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Fire Station to reopen

by Sheli Ellsworth

Doomed Ventura Fire Station No. 4, on Telephone Road, has received an eleventh-hour pardon from the feds. The station, closed last year because of city budget cuts, should be reopened by the end of 2011 due to a Homeland Security grant. The grant application was endorsed by D-Congresswoman Lois Capps of Santa Barbara.

"It was a very difficult decision to close the station," said Ventura City Councilman Jim Monahan. "The city council really struggled with this decision. We will be glad to see it reopened."

The \$2.3 million grant will fund the fire station for two years, but the federal money is dependent on city funding to keep the station open the third year and beyond. Nine paramedic and firefighter positions will be funded by the grant to keep the station open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The fire station closing was just one of the closings by a reluctant city council. "Our Chief Financial Officer, Jay Panzica, began to plan four years ago for the financial situation we find ourselves in now. He encouraged us to tighten our budget before we reached a crisis. The closing of the Wright Library and the fire station were keys to saving money," he said.

Eventually Fire Station No. 4 will move to a new facility on Telephone Road near the mobile home park. The site has already been set aside but it could be quite a while before this happens.

Parking meters are here to stay for now

Superior Court Judge Mark Borrell judge has ordered that the "paid parking" initiative be removed from the November ballot. The measure that was meant to remove the downtown parking meters actually went much further than that in its scope. His ruling taking effect immediately.

Borrell based his decision on the fact that the opponents of the downtown meters should have used the referendum process and not the ballot process to remove the meters. Determining that the power to install or remove parking meters is exclusively that of the City Council. A referendum had to be filed within 30 days of the meters ordinance going into effect.

He stated that "No purpose would be served by putting it on the ballot."

His ruling means that the effort of the opponents to the meters (who collected

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This cowboy wasn't just horsing around at the Ventura County Fair he was trying to not fall off. If you missed the rodeo this time it will be back next year with all of the other wonderful Fair events. Photo by John Ferritto



Jim Monahan-Ventura's true "flagman"

The final word on the Ventura pier flag flap

by Tim Pompey

It was supposed to be a celebration of pride and patriotism. Instead, it turned into a confrontation over who had the right to fly their flags.

As most Venturans know by now, Ventura City Council member Jim Monahan was involved last Fourth of July weekend in a confrontation with Paul Bramson and his wife Roberta over the display of flags on the Ventura pier. The dispute ended with police and EMTs being called and assault charges being considered against Monahan by the Ventura County District Attorney.

Much has been made of the dispute itself, but The Breeze wanted to find out from Monahan's perspective what actually caused the disagreement. Monahan provided The Breeze with the following explanation.

Monahan is a lifelong resident of Ventura and has served on the City Council since 1978. He is an Army veteran who fought in the Korean War and is a current member of VFW Local 329.

Monahan has been involved in displaying flags around Ventura for decades. He buys them from local stores and has volunteers from the local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers assist him with setup and display. Current locations for his flags include California Street from Thompson to Poli, Main Street from Five Points to Fir Street, Thompson Boulevard from San Jon to Five Points, the Beach Promenade from the Pier to Surfers Point, Ventura Avenue from Main Street to Seneca Street, and the Ventura Pier.

He also serves as the city council's appointed liaison to the VFW and other

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The Third Annual Polo, Picnic & Paradise Fundraiser held on August 14 at the Santa Barbara Polo Club, to raise funds for the proposed Ventura Botanical Gardens was another wonderful day and success.

The high-class afternoon affair featured good food, endless fun, and great excitement on the playing field featuring the USPA Lucchese America Cup tournament.

Held in a private pavilion at the edge of the polo field it also included a great silent auction and both a ladies' and men's hat contest and "stomping the divots" at halftime.

For more information about the gardens go to www.venturabotanicalgardens.com

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Face of Ventura
by Johanna Spinks
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So long, VC Fair 2011



Aliyah Golson, 10 and her pal Snickers, less than a year-old, at the Junior Livestock Auction.

Livestock auction teaches life skills

by Mira Reverente

Through youth development organizations such as the 4-H Club and the Future Farmers of America (FFA), young people are getting early lessons in responsibility, leadership, time management and finance.

The Junior Livestock Auction at the recently concluded Ventura County Fair is a testament to that.

Budgeting and responsibility

Aliyah Golson has never raised a pet before, much less a farm animal. The 10-year-old belongs to the 4-H Club of Piru and one of the club's projects is raising animals for the annual auction.

"It teaches them valuable life skills as they care for other living things," said Max Pina, who is on his 12th year as the club's swine leader, parent volunteer and mentor.

Through a "loan" from her parents, Golson purchased a Chester pig in April and named him Snickers. Golson's daily responsibilities included bathing, feeding and walking the 60-pound pig she named after the candy bar.

"He's a very smart and sensitive animal," said Golson, adding that Snickers answers to his name. "Someone said pigs are smarter than dogs."

As Snickers put on roughly 210 pounds between April and August, his taste buds also expanded from grains to strawberries and marshmallows. Golson's responsibilities have also grown.

"We loaned her the \$275 to purchase Snickers on the condition that she would pay us back after the auction," said Monique Golson of her only child. "We don't really expect the entire amount back but we wanted her to be responsible and stick to a certain budget."

Perseverance and patience

Camarillo High School juniors Julianne Sloan and Shawna Brown also learned about taking on responsibilities early through a pair of lambs.

Everyday, the 15-year-olds would walk Trevor and Lucy around school, up and down the stairs to strengthen their legs, build more muscle mass and make them more valuable during auction.

Brown started setting her birthday and Christmas money aside in order to purchase Lucy from a breeder.

Aside from the five credits the duo

will be earning by being Camarillo FFA members and participating in the auction, they are also thinking long-term. "We want to put the money away for college," said Sloan, who wants to be a veterinarian.

Making financial decisions

Alexus Galassi is another veterinarian in the making and a financially-savvy one at that.

The 16-year-old from Fillmore is no stranger to live auctions and farm animal raising. With the Fillmore FFA, Galassi owns some pygmy goats, a pair of cattle and a calf named Kalliepe who was born the night before the auction.

Only the 1,227-pound steer was up for auction. "The money I raise today will just go back to the animals and their upkeep," said the Fillmore FFA member. "I may buy another steer next year."

Galassi's younger sister is also into animals, but smaller ones. "My little sister's pig is also up for auction," she said, adding that their family lives on a ranch. Their mom raised alpacas at one point.

The incoming high school senior has come a long way. "My parents lent me money the first year but I've been using my earnings from the auctions and just rolling them over year after year," she said.

Record year at the auction

According to Chris Garmon, the livestock numbers are up this year. "This is the highest it's ever been with over 200 pigs, 160 lambs, 40 goats plus several cattle, turkeys and chickens," said the large livestock superintendent.

"Word has gotten out because it's a worthwhile project for the kids," said Garmon. "It's relatively short-term and they learn valuable skills which will be useful well into adulthood."

When Golson is ready to open her all-natural and all-organic restaurant, she will know how to budget and manage her time. When the three budding veterinarians start their practices, they will know how to be patient and care for other animals.

**I resent that, can a pig write a column?*

Scamp

Parking meters here to stay

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more than 10,000 signatures to qualify the measure) was to no avail except to show that there was much opposition to them being installed.

Previously the City Council had instructed Ventura City Attorney Ariel Calonne to file a legal challenge against the initiative after he had expressed concerns about its constitutionality when asked by the Council for his opinion.

The meters have been controversial since their installation but supporters point out that the money collected from the pay stations must stay to support the downtown and is paying for additional police presence and a public WIFI system in downtown.

Do you know who EDITH is? You should!

by Kris McDonald

Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

The Ventura City Fire Department would like to introduce you to a friend of ours named EDITH. If you have school-age children within the City of Ventura, who have visited a Fire Station recently, chances are they have already been acquainted with EDITH. EDITH stands for Exit Drills In The Home and

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Jake Reed (and his grandpa Rich Reed) visited the Fair and especially enjoyed the wonderful butterfly exhibit. Photo by John Ferritto

it's an important tool that we teach not only to children, but ask them to share with their families as well.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 2009 almost 2,700 people were killed, and 14,700 were injured, by house fires. Most house fires occur at night, when you are asleep and most vulnerable. Along with a working smoke detector, having an escape plan in place, practicing it, and knowing what

to do when a fire happens are the best actions to take to ensure that you and your family make it out safe.

Create your escape plan by identifying a primary and, even more importantly, a secondary path of escape from every room in the house. Keep in mind that any person with physical or mental disabilities will require assistance from others in order to escape safely. Anyone

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City News

Sid White resigns, part 2

by Tim Pompey

Sid White recently left his post as the City of Ventura's Economic Development Manager. The Breeze talked to White about his long career in urban renewal and economic development. This is part 2 of a 2-part interview.

When White took his post in 2002, the City Council had just adopted a series of two-year action plans and had started a new General Plan based upon a visioning process completed in 2000. White set to work preparing a Five-Year Economic Development Strategy with a long "to do" list. The results included projects like the Downtown Ventura Organization, the W&V project, and the Westside Economic Development Strategy.

But one of his most innovative projects was the launch of the city's business incubator (V2TC). "In 2004 I had the idea, but implementation really took off in 2007," said White. "That's when a young fellow joined my staff (Alex Schneider) and I sent him down to L.A. to visit some of the tech development organizations I had worked with. Then kismet, the county building behind city hall became available and I said let's go for it."

White and Schneider learned by browsing Craigslist that some notable entrepreneurs had settled in Ventura after selling their companies and were flying to San Jose to do business. "We put together a group of entrepreneurs and a few of my seasoned economic development colleagues as an advisory board to help plan and oversee development of 10,000 square feet of the former county office into a business incubator. As a result, we presented a very pragmatic business plan to the City Council and asked for \$400,000 seed money. It was not without some angst from City management, but they gave us the money."

V2TC opened its doors in 2009. Schneider was named the incubator's first director before taking a job with one of the companies in the Incubator.

White believes that despite his innovations, the city still needs more economic diversity. "The local economy has just been chugging along," he said. "The highest paying jobs are still oil, manufacturing and government, in that order. For sustainability, we need more for the rest of us. Not everyone will end up in innovative high tech or medical, and government is already super-sized."

White admits that some things in the

city's economic structure have changed since he first arrived. Some of this has influenced his decision to leave. As he explained: "The pillars of economic development have shifted from the do it-build it infrastructure environment to public relations, marketing, and special events. I'm more of the logistics guy. I'm not good at public relations, politics are an annoyance, and a lot of times I'm blinded by the grand vision."

Does he plan to retire from developing public economic policies? White is circumspect, partly because he's been on both sides of the fence: "As I left my post at City Hall, my boss thought maybe I was tainted by too much time spent in the private sector. I do look at things from a private sector viewpoint. I believe that government can foster wealth creation and jobs in the private sector with as little regulation as possible. But what's happened is that a lot of folks think through regulation they can incentivize growth. I think if the government gets out of the way, business will grow better in its own right."

As for Ventura's own planning process, he doesn't mince words: "There is a problem with discretion in the entitlement process. The rules are written without enough clarity so that a project can be built by "right notion," i.e., someone can pick up the rule book, show their architect, go in, get a ministerial building permit, and be assured that they can get their project done. The clarity has to be as devoid of as much discretion as possible."

White has no plans to retire or leave Ventura County. "So far, I've agreed to sit on a few committees and stay involved," he said. "Besides, I can't afford to retire with two kids in college, so I'm meeting with a lot of people and thinking about doing something over the next 5-7 year span with real results. I'm looking for good projects that are meaningful and combine social equity with economic development. For example, I plan to work with the E.P. Foster Legacy Foundation as a personal project and I am also committed to the Westside economic development strategy that was laid out in 2006."

He insists, however, that he's in no hurry. "The fun is in the re-do," said White. "Some folks have some grand ideas for what I should do, but I'm going to sit back and take my time."

participants are encouraged to apply. Information and applications are available by contacting the City Manager's Office at 654-7740.

The deadline to submit an application is Friday, September 2, before 5:30pm. Applications may be submitted in person to the City Manager's Office, Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street - Room 205, or by mail to Ventura City Manager's Office, P. O. Box 99, Ventura CA 93002-0099.

Claim filed against the city

Robert and Linda Freeny have filed a \$349,000 (the amount that they say they have spent) claim against the City of Ventura that states that the council and city staff "intentionally misled" them by indicating to them that if they followed

council and staff recommendations that their proposed senior housing project would win city approval.

After 5 years of planning, including reviews by both the City's Design Review Committee and the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission had anticipated bringing a proposed 36,000 square foot senior housing project before the City Council for possible approval.

The project, proposed by the Freenys, owners of California Oaks Realtor and Seaward Mortgage, was to be located on the south side of Telegraph Road at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Ivy.

Even though the project had gained approval from the city's Planning Commission and Design Review Committee neighbors appealed their decision to the city council claiming that it was still too large for their neighborhood. The council agreed, in a 5-2 vote, they voted to uphold the appeal and deny approval of the project rejecting the housing project "without prejudice", which means that the Freenys could basically start all over and again submit a new design.

At the meeting Freeny responded that she and her husband deserved consideration for going out of their way to comply with all city requests for changes. "All I ask is that you consider that we have done everything we were ever asked to do and then some," she said.

Ventura attorney James Devine is representing the Freenys.

New contract with firefighters

The Ventura County Council has entered into a new labor contract with union firefighters that will implement adjustments to the firefighter's pensions. Beginning in October, firefighters will contribute 2 percent of their pay to their pensions. This will increase to 3.5 percent in January, and then in January 2013 to 4.5 percent. In return, workers will receive \$52.00 more per month for health care costs beginning in October, and in July 2012 this amount will increase to \$111.00.

Under the new contract the city will still contribute about \$414,000 to firefighters' pensions over the next three years. A city report indicated the new contract alone could save the city \$265,000 through 2013.

Those voting in favor of the contract were Mayor Bill Fulton and council members Mike Tracy, Jim Monahan, and Brian Brennan.

The council members who voted against the contract Neal Andrews, Christy Weir, and Carl Morehouse are still skeptical because of the rising pension costs as to the benefit the contract is said to provide to the city's budget.

Residents for enhanced libraries, and more of them

The majority of 1,500 recently surveyed Ventura residents reported they preferred multiple libraries to one central library.

Two community workshops were held to discuss library services and shortcom-

ings. In addition to more locations, the consensus was that both old and new amenities make up new libraries. Ideally the libraries would offer reading rooms, ample parking, a cafe, film series, more extensive access to databases, e-books, more books and children's programming, guest lecturers, language classes, laptops for loan, and resume and job support. Many participants viewed H.P. Wright Library, closed by the city on claim of insufficient funds, as a model for desired neighborhood-based libraries.

Located on the Ventura College campus, the Wright Library lay within walking distances of multiple schools and was known for its children's collection which, along with the rest of its materials, was transferred to E.P Foster Library downtown.

Currently Ventura spends about \$17.45 annually per capita, or \$1.9 million, on library services. Oxnard, with double the population, spends \$23 per capita and Thousand Oaks spends \$64. Statewide, the amount Ventura spends on library services accounts for roughly half the average spent by other cities.

When the Wright Library closed, the City Council set up a Library Strategic Planning Process. The initiative was headed with outside professionals whose task it was to marry resident and city interest with funding capability.

Consultants Raymond and MaryEllin Santiago are focused on the report they will produce which will identify community wants and point out the benefits and downsides of library options. In lieu of this report the Ventura City Council will make all final decisions, such as whether Ventura will remain in the county library system, begin to run libraries on its own, or hire a private company to do so. The report has an October 2011 deadline.

If you wish to participate in the survey you can still do so at <http://www.cityofventura.net/libraries>.

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ADA Access Citizen Advisory Ad Hoc Committee membership is open to all community members, and interested



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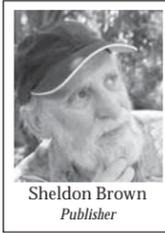
Ventura Breeze

Having only recently moved and become a citizen of the city of San Buenaventura, I am a bit confused by the story on page one of your July 26 issue regarding parking meters.

The gist of this report seems to be that somehow the City Council has interests that may differ from the interests of the voters.

Is the Council not an instrument of the people? How can any action of the people be illegal? Are not all the laws now on the book, an expression of the Will of the People? How can the will of the Council differ from the

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown
Publisher

■ A diverse group of 11 candidates has registered to be in the race for three seats to be selected on the Ventura City Council. With Bill Fulton not seeking another term there will be at least one new member on the council and the potential for three as the terms of council members Christy Weir and Carl Morehouse are up.

Both are running for another term, Weir is seeking her third four-year term and Morehouse his fourth.

There are 5 first time candidates running: Tea Party organizer, and parking initiative organizer Carla Bonney, Cheryl Heitmann, executive director of the Ventura Music Festival, architect Martin Armstrong, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Danny Carrillo, an organizer for the Service Employees International Union Local 721, and Ed Alamillo, an employee of the county's environmental health division.

Rounding out the group are 4 who have run previously: Kenneth Cozzens, a retired sheriff's captain and downtown business owner and a volunteer leader with Ventura City Corps, Attorney William Knox, Brian Lee Renscher, a citizen activist who has run unsuccessfully multiple times for City Council and who attends many city council meetings, and Melody Joy Baker, a homeless veteran who has also made several unsuccessful runs to be on the council who can often be seen in her wheel chair downtown.

Each of the candidates has agreed to a voluntary campaign spending cap of \$30,000, which allows each to collect campaign donations of up to \$275 from individuals.

■ There will be many opportunities

for you to meet the candidates starting on August 25 with the Chamber of Commerce PAC Forum at the Marriot Hotel at 6pm.

Next will be the election forum at the Ventura Townhouse at 1:30pm on September 12 with Suz Montgomery asking questions proposed by her wonderful seniors.

And on September 28 is the day for the Westside Community Council/CAUSE Candidate Forum and in October the League of Women Voters' Candidate Forum on Tuesday the 11th at 7pm and several more to follow.

CAPS TV will be broadcasting (and re-broadcasting the forums) so you will have plenty of opportunities to meet the candidates.

■ Last Saturday the Music Under the Stars most enjoyable summer concert series (presented at the Olivas Adobe) featured their first ever rock and roll band Ventura's own Army of Freshman.

The crowd knew that this would not be the usual band that plays there when Glenda Jackson (the wonderful MC for all of the concerts) announced that ear plugs would be available (many used them).

The somewhat smaller than usual crowd really got into the spirit of the band and were very receptive to their music and presentation and certainly made them feel very welcome to the Adobe. And many were even dancing (if jumping up and down is dancing).

The band's stage presence and acknowledgement that this wasn't their usual audience really helped the relationship between the band and those in attendance. The leader pointed out that it was nice to play to an audience that wasn't Twittering during the entire concert (perhaps a few were) and had an attention span over 10 minutes which

allowed them to play 2 sets.

The band has been very busy traveling the world recently including China and just recently performed at the 20th Anniversary of Belgium's Groezrock Festival.

It will be interesting to see if they will be asked to return next year.

■ If I was a professional golfer I would really be upset if I win a tournament and the headline says "Tiger Woods takes seventh". This is like after the Academy Awards the headline reads who didn't win.

■ Sometimes we, and all newspapers make some errors but the one made by the Miami Herald after the NBA championships might top the list.

After the Dallas Mavericks won the championship by beating the Miami Heat the paper ran a large ad that congratulated the Heat for winning the championship that included a photo of Heat championship T-shirts and caps.

Perhaps the ad will be a collector's item some day.

■ And speaking about our downtown parking meters (I know that I wasn't but it seems that every one else is) some parking meters in downtown Los Angeles can run from \$3 to \$4 per hour with the costs being adjusted based upon demand at various times during the day and on how long motorists stay in each space.

And you thought that ours are complicated and expensive. I personally don't think that they are but I heard of one man who tried to put a dollar bill in the credit card slot and was very upset that it wouldn't take his money. This is probably the same man who tried to use his gas credit card at a restaurant.

Also, per an article in this issue a judge has ordered the initiative be removed from the ballot which is what the city attorney thought would happen.

Mailbox

Will of the People, as expressed in a vote?

Hal Wilder
Ventura

Letter to the Editor

The issue of potential prescription drug abuse in nursing homes has been debated lately in the local press, and to further educate the community, The Venturan, The Ventura Townhouse and the Extended Learning Academy will be hosting a complimentary Community Educational Forum.

The forum will address whether or not such drug abuse is fact or fiction with a panel of physicians, nursing home administrators, and community senior advocates which will endeavor to educate the public and to address the often misunderstood process.

This Ventura TownHouse Community Education Series free forum will be held from 1-2:30 on Thursday, Sept. 29th at the Ventura TownHouse, 4900 Telegraph Road, across the street from Ventura Community College.

Suz Montgomery
Ventura

Breeze:

It seems that the reclaimed farmland next to West Main Street is a positive for Ventura in spite of the fact that they removed quite a few old sycamores and that the Ventura River

environmentalists probably don't like this flood plain being reclaimed.

George Robertson



Classes and jazz

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Cummings

Class #29621 Saturdays
8/27-10/1 3:15-5:15 pm

Classes take place at the Barranca Vista Center-7050 Ralston Street, Ventura. Call 658-4726 or 654-7552 to register, if you already have an account online, visit www.cityofventura.net

Also Barranca Vista Center is serving up the last of its free summer concerts in the park on Sunday, August 28th at 4pm. Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blanket or low lawn chairs for an afternoon of jazz with the Jill Martini Soiree. The Jill Martini Soiree is an ensemble specializing in acoustic-based cocktail swing and gypsy jazz.

This concert is presented by the City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs.

The Ventura Breeze is looking for an intern (that means you don't get paid) to help with lots of fun things like walking Scamp, typing, phone calls, Facebooking, learning the newspaper biz, photographing and who knows what else.

If this is you please lets us know at editor@venturabreeze.com



Whatever you do or dream you can do – begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it.

–Johann Goethe



News and Notes



Ventura Police Officer Sears, Kaya and Tim were all thrilled that they were able to provide Kaya with a new laptop

Good Samaritans

by Ana Baker

On July 29th, a robbery occurred at noon at the Toys R Us parking lot on Johnson Dr. A teen by the name of Kaya had been saving his money for over a year to purchase a laptop. Kaya went to Best Buy with his mother (Sabrina) and sister (Taya). After purchasing a laptop they made another stop at Toys R Us. Only being ten minutes in the store, Sabrina was called to the front desk and received the news about her car being broken into. The laptop was stolen and the car's window was smashed. Many witnesses saw the suspect and took down the make of the car. The suspect's car had just been purchased. A witness made a call to the dealership and the suspect's information was available. Another brave witness followed him to Oxnard. The

suspect had been following the family from Best buy to Toys R Us.

The authorities were notified and the suspect was caught but the laptop was not found. The suspect had given away the laptop in exchange for drugs. Word got out about this incident and a friend of the family (Denise) made a call to one of our Ventura Police Officers. Officer Sears and a gentleman named Tim were able to replace the stolen laptop plus a few extra goodies. They surprised Kaya two days later by taking the laptop to his home just in time for his birthday. Denise called family and friends and all of them donated money to fix the shattered car window. It's a true blessing when a community helps you in your time of need.

City Hall with 3 council seats open and a large list of contenders. A controversial measure about paid parking is also on the ballot. We will be providing you with the best coverage of all the candidate and issue forums throughout Ventura. We will provide you "LIVE" election night coverage from City Hall as well!

We begin our candidate forum coverage next week, on August 25th with the Chamber of Commerce PAC Forum at the Marriot at 6pm. Our next forum is the Seniors' City Council election forum at the Ventura Townhouses at 1:30pm on September 12TH. September 28th is the day for the Westside Community Council/CAUSE Candidate Forum. October sees us recording from the Poinsettia Pavilion, the League of Women Voters' Candidate Forum on Tuesday Oct. 11th at 7pm. CAPS is also covering the Midtown/College Area Community Councils on October 13th at Grace Church at 7pm. All of our forums will be rebroadcast on Channel 6 right up until the election.

Don't forget our own CAPS Video Voter programs where we offer each candidate an opportunity to share their platform with viewers and answer questions on a variety of issues with our own moderators. For up-to-date and honest coverage CAPS Video Voter is not to be missed. You will be able to view it all on Channel 6. Check the schedule on our website www.capstv.org. CAPS wants to keep you informed.

We will be covering several

community events in the coming weeks, including the Chamber's Young Professional Group's "Work It" fashion event and the all important ground-breaking ceremony of the Boys and Girls Club new building in Saticoy. CAPS is happy to be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club on our Digital Storytelling program this year. We will keep you posted.

Here at the media center we are busy training new members to help tell their story and share it on Channel 6. We cover the how-to's on producing an in-studio shoot right here at CAPS and training on the use of our new Panasonic HD cameras. We also train our members on our editing equipment featuring iMovie 11. Everyday we air quality programming by our members, from documentaries to health to news and opinion programs. It is nice to see how such a diverse membership enthusiastically embraces the CAPS Media Center vision of sharing stories.

CAPS membership costs only \$25 a year for the use of our studio, cutting edge equipment and skilled training. Check out our Facebook page, CAPS and find us on Twitter at CAPSTVtweets.

Compassionate Eating

by Bianca Martinez

I love dirt. In fact, I crave dirt. Enough time spent in front of my computer surrounded by artificial lights and plaster walls often leaves me feeling drained and lethargic. This is usually cured by a good dose of fresh air and a stroll through the neighborhood. Our modern world offers a bit too much pavement for my taste, but fortunately there are some lovely community gardens that have sprung up around Ventura County. While on a walk the other day I was amazed at how quickly my stress melted away just by stepping into the Color Garden behind the Foster Library. I had passed by it numerous times but hadn't allowed myself the luxury of slowly strolling through its abundant vegetation. My eyes took in all the beautiful plants, finding gems of brightly colored squash, peppers and tomatoes hiding amongst the green leaves and vines. I had to exercise some self-control while passing the strawberry patch, those juicy berries were almost too tempting to resist! After talking to a friendly volunteer and taking in a few more deep breaths of earthy goodness I climbed back up the hill towards Poli Street feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

On my way home I was delighted to see homes with a few tomato plants of their own and even some doing away with lawns altogether. Living in a dry climate like ours, it makes sense to use less water and yet still enjoy beautiful lush gardens. The good folks at Nopalito Nursery have a variety of drought tolerant, native plants to choose from along with some veggie plants as well. I recently found out that they offer free workshops and lectures on a variety of topics including water conservation and how to transform your yard into an eco-friendly paradise. This concept not only provides a welcomed habitat for local species of birds and other creatures, it provides a connection with the Earth that is deeply nourishing to our minds, bodies and spirits.

I can't wait for the day when I have a yard to play in and some dirt of my own, but for now I have my one tomato plant and some herbs that I've managed to keep alive on my balcony. I still have

a long way to go in learning the art of growing food. I have a deep respect for those who retain that life-giving knowledge. All the more reason to check out my local community gardens to see how it's done, get some free therapy and make some new friends while I'm at it.

For a list of local community gardens and recipes featuring locally grown produce check out compassionateating.wordpress.com

Make-A-Wish Foundation needs your help

Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Tri-counties needs more office volunteers. Office volunteers work two hours every other week at the Wish Center in Ventura and sometimes from home doing a variety of tasks.

This is a critical budget relieving position. The position requires extremely dependable self-starters. Some office volunteers have a specialty and do the same job every time they are in the Wish Center. Others are ready to do whatever tasks are the most needed when they arrive- within their own abilities. Office volunteers must maintain confidentiality of all information received.

To find out more contact Janelle Boehrner at jboehrner@tri-counties.wish.org or 676-9464 or visit <http://tri-counties.wish.org/ways-to-help/volunteer-time-and-talents/>

Auditions planned at Poinsettia Pavilion

Local actors of all ages will have the unique opportunity to audition for a stage performance of Jane Austen's classic novel, "Pride and Prejudice," from August 31 to September 3 at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road.

The play is a production of Ventura County Community Theatre, in association with Performance Theatre for Young Artists. Most youth parts to be cast are written for 12 to 18 year olds, and adults will perform age-appropriate roles. Performances are planned for November.

One of the most acclaimed novels in English literature, "Pride and Prejudice" has stood the test of time, and to date has sold an estimated 20 million copies worldwide.

Although a drama, the show will feature several "old world" dances and songs. With a humorous slant, "Pride and Prejudice" deals with marriage, manners, morality, education and other issues among England's 19th-century, land-owning English gentry.

Actors should prepare a 1-minute monologue to perform for the audition. They will also be asked to do a cold reading from the script. For more information about auditions, "Pride and Prejudice" characters, the plot and the production, go to www.ptya.org. To schedule an audition appointment, call 653-1962.



CAPS Chat

Is summer really over?

by Elizabeth Rodeno

The "kids" are back in school and summer is almost over. Well is it really ever over in Southern California and Ventura? Ventura seems to play summer all year long with festivals, art shows and events filling the calendar. The Fair has come and gone and we were happy to cover its launch with "LIVE" coverage of the Ventura County Fair Parade. Live coverage of the City Council meetings resumes in September. We will continue coverage of other city meetings including the Planning Commission, Design Review, Historical Preservation Society and the Ventura Unified School District.

2011 is Ventura City Council election year. It should prove to be exciting at



News and Notes



Downtown sidewalks are reserved only for moving on our own two feet and strollers

Downtown Ventura: A Pedestrian Safe Zone

by Chloé Sehati

As pedestrians wander around Downtown Ventura, it may be tempting to get around on wheels rather than two feet; however, easy or not, it isn't only unsafe... it's also illegal.

According to Ventura Police Services Officer Tracey Coert, skateboarding, bike riding, roller-skating, and even riding on a Segway in Downtown Ventura are all illegal and fall under the same category of transportation. If stopped, someone could be fined a ticket of \$125 - but that's just the first time. The second offense can even be doubled in its price.

Sometimes, certain laws which are passed aren't closely looked at, but in Downtown Ventura on Main Street, there are a few specific signs that state "Pedestrian safe zone - No skateboarding, bicycling, or skating on side walks in downtown business district."

This law doesn't just apply for Downtown Ventura - even Ventura Port District Ordinance No. 44 emphasizes this law's importance, affirming that "at any public beach, recreation area, or other public area within Ventura Harbor, it shall be a violation... [for] any person to bicycle, skateboard, skate, or ride a scooter or other wheeled vehicle upon any sidewalk, walkway, or other area designed primarily for pedestrian use."

When it comes to strolling around Downtown, the sidewalks are reserved only for moving on our own two feet; anyone on wheels could be hazardous to those who cannot maneuver as quickly. The ticket isn't worth it, and the injuries that could be caused aren't worth it, either.

A new farmers market in Ventura

Did you know East Ventura has a farmers market? The new year-round market is at the Moose Lodge, 10269 Telephone Road on Thursdays from 3 - 7pm. Customers will find fresh vegetables, vibrant fruits, farm fresh eggs, homemade salsa and homemade dog treats! The market provides a great place to meet and socialize with neighbors and increases access to fresh food that tastes better, is nutritionally better, and promotes healthy eating habits. Come enjoy the harvest!



Susan Rose elected to Board of Directors

Susan Rose has been elected to the Board of Directors of the McCune Foundation, based in Ventura. Susan served eight years as a Supervisor for the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and has a distinguished record of community involvement in the region.

"The election of Susan Rose to our Foundation's Board strengthens us," said Sara Miller McCune, who established the Foundation with her late husband George D. McCune in 1990. "Susan's regional knowledge and keen insight will enable us to make better decisions in the next few years -- when philanthropic investments are so much more important than ever before."

The Foundation awards \$850,000 annually to grassroots groups that build social capital and empower residents of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Susan served for six years as Executive Director for the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women. She worked to assure that all women had equal participation in City government, and to promote the general welfare of the City's women. Susan also served three years on the state Fair Employment and Housing Commission, California's civil rights agency.

She has a Master's degree in American History from Southern Connecticut State College and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California.

Flag flap

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local veterans organizations.

His story began after his annual flag setup at the Ventura Pier last Fourth of July weekend. As Monahan read the Sunday edition of the Ventura County Star, a picture caught his attention. In the picture, local Cub Scouts were taking down Monahan's flags and putting up Bramson's. Needless to say, Monahan wondered why. "I thought somebody had given their permission," he said.

Monahan checked with all the typical authorities—the mayor, the head of the pier committee, the city manager. None of them had any idea what was going on. Not even the Star who printed the story could help him.

Then he received a phone call. "I got a call from Ken Cozzens (director of City Corp). He said 'Jim, I've got your flags here.' He asked me to come down and pick them up."

Call it bad timing, but when

Monahan arrived at City Corp, who should be standing there but Paul and Roberta Bramson. When Monahan asked who gave him permission to remove the flags, he said Bramson responded that "no permission was required."

Monahan disputes this statement, stating that "the policy is that along the promenade the Downtown Ventura Organization (DVO) has to agree when the flags will go up." He believes the actual motivation for Bramson's action is that Bramson sells flags for a living.

According to Monahan, taking down his flags had more to do with whom he sold the flags to (in this case, the Elks Lodge) rather than an actual policy dispute. "He claimed to do it through the Elks Lodge and recruited the Cub Scouts to help him," said Monahan.

What happened next depends on whom you talk to, but Monahan admits he had a "few choice words for Bramson." The Bramsons claimed that Monahan pushed them and struck Roberta with a flag pole. Monahan countered that Bramson pushed the flag in his face. "At that point all I did was take the flag from Bramson," he said. "I never touched the guy or his wife." Eventually, the police were called in and Bramson

requested that assault charges be filed against Monahan.

According to a report released by the DA's office, Mrs. Bramson did receive medical treatment on July 6 and was diagnosed with "ecchymosis and contusion," but no "hematoma." The report concluded that "there is no medical evidence to prove how this injury was caused."

After numerous interviews with onsite witnesses, the DA concluded that "it would not be possible to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that James Monahan is guilty of battery."

Given the bad publicity this has generated, Monahan plans to clarify the city's policy on official flag displays. "What we will do as a city council is establish a protocol to avoid any more disputes," he said.

He also hopes to recognize the Cub Scouts who helped put up Bramson's flags at an upcoming city council meeting.

As for his involvement in future flag displays, Monahan is adamant that he will continue to post them around the city. "We'll follow the same policy we always have," he said. "Everyone who's been involved will continue to be involved."



On August 21 emergency units from Ventura City Fire, Ventura PD and Gold Coast Ambulance responded to a report of a vehicle into a building at 2199 S. Victoria Ave. Emergency personnel arrived to find a vehicle that had careened across north Victoria Ave. into the Food Mart area of the Chevron gas station which was open at the time of the collision. The driver of the vehicle was uninjured in the event.



On August 6 the Ventura Police Department held an open house at their K9 storefront located at the Pacific View Mall (right behind Target) where folks could meet the K9 officers and their partners at "K9 Meet & Greet".

Connor Walsh came from Oxnard to meet a K9 and enjoyed meeting and petting "Amigo von Neuenkirchner Land" and meeting his partner Officer Jacob Fowler and other K9 officers and their partners.

Amigo is a 75 pound black and tan German Shepherd who was born in Elmshorn, Germany in October of 2007. Amigo lives at home with Officer Fowler.



Community Events



Back row: Von Rae Wood, Clarinda Ross, Stephanie Zimbalist and Bonnie Franklin-Front row: Amy Handelman and Angela Goethals star in *Steel Magnolias* at the Rubicon. Photo by James Scolari.

Events at the Rubicon Theatre

Rubicon Theatre Company presents *Steel Magnolias*, directed by Jenny Sullivan, August 24 through September 18. *Steel Magnolias* is a heartwarming story that follows a group of friends who gather each week at a salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where Truvy dispenses shampoo and advice to Ouiser, the town curmudgeon Miss Clairee, an eccentric millionaire with a sweet tooth; and M'Lynn, whose daughter Shelby is about to get married. Tough as steel and fragile as the blossoms of magnolia trees, these hilarious characters gossip, tease, laugh, fight, cajole, and comfort each other as they go through life's big joys and challenges.

For performance schedule and tickets, call 667-2900 or go to www.rubicontheatre.org.

Also the Rubicon Theatre Company is thrilled to present, in his first Southern California performance since returning from New York City and his Tony Award-winning role as Jerry Lee Lewis in *Million Dollar Quartet*, recording artist Levi Kreis, in a one night only, benefit concert for the theatre, *An Intimate Evening with Levi Kreis*, on Tuesday, August 30 beginning at 7:30pm.

Levi was awarded the 2010 Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical for his portrayal of Jerry Lee Lewis in the three-time Tony nominated

musical *Million Dollar Quartet*.

Tickets are \$45 and are available by calling the Rubicon Theatre Box Office at 667-2900 or by visiting www.rubicontheatre.org. Select "Event Underwriter" tickets are available for \$500.00 and include a post-show reception and encore performance by Mr. Kreis at a beautiful home in the Ventura area.

Conversation group open to all

On Wednesdays, from 4-6pm there is a wonderful conversation group that is held at the Senior Center located on Santa Clara. There is plenty of free parking at the rear of the building.

Sam Povar, who leads the group, said "The group has been going on over 5 years and there are 200 or so people on our email list. We usually have 12 to 20 people in attendance. There is no prearranged agenda at all, we discuss subjects as they come up. Many are politics, many lifestyles, personal stuff, all over the place. People of all ages, sexes, religions, professions and economic status attend. Political differences abound, this is no chorus. It's an event that should take place in towns all over California, and for that matter America."

"We are always looking for new blood, always need minorities and people 30 to 50 years old to join us. Lots of unemployed out there, they should show up, they might learn something."

Rotary Clubs Of Ventura County mixer

The First Annual Rotary Clubs Of Ventura County Mixer will be held Tuesday, August 30, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura.

An evening of networking with an opportunity to meet and share ideas with Rotary members and their guests from all of the Ventura County clubs. There will be complementary hors d'oeuvres and a chance to meet and hear the 2011 - 2012 District Governor Wayne Normura who will also present a brief Rotary overview. An open bar will also be available for purchasing drinks. A \$10 cover charge will be collected at the door.

Three business promotion areas will be available that evening. For additional event information or to reserve a space contact event chairperson, Gerardo Sanchez, 258-1725 or e-mail him at gf_sanchez@yahoo.com.

Guitarist Dick Dale to headline Spencer Makenzie's Block Party

One of last summer's most popular local events, Spencer Makenzie's End of Summer Block Party, is back again with an incredible lineup of musical acts, including a performance by the king of surf rock, Dick Dale.

Taking place Saturday, August 27

and Sunday, August 28, the family friendly event will once again take over a full city block outside of the popular downtown restaurant by the Pacific Ocean. The two day block party will feature live music, a classic car show, a corn hole tournament, eclectic vendors, a massive kid's activity zone hosted by the Ventura Family YMCA and all of the award winning food and sauces that Spencer Makenzie's Fish Company is known for.

"Initially we just wanted to say thank you to our customers by throwing an old fashioned, grassroots block party", explains Spencer Makenzie's owner, John Karayan. "When thousands of people showed up, we realized there was much more of a demand for this type of community event than we had ever anticipated. There was an overwhelming demand for us to do it again this summer and we intend to make the Block Party even bigger and better."

Headlining this year's musical lineup will be Dick Dale, who is heralded as one of the greatest guitar players of all time, not to mention the inventor of surf rock. The Grammy nominated and platinum selling, "Shaman of the Stratocaster", has performed all over the world and at 74 years old shows no sign of slowing. It's the chance to see a bona fide music legend in a rare area appearance.

Spencer Makenzie's End of Summer Block Party starts at 11 a.m. on both days and all ages are welcome. Admission is \$5.00 per day for adults and free for kids under 12.

Spencer Makenzie's Fish Company is located in downtown Ventura at 806 E. Thompson Boulevard on the corner of Ash Street and Thompson Boulevard.

Ventura events

Aug. 25: Energy Upgrade California (www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org) is a statewide energy efficiency program that delivers tools, resources and rebates geared to improve energy efficiency, save consumers money, help the environment, create green jobs and revitalize California's economy. The **Energy Upgrade California Participation Workshop** is one of the major steps towards becoming an Energy Upgrade Participating Contractor and being able to offer customers up to \$4,000 of rebates and incentives for home improvements. 7 - 9am at the Four Points Sheraton at 1050 Schooner Dr. The cost is free however registration is required at <http://tinyurl.com/VenturaPW>. For more information, contact Ashley Watkins at 619-985-0805 or awatkins@ecoact.org

Aug. 26: Symphony of Violins & Guitars Concert Art Show: Two shows 7 - 9 p.m. at The WAV Theater Gallery (175 S. Ventura Ave.). A Saint Pierre Production, enjoy the amazing arrangements of stringed instruments violins, cello, guitars, vocal masters and visual young artists. Also L. Renee Fenton will give a handmade artisan jewelry designer presentation. Many young artists and every concert is an art show. Food, snacks, and beverages available both shows. \$10 advance on line, \$12.50 at door. Please call (888) 226-9668. Free parking at the corner of Ventura Avenue and Thompson Blvd.

Aug. 28: From 11 - 3 p.m. the Olivas Adobe docents are presenting an **art exhibit at the Adobe**. They will be honoring the 100 birthday of Marguerite Hardeman, a gifted and prolific artist. Several of her murals are stored at the

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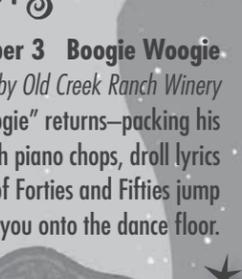
Lisa Haley & the Zydekats

August 27 Zydeco
Presented by Andria's Seafood Restaurant
This Grammy-nominated fiddler and her five-piece Cajun band—our series' most popular act every year—return to infect us with their volcanic "swamp-roots rock" from the bayous of Louisiana full of joyful "get up and dance" Mardi Gras rhythms.



Rob Rio & the Revolvers

September 3 Boogie Woogie
Presented by Old Creek Ranch Winery
The ever-popular "Boss of the Boogie" returns—packing his five piece virtuoso band blazing with piano chops, droll lyrics and a wildly entertaining wallop of Forties and Fifties jump blues classics that will propel you onto the dance floor.



Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura
Reserve tickets \$20 and tables \$10 at 805-658-4726
Concerts 7:30 to 9:30 pm – Doors open 6:30 pm
Bring your own picnic or call 805-650-7559 by Friday noon for a \$15 hot buffet dinner from Buena Ventura Catering



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Community Events

Adobe and will be shown at this exhibit.

Aug. 30: Find the answers for a lost artifact and hidden treasure at **Museum of Ventura County's Appraisal Day**. Where you can get a verbal auction estimate of worth from the experts at Bonhams & Butterfields from 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per item for members and \$10 for non-members. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door. There is a limit of 5 items per person, first come, first served, no appointments available. Estimates are given in the following categories only. Asian art books and manuscripts. California, American and European paintings. Silver furniture and decorative art, fine jewelry and timepieces, fine prints, African, Oceanic, and Pre-Columbian not Native American and entertainment memorabilia. For further information contact Robin Woodworth, Director of Development at 653-0323 ex 309, or development@venturamuseum.org.

Sept. 2: At a time when eighteen veterans a day are committing suicide and a whole new generation of veterans and their families are left carrying the burden of more recent wars, S. Brian Willson, a Vietnam vet and activist, will be coming to Ventura to champion a powerful **Labor Day Call for Peace**. Brian, known for his dynamic presentations, will be speaking on "AWOL from the American Way of Life."

This free event is being sponsored by Veterans for Peace, Chapter 112, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, Frank Dorrell of Addicted to War and Cindy Piester of Pulse TV and Maverick Media. The free event will be held at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 5654 Ralston St.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Willson will be taking questions and signing copies of his newly released book, *Blood on the Tracks*, which will be available for purchase.

For further information call 407-7997 or email: work4peacenow@gmail.com

Sept 4: A Flea Market and Collectibles Faire and a January 13, 1944 suspense radio program from 1926 recordings of Hawaiian music in Paris will be featured in the Dudley House historic recording and old time radio series during the Dudley House open house. The house will be open from 1 - 4 p.m. with the flea market and collectibles faire beginning at 9 a.m. The Dudley Docents will give tours of 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.

Sept. 5: Labor Day Sunday for Peace and Social Environmental Justice Activists. Current cause projects in our communities at 3 p.m. Maricela Morales is Associate Executive Director of cause, the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Environment. Maricela is a long-time progressive activist and former mayor of the City of Port Hueneme. Miguel Rodriguez is a Cause Community Organizer. The event will be held at Foster Library's Topping Room.

Sept. 7: The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club, (BCNN) is a group of active women of all ages who live in Ventura, Oxnard, or Port Hueneme and enjoy activities such as hiking, golf, dining, wine outings, reading, cooking, etc. For more information, please attend

their monthly meeting 9:30 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Beglar Merlich AKA Chief Local Stained Artist & Teacher. Meetings are held at The Greek Restaurant located at 1583 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura Harbor. There is no charge for meeting and Coffee or Tea is available at a nominal charge of \$1.00. For additional information, please call 382-2935 or 659-4542 or go to: bcnn.community.officelive.com

Sept. 11: The Ventura County Chapter of USA Dance, Inc., will be holding their **September Dance Party** on Sunday at the new Academy Dance Studio location, 1937 Goodyear Ave., Suite 702, in Ventura. The event will include a patriot day remembrance as well as a free dance technique lesson at 2pm, followed by open dancing from 3 to 5:30pm. Music is a variety of ballroom, Latin and swing Cd's. Also featured are male dance hosts, refreshments and a 50/50 raffle. Admissions: \$10 general, \$9 dance buddies, \$7 USA Dance members and \$5 active duty military and youth. Info: 646-6271.

Audubon field trips - Beginners are welcome on all field trips. Light drizzle does not necessarily cancel trips, but heavier rain will. If in doubt, call the leader.

Sunday, Sept. 11, 8:00 a.m. Santa Clara River Estuary/Surfers' Knoll. Leader: Eric Waian (630-0100). Take Harbor Blvd to Spinnaker and enter Ventura Harbor. Follow Spinnaker as it curves around to the right. Surfers' Knoll is on the left. Please bring scopes.

Monday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. Arroyo Verde Park, Ventura. Leader: Adele Fergusson (415-4304). see some early fall migrants including White-crowned & Golden-crowned sparrows, hawks & woodpeckers. Take Victoria Ave. north, left on Foothill Rd., right on Day Rd. entrance to the park. Meet at the last parking lot by the restrooms.

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura. Ventura Audubon Society General Meeting. Public is welcome. Speaker: Ira Meyer will exhibit photographs from his many trips to the Antarctic region featuring the wildlife on the Falkland and South Georgia Islands and the Ice of the Antarctic.

Ojai events

"The Good Doctor" is a Neil Simon gem and "joyous experience" from his early years, comprising ten vignettes based on Anton Chekhov's humorous short stories, directed by Phil Nemy and starring eight great Ojai actors. Part of Ojai ACT's "Fifth Monday" series, this active reading is only \$5 and for one night only 7 p.m. **Monday, August 29.** "Never Too Late" presented by Ojai ACT is a comedy about a woman who gets pregnant -- in her 50's -- inciting mixed feelings and comic conditions from her husband, daughter and "meathead" son-in-law. John Slade directs this comedy often considered the precursor to "All in the Family." It runs September 9 - October 2 at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 seniors, students and Art Center members at Ojai Art Center Theater, 113 S. Montgomery Ave.; 640-8797 or www.OjaiACT.org.

On **August 28**, at 4:30pm **"Phil Ochs: There But For Fortune"**, a timely tribute to an unlikely American hero will be playing at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E. Ojai Ave. Phil Ochs, a



Tickets on sale for "Pier Under the Stars"

Tickets are now on sale for Pier Under the Stars—the 18th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier on Saturday, October 1st, from 5-8 PM. Each year more than 800 residents and visitors attend this beachfront culinary fair adjacent to the pier to sample the county's best food and spirits provided by over 50 area businesses.

Restaurants, cafes, wineries and breweries serve their signature dishes and beverages from tented booths along the seaside Promenade while guests enjoy live music by Luna Gitana, dancing and bid on silent auction items—all to benefit the city's 139-year-old pier.

The sell-out event hosted by Pier into the Future—a non-profit 501 c (3)—"is a much anticipated community gathering of friends that raises funds for our beloved Pier", said Pier Into the Future Executive Director Jenise Wagar. The organization was founded by a group of dedicated community leaders, in partnership with the City of Ventura, to establish an endowment fund to preserve, maintain and enhance the historic Ventura Pier for future genera-

folk singing legend who many called the emotional heart of his generation, loved his country and pursued its honor in song and action with a ferocity that had no regard for consequences.

Ochs wrote I Ain't Marching Anymore, often called the anthem of the anti-Vietnam War movement. He wrote There But for Fortune, sung by Joan Baez, and Small Circle of Friends, When I'm Gone, and Talking Vietnam. Wielding only a battered guitar, a clear voice and a quiver of razor sharp songs, he tirelessly fought the good fight for peace and justice throughout his short life.

"The short and tragic life of Phil Ochs is as involving as the music he wrote and played, and that is saying a great deal."-Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times

Taro Wayama is a Japanese born guitarist/composer. He is a winner of numerous competitions such as 1st place in the 2003 Aaron Green/American String Teachers Association Guitar Competition. Taro is an active soloist and a chamber musician. He has performed in Japan, Thailand, Canada, and the US. performing music from Renaissance through 20th Century and Folk/World music.

His album, Transatlantique, contains works which are not part of the ordinary guitar repertoire. The pieces are multi-cultural background arrange-

tions to enjoy.

General admission tickets are \$60.00 and include food and beverage tasting, a commemorative Pier wine glass and complementary parking. A limited number of VIP tickets are offered at \$100 each. VIP tickets include all of the benefits associated with General Admission, plus early entrance to the event at 4:30 pm and a reserved seat at a VIP table along the promenade.

Tickets are available at the Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau, 101 S. California Street or by calling 648-2075. Additional information, including sponsorship opportunities and restaurant/winery participation forms can be found at www.pierintothefuture.org or by calling 797-7544.

Also Volunteer to maintain the pier Pier into the Future is looking for adult volunteers to work at Pier Under the Stars on Saturday, October 1. Volunteers are needed to help take tickets, work in the silent auction and assist with pre-event set up and table decorations. Please contact Jenise at 797-7544 or jenisewagar@gmail.com to volunteer.

ments of works originally written for other instruments. He will be performing at the Ojai Library.

"Relive the Magic", a Beatles/Stones tribute concert to benefit the Ojai Valley Museum will take place on **September 10** in Ojai's Libbey Bowl. Get Back and Twist and Shout your way down Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields with the music that's become the soundtrack for a generation. Come and re-introduce yourself to Lady Madonna, Angie and Sweet Lady Jane. Rock out under the stars to the music of two of the greatest bands in rock n' roll history. We'll be Pleased to Meet You!!

Tickets are \$45 for general admission, \$25 for lawn seating. There are also a very limited number of \$100 VIP tickets available which include premium parking and seats, a gift bag of appreciation and an after concert VIP/Meet and Greet party at Agave Marias, just one block from the bowl. This is a non-alcoholic event of family fun, fond memories and good ole rock n' roll. So come hungry and ready to eat. We've gathered some of the best food vendors in Ojai. To purchase tickets online go to: www.BeatlesAndStonesLibbeyBowl.com Box office opens at 3pm and gates open at 6pm. Or visit these local Ojai ticket outlets: Ojai Valley Museum, Ojai Community Bank, Attitude Adjustment, Rains Dept. Store, Ojai Creates! and Cardinali Bros. Music.

The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Donna Granata

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Donna Granata is best known as a portrait photographer and founder of the Ventura based non-profit arts education program Focus on the Masters (FOTM) that documents and archives Ventura County artists. Donna has received numerous awards in recognition of FOTM's outstanding contributions to arts education including the 2007 Ventura County Arts Council Art Star Award, the inaugural City of Ventura Mayor's Art Award in 2005 and has served as a Cultural Ambassador to Sub-Sahara Africa for Rotary International as a Group Study Exchange.

Donna teaches for Road Scholar Elderhostel International. Lectures include the J. Paul Getty Collection and Museums, Pageant of the Masters, and a variety of art related topics. She has received a Bachelor of Arts and Honorary Masters of Science Degree from the Brooks Institute, where she currently serves as an adjunct instructor in the portrait department. She is listed in Marquis Who's Who of American Women and is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Ojai Studio Artists.

Donna told us that "Art has always played a very important role in my life. I grew up in Ojai and was surrounded by extraordinarily gifted individuals. From a very early age, art was an escape. It was a safe haven, protecting me from the ills of life.

"Amazingly, all of my studies in college – photography, art history, advertising and studio art – combined with my passion for portraiture are the foundation on which FOTM was built. While recovering from a devastating fall, I found myself organizing earlier negatives and prints created while a student at Brooks Institute. It became apparent that my portraits of friends, such as accomplished artists Gerd Koch and the late Beatrice Wood were more than ordinary pictures: they were historic documents. I realized that I had the opportunity and ability to assist my fellow artists as their careers evolved by assembling a path for histo-

rians to follow.

"With a strong background in art history, my love for the visual arts and dedication to arts education, FOTM evolved organically. Today FOTM's ever growing 2,000 square foot archive contains close to 1,800 files on over 160 artists who have lived or worked within Ventura County.

"My life's work is dedicated to drawing attention to our artists while they are still here and recording their contributions for generations to come. Every day I feel so lucky to have made the choice to dedicate my life to studying the human experience and how it relates to the creative process."

We asked her what she likes most about Ventura?

The people. I surround myself with positive, productive and community minded individuals dedicated to making a positive difference in this world. Be it through their creative expression or sharing common goals, I am blessed to be among a group of people who are extraordinarily gifted and think on a grand scale.

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

Sitting for Johanna was such an honor for me. I loved watching her creative process and seeing her in action. As a portraitist myself, I appreciate her wonderful ability to connect with her sitter – that is so important to the success of a portrait. She took the time to do her homework and learn not only about my work with FOTM but also my work as a painter, photographer and teacher. She took a genuine interest in me as a person beyond the information that is readily available. It is important to know how your subjects feel as they are being captured for posterity.

Johanna Spinks' Faces of Ventura Series and the Breeze's support in publishing the work is such a gift to the community. I am deeply touched to be a part of such an important body of work.



Captain Bill Finley



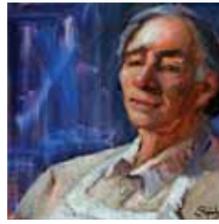
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The Breeze is proud to present "The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks", an on-going art project by award-winning portraitist Spinks to paint 55 worthy Venturans, **each in a single sitting**, painted directly from life at this artist's Bell Arts Factory 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.

"The Face of Ventura By Johanna Spinks": Images Copyright Johanna Spinks.
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On the Lyn Fairly show, "Lyn Fairly & Friends", heard every Saturday from noon to 1pm on News Talk KVTA 1520 AM you can hear one of "The Face Of Ventura By Johanna Spinks" portrait sitters interviewed. So listen in to find out what their experience sitting for this ongoing art project was like.



On Saturday, August 20 portrait sitter number 2 Howard Boroughs appeared on Lyn Fairly & Friends and spoke about his life and having his portrait painted by Johanna



Community Events

Learn the basics of bike maintenance and tuning and much more

Patagonia Great Pacific Iron works partners with VCCool, M.O.B. and "Trials" for a bicycle clinic that both children and adults can participate in.

On Sunday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Meiners Oaks Bike Shop (MOB) will conduct a brief clinic on the basics of bike maintenance and tuning, followed by a stunt-bike "Trials" demo and VCCool will provide helmet checks with free helmets for kids. Also the Ventura Bike Union will be onsite to help you do a minor bike tune-up or repair on your own bike. Right here at 235 W. Santa Clara St. in the Great Pacific Ironworks parking lot at Patagonia.

You can join the Ventura Bicycle Union, sign up for the new Bike Tool-Share Co-op, and help establish a cooperative, bike-friendly community. Patagonia products, Clif Bars, and certificates for Road ID bracelets will be given away.

VCCool is an active, local, grassroots organization dedicated to lowering greenhouse gases in Ventura and Ventura county. The Ventura Bicycle Union (VBU) is a project of VCCool. VBU seeks to help grow a thriving bicycle community in Ventura by improving bicycle conditions in Ventura from every angle. From educating youth, to helping write Ventura's Bicycle Master Plan,

to helping to bring in \$400,000 of Safe Routes to School funds, VBU is working hard for bicyclists!

See California sea lions as they transition from pups to predators

On September 14 Sharon Melin, a wildlife biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service, will discuss the life history of California sea lions at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center.

This year more than 27,000 sea lion pups were born on San Miguel Island where more than 100,000 California sea lions, the largest breeding colony in the world, are located.

In her research, Melin is focusing on the factors that influence the local pinniped population, such as El Niño events, climate change, disease, contaminants, and competition for resources.

She is a research biologist with the NMFS California Current Ecosystem Program in Seattle. And for the past 23 years has conducted research on the population dynamics and feeding behavior of California sea lions and northern fur seals on San Miguel Island.

The "From Shore to Sea" lecture series is meant to further the understanding of current research on the Channel Islands and surrounding waters. The lecture is at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 1901 Spinnaker Drive in the Ventura Harbor.



E.P. Foster Children's Librarian Star Soto (one of the portraits of the Face Of Ventura on the left) was recently honored for her Paws for Reading program that she started and runs at the library. In attendance at the "surprise" recognition ceremony, held at the library were Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett (on the right) and a very grateful Quinn Maloney (in the middle) who thanked Star for helping him to improve his reading skills and interest, and many of her human and dog friends (including Murphy, Snoopy, Cooper and Chad). Bennett presented her, and each of the Paws for Reading dogs and their human friends with many certificates of appreciation.

In another "surprise" she was presented with a most needed check for \$2,000 by Kim Lyman from Sage Publications, located in Thousand Oaks, to be used to help run the program.

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10 year old Angelina Cubitt, a student at Lincoln School painted this wonderful piece at the Ventura Breeze booth at Arts in the Park. We are sure that one day she will have her own artist's booth at the event.

Ventura artist Dawn Reily not only painted this wonderful chalk art but also had her own artist's booth at Arts in the Park.

On August 20 and 21 the Ventura Chamber of Commerce presented Arts in the Park in the Ventura Harbor Village. The two beautiful days featured paintings, jewelry, photography, sculptures, live music and amazing chalk art plus the beauty of the harbor. This was the first time that it was held in the harbor and based upon the wonderful attendance it certainly might return there next year

This 'n' That

Stop and look at your life

by Kim Pagano



Many of us may think we are living our passion, love our job, have a great relationship and family; while others are feeling stuck, not sure how to change their circumstances. It is really courageous to stand in front of your life and take the opportunity to rethink it and readdress it, because each step we take in life, may lead us to a new way of thinking and being. We carry on in the same path, and not looking at it from time to time, we may miss out on our grandest fulfillment. We evolve, life evolves, our family evolves and when we aren't living in the present moment, we miss out on all of that because we are in the maintenance of life only.

Life brings us "check in" times. The times when we ask ourselves "Why am I doing this?", "Is it fulfilling me?" We wonder "How am I taking care of myself?" or, "How am I helping to take care of others?" I'm in the midst of this in different areas of my life. It can feel frustrating, overwhelming and sometimes I have to just stop and rethink. Taking a look at the whole picture of my life and knowing that I want to see it in a different way.

I challenge you to stand in front of a full mirror and reevaluate your whole self. Pull the reigns back in for a moment and rethink.

Here are some questions to ponder: How am I honoring my health/body/weight? How am I honoring my mind? Do the clothes I wear represent who I am? Do I take time to do my hair, is it the best

look for me? Am I managing my life to the best of my abilities?

Am I contributing to my family and relationships in meaningful ways? What are my priorities and do they fit best with where I really want to be focused in my life?

We reach a point where we must shift from going through the motions of living, to a place of knowing how to really take care of ourselves in meaningful ways. It is time to expand in our lives. During this finding of ourselves, you need people in your life that help you to see from this vantage point of expansion and growth. It is important to reach out for people who can help you to see your life in fresh new ways.

Here are some simple steps you can take now to get started:

1. Start by taking things off of your plate that you can. Begin to reclaim some time for yourself so that you can reflect on your goals.
2. Surround yourself with people who see life from a positive, growth filled perspective.
3. Take care of your annual "to-do" items. Make your annual appointments. Even if it is a small step toward your health, begin to take it!
4. Enjoy the process. Know that rethinking life takes time. It takes a new approach. And be sure to honor yourself for stepping up to the plate and taking action in your life.

Life is going to figure itself out with or without you. Rethink everything. You might as well take part in the dance! Wake up and live your dream!

My motto is "Adding value every day in every way". To hear more from me, listen live and call in to The Kim Pagano Show, Monday through Friday, from 8-9 & 3-4 on KKZZ 1400 or on the app Tunein Radio, on Facebook The Kim Pagano Show and on twitter at Kim Pagano Show and always feel free to email your inspirational story to Kimpagano@gmail.com



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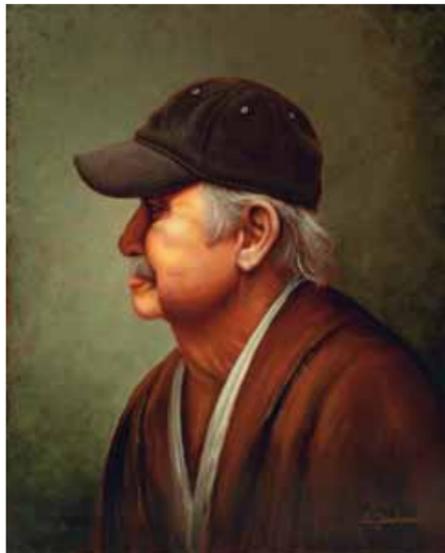
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Channel Islands Gulls make a difference

by Nanci Cone

Whatever you do, don't call them "the ladies who lunch!" President Shary Carr, her dedicated board of directors and the more than 100 members of the nonprofit organization, the Channel Islands Gulls, work hard to raise money and make a difference in our community. Each month they have various fundraisers that include plant auctions, a jewelry and accessories sale, memorial contributions and monthly luncheons. These ladies, most of them long-time members, are totally dedicated to raising money and making a difference in our community.

The Gulls present various charities with cash donations every year based on how much money they have been able to raise. According to Shary, "Some of the incredible organizations we have presented cash donations to include the Police Dog Foundation, Inc., Ventura County Rescue Mission and Lighthouse Program, El Centrito, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association, Many Meals of Camarillo as well as various high school and college scholarships to Children's Services Auxiliary of Ventura County. And this is just the short list!" Shary said she wishes they had more money to donate and didn't seem to realize just what an impact she and her determined warriors had made on so many institutions in grave need.

At their annual November luncheon, the Channel Islands Gulls honor selected

charities they have chosen within the community and their members bring canned goods that they then donate to the Ventura County Rescue Mission to help feed the homeless. Additionally, when Christmas time rolls around, the members bring toys and gifts for needy children that are distributed locally. "We feel so good when we see how happy the children are as they line up to receive their gifts. Their little faces just light up with joy," says Shary.

Shary goes on to add, "We're exceptionally proud of what this organization provides to our members. I feel so privileged to be a member. The Channel Island Gulls offers a sense of belonging, caring, companionship and friendship to women who are often widowed, older, living alone and unable to get out too often. Our monthly luncheons offer a terrific opportunity to socialize and catch up with friends while enjoying a delightful meal. By the way, we welcome donations of baskets, money, and gift cards for this event to offer in the after-lunch raffle. Also, when one of our members or their families are ill, the Gulls provide support through cards, letters, visits, phone calls and occasionally by email. And, if you know someone who has passed away and would like to honor them, you can always donate to our memorial fund."

Since 1976, the Channel Islands Gulls have been helping those in need in our community. If you are interested in making a donation or would like to find out about becoming a member, you can call Clara, the Membership Chair at 484-6022 or visit their website at www.channelislandsgulls.com. You can also mail your tax-deductible contributions to Channel Islands Gulls, PMB #50126, Oxnard, CA 93031.



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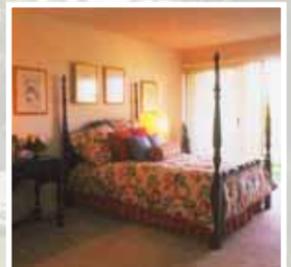
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The mission of SHOP AHOY is to assist its clients to remain in their homes independently. Everyone likes to stay in their homes as long as possible and by providing weekly groceries SHOP AHOY is helping them do so.

The program serves five cities; Camarillo, Oxnard, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Ventura. Each week a volunteer calls his or her senior and records their order, and it's not only groceries.

Cheryl Hollandsworth is the site leader of the Ventura group. She's been serving the seniors for over nine years. "There isn't anything I'd rather do than to help other people.

Each person has different tastes and favorites and it's rewarding to see the look on their faces when they get their favorite spicy baked beans. Or their special cookies that no other store stocks.

"Many volunteers even take out the trash, take them to the doctors and sometimes help them clean house.

"I give my home phone to those I deliver to so they can call if they need something special during the week," says Michele Herforth. "We're the only regular contacts for some I deliver to. I waited for several years to do this and it was worth the wait."

Age isn't a criterion for volunteering. Gladys Bibb is a retired English teacher in Ventura who is 86 and has been shopping and delivering for almost three years. Several high school students volunteer during the summer while one boy calls during the winter when he's in school and has shopped for two summers.

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Business



John Clay, Sr. joins his 2 sons "at the office"

Crowell, Weedon & Co. welcomes new Vice President of Investments

The Crowell, Weedon & Co. is pleased to announce that John Clay, Sr. has joined the firm as Vice President of Investments. Clay Sr. graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and began his career in the financial services industry in 1963 in Los Angeles as an agent at Equitable Life Assurance Society. Most recently, Clay served as Vice President, Investments, at Wells Fargo Advisors in Ventura. Clay Sr. joins two of his sons, John Clay Jr. and Jason Clay, at Crowell Weedon, representing multiple generations of financial advisors in their family, all within the new Ventura branch. This also aligns nicely with the company's goal to cultivate strong relationships across generations of clients and employees.

An active member of the non-profit community, Clay Sr. has served

as President of both the Ventura and Oxnard Rotary Clubs, and was a member of the Advisory Board for the Turning Point Foundation, the only non-profit agency in Ventura County that addresses the critical community support needs of mentally ill adults. Clay Sr.'s 48 years of estate planning experience, extensive knowledge of the financial services industry, and commitment to the well-being of the community will certainly make him an asset to the Crowell Weedon's growing team in Ventura.

Crowell, Weedon & Co. is the largest independent investment firm in the Western United States since 1932. They invite you to visit their new Ventura Office located at 5740 Ralston Street, Suite 301. Call 620-4700 or visit www.crowellweedon.com for more information.

Funds available for Ventura County renters facing eviction

Ventura County renters facing eviction may be eligible for emergency funds to help them remain in their home or apartment. The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 and administered through the County of Ventura Human Services Agency (HSA), is designed to be a stop-gap measure to keep renters from becoming homeless.

To qualify, individuals need to meet eligibility criteria. All household members must show proof that they are Ventura County residents as well as U.S. citizens or qualified resident aliens. Aid recipients must be currently homeless or facing eviction within 30 days, meet specific household income limits, have no other housing options or financial resources and have the financial ability to maintain housing after the rental assistance is received.

The program has already helped hundreds of county residents by



On August 17 Staples celebrated the "official opening" of its first store in Ventura with a \$1,500 donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura. Chamber Interim President & CEO Nancy Maxwell, Boys & Girls Club CEO Diane Koranda, store manager Ralph Jennings and Mayor Bill Fulton were on hand to celebrate the occasion.

"Staples is serving the Ventura area not only as a valuable economic resource, but also as a community partner that supports local charities," said Diane Koranda. "We greatly appreciate this donation that will enable our organization to provide the resources needed to educate our students and are excited to participate in the Staples for Students back-to-school campaign."

The new Staples is located at the mall at 3400 Telegraph Road. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

providing eviction-prevention rental payments, rental deposits, budget management counseling, utility payments/deposits and one-time payments to cover moving and storage costs.

For more information or to see if you qualify, call 385-8585 or visit www.evictionpreventionvc.org.

Do you know EDITH?

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requiring assistance needs to be sleeping on the ground level of the home, and preferably in a room adjacent to someone able to assist. Also remember that exiting through a second story window will require some means of safely reaching the ground level below, such as a window fire escape ladder.

Next, identify a nearby meeting location, such as a curbside mailbox or neighbor's front yard. Having a designated meeting location will help eliminate confusion as to whether everyone is accounted for, or not. Sketch out your floor plan on paper, draw arrows indicating the escape routes and identify your meeting location. By practicing your evacuation plan, in real-time, with all members of the family, you may find that changes need to

be made. When completed, post the escape plan somewhere inside the house for all to see. Perform regular drills using your evacuation plan, during which you should ensure that smoke detectors are working and have fresh batteries.

If you wake up to a smoke detector sounding and/or smoke in the house, you should "Get Down, Stay Low, Get Out". Stay below the smoke and heat, crawling if needed as you exit. Once you leave the house, do not go back in, rescues should only be performed by trained firefighters. If there are family members or pets trapped inside you will simply become another victim if you try to save them yourself.

Protect your family from injury or death related to house fires by taking a few easy steps to prepare. Create your escape plan today and practice it regularly. Teach your children about what to do in case of an emergency, including use of the 9-1-1 system.

Are you ready?

For more information on EDITH check our city website cityofventura.net/page/exit-drills-home-edith or visit us online at facebook.com/venturacityfire, and youtube.com/VenturaCityFD.



Courtney Spanjers, sales manager for the Ventura Collection, is all smiles at the ground-breaking at Ventura's much-awaited single-family home community which will have homes starting from the low \$400,000 and floor plans from 1,837 to 3,284 square feet.

"We are in the pre-sale stage right now," said Courtney "We are thrilled about the interest and attention the community has been showing. Instead of the usual model home preview, City Ventures will be utilizing 3-D technology to give potential homebuyers virtual tours so our sales office is ready to serve you right now."

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



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Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp
Ph.D

Well Savana and I seem to be getting along just splendidly. I think that we will be able to share the house (and the bed). Regarding the bed she likes to sleep at the head of it and I like to sleep at the foot (I was bred to be a foot warmer you know).

She doesn't hiss or whack me in the nose anymore which is good because I could give her a real loud bark and scare her but I wouldn't want to do that because she is just a little fragile girl.

She is very athletic and already can jump over her enclosure so now she can be in the bedroom whenever she wishes.

Our human took her to the vet last week for some kind of shots to make sure that she stays healthy. I don't want her giving me a cold.

Well the White House has Bo the Portuguese water dog, and now the Capitol in Sacramento has Stutter the Welsh corgi and Ventura's Governor Brown has me.

Sutter, Governor Jerry Brown's newest pal has become an overnight sensation (thanks in part to social media, in which he has quite a following on websites like Facebook which I will also have soon) and starring in many a blog posts and news stories. The 7-year-old white and brown corgi has been known to put governor Brown at ease when in a bad mood and provided much needed stress relief to senators after a long day of negotiations. That is, when Sutter isn't part of the negotiations himself. Yup, he has even sat side by side to the governor at one of the bargaining tables about what to do about the budget debacle in California (it's about time they let us have our say, they can't figure it out). Brown has stated "he's a cut above most of the other mutts he encounters" (he clearly hasn't met me).

Do you like exercise and being outdoors? Us dogs do also! That's why my 2-legged friends at the Canine Adoption

and Rescue league are looking for volunteers to walk and give attention to my fellow canines at their kennel in Santa Paula. All you need to do is show up and take the one-hour orientation class and be at least 18 years old. For more info, contact the league at 644-7387, or Alise at 794-8826, or Cathy at 857-9026. A good walk will make their day, and just might make yours too, so please volunteer if you have the time! Tell 'em Professor Scamp sent you!

While sitting at my computer eating dog treats out of my publisher's hand (I work very cheaply), I asked him, is it a bad idea to start off a sentence with the words "dog excrement"? Although it may elicit giggles, it is a serious issue that needs addressing. Dog excrement, along with lawn fertilizers, and motor oil from driveways all contribute to diminished water quality of our local oceans, streams, and creeks when not properly disposed of.

When you don't pick up after your dog, rainwater and sprinklers flood it into our drainpipes and directly into the oceans. Our poop is very bad because it carries harmful bacteria that can cause disease and make people seriously sick. By picking up after your dog you are showing that you care about our local environment and are making a conscience effort to keep clean what Ventura is known and loved for, our great beaches and ocean.



Savana and I are becoming very close and relaxed with each other and when I relax I really know how to do it. I'm teaching her how to relax as good as me.

Forever home wanted



Hi:

I'm Casper (Can you guess how I got my name?), an adorable 5 month old male Pit Bull mix. Me, and my sister Esme and our mom Kasey are anxiously awaiting our forever families to come and take us home. Our other siblings have found their forever homes and now it's our turn. Our mom was rescued from Animal Regulation and later gave birth to all of us at our foster home. Since we're just puppies, children in the home must be 6 years or older. We can't wait until we're cherished members of our very own loving families. Stop by and meet us, you're sure to fall in love and want to take us all home.

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

www.carlvc.org

Scamp Club

Hi:

I'm Fawkes a 4 year old male Labrador and I was lucky enough to have lunch with Scamp but the cheapskate made me pay.

I love playing with balls at the park and going to the beach. I really like eating rawhide bones.

This is me with my best friend Kara.



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.

Resisting Arrest

On Tuesday, August 9th, at 5:49 p.m., a Ventura police officer saw Robert Taylor driving a vehicle on Telephone Road. The officer knew Taylor had an outstanding felony warrant for driving a stolen vehicle and resisting arrest. Two officers attempted a high-risk stop near Chalmette and Telephone. Taylor initially stopped but quickly fled the scene in the vehicle turning east on Shenandoah. Taylor stopped his car at Saratoga and fled on foot into the complex at 1300 Saratoga.

Both officers tackled Taylor. During a violent struggle Taylor was ultimately taken into custody.

Hot Prowl Burglary

Sometime between Monday, August 8th, and Wednesday, August 10th, unknown suspects entered a residence in the 7200 block of Jackson Street and stole a purse.

The suspects entered while the victim was sleeping. The suspects took a purse and cash. They ransacked the victim's car while it was parked inside the garage.

At 9:00 a.m., Ventura Police patrol

officers conducted a probation search at the residence of Robert Valenzuela, 21 years old and a Ventura resident. During that search, officers located items taken from the above residential burglaries.

Stabbing

On Wednesday, August 10th, at 10:21 p.m., the VPD received a call regarding a fight and possible stabbing at a home in the 2100 block of Crestmont Drive. Officers contacted several family members and located a male suffering from two non-life threatening stab wounds to his left abdomen and hip.

Two brothers, Matthew and Joseph Maxfield, were involved in a heated argument regarding family matters. Joseph attacked Matthew and began choking him. Matthew was able to free himself. Joseph grabbed a knife and stabbed Matthew twice on the left side. Matthew's juvenile daughter was standing nearby during the fight and stabbing.

Matthew was taken to VCMC and treated for his injuries. Joseph was treated at the scene for minor injuries he sustained during the fight. Joseph was then booked at VC Jail.

Structure Fire

On Wednesday, August 10th, at 11:49 a.m., fire units responded to a reported structure fire at the Tutor Time Pre-School, located at 6868 Capri Avenue. Crews found the occupancy evacuated and staff complaining of a

smoke odor in the building. The first arriving companies investigated the source of the odor, utilizing a heat-detecting Thermal Imaging Camera to rule out hidden fires and identify abnormal heat. A malfunctioning air conditioning unit on the roof was discovered. Due to the malfunction, a fire had started in the unit and produced smoke that entered the building. Firefighters' tactical actions contained the fire and discontinued power to the unit.

Carjacking

On Monday, August 15th, at 9:30 p.m., the victim, Damian Solis, was leaving the Westside Market located at the corner of Sheridan Way and West Ramona Street. He got into his truck and began to drive away when two Hispanic males, in their twenties, flagged him down. The two suspects demanded money. Solis refused and the suspects beat him as he sat in his truck.

Solis was able to run away from the suspects. The suspects chased after him and continued to punch and kick him. Solis escaped and ran away again.

Later, Solis returned to retrieve his truck. One of the suspects was still in the area and continued beating him. This time, the suspect took Solis' cell phone, car keys, and drove away in his truck.

About a half hour later, officers located the stolen vehicle in the area of

Flint Avenue and Riverside Street.

Armed Robberies

On Sunday, August 14th, the VPD experienced a wave of four violent crimes, two of which were related armed robberies.

The first incident began at 10:21 p.m. at Ralston and Antelope. Four victims were walking on Ralston when three suspects confronted them. The suspects yelled out the name of a local Ventura gang and demanded money from them at knifepoint. The victims fled. The suspects chased the victims, but could not catch the victims. Nobody was hurt.

Just after midnight, on Monday, August 15th, the same suspects confronted another group of four victims, in the area of Ralston and Sunridge. The suspects again yelled the name of a local Ventura gang and demanded property. Two of the victims dropped bags of property and ran away. Two other victims remained and the suspects threatened them with bodily harm. The suspects took one of the victims' phones, threw a beer bottle at them and fled the scene. Nobody was injured.

Officers located the suspects in a nearby residence and took them into custody. The suspects arrested were Reuben Torres, 20 years old, Alexis Ramirez, 22 years old, and Mauricio Lopez, 18 years old.

Armed Robbery

On Thursday, August 18th, at

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Youth



Tri-Counties Sheet Metal Workers Apprenticeship Program in Ventura was thinking pink the week of July 15 at MAGIC Camp (Mentor A Girl In Construction) where 15 junior and senior high school women from local high schools participated in five days of hands-on construction.

Sponsored by the National Association of Women in Construction's Ventura/Oxnard and Simi/Conejo Valley chapters, David Maquinalez, an instructor and training coordinator with the Tri-Counties Sheet Metal Workers Apprenticeship Program, provided a comprehensive hands-on session to students who fabricated their own toolbox from several pre-cut pieces of sheet-metal.

For more information, visit <http://smw273jatc.org>

Get your kids ready to head back to school

As Ventura County's students head back to school this September, the Ventura County Library wants to make sure all children have the most important school supply of all – a library card.

Owning a library card provides students the resources they need to compete academically. Ventura County Library provides students free access to databases of news articles, encyclopedias and test preparation materials, as well as homework help and resources.

"Today's libraries provide students with the tools they need to succeed," says Ventura County Library Director, Jackie Griffin. "Libraries provide young readers with exciting and engaging programs that make learning fun. Now more than ever, a library card is most important school supply of all."

Getting a library card is easy! Apply for a free library card at any Ventura County Library including Ventura's 2 libraries.

The Ventura County Library is also available 24/7 at www.vencolib.org.

Sports

Surfing: A sport for kings... or dirtbags

by Kenton Rivas

Have you ever given thought to what the likes of surfing demi-god Kelly Slater would be doing if he wasn't a pro surfer? I would be willing to bet he would still be surfing; some way somehow. If one ponders this on a deeper level and takes note at the broad spectrum of surfers and what they do for a living to support the blissful habit one cannot help but

become intrigued. The addict like effect this sport seems to have on the millions globally is absolutely absurd. I'm not talking about the weekend warriors, I'm not talking about the groms decked out in branded gear from head to foot, I'm talking about the grown men that forgot what brand they're wearing and furthermore don't care and feel a bit off if they don't get their wave fix. These surf monks are straight up committed to the sport and the lifestyle that must ensue to maintain this bliss. A bit farfetched? I don't think so. Let's first take a look at "pro surfing"; the guys most of us are admittedly a bit jealous of. Then let's examine what it takes for those of us that want to live the dream surfing and traveling a reality; no matter our profession or level of income.

"Pro Surfing" is a broad term used to describe the surfers that get some sort of sponsor or stipend that aids or adds to their pocketbooks in the pursuit of living the dream. With this sponsored help "pro surfers" well, surf. Maybe thirty guys in the whole world make a decent living as "pro surfers". These surfers have to compete to earn a living which surfers by nature generally tend to dislike. Just ask Dane Reynolds. So what about the rest of the "pro surfers"? They might compete to earn their keep with their branded sponsor and do it to travel and well, keep surfing!

For those of us that are surfers to the core do whatever it takes to make the same dream happen for us. Whether it's surfing as much as we can during our workweek by way of dawn patrol on a banged up duct taped used board with a ripped up Rip Curl wetsuit we are still stoked! Whatever mystical effect the waves have on us, we love it and keep coming back for more. In what other sport do you see the same commitment and genuine love? You don't see basketball courts, football fields, or baseball diamonds with die hard lovers of the sport anything comparable to that of surfing worldwide.

The concept of "One Love" isn't a difficult one for a surfer to comprehend and embody. We are all in the ocean

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for the same opportunity to catch a super fun wave or get swallowed up by the higher power of Mother Nature that is the ocean. We all vie to find a happy medium where we can take care of ourselves and family. Some surfers are blessed with funds that further this wave extravaganza worldwide, others can only manage their local situation, while some take somewhat of a vow of poverty and altered living situation to make it all possible. Whatever the case, you're a surfer and you love it!

Ventura's classic surf contest celebrates 25 years

The California Street Longboard Classic Surf Contest celebrates a quarter century of surf stoke on September 17-18 at Surfer's Point in Ventura, making it, by all objective standards, the longest running surfing contest in Ventura County, and, by many subjective standards, a contest that epitomizes what surfing is about.

"Over the years some of the best surfers in California have come to the C Street contest, and we've seen some amazing surfing," said Ventura Surf Club president Michael Mariani. "But it's not really about the competition. We've always tried to put on a contest where fun and camaraderie come first."

The contest, held in the waves off Ventura's newly remodeled promenade, isn't just for surfers. Vendors and artisans sell everything from surf wear to locally crafted clothing and jewelry. The Ventura Surf Club, which hosts the event, sells contest posters and t-shirts. This year's event will feature a Saturday night party, open to all, at Yolie's Fresh Mexican Grill in Ventura, with music by The Soul Surfers. Last year for the first time, the contest featured short board competition, and this year's contest includes a youth short board division with a reduced entry fee.

"We want to get the kids involved," said Mariani. "Our waters are home to a bunch of hot young surfers. We want to give them a chance to show their stuff too."

Ventura has a rich surfing history. The C Street contest traces its roots back to one of the first professional surf contests held in California. Tom Morey's Nose Riding Contest, held in 1965, drew many of the biggest names in surfing, including legends like Mickey Munoz, Robert August, Donald Takayama and David Nuuhiwa.

Interested surfers can sign up online at www.venturasurfclub.org. The vendor cost has been lowered to \$250 this year. Vendors should contact Leslie Broude at vendors@cstreetlongboard.com or 652-1097 before September 1.

SCRAMBLERS

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1. Fusion; 2. Wander;
3. Gloat; 4. Praise

Today's Word:

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Recently a large group of members at the Pierpont Racquet Club piled into a big bus and attended the Farmers Classic tennis match at UCLA. The landmark Southern California ATP tournament is the longest running annual professional sporting event in Los Angeles.

Enjoying the evening were Sheldon and son Mark (poor kid looks like his dad) and Julie Parrazzo who are all members at PRC.

Health



These drivers will be there to chauffeur you if you have too much to drink

Designated drivers save lives

Designated Drivers will once again be rewarded for their commitment to safety in an effort headed by Ventura County Behavioral Health, the Ventura Police Department and local downtown businesses to reduce alcohol related crashes, injuries, and arrests in Ventura. The venues include Bombay, Café Fiore, Dargans, El Rey Cantina, Rookees, Sans Souci, and Winchester Grill.

"This is the second in a series of three promotional nights that underscores the importance of planning; planning for a safe ride home - use a Designated Driver," says Patrick Zarate, Alcohol and Drug Programs Manager for the county Behavioral Health Department.

People from a group of 2 or more who identify themselves as the evening's "Designated Driver," and who pledge to

remain alcohol free all evening, at any of the 7 locations in Downtown on September 2 will be given wrist bands and the opportunity to win concert tickets, gas cards, and other prizes. "The only safe driver is a sober driver and DDs are heroes," says Dan Hicks, Prevention Services Manager for the county's Alcohol and Drug Programs.

The Downtown Ventura merchants who are participating in the Program are contributing to the give-aways and are proud to promote responsible drinking for everyone. "We want our patrons to have fun and enjoy themselves, but we want them back tomorrow. Using a Designated Driver is just plain smart. We are proud to be part of this promotion and awareness campaign", said Liam Sherlock, owner of Rookees and Dargans.

Ventura young adults thankful for Obama's "Affordable Care Act"

by Brooke Demchuk
Ventura High School

American citizens all across the country face health care issues everyday. Some cannot afford as good of coverage as they wish to have, some are still forced to pay extremely expensive co-pays and other bills along with their health care, and others do not even have health insurance to begin with. Because of this, young American citizens were extremely grateful when the new "Affordable Care Act" was recently passed. Now, all young adults can remain on their parent's health insurance plan till the age of 26. It does not matter if the individual is married, a full time student, financially dependent on his/her parents, or even still living in their parent's home. No matter the circumstances, they can now rest assured that they will be covered.

Up until this law was passed, it was extremely difficult for many young adults over the age of 18 to stay covered by their parent's health insurance plans. Many individuals were even forced to find their own health care at the young age of 19. If you were a full time student, you still remained eligible to stay on the family

health care plan. But, if you worked part time and went to school part time as well, you were essentially on your own for health insurance. Paying for part time school, living expenses, and health care proved to be understandably difficult for many individuals recently beginning to live on their own. Now, both Ventura and American citizens under the age of 26 can breathe a sigh of relief at knowing that they are still eligible for their parent's health insurance coverage.

One of the only circumstances where an individual is not eligible for remaining on their parent's health insurance plan is if they receive health insurance from an outside source as well, such as a full time job. In that case, the young adult would be allowed to be covered by their employer's health care, rather than their parent's.

Many young adults and soon to be college students who live in Ventura are extremely happy that this act was passed, due to the fact that they can now choose what they wish to do with their lives without worrying about if they will be covered medically or not. People all across the country have previously worried about not being able to afford school and living expenses due to being forced to be a full time student in order to remain on their parent's health care plan. Now, being a part time student and employee is an extremely realistic option for those students who need both health insurance and a monthly paycheck.

24 year old Ventura resident Darrin Demchuk says, "I think that Obama's decision helps young adults safely complete college and enter into a career where they can transition to fully sup-

porting themselves without having to fear injury or accident because of a lack of health insurance."

Relieved young adults all across America unanimously agree with Demchuk, and are thankful that they can now pursue their education and careers without the worry of health insurance looming over their heads.

Get Together and Give Together

From August 28 through September 3 Ventura residents are being asked to help their neighbors most in need. As we enjoy the last days of summer in Ventura County, it is a time to appreciate all that we have—a home, income to meet our needs, access to healthcare, friends and summer vacations.

For many of our friends and neighbors, there hasn't been a summer break. Instead, they struggle to feed themselves, to pay for medical bills and to find a safe place to sleep. They can't cover the basics, let alone any extras

That's why Ventura County Together, a group of more than 40 local organizations and other concerned individuals, has joined with the Amgen Foundation to "get together and give together." Get Together and Give Together is a campaign aimed at raising dollars to help those in greatest need of food, shelter and health care in communities across Ventura County.

Every dollar donated to VC Together up to \$45,000 will be matched, thanks to the Amgen Foundation and VCT Partners. This means your \$10 becomes \$20 and when you and four friends each give \$10.

Join in helping those in greatest need this summer. Donate today at www.vcttogether.org or text keyword "VCT" to 27722 to make a \$10 donation. Together we can truly change lives and save lives.

Last year Ventura County Together distributed over \$224,000 in funding raised through individual donors, corporate foundations (AMGEN Foundation and Bank of America) and grants from the United Way of Ventura County, Ventura County Community Foundation and First 5 Ventura County.

Ventura County Together is a collaboration of nonprofits and public agencies who united in response to growing needs. For details go to vcttogether.org. If you need food, shelter or medical help, call 211.

Police reports

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3:12 a.m., victim Thomas Guzzo was operating a taxicab in the City of Ventura. Guzzo was hailed by two suspects in the area of Motel Six on Johnson Drive. The suspects asked for a ride to a gas station and one suspect was carrying a gas can.

As Guzzo was driving north, the first suspect pulled out a semi-automatic handgun and demanded cash from the victim. Guzzo pulled his taxicab to the shoulder of the roadway and gave the suspect \$260 and his watch.

After the robbery, both suspects fled from the taxicab. Patrol officers were unable to locate either suspect. Guzzo was not injured during the incident.

Commercial Burglary Arrests

Patrol officers and detectives from the Street Crimes Unit began investigating three burglaries in the span of two weeks. There were different suspects for each of the crimes.

Over the past week, officers and the Street Crimes Unit made arrests in each one of the cases. Aaron Pierce, 47 years old, was arrested for the burglary of O-Sabi restaurant; Stuart Roybal, 49 years old, was arrested for the burglary at Dexter's Camera; and both Richard Roy, 48 years old, and Jeffrey Wojciechowski, 49 years old, were arrested for the burglary at Corrales Restaurant. Each of these defendants is a vagrant in the area of Ventura and each is currently on parole or recently discharged from parole.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

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3:34 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at Andria's Seafood. Upon arrival, a baby was locked in a car. FD opened the door. The baby was fine.

8-6

5:01 p.m. Patrol received a phone call of an unconscious man on the grass at VIM. Patrol relayed the information to FCC. Upon arrival, the man was unconscious. He regained consciousness, but was incoherent and spoke only Japanese. AMR transported him to the hospital.

8-9

2:55 p.m. State Lifeguards report a vessel possibly disabled just off Surfer's Knoll. Patrol responded and found that the vessel had flipped as they attempted to tow a person into the surf. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at the launch ramp. Patrol also recovered some items from the beach and returned them to their owner.

8-10

8:02 a.m. Patrol contacted a person who has been repeatedly violating parking regulations at the Village and issued him a Notice to Appear citation in lieu of an additional parking citation.

8-14

8:01 FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Upon arrival, Patrol took vitals and administered oxygen. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

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Show Time



Where The Music Flows

RIP Jani Lane

by Michael Kohli

Greetings fellow music fans. Our music world lost a great person this month. Although, he was stereotyped as the "Cherry Pie" singer for most of his career – I was always a fan and saw past the lights, the hair and the glam. Jani was the type of artist – you put an acoustic guitar in his hand; and he could unveil hundreds of songs buried deep within him. Many of the songs were filled with his own passion and energy. I instantly became a fan of Jani Lane – when the first Warrant single, "Downboys," hit the radio. When that album was released, "DRFSR," the album was played on my stereo constantly. It was a good rock album for its time. Delivered exactly what rock fans wanted at that time.

Of course, it was Cherry Pie that put the band on the permanent rock map. But, the song was written entirely by Jani Lane as a joke. The album was already recorded as, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." But, just before the album was to be released Jani was told to "write a song like Love In An Elevator"

By the time Warrant's 4th album, "Ultrapobic," was released – glam rock had kind of become underground as bands like Stone Temple Pilots, Pearl Jam, Alice In Chains had invaded the airwaves. However, the music of Warrant still carried on until Jani Lane left the band in the early 2000's to pursue a solo career and new band, Saints Of The Underground.

In 1997, I became highly involved with Hollywood's rock music scene. Through my internship at Sony Music to my freelance job with Bret Michaels Entertainment to booking my first Hollywood show at The Martini Lounge for Riki Rachtman's Cathouse to writing for Rock City News; I began to make friends, contacts, and became acquaintances with many of my rock idols. Including Jani Lane himself.

Jani Lane still had some unreleased music in the works. A single was scheduled to be released on August 15th under the band name, Liberty & Justice. But, due to family's request – the label decided to move the release date to August 30th (after Jani's funeral). The new song titled, "SIN," will be released on iTunes with the album being penned for a January 2012 release.

RIP to Jani Lane. This is one fan that saw a side of his music that meant more than them being just a party band. There was life and soul and passion in all of Jani's music. He always delivered the music his fans wanted to hear. And, every album – he experimented with different sounds.

On the local music scene congratulations to Zoey's Cafe for 5 great years providing live music – here's to many more! Important dates coming up in our local music scene: August 27 & 28: Spencer Makenzie's End of Summer Blowout; We Govern We, Kim Kuzma,

Stephanie Martin and more at Pride Ventura / Mission Park - August 27.

Keep on rocking! Thanks for reading!
--Michael Kohli

<http://www.kohlismusicpit.com>

PS: Have you ever been a fan or have been inspired by Jani Lane's music? Let me know -- share it with me. From fan to fan. Email: VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com.

Music Calendar

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

Andre's Wine Bar
1575 Spinnaker Dr., 805-642-9463
Live Music every Tues, Thur & Fri

Blackbeards Seaside BBQ
1591 Spinnaker Dr., #115 805-650-7773
Live bands every Thur thru Sun Karaoke every Wed 6-9pm
Thur 8/25 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
Fri 8/26 - Matt Moran Band 7-11pm
Sat 8/27 - Diane Lotney 6-10pm
Sun 8/28 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm
Thur 9/1 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
Sun 9/4 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm

Bombay's Bar & Grill
143 S. California St., 805-643-4404
Live Bands every Wed thru Sun
All Star Blues Night every Wed 8pm
Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm

Cafe Fiore
66 California St., 805-653-1266
Live Bands every Tue thru Sat
DJ in the TreeHouse Lounge every Fri & Sat
Wed 8/24 - In Stone
Thur 8/25 - Bongo Town
Fri 8/26 - Mini Driver
Sat 8/27 - Mini Driver
Wed 8/31 - Big Adventure
Thur 9/1 - Coso Live

GiGi's Coctail Lounge
2493 Grand Ave., 805-642-2411
Karaoke with Steve Luke every Sun & Wed 7pm- 12am
Live Bands every Fri & Sat 9pm

It's All Good Bar & Grill
533 E. Main St., 805-641-9951
Open Mike Night every Wed

Majestic Theater
26 S. Chestnut St.
Sat 8/27 - Gotham City, Royal Rich, The Goonies, I Am Krucial, Artistik

Watermark On Main, 598 E. Main St.
805-643-6800
Intimate Acoustic with Dano every Tue
Jazz at the Mark every Wed

W2O Rooftop Lounge
598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)
805-643-6800
Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm
Fri 8/26 - Dr. M
Sat 8/27 - The Bomb
Sun 8/28 - Bloody Mary Morning

Zoey's Café
185 E. Santa Clara St., 805-652-1137
Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm
Wed 8/24 - The Ettes, Catwalk 9pm
Thur 8/25 - Trevor Weetman, Alaska Reid 8pm
Fri 8/26 - Mattson 2, Seth Pettersen, Todd Hannigan 8pm, FishFood 10:30pm
Sat 8/27 - Jay Kills Sorrow, Lake Street Dive 8pm
Sun 8/28 - Jonathan and Nathan McUeun 7:30pm
Thur 9/1 - Cory Sipper Steve Williams, 8pm
Fri 9/2 - Cowbop, Bruce Foreman, Phil Salazar 10:30pm
Mon 9/5 - Jaron & The Cordovas, Joe Firstman 8pm

VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

El Sistema

Reviewed by Nuvi Mehta
The Ventura Music Festival

El Sistema – The System – is a method of daily music education for children in Venezuela. It is the brainchild of the conductor and educator Jose Antonio Abreu, who sought to use the discipline, challenge, expressivity and joy of music as a means of rescuing underprivileged children from poverty-fueled cycles of drugs and violence.

Through interviews with Abreu, his employees, the children, their parents, and set to great performances by the top orchestra of The System – the Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra, led by Gustavo Dudamel, himself a graduate of El Sistema – the film, "El Sistema" chronicles Abreu's 35 year effort to build the program, which has today become the envy of the world.

The results are truly inspiring. Abreu has changed the lives of a quarter

of a million children. The quality the children's orchestras at every level is also inspiring, with the Simon Bolivar ranking among the best orchestras in the world. Now, thanks in part to the success and enthusiastic support of Gustavo Dudamel, attempts are being made to emulate the program in other countries, including here in the U.S.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "El Sistema" on Tuesday Sept. 6 @ 7pm as the 15th in our 21 part VFS @ the Museum 2011 Film Series. We will also be screening the Ventura Music Festival-produced short film "PASSION FOR MUSIC", the inspiring story of the Westside Ventura-raised soprano Nicole Cabell, now an international opera star. VFS @ The Museum 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 advance tickets & information www.venturafilmsociety.com / 805-628-2299.

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, My picks of the week include The Help and Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows 2.

The Help



Brilliantly, written and directed by Tate Taylor, The Help takes place in the 1960's in Jackson, Mississippi. Stars Viola Davis as Aibileen, Octavia Spencer as Minny, and aspiring writer-journalist Eugenia Phelan, aka "Skeeter", played by Emma Stone, who collectively performs as best actress nominees, in this critically acclaimed Oscar worthy film.

Eugenia, raised by a black maid who mysteriously disappears, is appalled by the prejudice the maids have to endure, and vows to bring some kind of equality into their lives, speaking out through a compilation of all their stories, ultimately shaming their employers to look at themselves in disgust. Eugenia crosses taboo racial lines by speaking with the housekeepers and takes a chance on writing this secret book. Their friendship and bond ensues, upsetting the fragile dynamic between the maids. After a long silence several maids agree to share their stories, and an enlightening plot will be left for you to see the movie for yourself.

Growing up, I had a black maid called Etta May. The loveliest woman who was kind, caring, and a hard working housekeeper for the 5 of us kids. Never in a million years would my parents ever think of treating Etta May like a second rate human being. She was part of the family. This story holds a special place in my heart because it is genuine, true and it has many messages, one being, "Prejudice is poison".

A cinematic masterpiece, mark my word, The Help could win the Oscar, and it should.

Now playing at The Century Theatres
Rated PG13 Running time 2 hrs. 17 minutes

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 2



First of all, you have to have seen all six of the films to understand the end result and final plotline. So try to see the first 6. However, if you are just coming on board the fantasy ship of wizards, whatever age you are, the fantasy, the special effects and characters in and of themselves are worth the time spent catching up, eventually.

But in Part 2 of the final adventure of the Harry Potter trilogy, in this epic finale, the battle between good and evil forces of the wizarding world escalates into an all out war. It's the ultimate showdown against Lord Voldemort as Harry races against time to destroy the Horcruxes. He uncovers the existence of 3 powerful amulets in the wizarding world of the Deathly Hallows. A must see! It transports you to a different state of mind. A fun adventure.
Rated PG13 Running time 2 hrs.10 min.

Until next time, enjoy and have a "Reely" great week.

Two On The Aisle

Visions, Values and Voices at the Elite

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

In pursuit of our ideals, we sometimes get so caught up in the journey that we lose sight of what we possess. This is one of the underlying themes of "As It Is In Heaven," the current offering by the Elite Theatre Company in Oxnard.

The play, never before performed in Ventura County, is an interesting, while lightweight, study of a religious sect that was active in the 1800's. However, by virtue of its tenet of celibacy, it has become all but extinct.

The Shaker community believed in a cooperative life where personal individuality was set aside. The segregated populations of men and women devoted themselves to serving God in their version of a virtuous lifestyle that often included experiencing divine visions or "gifts." As individualism was discouraged, so was free thought or any mani-

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The Lighter Breeze

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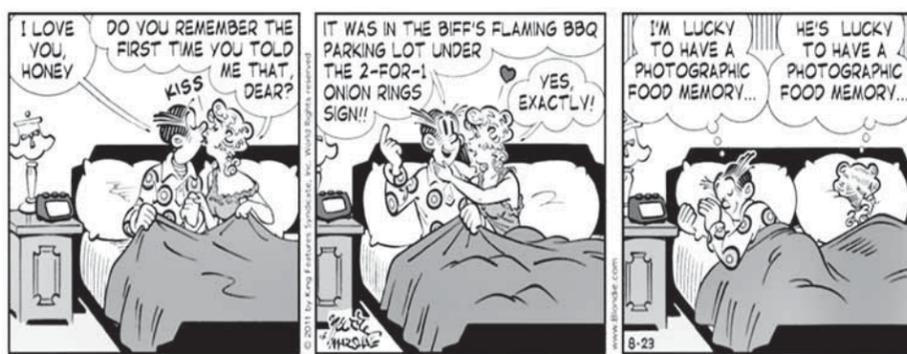
Mother Goose and Grimm



Crock



Blondie



Solutions on page 18

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

Blend
SNIFOU

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WARNED

Brag
TOGAL

Laud
SEARIP

"This is her old man's _____!"

TODAY'S WORD

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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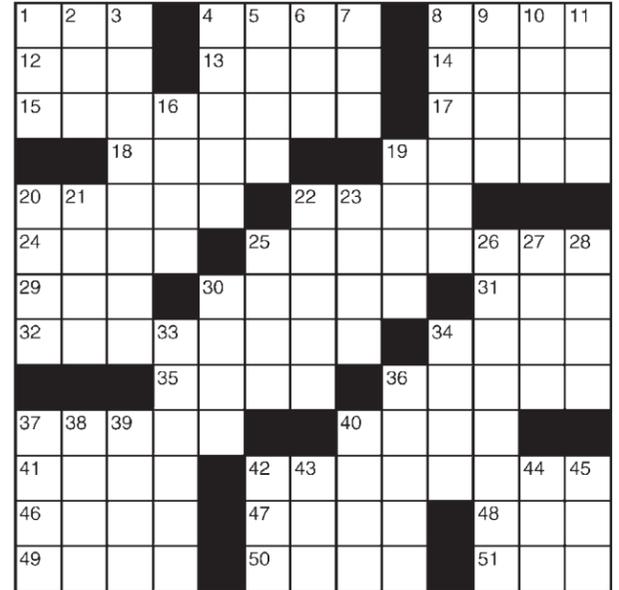
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Type measures
- 4 Stupor
- 8 MRI forerunner
- 12 Greet the villain
- 13 Destroy
- 14 Verdi opera
- 15 Refuses to buy
- 17 Tide type
- 18 Vivacity, in music
- 19 Soothing agents
- 20 Baseball-shoe feature
- 22 Tater
- 24 Wander
- 25 Having a porous texture
- 29 Grecian vessel
- 30 Wooden peg
- 31 Sapporo sash
- 32 In the cards
- 34 Goes platinum?
- 35 -friendly
- 36 Speechify
- 37 One of the sales staff
- 40 Two-way
- 41 Big branch
- 42 Video-game control
- 46 Met melody
- 47 Meara or



- Rice
- That girl
- Caution
- Rod
- Stannum
- money
- Leading man?
- Kennel cries
- Pull an all-nighter
- Nonsense
- Gunky stuff
- Traditional tales
- Waste conduit
- Begged
- Scoop holder
- Political stalwart
- Lend a sly hand
- Obey reveille
- 30 Platter
- 33 It winds up on your head
- 34 "Confound it all!"
- 36 Blackbird (Var.)
- 37 Talon
- 38 Turkish money
- 39 Eastern potatoe
- 40 Unit of force
- 42 Pickle container
- 43 Indivisible
- 44 Tai —
- 45 Barbie's companion

DOWN

- 1 Recede
- 2 Cattle call?
- 3 Tofu makings
- 4 Legal claim
- 5 Car
- 6 Pimple
- 7 Halves of 1-Across
- 8 Citizen Kane's estate
- 9 Cambodian

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change makes demands that you might find unwelcome at this time. But instead of concentrating on the short run, look toward potential benefits down the road.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a gift for reviving projects that seem beyond repair. Use that same ability to restore a relationship that seems to have turned from loving to lifeless.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect to be asked to use your combined wisdom and humor to resolve a problem. After all, folks not only value your advice, they also like how you give it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Most people consider you solid and steady. But you also can be quite capricious (which is a Latin word for "describing the behavior of Goats") when it suits your needs.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) People treat you as you wish to be treated. So if you want a change in your relationship, make it happen. Also expect someone to reveal some long-held secrets.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay with the decision you made, despite a sudden torrent of advice to the contrary from well-meaning people. Remember: You know your needs better than anyone.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like things tidy, with no loose ends. You also enjoy research and would make an excellent investigative reporter or scientist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The typically tidy Ram or Ewe might want to butt out until things are settled on the home front. But get involved and let your Ovine sense of order help restore domestic tranquility.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's flair for fine-tuning complicated fiscal dealings comes in handy when an unexpected financial problem arises. Stay with it until it's resolved to your satisfaction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family aspects remain strong. There might be some unresolved difficulties, but continued attempts to smooth things over eventually prove to be successful. A major purchase looms.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A promise that was made but never kept suddenly re-emerges in your life. You now have to decide if you're still interested in what it offers or if you've moved past it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance comes to unattached Leos and Leonas who have been waiting for Cupid to target them for far too long. Domestic purr-fection is also enhanced for paired Felines.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You need to take a much-needed break from that demanding project before too much energy-draining tension sets in. And don't be ashamed to ask for help.

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Art Scene



You can see Norman Kirk doing his thing on the sidewalk during Paint Ventura

Paint Ventura

Paint Ventura's second free creative adventure is September 9-11 in downtown Ventura featuring over 100 Plein Air Artists creating, selling and teaching and each day is free to the public. Paint Ventura's first plein air event on April 30 featured over 54 artists and drew a crowd of thousands of people to downtown Ventura.

On Friday, September 9 (5-8pm) "Paint Ventura Paint Out and Arty Party" 15 artists will begin local art pieces at Red Brick Gallery (315 E. Main St.) during the kick off party. There will be an art raffle to raise money for The Ventura Education Partnership, a non-profit dedicated to connecting professional artists with classrooms to teach arts education for K-12th graders.

On Saturday, September 10 (11-5pm) 100+ artists will be creating, selling and teaching workshops along Main Street and California Street. Live music and book events along with art creation will take place at participating locations through downtown. Several free and low cost workshops will be held for all

skill levels for both adults and youth. Sessions will be held throughout the weekend in a variety of media including painting, drawing and 3D mobile making. please check their web-site www.paintventura.com for a full list of classes.

Then on Saturday evening September 10 (6-9pm) an after party and Beatrice Wood special exhibit will be at Fox Fine Jewelry.

Continuing on Sunday (1-5pm) WAV (Working Artists Ventura) will be hosting a free studio tour, inviting the public into their spaces to see how they work, along with live music from local groups.

Paint Ventura is currently seeking artists to participate in creating, selling their work and conducting workshops for the Saturday September 10 Paint Ventura event, only \$20 to register, no commissions taken.

For more information please check their web-site www.PaintVentura.com and FaceBook page <http://www.facebook.com/paintventura>.

Ventura receives national arts marketing award

The Destination Marketing Association International (DMAI) along with Americans for the Arts announced the City of Ventura and the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau as recipients of the first Arts Destination Marketing Award at the DMAI's 97th Annual Convention in New Orleans. Selected from 50 entrants, Ventura was noted for taking such measures as showcasing local art in its visitor promotional materials; providing grants for marketing efforts to local arts organizations; and utilizing the Visitors Bureau as a central ticketing office for community arts and cultural events.

Heralded as "California's new Art City," Ventura has a vibrant arts scene and numerous year-round cultural events.

According to Jim Luttjohann, Executive Director of the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau, "For

two internationally renowned organizations like DMAI and Americans for the Arts, to see our arts scene and the partnerships we have fostered as being worthy of an award, is truly an honor. To have other Bureaus from around the world see our efforts held up as an example, is very noteworthy, and I hope our local community realizes the level of competition we faced in garnering such an accolade."



"SimplyOrange" by Christine Beirne can be seen at the Artists Union Gallery

Something Simple Exhibit (and poetry)

The Something Simple Exhibit is at the Artists Union Gallery, located at 330 S. California Street until September 25.

This multi-media exhibit is about



The democratizing of the beach

In the 19th century, a trip to the beach promised pleasant breezes, salt water, and picnics, but certainly not surfing, volleyball or bikinis. Learn how seaside attitudes and fashion changed, when the Museum of Ventura County presents *Democratizing the Beach: From Therapy to Recreation*, by historian Robert C. Ritchie, on Saturday, August 27, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$5 for museum members, and includes entry to all museum galleries. For reservations, call 653-0323 x 7.

Dr. Ritchie's talk illustrates how beach culture shifted during the 19th century from an emphasis on the therapeutic value of seawater to interest in the recreational pleasures of a trip to the shore. He will also look at the changing attitudes about appropriate beach attire. Ritchie's lecture accompanies the museum's current *Splash!* exhibition, which includes historic photographs of Ventura's 1900s seaside attractions, 1920s and 1960s bathing suits from the museum's collection, an exploration of 1960s surf culture, and a detailed look back at Ventura's former Bath House. This show runs through September 18.

Ritchie, whose specialty is early American history, is a senior research scholar with the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. The Museum of Ventura County is located at 100 East Main Street in downtown Ventura. Hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more museum information go to www.venturamuseum.org or call 653-0323.

creation through simplicity.

Think tea ceremony, the blues, haiku, the single line drawing, shaker furniture. Think less is more, this exhibit focuses on simplicity and its elegance and beauty.

Also there is poetry every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Artists Union Gallery hosted by Phil Taggart.

August 30 Peg Quinn

August 27 TL Cabrera

September 6 F. Albert Salinas

Two on the Aisle

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festation of questioning the elders.

"Heaven" has a large ensemble cast of 12 that is filled with talented women of a wide range of ages from throughout the County. Several roles are double cast so different performers can move forward from being atmosphere players to principals at different times throughout the run.

Director Tom Eubanks employs creative uses of staging and minimal props. Many actions are merely implied by gestures, further simplifying the overall picture. Eubanks makes excellent work of choreographing the action to fully use not only the stage, but the audience aisles as well, incorporating the entire theater into the action.

The play features communal singing which was apparently a

prominent part of the Shaker confessional experience. Ojai dweller Jaye Hersh, founder/director of Ojai's renaissance vocal ensemble Madrigali and recently named a Living Treasure in that community, has worked her magic blending the myriad voices into pleasant harmonies.

A great deal of care has been exercised by costume designer Beth Glasner to effect authenticity, as far as it is known. The result is a sea of sameness, as was required by the Shaker community.

Although an interesting look into a little-known culture of early America, the play has few plot points and a great deal of repetition. By the very nature of the Shaker community, conflict is kept to a minimum, which makes for a decidedly bland stage offering.

We applaud the Elite for staging this piece and exposing audiences to another view of life. We can also clearly see why, after several hundred years, the sect has dwindled down to just a few followers.

"As It Is In Heaven" continues through September 18 at the Petit Playhouse in Heritage Square, 730 So. B St., Oxnard. Performance times are Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets at \$17 general and \$15 for seniors/students. Reservations: 483-5118. www.elitetheatre.org.

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