids and the art programs of our local schools by voting at www.venturastudentart.com.

About the Inkspots of San Buenaventura

The Inkspots of San Buenaventura is the only fine art printmaking group in Ventura County. The mission of the artist members is to establish and maintain a collaborative workshop environment in order to explore the art of printmaking as well as to promote community appreciation and support for this art form.

Artist-Printmaker Gabor Peterdi said it best when asked "Why printmaking?": "I make prints because in

using the metal, the wood, and other materials available, I can express things that I cannot express by any other means."

The artwork of the Inkspots is as diverse as the artists themselves. They choose to explore a wide variety of techniques including the major categories of printmaking: relief, intaglio, serigraph, lithograph, and monotype.

The Inkspots studio and gallery space is at 643 Project Space 643 North Ventura Ave. They have since grown to sixteen members and an additional etching press.

The Inkspots include Christina Altfeld, Karen L. Brown, Donna Carver, Beverly Decker, Virginia Furmanski, Judy Gibbs, Bay Hallowell, Elizabeth Manger, Ines Monguio, Barbara Parmet, Leslie Plimpton, Dahlia Riley, Nancy Rossi, Betsy Quinn, Karen Schroeder, and Monica Wiesblott.

The Inkspots of San Buenaventura



The work of Bay Hallowell is part of the Inkspots exhibit at Foster Library

are currently exhibiting at the E. P. Foster Library until August 31.

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Two on the Aisle

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Many clever twists and turns reveal new clues and motives as Poirot and the audience journey to the surprise conclusion.

The production has a superior feel – sumptuous furnishings, expert period costuming, delightful musical underscoring and subtle lighting.

The actors present a range from per-

formances, from superb characterizations to uneven interpretations with limited dimension. Under the expert hand of director Fred Helsel charming bits of business have been added to enhance everyone's contribution and it all works exceptionally well. Helsel makes extraordinarily good use of the building's original sliding doors that grace the back of the central stage area.

Todd Andrew Ball breathes life into Hercule Poirot as if he were the famous detective. His movements are studied and precise. He is completely delightful.

Doug Friedlander plays Inspector Japp, the local police authority, way over the top in a style unconventional for an Agatha Christie character. But his portrayal, too, works well and elevates the energy of the piece.

"Black Coffee" continues until August

14, 2011 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and one Sundays at 4 p.m. (This is a change in time from the SPTC's usual Sunday matinee performance.) Tickets: \$18. Seniors (55+) and students: \$15. Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th St., Santa Paula. Reservations are suggested as several of the remaining performances are sold out. (805) 525-4645. www.santapaulatheatercenter.org.

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