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Shana Epstein, Ventura Water General Manager, discusses the settlement agreement to protect the Santa Clara River Estuary during a recent press briefing. Also in attendance were Jason Weiner, Staff Attorney for Wishtoyo Foundation's Ventura Coastkeeper Program, and Mayor Bill Fulton.

## Ventura water and public interest groups protect estuary with settlement

by Nancy Broschart

On August 17, Heal the Bay, Wishtoyo Foundation's Ventura Coastkeeper Program, and Ventura Water announced a settlement that will steer sweeping changes in the use of the highly treated water produced by the City's wastewater facility. Currently between 7 and 9 million gallons are treated daily and then released into the Santa Clara River Estuary, where the river meets the Pacific Ocean.

The settlement outlines a schedule and a collaborative process, which will rely on the best available science to decide how much of the tertiary treated water can be reused for landscaping or other uses such as agriculture, groundwater recharge, or to combat seawater intrusion. Since 40-60% of drinking water withdrawn from our rivers and groundwater supplies is used for irrigation, creating more opportunities to use reclaimed water for applications such as landscaping will help protect Ventura's local water supplies over the long term.

Following public outreach efforts to explain the settlement to the community, including the potential financial impacts to wastewater rates, the Ventura City Council is expected to vote on a final settlement in December. While the exact costs will not be known until consensus is reached at the agreement's scheduled milestones, total costs of this program are capped at \$55 million. Initial costs are estimated at \$3.52 per month per average household until 2055. The different options to fund this program will be evaluated during Ventura Water's Cost of Service and Rate Design Study, which will begin in September. The earliest possible date for any rate adjustments to go into effect

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To the dump with you and not the ocean as Cal Lutheran students and Ventura crews clean-up the riverbed

## Cal Lutheran students beautify Ventura riverbed

by Carter Friedman

The Ventura Riverbed is looking clean this week thanks to the "You Got Served" clean-up initiative Cal Lutheran University held on August 30. For the fourth year in a row, almost 600 Cal Lutheran student volunteers partnered with the Ventura Police Department and City of Ventura staff to remove trash and cover up graffiti in the Ventura Riverbed and surrounding bridges.

In just 3 hours, more than 9 tons of trash was picked up, bagged, and sent to the dump. Students armed with heavy-duty gloves, trash grabbers, and surgical masks filled huge garbage containers with everything from old food wrappers, clothes and empty aerosol cans to bicycle parts, couches and medical waste. In the cacophony of trucks backing up, dumpers being rolled away, and instructors shouting

instructions to students painting over graffiti, I asked Cal Lutheran student Jaeden Erickson and Sean Allin why they were doing this. "We think it's important to help the community" Allin told me. "Lots of trash gets washed in the ocean, and we are trying to prevent that," said Erickson. "There's some pretty harmful stuff lying around down here: I just found a syringe over there" he said, pointing toward a spot up the Riverbed. Another student told me, "We're just cleaning up what's left behind. We want to beautify what we have here in Ventura so for everyone who comes here, it's nice to look at."

With an impressive four-year total of 34.5 tons of garbage cleaned up and more than a mile of graffiti painted over, we thank them and take their example to heart.



A large Ficus tree, in the 200 block of Jordan Avenue suddenly split and fell blocking traffic and causing high voltage electrical lines, that serviced streetlights only, to collapse as well. Two large branches from the tree narrowly missed three vehicles parked in the street. No one was injured as a result of the collapse and Parks Department personnel had the street cleared and reopened by noon. Photo by Roving Reporter Jim Minas.

## Ceremony to honor those who perished

by Kris McDonald

Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

It has been 10 long years since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Many brave men and women rushed into the World Trade Center buildings to save the lives of others, despite imminent danger to themselves. Three hundred forty-three members of our fire family were lost at Ground Zero that day, hundreds more were physically injured and psychologically scarred. The horrific events of September 11, 2001 will forever shape the future of the Fire Service, our nation, and the world.

In honor of all the firefighters, peace officers, military personnel, and civilians who perished on 9/11, the Ventura County Emergency Planning Council will be presenting a 10th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony at the Ventura County Government Center.

Included in the event will be the traditional bell and flag ceremonies, a helicopter fly-over, bagpipes, and other musical tributes. The event, open to the public, will be held from 11:00AM to 12:00PM on Sunday, September 11th. The location for the event is on the lawn area between the Firefighters, Law Enforcement, and Veterans memorials, in front of the Ventura County Government Center, located at 800 S. Victoria Avenue. Parking will be available in the Government Center parking lot at no charge.

Also taking place that day, at all Ventura Fire Stations except Fire Station 4, will be a short memorial gathering around each Fire Station flagpole. This will take place at both 6:40AM and 10:00 AM, in support of Senate Resolution 237. Please come out and help us pay

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# City News

## Second unit amnesty program

by Christy Weir  
City Council Member

The City of Ventura has recently approved a Second Unit Amnesty program, to give an opportunity for owners to legalize units that may not have the required building permits nor meet zoning standards. Units must meet safety regulations, but fines will not be charged and some fees and previous requirements will be waived. I will be a participant in this program.

In 2007, I went to the city's Permit Counter seeking confirmation that our 2nd unit was legal and safe. I had the original inspection records from when it was permitted and built by a previous owner in 1990, but wanted to ensure that it met current safety codes.

Building & Safety inspectors visited the 2nd unit, at our request, and advised on life-safety items. They discovered that we needed to replace a few outlets with more recent GFI models, as well as install an additional smoke detector. A permit was issued for this work and was inspected and signed off in June of 2007 confirming that our 2nd unit was legal and safe for occupancy.

In light of recent questions regarding the payment of impact fees for this unit, the city's Code Enforcement Supervisor reviewed the City's files and their prior determination.

They found a Planning document that further clarified the 2nd unit as a permitted "Art Studio" which is different than a dwelling unit. I was advised of the change in July of this year.

I, as well as all other 2nd unit amnesty applicants, must follow these procedures:

**Step One:** Get several Life Safety Inspection Checklists at the Building Counter at City Hall Room 117. Then have a couple of licensed contractors inspect the unit and complete the checklists so that you have a few bids to choose from, should repairs be needed.

**Step Two:** Collect documentation to establish the in-service date of the 2nd dwelling unit so the City can estimate fees, which are based on the year it was built or converted to a dwelling unit. (I have inspection records to show this date. Other types of records are admissible.)

**Step Three:** Sketch a plot plan using the City's template (Zoning and Development Standard Checklist) available at room 117 of City Hall.

**Step Four:** Submit the Checklists and Documentation to the City with a Building Permit Application. No fees will be charged for the initial application.

**Step Five:** The City will review your submittal and let you know if it's approved within 7 days.

**Step Six:** Issuance of the Permit and Final Inspection. Once your application is approved, you can pay the reduced fees (based on the unit's in-service date) and have your licensed contractor pull the permit. The contractor will make any needed repairs (using the Life Safety Inspection Checklist), then call for the final inspection and, once inspected, your unit will be available for use as a legal rental unit.

The application period for these 2nd unit permits will be October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Final inspection must be completed by June 30, 2013. Questions regarding this program should

be directed to 654-7869. Applications will be available in Room 117 at the Building and Safety Counter on September 1, 2011, and can be submitted to the City beginning October 1, 2011.

Anyone who owns a 2nd unit in Ventura is eligible to apply and will be treated professionally and fairly by our Building Permit and Inspection staff.

## City of Ventura Classes

Call 658-4726 or 654-7552 to register, if you already have an account online, visit [www.cityofventura.net](http://www.cityofventura.net)

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Class #30355 Saturday, 3-7 pm  
9/17

## Rick Raives: Public Works Director for the City of Ventura

*Breeze: Energy costs seem to be rising again. What is the city doing to reduce its energy use?*  
Answer: Motivated by the need to protect the environment and reduce operational costs, the city of Ventura

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has made significant progress to reduce its use of fossil fuels. In fact, by aggressively implementing programs to reduce electricity, natural gas, and gasoline use, the city has saved more than \$800,000 in public funds in the last three years.

It began in 2007 with the Green Initiative, a program the City Council established to improve the city's environmental performance. Although the initiative involved a range of strategies to protect our environment, one of the primary focuses was reducing energy use.

Energy conservation efforts have cut the city's electricity use by 15 percent since 2007. These reductions come from a broad range of projects such as energy-efficient light installations, heating and air conditioning improvements, pumping efficiency improvements for our water and wastewater systems, and

using solar energy to power our Sanjon Maintenance Yard. In addition, city crews are currently replacing 500 high-pressure sodium streetlights with more efficient LED lights that use about half the electricity.

Gasoline use is down 16 percent since efforts to improve fleet efficiency began. The city achieved the reduction by replacing old vehicles with hybrid electric vehicles, using GPS software to improve vehicle performance and routing, initiating a "no idling" policy and "right-sizing" the fleet to eliminate underutilized vehicles.

Other energy-saving measures are less traditional. For example, the city recently started using "warm mix" asphalt on a number of paving projects. Warm mix is applied at a much lower temperature requiring less energy to heat

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## City News

# How to keep our young families in Ventura

by Mayor Bill Fulton

The number of children – and young people generally – is on the decline, and as a community we are getting older. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 2000 and 2010:

■ The number of children age 0-9 in Ventura declined by 11%.

■ The number of people between 30 and 50 – typically the parents of school-age children – declined by 10%.

■ The number of people over the age of 50 increased by almost 30%.

To a certain extent, these statistics reflect a national and statewide trend toward a “graying” population. It’s also reflective of coastal cities throughout California, where the number of families and children is in decline.

More than anything, however, it might simply suggest a lack of turnover in Ventura’s population. Our kids are growing up and moving away and the rest of us are just getting older and staying here in Ventura. We don’t move away when we retire, because we already live in a great place to retire; and since we control new development strictly there aren’t many opportunities for new families to move in.

According to the Census, the number of people age 20-29 in Ventura went up 16%, a much higher figure than we saw statewide.

Like Ventura, mature communities all over the country are struggling because they can’t keep the people they

need to fill important jobs and to give the community a family-oriented vitality. But the rise of the twenty-something’s here in town gives us an opportunity to reverse the trend. If we can hang on to these folks over the next 10 years, then they’ll stay here a long time and raise their families here.

In order to keep our young families, we need to nurture the things that young families need – schools, jobs, and housing. We’ve already got the schools. Ventura Unified is an excellent school district with many choices – magnet and charter schools.

As for jobs, we’re working hard on creating a whole new sector of jobs in the “new economy” – high-tech, web development, and related companies that can provide stable, long-term employment. We must continue our efforts to grow these private-sector businesses so that young families will have stable jobs.

That leaves housing. In the long run, we will have to be aggressive in making sure that there is enough housing – and the right kind of housing – for our young families to buy. That probably means building more townhomes and large, high-quality condominiums, because the families won’t be able to afford single-family homes. It also means building more move-down housing for seniors – not just assisted living, but smaller units for older folks in places like downtown, where you don’t have to

drive much. More move-down housing will encourage longtime Venturans to move out of their houses and stay in town – and also free up single-family housing for young families to buy so that we don’t have to build more sprawl to keep them in town.

In part, we can’t avoid the fact that we are an aging country, an aging state, and an aging city. But Ventura remains – as it always has been – a great family town. We all need to work together to make sure that lots of people of all ages enjoy living here.

### Estuary settlement

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would be July 1, 2012.

During the settlement announcement, Mayor Bill Fulton stated that this innovative approach supports Ventura’s important environmental stewardship role by using water resources more sustainably while protecting the functionally fragile and inter-related natural ecosystem of the Estuary. As an additional protective measure, the settlement also directs that a treatment wetlands would be constructed to further improve water quality if some water continues to be released into the Estuary in the future.

This agreement will resolve legal actions brought by Heal the Bay and Wishtoyo Foundation’s Ventura Coastkeeper Program regarding the water discharged by the wastewater facility. The groups have been concerned that the treated water is negatively impacting water quality and aquatic habitat in the Estuary. In conjunction, under a timeframe set by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, work began in early 2009 on studies using science to evaluate the interaction of the discharge in the Estuary and to examine future options for this water. As part of the process, a stakeholder group of environmental organizations, public and resource agencies, and special interest groups was created to review and offer input into the studies.

While the studies are still ongoing, the three parties were able to agree that the science, at this point, indicates that a significant portion, at least 50% and up to 100%, of the treated water may need to be removed from the Estuary. The settlement schedule allows time to identify, evaluate and implement by 2025 the preferred alternatives to achieving the diversion goals.

Residents are encouraged to become involved and review the most current information about the Estuary settlement and its outreach program at [www.cityofventura.net/rivers](http://www.cityofventura.net/rivers).

In January 2011, the City Council approved the creation of a separate organization, named Ventura Water, to focus on the increasingly complex responsibilities of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services. Previously operated through the City’s Public Works Department, Ventura Water is completely self-sustaining through revenues generated by water and wastewater rates and receives no funding from the City’s General Fund.

Ventura Water has been operating a municipal sewer system to keep Ventura healthy and safe for more than a century. In 1958, the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility was constructed on the northbank of Santa Clara River and began wastewater treatment operations. Since then, Ventura customers have invested millions of dollars to fund the upgrades and improvements necessary

to meet increasingly stringent regulations. The facility receives all wastewater generated by Ventura’s 109,000+ residents and businesses and employs a complex, multi-stage treatment process to clean it before it is reused or discharged. Presently, about 3 percent is used to water the City’s two golf courses and nearby landscaping.

*Nancy Broschart is a Management Analyst for Ventura Water.*

### 9/11 Ceremony

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tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice that day, as well as to those who continue to serve. We will never forget!

For more information please visit our City website at [cityofventura.net/fire/10th-anniversary-091111](http://cityofventura.net/fire/10th-anniversary-091111) or visit us online at [facebook.com/venturacityfire](http://facebook.com/venturacityfire) and [youtube.com/VenturaCityFD](http://youtube.com/VenturaCityFD).

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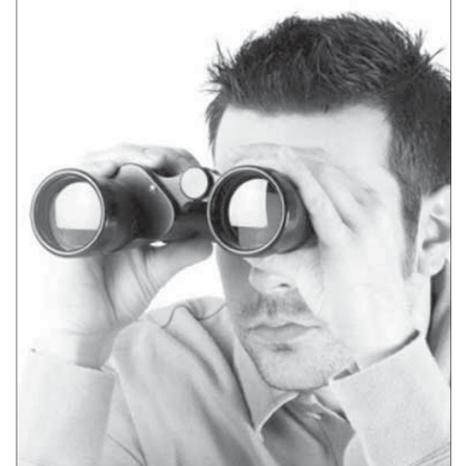
the asphalt and reducing fumes. It also is more durable and sets more quickly than regular asphalt, which reduces job time and the length of lane closures.

These energy-efficiency initiatives have the added benefit of reducing Ventura’s greenhouse gas emissions. Since 2007, the city has cut its annual emissions by more than 14 percent or about 2,000 metric tons. That is the equivalent of removing 380 vehicles from the road.

Residents are invited to join the city in its efforts to preserve our natural resources and keep Ventura beautiful. Making conscientious changes, as simple as turning off the lights or shutting off your computer when you go home for the day, can make a difference for the environment while saving you money.

For more information on city of Ventura environmental sustainability, visit <http://www.facebook.com/green-ventura>.

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 let us know at [editor@venturabreeze.com](mailto:editor@venturabreeze.com)



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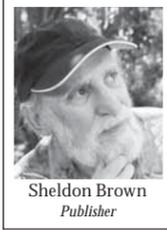


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Editor:

I spent the day in Santa Barbara along the beach and on State ST. I saw no abandoned shopping carts and only two transients/homeless persons on State ST. Why is it that when I cycle up the Ventura Beach promenade that I always see a dozen or so transients/homeless and a half dozen or so abandoned shopping carts? What is Santa Barbara doing that Ventura is not? Why the difference? Also I have seen no transients/homeless or abandoned shopping carts in Oxnard Shores, Hollywood Beach or Silverstrand. And yet, we have these unsavories living on the beach at the end of Seaward (and per

## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon Brown  
Publisher

■ As we all know a judge has removed the paid parking initiative from the November ballot. Even though if it had passed it would have been thrown out anyway. I am disappointed that he did this because I really would have liked to see how the voting went.

Personally I would have voted against it. I am in favor of the dreaded downtown parking meters but that was not the main reason that I would have voted against it.

The main reason is that it was much too broad and inclusive and would have required a 2/3 majority vote anytime that the city wanted to require any paid parking.

First of all it is almost impossible to get a 2/3 vote for most anything and if passed it meant that if the city wanted to ever build a new parking structure (or rent a lot to provide paid parking) they couldn't without putting it to a vote which would take years at a great expense to the city. I think that this would remove too much of the city's ability to run the city.

At a recent meeting regarding this measure I asked one of the initiators of the measure "if this passed wouldn't that mean that the city would need approval for any paid parking?" and she responded "yes before the city ever spends millions of dollars on anything they must get the citizens' approval". I was shocked with this answer because if this was the real "hidden" meaning of

this initiative perhaps we should have known this.

I really appreciate the tremendous amount of time, effort and work that was spent getting this to qualify for the ballot and would hope that the folks that made this happen will continue to work for the betterment of Ventura in a more constructive manner.

■ Regarding the November elections there will be many forums presenting the 11 candidates seeking a seat on the city council where you will be able to hear their views on running the city. Be sure to attend some of them and several will be shown on CAPSTV.

These are the candidates who are running. Some are current council members, some familiar names to us and some that we may not know at all (listed alphabetically by last names).

**Ed Alamillo:** Employed by the Ventura County Environmental Health Department and a regional council member of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 721.

**Martin Armstrong:** A landscape architect who served as the Park and Recreation Commissioner for five years.

**Melody Baker:** A disabled US Army veteran, is an advocate for the handicapped who can usually be seen downtown and appears often before the city council.

**Carla Bonney:** A political activist who was one of the initiators of the parking ordinance and has appeared before the city council several times.

**Danny Carillo:** A Service Employees International Union Local 998 worksite organizer.

## Mailbox

John Whitman on the beach at Woodstock LN and per Dan Scully on the beach at Winthrop LN). What are these adjacent beach communities doing differently than Ventura? It is out of control. Why isn't something being done? I am miffed. There is simply no excuse for what is happening. Murray Robertson

Ventura Breeze;

Ventura County Judge Mark Borrell wrote that the ballot initiative to remove parking meters, Measure J, was illegal and ruled that, "No purpose would be served by putting it on the ballot."

I agree. I think voters have more pressing issues than whether it costs a dollar to park on Main Street downtown. It's important to note that fees collected from the meters go toward funding additional police patrols and providing wifi service all over the downtown area. I'll gladly pay for those services in the form of parking fees.

I'm happy to pay for a good parking spot, and if I can't find a space on the streets, there is still plenty of room in garages and lots around downtown, and those parking spaces are free. In fact, I read that 90 percent of the spaces downtown are still free, so why wouldn't the people opposed to the meters just use the free parking?  
Brett Becker  
Ventura

Dear Breeze-

I'm wondering how the construction work on Hillmont Avenue is allowed to begin at 6:00 am, when the City's Noise Ordinance clearly restricts such noise to 7:00 am! See below...

Construction of buildings and structures.

Between the hours of 8:00 p.m. of one day and 7:00 a.m. of the next, no person

adjacent to or within any residential zone in the city shall operate power construction equipment or tools or perform any outside construction or repair work on buildings or structures, or operate any pile driver, steam shovel, pneumatic hammer, steam or electric hoist or other construction device so as to create any noise which exceeds the noise level limits of this article. These specified construction activities are permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The performance of emergency work is exempt from the provisions of this section.

Name withheld by request

Breeze:

Your question is our demand, the following is your answer from several sources. Please let us know if this continues.

Mr. Brown,

Your inquiry regarding construction on Hillmont prior to 7:00 a.m. was forwarded to Supervisor Bennett's office. On Supervisor Bennett's behalf, I immediately contacted HCA Deputy Director, Paul Lorenz. Paul immediately contacted the construction supervisor, Chris Cooper. Mr. Cooper stated that the contractor was starting to do work before 7:00 am and was asked to stop about a week ago. The County has had a Public Works Agency Inspector on-site for the past 6 days to insure compliance. This inspector will continue to be on-site first thing in the morning to ensure compliance.

Supervisor Bennett and County staff

**Ken Cozzens:** A retired Ventura County Sheriff Captain and owns a downtown business. Devotes a lot of time in helping run Ventura City Corps. Has previously run for city council.

**Cheryl Heitman:** Is the director of the very successful Ventura Music Festival and serves on the Ventura County Community College Board of Trustees.

**Bill Knox:** An attorney and past president of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning. He has run for city council previously.

**Carl Morehouse:** Was first elected to the city council in 1999 and has served as mayor and deputy mayor. He has also served on the city's Outreach Committee and the Historic Preservation Committee.

**Brian Rencher:** Is a very frequent speaker at the city council meetings, very involved in the city's economics and has run for city council many times.

**Christy Weir:** She has served on the City Council since 2003 and as Mayor in 2007. She has participated in a number of community activities, including serving as a founding board member for the Downtown Ventura Organization.

■ To better serve our readers (and advertisers) we now have an exterior Breeze rack on Victoria at IHOP and Marie Callender's and next to Fresh&Easy at Thompson and Jordon, where you can pick up the Breeze. I am sorry if there are no papers in many of our locations when you go to pick up your favorite newspaper but the Breeze is soooo popular that they go quickly.

are committed to minimizing negative impacts to the neighbors during construction. If you have additional concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Supervisor Bennett's office at 654-2703 or Mr. Lorenz at paul.lorenz@ventura.org directly.

Regards,

Cindy Cantle

Administrative Assistant to

Supervisor Steve Bennett, First District

Mr. Brown,

Good Afternoon. I understand that there has been a reported concern around the construction start-time on the VCMC Campus. The contractor apparently started work prior to 7:00 am and was subsequently directed to comply with the 7:00 am start-time. The County Public Works Project Inspector will be on-site to ensure adherence to the construction start-time requirement. We do apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused our neighbors. If there are any further issues or concerns regarding this project, we do encourage direct communication with the Project Manager, Dan Hartzel at 654-3706. This will allow us the opportunity to respond immediately in addressing any issues or concerns that may arise over the next several months, until which time the project is completed in January of 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 652-6058.

Paul E. Lorenz

Hospital Administrator,

Ventura County Medical Center

Who so would be a man must be a nonconformist.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



## News and Notes



These volunteers are preparing the backpacks that are delivered to area schools

### Just in time for school – “Backpacks for Kids!”

by Nanci Cone

The idea was hatched about seven years ago when Prudential realtor Ellyn Dembowski got together with a few friends and 50 backpacks and supplies they purchased and put together for the Boys and Girls Club. Ellyn notes, “The next year I appealed to my Rotary club to help and got about \$800 in financial donations and several people who volunteered to help. As the event grew, we kept expanding to larger facilities to assemble the backpacks. We heard the downtown Lions club wanted to do

something similar and we asked them to partner with us and now we look forward to working together every year.”

She adds, “Lion’s Club Chair Mario Robinson, President Joey Siddens and Senior Lion’s Club member Don all committed to make it work. Our own Jim Deardorff, pushed for it to be made a Rotary Project, so that support would be easier to obtain from Rotary’s Julius Gius Foundation.”

Mario Robinson and the City of Ventura have donated Westpark

Community Center the last two years for the project and Rotary and the Lion’s Club agree that it will be a while before they outgrow this facility.

Julius Gius support this year was \$3100; Lion’s Club members stepped up their support to \$1500, and many Rotary of Ventura members and some community members made generous contributions of backpack items, took time to shop for everything, and donated money to make it all work. Ellyn has an online company she uses to buy the backpacks for about \$4.35 each. Even though it seems like a miniscule amount, she is able to get great, thick canvas sturdy backpacks. Additionally, she is always shopping for deals, along with her eternal committee, who call and tell her where things are on sale, or businesses with closeouts who know Rotary of Ventura and the Lion’s Club are doing this project.

The week before school starts the backpacks are delivered to area schools and the warm response is overwhelming! Of course not all schools have the need and don’t call, which has allowed us to meet everyone’s request, so far! Even in mid-year, Ellyn received a call from a homeless program telling her they needed 25 more and the board searched and found just enough money to supply them.

Ellyn told me “I maintain a storage unit for items for my business and it has allowed me to store items for the following years, as supplies come in all the time – especially once we get the word out to local businesses and suppliers,” she said. “We all feel good because we know we’re making a difference!”

at the park in Saticoy to raise money for their new building. Personally, I can’t wait for the Club to move into its beautiful new building. Kudos to the Club! Now that’s community.

Last week, the City of Ventura and Cal Lutheran University teamed up on a service project to clean up the Ventura riverbed. Not only did they clean-up the trash and debris to the tune of about 10 tons of trash, but they cleaned up graffiti in the area. This work helps keep our river clean and safe and it avoids steep fines for the city if the pollutant levels exceed State standards.

Recently, CAPS had the opportunity to cover several events sponsored by the Ventura Chamber. We were at the “Arts in the Park” event in the Harbor. Our friend, FOOD Share was there sharing their mission. I chatted with the two young men manning the booth. It was great to hear their experience working in the warehouse packing food, picking up donations and helping the families. One young man told me he wanted to help those who couldn’t afford food because he grew up with very little and depended upon groups like FOOD Share to help his family. These are some of the committed kids in our community.

We also had the opportunity to cover the Young Professional Group of the Ventura Chamber’s event “Work It.” It was a fun party with members as fashion models showing off attire from local businesses on the runway. The Chamber members started this group just over a year ago to support and mentor young business people. Ventura businesses, the new and the more established, are vital to our community. They bring jobs here and encourage people to “Buy Local,” thus funding the city and its services. They also sponsor and volunteer with the Ventura community.

Check our listings on Channel 6, our website CAPSTV.org, CAPS-TV Ventura Facebook page and CAPSTVtweets on Twitter for all of our coverage. CAPS membership costs only \$25 a year for the use of our studio, cutting edge equipment and skilled training.

## CAPS People are Our Greatest Resource

by Elizabeth Rodeno

The residents of the City of Ventura are a committed group who spend a lot of time working to improve our city and to enjoy it. The residents, business owners, city employees, artists and all the kids are on the bandwagon.

From our experience here at CAPS, our members are a committed group who work hard to produce interesting and topical shows as part of their “Community Service”. We like and appreciate what they do and part of our mission is to nurture and support.

One such group that we are working hand in hand with is The Boys and Girls Club of Ventura. Their Saticoy Club is an important part of the community in East Ventura. Having toured the trailer where over 50 kids spend their afternoons, I was so impressed with what the staff and volunteers do to provide support, education, learning skills and fun to the kids in Saticoy. CAPS will also be working with the club to launch a Digital Storytelling program. We were there at their “Build a Brick” event

## Public forums for council candidates

Eleven candidates are vying for the three Ventura City Council positions in the upcoming 2011 election. Current city council member, Mayor Bill Fulton, is not running for re-election and current council members Christy Weir and Carl Morehouse will be on the November ballot.

Candidates for city council are invited to speak on the issues at a public forum on September 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ventura TowneHouse across from Ventura Community College. The public will be invited to submit questions via a box located in the TowneHouse reception area. This event will be moderated by Suz Montgomery and will be televised on cable channel 15.

And the Ventura Social Services Task Force will be hosting a forum specifically addressing issues of poverty and homelessness on September 22 from 6:30pm -8:30pm. It will be held at the Ventura Church of Christ at 5401 Bryn Mawr.

If anyone has a question they would like asked at Task Force forum please email the question to william.finley@usw.salvationarmy.org.

These are opportunities to meet with the candidates and hear their ideas on possible solutions to the problems which affect us all. There will be other forums.

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# News and Notes

## Carl Morehouse announces candidacy

by Carl E. Morehouse, AICP  
Councilmember, City of San Buenaventura

I have decided to run again most of all because the current economic downturn has hampered the city's ability to serve our community. I feel a duty to help guide the City through these tough fiscal times. Understanding how the City's budget works, and how the State budget affects the City, requires experience.

As Ventura's representative to the League of California Cities, Southern California Association of Governments, and Ventura Council of Governments, I have built relationships with fellow city and county leaders from around the state, and have also come to fully understand that so much of what affects us locally is the result of decisions made in Sacramento. I have helped fight off costly legislative mandates to our city. Furthermore, I have a good working relationship with our representatives.

I'm very proud of the twelve years I've served on the Council. I think we've accomplished a lot.

I believe that we've come a long way as a city over the past 12 years. Ventura has moved in a wonderful new direction, respecting the Vision we developed starting back in 1998, and the priorities of the citizens who love Ventura as much as I do.

We have a few more things to do as a city to be economically viable, environmentally sensitive, and equitable to all citizens. Addressing those "three Es" has been my mantra for the entire time I've been on the Council and I am committed to seeing them through. I have the energy, the passion, the commitment and the experience to do this for the next four years. I hope to continue in my service to this community.

### Grape Expectations

## A Ripe Old Age?

by Eric Garnier

The other night, my wife and I opened a 1997 bottle of wine that we purchased at a great winery in Napa Valley several years ago, expecting an incredible experience. Much to our surprise, it did not meet up to our expectations, especially since we had tasted the wine before we purchased it.

This all leads to two issues that need discussion. First, how long should you keep a wine before you drink it? Second, how should wines be stored to maximize the aging.

We have a rule in our house that we should not store red wines longer than ten years past their vintage date on the label. Why? Most New World wines are meant to be consumed young, and not meant for extended aging. Though this is not true for all wines, a good to very good wine can still benefit with some additional aging. The best wineries don't even release their wines until they are aged a little longer at the wineries.

With age, the tannins in the wine tend to dissipate or soften, making the wine seem more velvety. This in turn makes the fruit concentration come forward. All wines reach a certain maturity. At this point the wine is as good as it gets! After that the wine starts to deteriorate,

losing its maximum potential. It is hard or almost impossible to say when a wine is at its peak, so that is why we have the ten year rule in our house. And, yes there are great wines that can last 10, 20 or 30 years, but those are exceptions.

This now brings up the subject of how to properly store your wine for maximum aging potential. What we don't have in Ventura, or anywhere close is an off-site wine storage facility where you can store your wines in a climate controlled warehouse somewhere away from your home. Anyway, these places charge a fee and tend to be impersonal. These places also take away the spontaneity of grabbing a wine when you want it. So, most of us have two choices. The best choice is to buy a wine cooler. These are readily available and can hold anywhere from 24 to hundreds of bottles. The larger units (100 bottles or more) are best suited because they control the temperature and the humidity which are the two worst enemies of wine storage. Drastic changes in these greatly affect the aging of wines and can ruin the wines quickly.

If this is not an option, then I recommend converting a closet in the middle of the house. Be sure it is not near a heater or water heater. Keep the bottles laying down so the corks stay moist. Though this is not the ideal way to store your prized possessions, at least you will be able to age your wines for a short period before drinking them

Questions or comments? wineoeric@gmail.com.

Cheers! Eric.

## Say Nope to Dope/ Say Cool to School

by Chloé Sehati

A logo stands as a symbol, something that grabs the attention of people and has a true purpose. Logos have to be crafted carefully, which Donald Gloisten, president of Broker Dealer Firm (GBS Financial), did masterfully with his logo "Say Nope to Dope/ Say Cool to School." With its rhyming rhythm and positive attitude, Gloisten's logo symbolizes the mindset to maintain in order to reach success, attracting the attention of students of all ages.

Gloisten is serious about getting the word out; so serious, in fact, that he printed his logo on hats, posters, and bumper stickers. Already, over 1,000 hats have been distributed all over the USA and overseas. He then came in contact with Ventura Unified School District, and they agreed to approve a music-writing contest designed by Gloisten. This contest requires a song of any genre to be written with the theme of "Say Nope to Dope/ Say Cool to School." Submissions will be accepted until early December, and the winners will be announced in January of 2012.

A contest is not a competition without a reward. First prize wins \$2,500, and additional prizes of \$1,000 to \$100 will be awarded as well. The winner of the contest also plays at an event in the Ventura Music Festival, and it's open to all of Ventura Unified School District.

Donald Gloisten wants students to broaden their outlooks on music.

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He understands the impact of music on teenagers, explaining, "...I want to hear what is being said over and over in modern music. By and large it is an encouragement to use drugs for any number of reasons, all of which are false. It is my hope that I might inspire a few people to write poems, lyrics, music, and the like that will present the avoidance of drugs and encourage school in a positive light in a language that the youth of today understand and listen to."

GBS Financial gives donations to The Ventura Music Festival, Rubicon and numerous other charities. "I believe in

giving back to worthwhile causes. I also sponsor ten children in different parts of the world for Children Inc. among other charities," remarked Gloisten. His generosity for the community of Ventura is highly praised, especially because of the pride he's built for this community. "I know what a good education can mean for a person in good and bad economies. Drugs will kill all that and I would like to get the message out in the language of today's youth. If I can inspire just one person to avoid drugs and engage in his education I have done something positive."



Tom Snyder, Bill Wertz and Tom's kids Brooke, age 11, and Caden, age 6, were on hand at the recent car show at the Ventura Harbor enjoying both the cars and the village. Photo by John Ferritto.



## Community Events

### Annual Community “Day For Kids”

Day For Kids', the annual family community event, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura is scheduled for September 17, 11am to 3pm at the Bill Lefevre Center, 1929 Johnson Drive, Ventura. This free admission event will feature entertainment, live music, Wii Kinect, face painting and dance revolution tournaments, martial arts demonstrations, carnival games, jolly jumper, food, prizes, etc. Game cards can be purchased for \$1.00.

The 'Day For Kids' event is a day set aside each year to celebrate and honor America's children by spending meaningful time with them. It's a day focused on celebrating kids, children, grandchildren or any child in need of mentoring. Youth from all five of the Club's centers, their families and friends in Ventura, Saticoy and Oak View participate in the yearly celebration.

For additional event information, to schedule a Club tour or attend 'Day For Kids' contact event chair Chris Coudert at 844-6018 or 805-641-5585 or check their website at [www.bgclubventura.org](http://www.bgclubventura.org).

### Camerata Pacifica opens season

Always known for its innovative programming, Camerata Pacifica opens the 2011/12 season with classic 20th century works by George Crumb and Steve Reich. Featuring a percussion quartet comprised of some of the most exciting young players in the country, led by principal percussionist Ji Hye Jung, their program also includes Thierry de Mey's *Musique de Table*. De Mey draws on his work as a dancer in this highly performative piece, for three pairs of choreographed hands, which requires virtuosity and showmanship from its players. This program is rounded out with Rachmaninoff's *Prelude in C-sharp minor*, performed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Joanne Pearce Martin.

The group comprises some of today's most notable chamber musicians. Camerata Pacifica is distinctive for artistic excellence, an innovative approach to classical music and a repertoire that ranges from baroque to brand new, from familiar masterworks to works that have yet to become favorites.

On Sunday, September 18, at 3pm they will be performing at Temple Beth Torah, located at 7620 Foothill. \$40 admission, for tickets and information [www.cameratapacific.org](http://www.cameratapacific.org) or call 884-8410.

### Outstanding firefighters and citizen heroes recognized

The Kiwanis Club of Ventura's ninth annual Fire Services & Heroes Celebration honoring outstanding firefighters and citizen heroes from all across Ventura County will take place on September 9, at 6pm at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel & Resort, 1050 Schooner Drive in Ventura Harbor. The celebration will recognize 2011's citizen heroes and Samaritans as well as outstanding fire personnel from every fire service in the County. To be eligible

for the Heroism Award a person must have placed his or her own life in jeopardy in an attempt to save another human life. To be recognized as a Samaritan, a person must have risen above and beyond the call of normal duty to try to save a life, but their own life need not have been in peril.

This event was founded by Ventura City Council Member Neal Andrews, as a way of commemorating the great heroism of both public safety personnel and the many other citizen heroes who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

This year, along with the outstanding firefighters that serve our communities, six fellow citizens from across the County of Ventura will be honored for their heroic actions and selfless sacrifices.

The event is open to the public. A charge of \$40.00 (advance purchase or at the door) covers the cost of the dinner provided to all attendees and participants. Please make reservations in advance by contacting Jan Schmutte at 654-8151.

### Ventura's libraries?

September 15: An opportunity knocks to share your opinion and vision about the future of Ventura's libraries, a treasured community asset that faces important changes in our 21st Century.

A workshop entitled, "The Future of Ventura Libraries" is scheduled at 1 p.m. Thursday, at the Ventura TowneHouse, 4900 Telegraph Rd., across from Ventura Community College.

The workshop is part of the Ventura TowneHouse's Community Education Series and this event is in collaboration with the city's committee on strategic planning for the library system.

"I hope to see library users and non-users come out and participate," said Denise Sindelar, manager of the city's Community Partnership division. "The plan will identify priorities for library services throughout the city, with an eye on how best to provide those services and by what entity. Libraries face many challenges ranging from financing to technological advances, and Sindelar said, "we need to hear from the entire community as we make our plans."

Residents are also encouraged to participate in an online survey at [www.CityOfVentura.net/libraries](http://www.CityOfVentura.net/libraries)

### Coastal Clean-up Day

Be one of 80,000 volunteers statewide to participate in the 27th anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day! Join in on Saturday, September 17 from 9 am to 12 pm at one of five local beaches: Marina Park, Seaward Beach, Ventura Promenade (meet at the California St. Plaza near the Crowne Plaza Hotel), San Buenaventura State Beach (San Pedro Street entrance), and Ventura Harbor beaches (meet at Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center). Volunteers of all ages are welcome - wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen and a hat. Bring a bucket or bag and a refillable water bottle and help clean up our environment and protect our wildlife!

### Ventura events

**September 10: The Ventura Beginners Personal Computer Users Group** will meet Saturday, in the 3rd floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living, 1220 Cypress Place. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. Larry Antler, a computer teacher, will speak on computer file organization. For more information, call Marcie Malony at 648-1368.

**September 10: San Buenaventura Friends of the Library** selling affordable, quality used books, hard cover and paperback fiction; children's books, music, movies, puzzles, books on tape from 10:00-3:00 at the Pacific View Mall. The Friends of the Library are very fortunate to have the opportunity to bring a wonderful selection of donated books and media to the Pacific View Mall.

**September 10: The Stone Reading at Arts City Studios**, 197 Dubbers Street, Ventura. This poetry reading celebrates stone, sculptors and Art City. The Art City Studios has been a crucible and regional touchstone for the arts for well over 20 years. The reading starts at 7pm but get there early and checkout Art City. **September 11: The Kingdom Center** together with the Firefighters for Christ host the **3rd Annual Garden Party** to benefit the transitional living program for homeless families and individuals in Ventura, and to unite the community for a great cause and remembrance event from 2-5 pm at a private Italian villa in the Spanish Hills section of Camarillo, the event will include a special 9/11 tribute.

It includes a fabulous Italian buffet, live music, entertainment, and a live and silent auction. To attend the event, register at [www.thekingdomcenter-ventura.com](http://www.thekingdomcenter-ventura.com). For more information or sponsorship opportunities please email [info@thekingdomcenterventura.com](mailto:info@thekingdomcenterventura.com) or call 643-7675.

**September 16-18: Ink for a Cause** is a three-day, family-friendly tattoo convention advocating generosity through body art. A portion of proceeds will go to the Best Day Foundation, helping special-needs children build confidence through safe and fun adventure activities. Aside from featuring a hundred tattoo artists and their work, the event is essentially a living, breathing art exhibition, with fine art, seminars, contests, a kids' arts and crafts corner and live bands. The event takes place at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$10 for one day or \$5 with Military ID; \$25 for a Weekend Pass and \$5 for Kids 12 and under; available at the gate or in advance at Toxic Apparel on Main St., Ventura. [www.inkforacause.com](http://www.inkforacause.com), 607-2420.

**September 17: Peninsula Yacht Marina** is having the year's final **Boaters Swap Meet** on Saturday September 17, 2011 from 8a.m. until 3p.m. New and Used Boat Equipment, Electronics, Dinghys, Sails, engines, Instruments, Brass, SS, Marine Hardware, Fishing Supplies, Nautical Knick-knacks and More. Have Lots of Fun in the Sun at 3700 Peninsula Rd. Call 985-6400 for info, reservations or slips.

**September 17: The Ventura County Genealogical Society, Inc. (VCGS)** will be holding its regular monthly meeting Saturday, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ventura LDS Family History Center, 3501 Loma Vista Rd. (at Mills Rd.). Before the meeting begins and during the breaks, genealogy books and supplies are available for purchase.

Guests are always welcome to attend the free meeting. For more information call Gwenda Tucker at 485-7930.

**September 17: 9:00 a.m. Audobon Beach Cleanup**, Emma Wood State Beach Group Campground. Information: Reed Smith (652-0706). California Coastal Cleanup Day is a statewide volunteer day. Join fellow Audubon members to help clean up one of our birding sites. Meet inside the campground at the far west end of Main St. beyond the bridge over the Ventura River. In 2009 volunteers used 130,000 plastic bags & 135,000 plastic gloves so BYO - bucket, previously used shopping bags or reusable bag, and gloves.

**September 17: Amnesty International** will hold its annual **Write-A-Thon** on Saturday, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at College United Methodist Church, 4300 Telegraph Rd. The public is invited to join in a letter-writing marathon for Human Rights around the world. You will enjoy good company, music and snacks. Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights to be respected and protected for everyone.

**September 17 & 18: The California Beer Festival** returns to Ventura at beautiful Mission Park. Saturday's event, Craft Beer Heaven, encourages beer lovers to expand their horizons with over 100 brews on tap to sample from over 70 different breweries, delicious food and six live bands. Sunday is all about Blues, Brew and BBQ; along with good eats, there will be craft beer on tap for purchase and three of the biggest names in the California Blues scene are expected to take the stage. Proceeds benefit the Dyslexia Awareness and Resource Center (DARC) and the Gen Giammanco Foundation, supporting student athletes. Hours are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$45 for Saturday and \$25 for Sunday.

**September 18: History comes alive** at the Olivas Adobe Historical Park with presentation of the annual **Living History Day** on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with demonstrations of life on Rancho San Miguel, the home of the Olivas Family, in the "olden days". Greet presidential candidate Ulysses S. Grant as he seeks reelection in 1872. Enjoy music, food and entertainment on this fun day. Admission: \$3; children under 12, \$1; children younger than 4, free.

The Olivas Adobe Historical Park is located at 4200 Olivas Park Dr.

For more information go to [www.olivasadobe.org](http://www.olivasadobe.org)

**September 19: The September meeting of Zeta Chi**, the local unit of the **National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP)**, will be held Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Topping Room of the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main St. Zeta Chi meetings are open to the public. Sharon Hillbrant, a member of the Zeta Chi Unit from Camarillo will be the lesson leader for the September meeting. Topic: "Meetings, Sessions, Adjournment, and particular types of Business Meetings." For further information on the Zeta Chi Unit please contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or [sandy108@pacbell.net](mailto:sandy108@pacbell.net).

**September 24: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Beginners' Bird Walk**, Foster Park. Leader: Allen Bertke (640-9037). We should see fall migrants, bluebirds & egrets. Take Hwy 33 from Ojai or Ventura to Casitas Vista exit. Park under the overpass. To car pool from Ventura, meet at 8:10 at the Ventura Co. Museum on Main St. (side parking lot).



# Community Events

## Ojai events

The Ojai Photography Club welcomes Ojai Valley resident and photographer **Donna Granata** to its September meeting. Granata will discuss seven photographers documented through the Focus on the Masters art education program. An internationally published and award winning painter turned photographer, Granata is highly respected for her portrait work. Her photographs have been displayed throughout Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties and in selected shows in New York, Chicago, and Las Vegas. The meeting begins at 7pm, **September 20**, at Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 Santa Ana St. Visitors are always welcome.

Please visit Donna Granata's Focus On the Masters website at: <http://www.focusonthemasters.com/>. For additional information about the Ojai Photography Club, visit: <http://ojaiphotoclub.com/> **September 11** the Ojai Film Society will launch its Fall 2011 season with the screening of *Bride Flight*, a film from The Netherlands. This will be followed by *A Better Life*. *Bride Flight* Netherlands 2010 (2 hrs., 10 min.) Rated R

*Bride Flight* is a beautifully acted and magnificently photographed romantic saga from The Netherlands. The lives of three bright young women and a handsome young man become intertwined after they meet on an airplane carrying Dutch émigrés from a war- and flood-ravaged Holland to New Zealand in 1953.

**September 18** *A Better Life USA 2011* (1 hr., 38 min.) Rated PG-13

*A Better Life* is an inspirational portrait of an undocumented Mexican man struggling to escape poverty and build a better life for his son in the U.S. Actor Demian Bichir perfectly captures the stoic dignity and decency of this hard-working man. "No matter where you stand on immigration, *A Better Life* is must-see viewing, poignantly revealing what it's like living confined to the shadows of contemporary society." — Claudia Puig, USA Today.

On **September 20** "**What's New in Breast Cancer Treatment**", by Doctors Silvana Martino and Cathie Chung will be presented from 1-3pm at HELP of Ojai's Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana St. No charge. Call 646-5122 to register.

The Ojai Valley Museum, for the fourth year, is producing "**Ojai Celebrates Art.**" Call for Artist entries are open to anyone 18 years of age and older working in any gallery media. An in-house museum committee will select artwork for inclusion from submitted prints, slides or digital media. Deadline for submissions is September 13. The exhibit will run from October 13 to December 31. There will be cash awards in the amounts of \$300, \$200 and \$100.

An awards and presentation ceremony is organized for Ojai Day, **Oct. 15** from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Ojai Valley Museum. For additional information call the museum at 640-1390, extension 203. To access the complete Call for Artist information you may visit the museum website at: <http://www.ojavalleymuseum.org>

The museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA. Admission: free for current 2011 members, adults - \$4.00, students - 18 and under - \$1.00, children 6-18 - \$1.00 and children 5 and under - free. Gallery Hours are Tuesday - Friday, 1 to 4 pm; Saturday, 10 to 4 pm; Sunday, noon to 4 pm.

The 27th annual Ojai Peddler's Fair is being held from 9am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday, **September 17 & 18**. The bustling Peddler's Fair is located inside the Chapparral Auditorium at 414 E. Ojai Ave. Parking is free in the adjacent municipal parking lot, and admission is always free. Held rain or shine, the Peddler's Fair is chock-full of quality antiques, collectibles, jewelry, handcrafts and international crafts.

This is a benefit for the Mira Monte PTO.

Vendors are sought. For more information, please contact Pat at 964-8915 or Jodie at 640-4384 x2284.

A Broadway sleeper that hit it big back in the day when women stayed in the kitchen - "**Never Too Late**" coming to Ojai ACT **Sept. 9 to Oct. 2** -- strays into the bedroom, built on a plot in which a mom aged 50 tells her 60-year-old husband they're going to have another child...after 25 years.

Catch "**Never Too Late**" at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays along with 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. 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](http://www.OjaiACT.org).

Ojai Jazz Concerts will be presenting The Doug Webb Quartet featuring 27 year old Srilankan Jazz Piano Prodigy Mahesh Balasooriya. They will perform "**A Tribute to John Coltrane**" Saturday night **September 17**, 8pm at The Ojai Valley Community Church, 907 El Centro (@ Loma Dr.). Tickets are available online at [www.tinyurl.com/ojaijazz4](http://www.tinyurl.com/ojaijazz4) or at the Ojai Roasting Co. in Ojai. General Admission-\$25, Friends of Jazz/VIP-\$50, Students(under 25 yrs. Old w/ID at the door only)-\$15. For more info call 746-0936.

## Sports



Anthony Allen, 18 made it to the state championships last season

## Saint Bonaventure's cross-country team: the timing is right

by Mira Reverente

It's been two years since the cross-country team of Saint Bonaventure High School last won a league title. It's been 15 years since the Catholic school's last appearance at state championships.

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In cross-country running, it's all about time and timing.

### Getting warmed up

For Jim Ortiz, head coach of the cross-country team since 2009, the timing is just right for the Seraphs' resurgence. "We're gearing up for a great season with an even deeper bench," said Ortiz.

"I see a lot of potential in this team," said Ortiz, referring to the current crop of 25 boys and 18 girls this year, a combination of new recruits and veterans.

Some are new to distance running while some have crossed over from other team sports such as football and soccer.

The veterans include Anthony Allen, a senior, who made it to the state championships last season, his first season in the sport.

The 18-year-old has crystal clear goals. "I want to make it to the top 10 at state championships this year," said Allen, who is also one of the team captains. "We have a better line-up this year and we're all working harder as a team."

Hard work and 40-mile weeks seem to be the norms for stellar high school runners like Allen. Another standout, Natalie Gear, is on a similar training regimen as Allen.

"We have harder practices and drills this season," said the 16-year-old who just recently got into cross-country running like Allen.

Aside from hour-long weekday practices, the team competes on the weekends. Some like Allen and Gear cross train by lifting weights. Some like Allen dabble in other sports like basketball.

"Some of them also do track and play other sports during the off-season just to stay in shape," said Ortiz, who also coaches the boys' team.

"We also add strength training and core work-outs to improve their running efficiency," said Andrew VanConas, coach of the girls' team. "Not many people know that a strong upper body is also important to running."

### Picking up the pace

Ortiz knows all about hard work and yearning for the "gold," being a lifelong runner himself. To this day, he still holds the school record for the mile at Barstow High School. During Ortiz' time, his alma mater was ranked number one in the state.

In college, he attended UCLA on a track scholarship. On his first year as cross-country coach, he was named Frontier League "Coach of the Year" after the boys' team won the league title.

This year, the Seraphs will be competing in the Tri-Valley League, and will be going up against equally formidable teams from Oak Park and La Reina. "It's a very challenging league but we have a strong nucleus of runners," said VanConas.

"We are aiming for a top three finish in the league so we can move up to CIF, then state championships," said VanConas.

### Dashing to the finish

Beyond high school athletics, most of them have college and full-ride scholarships in sight. Allen is hoping to get into the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Those dreams are not far-fetched. Other equally gifted athletes before them have done well. Some cross-country team alumni have gotten into prestigious colleges and universities with track scholarships.

Right now, Ortiz is hoping to balance his runners out with healthy doses of competitiveness and sensibility. "I want them to go for it but at the same time, I want them to enjoy the experience of distance running," said Ortiz.



VFC Champions of the 2011 Thousand Oaks Classic Soccer Tournament

## Silver Elite Team wins championship

Playing up an age division, the Ventura Football Club (VFC) GU-17 Silver Elite Team were deemed Champions in the GU-19 age group of the Thousand Oaks Classic Soccer Tournament held August 27 & 28 in Thousand Oaks. Playing under extreme hot conditions the team rallied in the final championship game to win the tournament. A nail-biter game, the championship game was tied 2-2 in regular time, tied 3-3 after two overtime halves, tied 3-3 in penalty shoot out, and 1-0 in the final golden goal shoot out.

The VFC team is coached by Tod Chandler and Assistant Coach Samatha Perry. Players include Annabelle Warren, Celeste Cole, Hannah Greene, Enya O'kane, Sarah Bdairat, Lexie Sather, Jane Kufta-Kuntz, Alondra Lopez, Andria Mulvany, Fabre Brooks, Paige Wagar, Sofia Chandler, Kylie Keyser, Emily Chacon, Casey Collet, Madison Bell, Natalie Waechter, and Goalie Evanessa Vasquez.

More sports on page 14!

# The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



## Bill Pendergrass

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Born in 1948, Bill has lived in Ventura his entire 63 years. He was born at Foster Memorial Hospital located on Poli, now known as Community Memorial Hospital, and spent a lot of time in the downtown area while growing up. He first lived in Foster Park, an area about a mile south of Casitas Springs where many homes used to be located. While living there, he attended Mill School, located about a half a mile south of the big Ventura Water Treatment Plant. He then lived downtown on Santa Clara Street where he attended May Henning and Washington Elementary Schools, and then to DeAnza and Cabrillo Junior Highs and then onto Ventura High School which he graduated from.

When Bill was growing up, the Ventura County Star was called the Star-Free Press. He remembers the office being located, not where it is now in Camarillo, but exactly where the parking structure sits in downtown Ventura on the corner of California and Santa Clara streets. When delivering papers—which he did for three years beginning at the age of nine—Bill recalls he used to park his bike “out front with no thought that someone might steal it.” He paid six cents per newspaper copy and would sell them for slightly more than this on his route from downtown Main Street to the Avenue. This route included stops at different bars, a flower shop, and the Avenue Bowl and the old Court House, now our City Hall.

Bill has loved bowling all his life. As a young boy, he became fascinated with “Make That Spare”, a TV program that showcased professional players of the 1960s and their aspirations regarding all five split/spare shots. Bill used to bowl often at the Poinsettia Bowl, now known as the Ventura Bowling Center. A great achievement was shooting the highest series recorded to that date (in 1966) in Ventura County with a 290 game and 716 series score. Another, he recalls, was learning to gracefully accept and handle the frustration of having bad bowling days. He fondly remembers competing,

as a teenager, against other leagues on Saturday nights, and he confesses he didn't accept losing very well. Now he enjoys bowling in a league at Buena Lanes on Wednesday evenings. He is also a big sports fan enjoying baseball, basketball, and football.

For 42 years the post office has been Bill's workplace and he has been at the main post office on Santa Clara for many years. Having worked 22 years up front at the window and 20 years in the back doing other clerk jobs, Bill reports genuinely and with pride, “I can say that I love my job”.

He has also tried his hand at real estate, selling homes in Ventura, Oxnard, and Fillmore, as well as outside Ventura County.

For 37 years Bill has been with his wife, Juanita, whom he loves dearly. Originally from the island of Kauai, Juanita plays the ukulele and sings Hawaiian songs in a group that has made music together for 18 years. She has also been in a dance group for ten years, and Bill thinks she performs just as well in the kitchen as she does on stage. He says she is such an excellent cook that often she prepares the very same dishes restaurants offer, but to even more delight to the taste buds.

The couple has been blessed with two daughters and one son, Linda, Laurie, and Larry, as well as ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

*We asked him what do you like most about living in Ventura?*

“The best one thing about Ventura is the great weather that we have here. Usually not lower than 40 degrees at night and not higher than 90 degrees on most days.”

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

“Except for the first hour when I had to turn my head about 90 degrees left the rest of the time was good. Johanna coached me through it well as we went along. Thanks for taking your time on a Saturday.”



Captain Bill Finley



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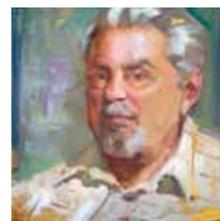
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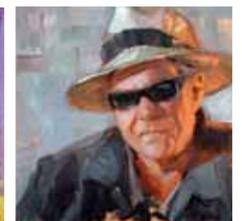
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The Breeze is proud to present “The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks”, an on-going art project by award-winning portraitist Spinks to paint 55 worthy Venturans, **each in a single sitting**, painted directly from life at this artist's Bell Arts Factory studio in around two hours - and each captured by The Breeze. **No photos are used,**



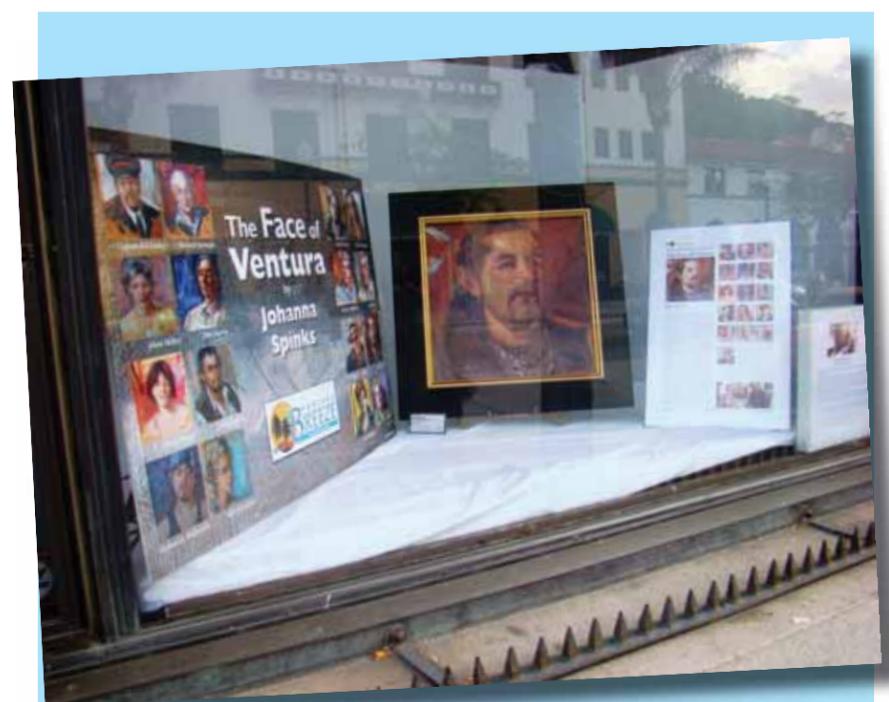
Donna Granata

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.



*Because of the generosity of Mark Hartley the Face Of Ventura can now be seen in the window at the Erle Stanley Gardner building located at 494 E. Main St. where the original of the latest portrait can be viewed.*

*A long supporter of the arts Kathy and Mark Hartley have been previously recognized with the Beautify Ventura Award by the Ventura City Council for their efforts to aesthetically enhance the city of Ventura, most notably the revitalization of historic buildings in the downtown cultural district. The buildings they have renovated are inspiring examples of how to retain historic character while enhancing their beauty with quality craftsmanship.*

# This 'n' That Person To Person

by Karlene Lang

*How did you spend your summer vacation?*



**Abigail Porter** (Ventura College - studying anthropology): "It was the best. I took a cruise to Mexico and learned how to bargain! I came back with an ocarina (like a flute) and lots of jewelry."



**Averi & Zane Carter** (Citrus Glen Elementary School):  
**Averi (left):** "First time at Magic Mountain. I liked all the rides but especially Goliath. I also went camping in Carpinteria, in a tent."  
**Zane (right):** "Ya, Magic Mountain. My favorite ride was X2. It's scary because it goes backwards. I also tried surfing on a boogie board but it tipped a lot."



**Aeries Teska** (Ventura College - studying graphic design): "I went to the county fair and heard a new band I really like - Three Days Grace - great entertainment."



**Baxter** "I've been a therapy dog but now I just love going on play dates with my neighbor Molly. She's a Maltese and we love getting into 'treats' while our humans are away. Cookies are yummy.. I would love to meet Scamp one day"



**Dalton Fiscalini** (Citrus Glen Elementary School): "I liked going to the Lake Casitas Water Park. Also went to a friend's swimming pool and I can jump into 81/2 feet of water!"



**Dominick Fiscalini** (Citrus Glen Elementary School): "I went camping and fishing in Mammoth Lakes and caught three trout! Saw lizards and squirrels too. Took a seven-mile hike and I was tired."



**John Glaska** (Cal Southern University): "Been mostly studying to be a licensed psychologist. Due to the recession I hung close to home but did go to the fair's Beach Boy Concert and even danced in the aisle."



**Kelli** (Ventura College - studying business administration): "I hung out with friends, went to movies but I really enjoyed going to hair shows since I am a hair stylist. They were fun."



*This year's Ventura County Fair "The Bounty of the County", one of only a few that offers an ocean view again offered a great variety of food, entertainment, concerts, special entrance days, auto racing, K9 security, a parade, gardens, thrilling carnival rides, livestock auctions, a petting zoo and much much more. We can hardly wait until next year. Photos by John Ferritto and staff.*



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# Ventura's Rubicon Theatre is the answer

by Leselie Burhenn

Why do we get such talented casts and directors here in Ventura? I had the distinct pleasure of speaking to some of the actresses involved in "Steel Magnolias" playing presently at the Rubicon Theatre to answer this question.

On opening night, it was Rubicon's distinct pleasure to have in attendance Robert Harling. Not only is he the play-

wright, but he brought this production to the silver screen as well. The play is based on real events from his personal life. Upon completion of the production, the entire cast was on stage as Mr. Harling was introduced and stood to be receive recognition for his work.

I had the privilege of speaking to the director Jenny Sullivan. Jenny has directed many productions at the Rubicon, nineteen to be exact since 1999. Although she has worked with Stephanie Zimbalist (14th time), Bonnie Franklin (9th time), Von Rae Wood (4th time) Angela Goethals (3rd time) and Clarinda Ross (2nd time) yet this is the first time she is working with Amy Handelman. When speaking with Jenny, she shared her devoted appreciation of the Rubicon's "supportive nature in such a broad spectrum." She is thoroughly

excited to work with such a talented group of actresses once again, and looks forward to new works and their development.

In addition, speaking with Clarinda Ross, which some may remember from her role in "Spit Like A Big Girl", she shared how she is so pleased to be playing "Truvy" in this production. Clarinda say that it was her "dream" to play this role after playing "Shelby" at the Alliance in Atlanta and the Ally in Houston. She further went on that she truly feels that "fairy dust" had been sprinkled over the play. To Clarinda, the roles matched the characters to a "tee."

Last, but certainly not least, I spoke with Stephanie Zimbalist, a veteran of the Rubicon, playing in many productions. Stephanie shared with me how pleased she is to return to the Rubicon

once again. In this production she plays "M'Lynn" the mother of "Shelby." Although remembered very well in her TV role of Laura Holt in "Remington Steel", she told me how much she loves the theatre and this venue.

Everyone I spoke with, although time didn't allow me to speak to the entire cast, unanimously stated that Jim O'Neil and Karyl Lynn Burns are truly the driving force of the Rubicon.

I'd like to express my gratitude to Jessica Savoy from the Rubicon for setting up these interviews. We need to support the Rubicon, and I suggest that the opportunity to see "Steel Magnolias" should not be missed.

See a review of Steel Magnolias at "Two on the Aisle" on page 16.

Steel Magnolias closes on September 18.

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by Nanci Cone

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maritan's Purse.

Dr. Cheatham speaks nationally and internationally on humanitarian relief work and is special assistant to Dr. Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. He is the author of four books: *Come Walk With Me*, *Living A Life That Counts*, *New Every Morning*, and *Make A Difference*, each book focusing upon our need to bring humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations of the world. Because of Dr. Cheatham's work, he has received an honorary Doctor of Humane



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Letters degree. Additionally, he is past President of the California State Neurosurgical Society and a past President of the Western Neurosurgical Society as well as co-editor of an internationally renowned surgical textbook. It's no surprise that he has received prestigious awards from both the American and California Associations of Neurological Surgeons.

Both Mel and Sylvia are proud members of the Rotary Club of Ventura who have devoted the last 26 years to serving those less fortunate around the world. They were jointly awarded Rotary District 5240 "Humanitarian of the Year" Award by former Rotary Governor Deepa Willingham. The Cheathams have performed surgery to help, and at times save the lives, of wounded and suffering people around the world – often in the most war-torn and poverty-stricken nations. In the 1990s Mel trained Sylvia as his surgical assistant. With her at his side, he has done volunteer work in over 20 nations around the globe including Bosnia, Croatia, Rwanda, Kosovo, Somalia, Zaire, Uganda, Kenya, South and North Korea, Siberia, and Sudan.

In addition to travels he and Sylvia

have made it to many other places of great need in the world, Dr. Cheatham has made 22 diplomatic and humanitarian visits to the DPRK (North Korea). In his many visits to North Korea, Dr. Cheatham has worked with other Samaritan's Purse humanitarian relief workers in cultivating a vital relationship that has improved communication between the governments of our two countries while also doing work to supply vitally needed medical supplies and equipment for bringing help to the people there.

A personal thought frequently expressed by Dr. Cheatham as he speaks nationally and internationally is that, "Life becomes full, when you begin to give it away," a thought that he feels is obviously shared by the countless other people here at home and around the world who are responding to opportunities in volunteer service. With this as a personal philosophy, coupled with their strong Christian faith, Mel and Sylvia Cheatham continue to live their lives as medical humanitarian volunteers, busily at work in a world of incredible need and ever present danger. Mel and Sylvia have shown that with grit and determination, anyone can make a difference at any age!

## School Pacific High School – another gem in Ventura

by Chip Fraser

Many people are unaware of a small school campus located at the corner of Dean and College known as Pacific High School. In fact, when you mention "Pacific" people look at you, nod and almost repeat: Pacifica, which is the traditional mainstream high school in Oxnard although both are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, but that is where the commonalities cease!

However Pacifica is a virtual newcomer to the public high school scene whereas Pacific has been around for many 42 years and is the continuation high school which serves Ventura. We are called "the school of the last chance" and it is appropriate because we embrace those students who for a variety of reasons have worn out their welcome at the traditional high school. Of course others seek enrollment because they

do not feel like a part of their large neighborhood high school. And, we are a Model Continuation School which is a prestigious title and endorsement.

Students at Pacific are mostly "involuntary" and while many arrive not by choice, we endeavor to welcome them and help them see the opportunity to catch up, thrive, and graduate.

The former elementary school site has an upper and lower campus. The upper consists of 10th-12th grade and the lower consists of 9th-10th grade. Most of the 10th graders reside in the lower campus, however, there are exceptions depending on maturity and numbers. We count about 280 students with 8 homerooms on the upper and 3 on the lower, including the drug recovery class. We also have 2 afternoon classes, the "lagoon" located on the lower campus and "transition" on the upper. Additionally, we have an outstanding short term independent study program that is essentially 1:1 and by appointment and for exceptional classes.

Another asset we offer is our 3 counselors that along with homeroom teachers and a highly involved and supportive administration, manages to provide a great deal of adult supervision and care. Pacific is also home to First Steps an on campus daycare so that teen mothers can continue

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# Health

## Compassionate eating

by Bianca Martinez

Years ago when I first infused my belief system with compassionate eating, it had a core that focused on issues affecting the environment, animals suffering and our bodies and health. More recently my life path has lead me deeper into the healing realm of food as medicine and I have been fascinated by my findings. The ancient teachings of long standing cultures such as India and China have many natural remedies to illness and disease. These ayurvedic methods have been curing people for centuries with herbs, spices and lifestyle practices such as meditation and yoga. It makes sense to me to treat the whole person mind, body and spirit. It does little good to treat an ailment and ignore the root cause of the problem, which may be stress, poor diet, lack of exercise or even "nature deprivation".

Fortunately there are many readily available herbs and spices that have some powerful effects on diseases commonly faced by people in our culture. I have recently started a healthy meal service that focuses on creating tasty medicinal foods that can be delivered or cooked in home. Some of my clients suffer from diabetes, heart conditions and even cancer. I have found that many spices such as cumin, fenugreek, turmeric among others, offer protection and natural treatment against many of these diseases and ailments. There are some great little markets in Ventura where you can find some of these mysterious and potent seasonings. The Asian Pantry in Midtown has an excellent

selection of hard to find spices, flours, dried beans and other unique items. Also the Asian American Market on Santa Clara St. has a good selection of spices and grocery items all at very reasonable prices.

If you don't feel like cooking the Taj Café offers deliciously spiced Indian cuisine with lots of vegan and vegetarian options. It is a wonderful feeling to eat for mind, body spirit and planet without causing animal suffering and supporting local businesses in your city. Remember, eating local, organic, plant-based meals whenever possible helps to preserve a greener future for ourselves and generations to come. We can make a difference with every bite we take. Health is wealth! Many blessings of wellness, wholeness and wonderment to you dear readers.

For more info and delicious plant-based meals featuring local produce check out [www.compassionateating.wordpress.com](http://www.compassionateating.wordpress.com)

## Ventura Family YMCA aims to inspire healthier lifestyles

As a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Ventura Family YMCA believes that it is possible to make a positive impact in the fight against obesity and other life threatening diseases. The Y does this by offering programs that give people the support and resources they need to maintain a healthier lifestyle.

With the changing demands in our

lives, maintaining a healthy diet and routine exercise has become increasingly difficult. This in turn has led to the rise of life threatening diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Knowing this, the Y has made it a priority to provide the community with the resources and support that will help people of all walks of life succeed on the path to healthier living.

To give people the confidence and motivation to tackle a healthier lifestyle, the Y is encouraging people of all ages to schedule a free consultation with a Y wellness coach during the month of September to meet one-on-one, have questions answered and discuss individual wellness goals and challenges. The free consultation is designed to provide the answers and support needed to get started on a path towards living a healthier lifestyle. In addition to a free consultation with a Y Wellness Coach, the Y is offering a free 3 day guest pass to participants who meet with a Y Wellness Coach.

To schedule your free wellness consultation email [rich.gross@ciymca.org](mailto:rich.gross@ciymca.org) or call 642-2131. More information is also available at [ciymca.org/ventura](http://ciymca.org/ventura).

## Diabetes classes at Livingston

Free diabetes classes are being held at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association, 2996 Eastman Ave. from 1:00 pm – 2:30 on September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6. Learn about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, diet, medication, exercise and blood sugar monitoring, plus an individualized plan of care will be emphasized. For more information call 642-0239, ext 723.

## Sports



"Are you sure that this is a surfboard?"

## Feeling a bit Chipper?

by Kenton Rivas

Chipper Bell; more commonly known as Chipper Bro, was one of the first people I met when I moved back to

Ventura. He also offered me my first job here; teaching surf lessons for Surf Class! I can remember the first day working for Chipper asking him a question and him replying "Kenton, if you have a question for me, I want you to know the answer is probably "yes". After getting to know Chipper I realized he did not give me the "yes" to everything answer because he is a pushover, but because he has a lot of love in his heart to share. Chipper Bro's involvement with Best Day, Surf Class and the Aloha Festival are all events that benefit others. One could conclude that Chipper Bro's business is caring.

I have witnessed Chipper give more than any person I have ever met. It has influenced me to give more and do more volunteering myself. After finally taking part in a Best Day event after subtly getting my arm twisted by Chipper to do so, I better understood the deep genuineness in Chipper's motives and felt great myself. In taking part in the selfless volunteer work of Best Day by way of stoking out the kiddies with special needs and their families I knew I would be coming back to help again, and had a changed perspective on volunteering. It was really cool to see the joy of the kids and even more so their families in putting on the special day at the beach for them.

Chipper takes a break from his desk job during the summer to give back and help teach surfing along with putting together a super rad fun totally free music festival right here at the beach in Ventura September 10th & 11th. The party on the boardwalk down by the sand is called the Aloha Beach Festival, with the proceeds from vendors going to various charitable organizations. The term "Aloha" is one Chipper is very gracious to use as it embodies much love and community paved way by the Hawaiians. In fact, the motivation for the name came when Chipper met with a Hawaiian elder who encouraged him to take some aloha from the islands and share it. What a better place to be reminded of aloha and share it than here in Ventura? The beach and way of life here in Ventura is very reminiscent of life on the islands with a strong sense of family and recreation around the beach.

The Aloha Festival was a ton of fun last year. I personally took part and helped out and very much look forward to doing so again this year! The goal each year is not to grow bigger, just better. So dust off your old Hawaiian shirt and come out and listen to live music and celebrate the beautiful and unique place you live! Heck, come feeling a bit chipper yourself! Chipper Bro, love you bro! Thank you. See you all there!

## Surfing events in Ventura

September 10&11: The Aloha Beach Festival returns to Ventura's newly restored Promenade Park to share the spirit of Aloha through Polynesian and

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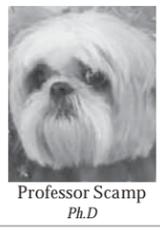
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# Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp  
Ph.D

■ I want to share this letter that I received from my friend Lucie who really doesn't need to call me Dr.

Dear Dr. Scamp,  
I want you to know how much I enjoy your columns and reading about your new roommate. I hope you will have the patience to get to know Savana and love her.

I am writing to you because I have something exciting to tell you. My humans are Bob and Barbara and their organization is called Homestretch Greyhound Rescue and Adoption. They heard about a contest called "Kriser's (pet stores) Christmas in July in Southern California." The first prize was \$25,000 of pet supplies. You can imagine how much this would help their budget, and assure that I and my buddy greyhounds will eat well. So, they decided to enter the contest. They made sure that all greyhound owners and lovers of greyhounds were aware of the contest, and asked them to vote by computer, this contest was only for non-profit pet rescue and adoption organizations. It was an attempt by the good people at Kriser's to encourage pet adoption rather than pet purchases.

They voted by the hundreds and there were reminders given each day to vote. Homestretch rescues so many greyhounds from closed racing tracks that they need every bit of help they can get. Thank goodness, the day will soon come when all racing tracks will be closed. When a racing greyhound is around five years of age, they do not run so fast, and the track owners want to get rid of them as they are not money makers any more.

So many of my buddies were let loose to fend for themselves, and many others were killed inhumanely.

When the day for the announcement of the winner came it was so exciting when Homestretch was announced as the winner with 3,000 votes, double what the second place received.

I do hope we meet some day Scamp. In the meantime I shall keep reading your column. If your readers would like to know more about

greyhounds, please have them contact [www.homestretchgreys.org](http://www.homestretchgreys.org) or call 797-7706. I have about twelve buddies awaiting adoption. They are in the best of health with their shiny coats and good dispositions.

I am wagging my tail as I say good-bye to you.  
Sincerely,  
Lucie

Lucie

It is such a shame that some people use what should be their wonderful pets for financial gain and then just discard them as if they were a worn out engine when they are done "using" them. I feel sorry for you and your buddies and hope that you find nice homes to live in.

Scamp



Annalina Assaiante, Robert Smith, Genie Tuttle, Patty Assaiante and Mette Peltz are just a few of the wonderful people who assist Homestretch Greyhound Rescue and Adoption in saving these wonderful athletes.

■ I was very concerned that when Michael Vick got out of prison (for killing and maiming dogs) that he would not be able to find a job, but I am very happy to announce that he and the Philadelphia "Eagles" have agreed to a six-year, \$100 million contract for him to play football.

I wonder if he ran an "eagle" fighting ring if they would have agreed to this or if there was a football team named the Ventura Dogs or if the balls were made from dog skin if he would still be playing. But, as we know athletes just need to have a good year or a movie star make a good movie and all is forgiven.

## Forever home wanted



Hi:

I'm Tullie an affectionate and playful 1 year old female Pit Bull mix. I know my breed gets a bad rap, but I'm sure if you come to meet me, you'll see what a great dog I am.

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## Scamp Club

Hi:

I'm Bonnet and I'm 13. I adopted John and Connie Ferritto of Ventura. I tried to become a guide dog but did not complete the program because I do not like loud noise (I like classical music like Scamp does).



## 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](mailto: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.

### Kidnapping

On Saturday, September 3rd the Ventura Police Department received a 911 call from the family of a 22-year old-female living in the 5400 Block of Lafayette Street stating that she had just been kidnapped from her residence by an acquaintance. The caller said the suspect, later identified as Marlow Hartson (48 from Oxnard), went to the victim's residence and removed the screen from her bedroom window, reached into the room and pulled the victim from her room. Hartson forced the victim into his vehicle and drove her away from the residence against her will. When Hartson stopped the vehicle several blocks away the victim was able to jump out of the vehicle and run to safety.

With a description of the suspect's vehicle, patrol officers responding to the area located the vehicle driving a short distance away. It was stopped and the driver was positively identified as the suspect and was taken into custody without incident.

### Battery on Police Officer

On Tuesday, August 30th, at 2:00 a.m., Officers Lajoie and Eltz responded to the 500 block of Rancho regarding suspicious subjects. Officer Lajoie saw a subject fitting

the description of one of the subjects described in the call. The subject was leaving the area on a bicycle.

Lajoie attempted to detain the subject by activating his overhead lights and pulling next to the subject and telling him to stop. The subject continued to flee from Lajoie. Lajoie got out of his car and chased after the suspect. He caught up to the subject and attempted to grab him. As he did this, the subject turned on Officer Lajoie and punched him in the face. The punch hit Lajoie in the right cheek.

Officer Eltz then chased after the subject who was riding his bicycle through the neighborhood. Lajoie was able to get in his car and continue to assist in the chase.

Eltz and Lajoie caught up to the suspect, Jose Hernandez, 37 years old, in the intersection of Brent and Channel. Hernandez rode his bicycle into the side of Eltz's police car. Eventually, he fell off his bike and was taken into custody.

### Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Friday, August 26th, at 3:21 a.m., a friend drove the victim, Salem Johnson, to VCMC after he sustained a knife wound to his neck. The friend who witnessed the attack said the suspect, an unknown Hispanic male, began arguing with Johnson for no reason. The argument led to the suspect battering Johnson and during the battery, the suspect stabbed Johnson in the neck. Johnson was rushed into surgery with a serious injury to his neck, and his condition is unknown at this time. The

incident is still under investigation.

### Resisting Arrest

On Wednesday, August 24th, at 12:00 p.m., VPD Officers were assisting City of Ventura Social Services employees in notifying trespassers in the Ventura River Flood plain of a river clean up effort.

Officers contacted Ronald Powers, 42 years old, about trespassing and the clean up efforts. Powers immediately became angry and began yelling at the officers. A records check showed Powers had 4 felony arrests warrants. Officers attempted to take Powers into custody but he resisted and began to fight. Officers had to use a Taser to safely take Powers into custody. Powers was later found to be in possession of a controlled substance. He was transported and booked into VC Jail.

### Vehicle vs. Pedestrian

On Monday, August 22nd, at 4:37 p.m., the VPD received a call of an injury traffic collision where a vehicle hit a pedestrian in the area of Telegraph Road and Claremont Street.

The pedestrian was identified as Sean Chieze, 19 years old, who entered eastbound lanes of traffic in a marked crosswalk which was activated. Samantha Gann, 64 year old, failed to notice the warning lights in the marked crosswalk. Gann struck Chieze, throwing him towards the center divider. Chieze sustained moderate injuries and was transported to VCMC.

Gann was driving a vehicle while impaired by prescription medication. Gann

was booked at VC Jail.

### Robbery

On Saturday, August 20th, at 3:30 p.m., a 16 year old Pacoima resident was at Marina Park walking towards the restrooms when he was violently attacked by a suspect, who then took the victim's I-pod touch by force and ran out of the park into the residential area.

The VPD received a phone call of the incident from the victim's parent. Officers began a search of the area for the suspect who was not located. The victim sustained minor injuries that did not require medical attention.

### Robbery

On Friday, August 19th, at 4:52 p.m., the VPD received a 911 call from the clerk at the El Mercadito Joyeria (Jewelry Store) reporting an armed robbery.

Officers learned that the lone clerk was working inside the business when the suspect, a male in his 20's, entered the business and pointed a handgun at her. The suspect demanded jewelry and started breaking the display cases with the handgun. He broke several glass display cases and fled the store with an undetermined amount of jewelry.

### Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Thursday, August 18th, at 10:31 p.m., the VPD received a call reporting several subjects fighting near the restroom of the Harbor Beach Structure, at 500 Harbor Boulevard.

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# Show Time

Where The Music Flows

## New sounds

by DJ Kohli Rocks

As of this writing, I'm less than 24 hours away from my latest band booking event! Three new bands, that I am looking forward to be working with for the first time: Love's Secret Domain, August Rising & Jade Hendrix! More info at [Kohlismusicpit.com](http://Kohlismusicpit.com).

### Danielle Taylor

A new voice has recently dazzled our music scene. Danielle Taylor has officially announced her EP release party. It's to be held at Zoey's Cafe on September 24. Check out her music and show updates on [DanielleTaylorMusic.com](http://DanielleTaylorMusic.com).

Last fall, I stumbled into The Good Bar and witnessed a great Halloween set by Danielle. She plays the keys beautifully and sings so gracefully! I'm sure she will soon be a regular addition to the Zoey's music family! Stay tuned for more about her.

### Pink Floyd tribute benefit

Attention all Pink Floyd fans. Some new friends of mine are putting together a rare Pink Floyd music night in Simi Valley. On September 16 at Simi Valley Cultural Arts center. The benefit is for a new friend I'd made recently. Kathleen Silverman is known throughout the Simi Valley/Thousand Oaks theater worlds. She was in a very costly and tragic car accident. "A Fleeting Glimpse" will act as a rare band covering the music of Pink Floyd to help raise money for her recovery. [Www.Simi-art.com](http://Www.Simi-art.com) for more info!

Thank you for your time!  
--DJ Kohli Rocks!

## Music Calendar 9/7 to 9/20

For more events go to [Fun-in-Ventura.com](http://Fun-in-Ventura.com)

### Andre's Wine Bar

1575 Spinnaker Dr., 805-642-9463  
Live Music every Tues, Thur & Fri

### Blackbeards Seaside BBO

1591 Spinnaker Dr., #115 805-650-7773  
Live bands every Thur thru Sun Karaoke every Wed 6-9pm  
Thur 9/8 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm  
Sun 9/11 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm  
Thur 9/15 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm  
Sun 9/18 - 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 9/7 - Big Adventure  
Thur 9/8 - In Stone  
Fri 9/9 - Red Ball Jets  
Sat 9/10 - Scott Carter  
Tue 9/13 - Del Franklin  
It's All Good Bar & Grill  
533 E. Main St. 805-641-9951  
Open Mike Night every Wed

### Majestic Theater

26 S. Chestnut St.  
Thur 9/8 - Zoe, Residuo, Audio Vita  
Fri 9/9 - Molotov, Zur, Neblima, Cruda  
Tue 9/13 - Black Uhuru, Kounterfeit, Change  
Thur 9/15 - J Boog, Dirty Rice  
Fri 9/16 - Louder Music Festival

Sat 9/17 - E-40, Konnekted, Effortless, Nevamind, Hym Ent  
Sun 9/18 - The Reverend Horton Heat, Three Bad Jacks, Big Jugs, Radio Threat

### Watermark On Main 598 E. Main St. 805-643-6800

Intimate Acoustic with Dano every Tue  
Jazz at the Mark every Wed

### W20 Rooftop Lounge

598 E. Main St. (above Watermark) 805-643-6800  
Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm  
Thur 9/8 - Mini Driver  
Fri 9/9 - 4 on the floor  
Sat 9/10 - The Bomb  
Sun 9/11 - Shawn Jones  
Thur 9/15 - Country Night - Larry Bagby  
Fri 9/16 - Midnight Band  
Sat 9/17 - Dr M  
Sun 9/18 - Tex Pistols

### Zoey's Café

185 E. Santa Clara St., 805-652-1137  
Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm  
Wed 9/7 - TFW, Huntress, Brothers of the Sonic Cloth, Gypsy Hawk 8pm  
Thur 9/8 - Dave Palmer, Reggie Hamilton, Lenny Castro 8pm  
Fri 9/9 - Orlando Napier Band 8pm, FishFood 10:30pm  
Sat 9/10 - Blasting Concept CD release 7pm, Birdfeeder, Mousegrey, Our Skyline Sisters 10:30pm  
Tue 9/13 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

### The Entertainment Report

## Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura! My picks of the week are, *The Rise of Planet of The Apes* and *One Day*.

### *The Rise of the Planet of the Apes*



In this sci-fi thriller prequel, James Franco headlines this cutting edge film that uses Motion Capture Technology. Brilliantly portraying Caesar is Andy Serkis who played Gollum in the *Lord of The Rings* trilogy.

Franco's character Wil Rodman is a genetic engineer who is working on a medical experiment to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Caesar a chimpanzee, born from a mother who was given the retro viral serum, develops advanced cognitive skills and an IQ that baffles the scientists working on the project. The serum developed by Rodman, is not approved for human use yet, but Wil decides to try it on his father who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Wil's father, played by John Lithgow, makes a remarkable recovery—temporarily.

Wil takes Caesar home with him to chronicle his progress, and the chimp quickly adapts to his domesticated habitat. But when he is taken away and pent up in a cage at a primate compound, treated inhumanely by a sadistic animal keeper, all hell breaks loose. Caesar's evolved form of intelligence surpasses his natural instincts unleashing his primate peers—in what one might describe as a revolt against being used as a lab rat. What ensues is a fiasco in the compound.

When you look into the eyes of these primates, there is a realistic, engaging, expressiveness. The special effects are imaginative, the intensity of the story, coupled with an interesting storyline, surpasses once again the other planet of the ape tries. There is some violence, and

# VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

## Frozen River

USA 2008 – Courtney Hunt - 97 Minutes

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano

The Ventura Film Society

Single mom Ray Eddy (Melissa Leo, in an Oscar nominated performance), trades her minimum wage job at the Yankee Dollar store for the lure of fast money in order to make the final payment on a new double-wide mobile home for she and her two sons. Set shortly before Christmas in the North Country of upstate New York, near the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation and the Canadian border, Ray is searching for her husband, a compulsive gambler who has disappeared with the funds she's set aside to finance the double-wide. In the process she encounters Lila Littlewolf (Misty Upham), a Mohawk bingo-parlor employee who is driving his car. The two women, both familiar

maybe too scary for kids under 8 years of age. A must see!

Rated PG-13 Running time 105 minutes

### One Day



Set in London, this romantic drama stars Anne Hathaway, a British wannabe poet-writer who develops a crush on Dexter, a womanizer played by adorable and sexy Jim Sturgess.

Their tryst on college graduation night begins a BFF relationship, but soon the cat and mouse romantic interludes find them discovering they have different dreams. But through a 20 year course of time, through many different relationships, they come to terms with the fact they really do love each other.

It is slow moving, and a shocking scene toward the end almost catapulted me out of my seat and my heart landed in my popcorn.

The movie is not that deep or philosophical by any means, but the acting is good and Anne Hathaway always gives 110 percent. This movie is not for the faint of heart. I applaud her British accent, it was believable, I will say that.

Rated PG-13 Running time 107 minutes

Enjoy Ventura, and until next time, have a reel-y great week!

### Two on the Aisle

## Two shows deal with life's storms

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Standing up to the storm is a theme present in two shows currently playing at opposite ends of Ventura County.

*Steel Magnolias*. Rubicon Theatre Company's production of "Steel Magnolias" takes the audience into the close-knit world of a woman's sanctuary – the hair salon. This one is in Louisiana where friendship whirls as "regulars" meet to share, gossip, laugh and commiserate with one another. The result is at once riotous and poignant as we see the principal characters, who are strong as steel yet as delicate as magnolia blossoms, deal with myriad demands in a microcosm of life's challenges.

Directed with a precise and practiced hand by the Rubicon's Artistic Associate Jenny Sullivan, the play's well-paced action and well-defined characters draw

with hard times, form a desperate and uneasy alliance trafficking illegal immigrants from Canada into the United States across the frozen St. Lawrence River for \$1,200 each per crossing. What transpires is cat-and-mouse game with a New York State Trooper who's watching their every move. A standout American independent that exemplifies the kind of uniquely American stories just waiting out there to be told.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "Frozen River" on Tuesday Sept. 20 @ 7pm, the 16th in our 21 part VFS @ the Museum 2011 Film Series. 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 & screening / membership information [www.venturafilmsociety.com](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com) / 628-2299.

the audience in as "one of the gang." We feel privy to each character's secrets and sorrows. The real-life inspired drama contains many moments of absolute hilarity – due in great part, in our opinion, to the impeccable timing of the actors. Dripping with Southern charm, the characters are all down-to-earth portraits, rather than caricatures. We enjoy their eccentricities as well as their flaws.

In staging this remarkable production the Rubicon has assembled a cast of professional performers each of whom could not be more perfect for her role. Tony and Emmy-nominated actress Bonnie Franklin is creatively crusty as the town faux curmudgeon. As a mother continuously confronted with internal conflicts Rubicon regular and award winner Stephanie Zimbalist delivers a memorably powerful performance with pathos and panache.

Clarinda Ross, a Rubicon returnee, presides over the palace of beauty located in a converted carport with unfailing humor. Von Rae Wood adds ginger and spice to the role of the well-to-do widow who is rediscovering opportunities. Angela Goethals adds extra dimensions as her character of Annelle grows throughout the show's timeline. Making her Rubicon debut is Amy Handleman who is gentle and genuine the pivotal role of Shelby who must face lingering issues.

All these seasoned professionals enrich the fabric of both "Steel Magnolias" and Ventura County's theater world. And you can see them, Tuesday through Sunday until September 18, at the Rubicon Theater Company, 1006 E. Main St., Ventura. 667-2900 or [www.rubicontheatre.org](http://www.rubicontheatre.org).

Working. A new theater company, Panic! Productions, has emerged this summer, putting its heart and soul into the award winning musical "Working," with book by Studs Terkel and music by Steven Schwartz and others.

The offering is a fusion of songs and dialogue paying homage to the workers who stalwartly provide the goods and services that build and define our country, our homes and our lives. It's all about who we are and how we cope with our daily tribulations and triumphs.

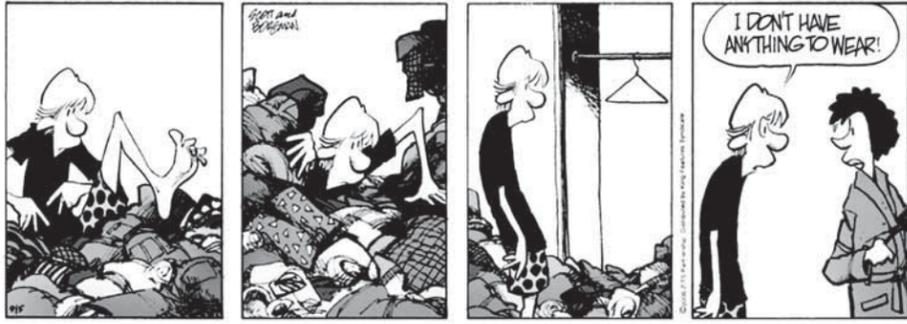
The action consists of a nonstop kaleidoscope of kudos, contradictions and comments by working folk of various ages, occupations, ethnicities and socioeconomic strata. A large cast has been assembled, with theatrical credits ranging from neophyte to quite experienced. The cast swirls in and out adding dimension to the often solo pieces.

The music is warm in tone, rich in lyrics

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# The Lighter Breeze

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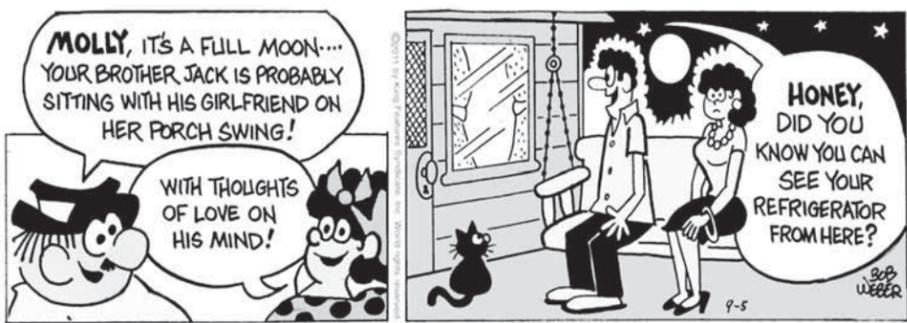
**Mother Goose and Grimm**



**Crock**



**Moose and Molly**



**Shoe**



**Rhymes With Orange**



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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Symbol of intrigue
- 4 iPhone download
- 7 Nut job
- 12 Actress Longoria
- 13 Meadow
- 14 Foreigner
- 15 Part of UCLA
- 16 Beatles ditty
- 18 Schuss
- 19 Heavens above
- 20 "Phooey!"
- 22 Green prefix
- 23 Castro's home
- 27 Young fellow
- 29 Trafalgar admiral
- 31 Daniel who's played 007
- 34 Prepared
- 35 Gilligan's boat
- 37 Scratch
- 38 Carry
- 39 Simile center
- 41 Entanglement
- 45 Its participants must form a line
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- 48 "The Swedish Nightingale"
- 52 Conk out
- 53 Alaskan

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- 8 Every iota
- 9 Spy-novel org.
- 10 Jennings of "Jeopardy!"
- 11 Inseparable
- 17 Night light?
- 21 "A Fish Called Wanda"
- 23 Office worker
- 24 N.A. portion
- 25 Physique
- 26 Whatever number
- 28 Past
- 30 Historic time
- 31 Nashville-based MTV offshoot
- 32 Carnival city
- 33 Pismire
- 36 Cry like a banshee
- 37 Fridge decoration
- 40 Check for smells
- 42 Bottom
- 43 Put one's two cents in
- 44 Pollster's find
- 45 Info measure
- 46 Toteboard tally
- 48 Show that spawned "NCIS"
- 49 Right angle
- 50 Ultramodernist
- 51 Gist

**DOWN**

- 1 People of Pontypridd
- 2 Bring forth
- 3 Fundamental
- 4 Swiss range
- 5 Cheated at hide-and-seek
- 6 "War of the Worlds" effect
- 7 Methods

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**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Someone whose friendship you felt you had to write off will try to revive it. What you do is up to you. But don't do it without giving it considerable thought.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, helps you deal with career challenges in a way that reflects some of your own hidden strengths. This impresses some important decision-makers.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A job-related plan might need to be reworked to allow for changes. Lucky for you that Saturn remains a strong influence that can help you focus on getting it done right.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your strong Bovine will, combined with your romantic nature (you are ruled by Venus), helps turn a romance with a potential for problems into one with more-positive possibilities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to move into areas of self-discovery. You might be surprised about who you really are and how you really relate to those around you.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Mercury's influence creates some unsettling moments, but nothing that you can't live with. You'll soon learn more about that major change that is about to be revealed.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Expect to confront someone who will make an unwelcome request. Stand by your resolve to do the right thing no matter what "persuasion" might be offered.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Opportunities for you are like the phases of the Moon: constantly appearing and reappearing. So, cheer up. The opportunity you think you let slip by will be replaced by another.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A friendly competition could become more contentious than you expected. Take time out to discuss the reasons behind this unexpected change, and act accordingly.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity that you hoped would open up for you remains closed. Stop wasting time scratching at it. Something else you'll like will soon make itself apparent and accessible.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You have a wonderful mind for solving mysteries, so you should feel confident about solving the one developing very close to you. An unlikely source offers help.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. You'll soon hear some positive feedback for all the hard work you recently put into a project. A Pisces could soon swim into your personal life.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're a great host or hostess. You love being with people, and you're very good about planning all sorts of social events that bring folks together.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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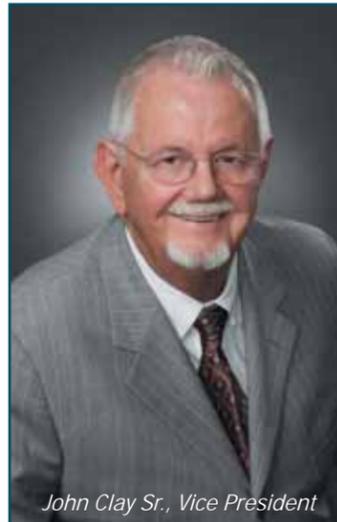
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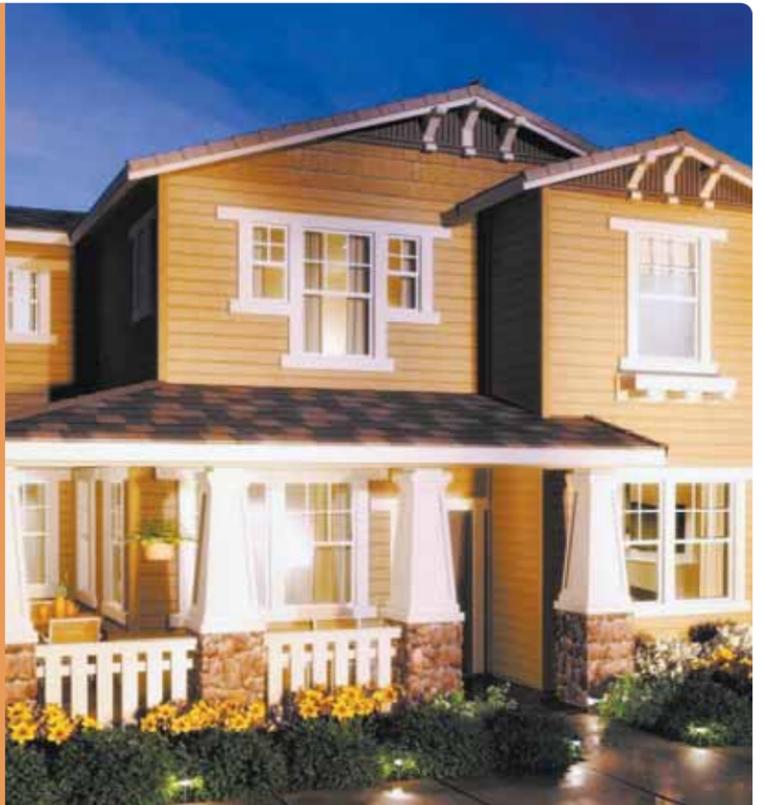
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## Art Scene



Robert Bradshaw's art questions Heaven and Hell

### The arts at Ventura College

Ventura College Art Galleries presents Robert Bradshaw – “Slipping Halos” in Gallery 2 and Stefani Greenwood and Gilda Davidian – “If / And / Or” in the New Media Gallery until September 30.

The photographic works in Robert Bradshaw's exhibition, Slipping Halos, revolve around the question, “What if someone found himself in Heaven and was told they did not belong there?” Owing to the very personal nature of these works, he invites the viewer to look at them with the same care they would expect from him if he were to look at their own personal vision of the afterlife.

If / And / Or is a collaborative project between Stefani Greenwood and Gilda Davidian. For this exhibition, the duo selected phrases from a variety of sources on subjects such as time, space, color, and distance and proceeded to make images based off those sentences. By experimenting with image combinations and framing techniques, they hope to engage the viewer in a conceptual conversation through the exchange of ideas

Free Admission

### Art events at the Museum of Ventura County

Some of history's most reviled and frightful people are portrayed in Really Awful People, the George Stuart Historical Figures® exhibit opening September 13 and running through November 13 at the Museum of Ventura County. The ¼ life-size sculptural figures are renowned for their expressiveness and intricately detailed costumes.

The accompanying monologues about history's evil standouts are among George Stuart's most popular. Part I will be on Tuesday, October 4, and Part II will be on Tuesday, November 1, with both presentations at 1:30 p.m. For reservations call 641-1876 ext. 7. Admission for the general public is \$15, for museum members \$10

Among the legendary personalities Really Awful People highlights are Vlado Tepes, or Vlad the Impaler, Jack the Ripper, 15th century Elizabeth Bathory, who according to legend killed 600 virgins in order to bathe in their blood to renew her beauty; Roman Emperor Nero; and dictators Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin.

Surf's up at the Museum of Ventura County on Sunday, September 11 from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., when author Domenic

Priore discusses popular surf culture, followed by a record expo by Buffalo Records and music by the Soul Surfers. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$5 for museum members, and includes entry to the museum's current exhibition Splash! which includes surfboard art. For reservations, 653-0323 x7.

Domenic Priore, co-author of Pop Surf Culture: Music, Design, Film and Fashion from the Bohemian Surf Boom, will discuss the rise and fall of California's surfing craze from the 1950s to 1965.

Copies of Priore's book, co-authored with Brian Chidester, will be available for purchase in the museum store.

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](http://www.venturamuseum.org).



Ventura fine artist Minnie Millett was a multi winner at this year's Ventura County Fair. Because this year's theme was “The Bounty of the County” she was moved to enter her interpretation of the county's bounty. This entry won in the watercolor category and she took 2nd and honorable mention in two other categories which made every entry a winner for her. A truly memorable year in a fruitful and productive retirement for Minnie.



Ilse Lang and Ross Goodman, Directors of Olivas Adobe Docents were on hand to present an exhibit of murals and paintings by local artist Marguerite Hardeman at the Olivas Adobe Historical Park on Sunday, August 28 on what would have been her 100th birthday. Admission was free, and a birthday cake made this day even more special. Her smaller paintings will be displayed at the recently remodeled “Little Adobe Gallery” until October 16. Photo by John Ferritto.

#### Surfing events

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hula dance, music, delicious Hawaiian and Thai food, a beer garden, and beach activities that are thrilling for both spectators and participants. Highlights include the Aloha Longboard Classic, in which competitors have fun while demonstrating their unique style; a “Frisbee Disc Dogs” demo in which dogs and their trainers wow the crowds with creative tricks; a paddle board race; and Hawaiian arts and crafts vendors. The festival takes place beginning at 9 a.m. <http://www.alohaeachfestival.us/>, 200-8674.

September 17&18: The California Street Longboard Classic celebrates a quarter century of surf stoke, making it the longest running surfing contest in Ventura County. The contest, which is about camaraderie and fun above all, attracts some of the best surfers in the state. Vendors will sell clothing and jewelry, and on Saturday night all are welcome to a party featuring the Soul Surfers band at Yolie's Fresh Mexican Grill. The fun happens at Surfer's Point. <http://venturasurfclub.org>.

## Youth

### Both teachers and students are worried about this year's class sizes

by Brooke Demchuk

As the new school year begins and both students and teachers begin to adjust to their classes, numerous people are noticing that something is slightly different this year: the class sizes are larger than ever. Many classrooms are so jam packed with desks that you can barely walk through them. Others cannot even fit enough desks for classes, leaving some students being forced to sit in extra chairs, or to even stand during the entire period.

Because of these outrageously large class numbers, the teachers and students are both suffering. Teachers are having an extremely difficult time keeping the focus of so many students at one time, and students are in turn not receiving the same attention that they once did. Less and less is being taught in each class due to the fact that teachers are struggling to get all of their students settled and focused. Additionally, each student is receiving less individual attention from their teachers, causing many teens to worry even more than normal about their grades.

Even classes that are normally relatively small, such as AP and Honors courses, now house up to 40 students each period. It has become literally impossible to find a core class that has less than 25 students in it. Because of this, class room materials are also becoming more scarce as well. Most students must now share books that stay in the classroom, leading to even more distractions and chaos.

AP student Sidney Berg who is currently in her junior year says, “It's sad to see that every year our class sizes have once again grown. It makes it significantly harder for the students to learn as effectively because there are more classroom distractions, and it's difficult for the teacher to achieve complete control over everyone. It's really unfortunate that I'm stuck in such large classes during my junior year, because I can already tell that this year will be even more difficult because of it. All of us realize that it's not the teachers' faults whatsoever, but it still worries me that we'll wind up not learning everything we need to for the AP exams or SAT.”

The teachers are struggling as much as the students, if not more so. Now they must deal with the added pressure of having to teach the same amount of lessons and curriculum to almost twice the amount of students that they are used to. Plus, they must do all of this in even less time, due to added furlough days. Plus, they are also struggling to come up with enough

supplies and books for all the students in their classes, which is proving to be more than a challenge.

Teachers, students, parents, and administrators are hoping that the current classroom situation will begin to change in the coming years. But, with the current school budget in the state of California, the next few years are appearing to be an uphill battle. With so little funding, extra teachers are not able to be hired, and classes can also not be added to current teacher's schedules.

#### Pacific High School

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their education and enjoy some semblance of normal teen years.

Pacific offers most of the courses found at high schools and we require 230 credits to graduate. Students who attend Pacific take college courses, can participate in ROP, and are encouraged to intern or get part-time jobs. Typically, we graduate between 40-50 students, although we have had more graduates in some years.

In summary, Pacific High School is an incredible alternative that fills a need, and fills it splendidly.

#### Police reports

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Jacob Wilson was leaving the area on foot, suffering from non-life threatening injuries to his head. He was transported to VCMC.

Officers learned that Wilson had walked into the restroom, when he was approached by Richard Christensen and Radcliffe Breyer. After threatening him, both suspects began battering Wilson. One of them hit him in the head with a skateboard. Christensen and Breyer fled. Wilson discovered his wallet missing.

Christensen and Breyer, who are local vagrants, were identified by Wilson. One of the suspects was found to be in possession of Wilson's wallet. Both suspects were booked into VC Jail.

## Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**8-16** 6:24 a.m. A citizen reported that a man sitting on a bench at VIM and appears to be lost. Upon arrival, the man had forgotten where he parked his car. Patrol helped him find his car and then escorted him to Ventura Sportfishing.

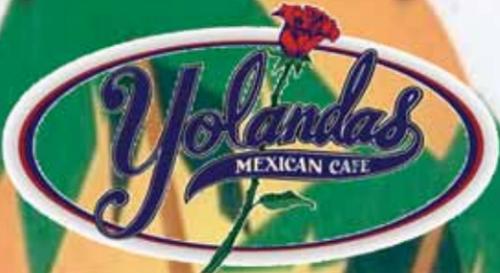
**8-17** 12:30 p.m. Patrol observed that people were assisting a woman at VHV. The woman had fallen when getting out of her car and only needed a Band-Aid on her knee.

**8-18** 3:39 p.m. State Lifeguards requested assistance with a PWC disabled on the beach in the Pierpont area. Patrol swam the craft off the beach and towed it to the launch ramp.

**8-25** 9:07 p.m. Multiple people reported an elderly man fell off a dock at Harbor Village. Upon arrival, good Samaritans had pulled the man out of the water. Patrol, FD and AMR evaluated him. He refused transportation to the hospital.

**8-27** 12:54 p.m. State Lifeguards report one stand-up PWCs attempting to tow two disabled stand-up PWCs at McGrath. Patrol attempted to assist them off the beach, but due to surf conditions were unable to assist. The craft owners will attempt to remove the crafts via landslide.

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and has memorable tunes that leave the audience humming. Costuming and props are kept to a minimum, highlighting the intrinsic simplicity of the rewarding piece.

We trust this newly formed company will find their debut sufficiently encouraging to mount future productions. Based on the reaction

of the full house the evening we attended, we certainly hope so.

"Working" is being presented at the Hillcrest Center for Performing Arts, 403 W. Hillcrest, Thousand Oaks, in the old Thousand Oaks Civic Center north of the Oaks Mall. Performances continue Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through September 11. Tickets: \$18. 381-1246

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