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Community Law Enforcement Day

VPD Commander Al Davis, introducing the K9 officers, Roger Wang and his son Benjamin, age 5 talking to Officer Doug Cleavenger, Officer Mike Hibdon showing his dog Ferro to Doug and Rachel Goldwater with their children Clayton and Knox, officer Quinn Redeker demonstrating his motorcycle skills, Volunteers In Policing Dave Carlson, Rich Allen and Grant Grizzle and the National Police Dog Foundation were all on hand at the Ventura Police Department's "A Community Law Enforcement Day" featuring the VPD K9 unit held at the Pacific View Mall. Also on display was the new SWAT Bearcat Tactical Vehicle. Photos by John Ferritto

Be an informed voter and attend the forums

The League of Women Voters of Ventura County is presenting candidate forums for Ventura City Council's three open seats. The next forum will address issues of interest to mobile home residents on September 28, Wednesday, with the Ventura Mobile Home Residents' Council, 2pm to 4pm, at the Marina Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 1215 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura.

And on October 11, Tuesday, 7pm to 9pm, at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. questions will be from the audience organized by subject matter to address issues of general concern. All League of Women Voter events are open to the public and are non-partisan.

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Sail your way into the hearts of frail and homebound seniors

Here comes the 10th Annual Sailathon!

by Nanci Cone

Back in 2002, Andy Killion, owner of Anchors Way Marine Centers, decided to create a fundraiser to help CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly, an organization to which he was very much committed. "CAREGIVERS is a nonprofit program that addresses the plight of frail, homebound seniors by matching them with compassionate volunteers and professional service providers of home assistance, transportation and much more at no cost to the individual," says Andy. "The carefully-screened volunteers (including high school students

from the 'Building Bridges' program) provide weekly one-on-one support to isolated seniors in Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Fillmore and Camarillo that helps them stay in the comfort and security of their home for longer than would otherwise be possible. And in this unstable economy, there is less grant money available to nonprofits. More than ever, CAREGIVERS needs the public's help to continue providing help to those in need," he adds.

"This year's 10th Annual Sailathon
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DVP hires new Executive Director

Downtown Ventura Partners, the nonprofit manager of the downtown Business Improvement District (BID), has hired Kevin Clerici as their new Executive Director starting September 26.

Kevin, a downtown resident, has been a staff writer covering the City of Ventura for the Ventura County Star since 2004. Prior to his local experience he worked for the San Diego Union-Tribune. He has a reputation for building strong relationships, analyzing and resolving complicated problems and maintaining trust.

Kevin also has hands-on small business experience as the co-manager of his family's vineyard. With 19 new downtown businesses opening in the past six months, it is critical to understand and respond to the unique challenges of independent businesses.

Kevin replaces Kathleen Eriksen who accepted a lucrative job offer in her home state of Michigan. She built a solid foundation on which to grow the two-year old organization.

DVP board chair David S. Armstrong noted, "In this struggling economy we need a tireless champion like Kevin who can hit the ground running to build our business base and launch new initiatives."

Kevin enthusiastically responded, "Every day, I will work to find new ways to add value to our visitors, and to our business and property owners and partners who count on the DVP to make downtown a clean, safe, vibrant destination."

Meredith Dilg was promoted to Project Manager & Administrator. Meredith, also a local Venturan, has been working part-time for the organization planning events, managing social media and overseeing administrative tasks.



Capitan Dann Plum reads for the national moment of remembrance of the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 victims, along side colleagues Jeff Loudermilk, engineer, and Logan Hughes, firefighter, outside their station on Ramona St. in Ventura, on Sunday morning, September 11. Photo by Erika P. Rodriguez/Brooks Institute ©2011

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City News

“VENTURA maps” provides a new way to see and interact in Ventura

“Google Maps” have only been around since 2004, but, in that short time, have revolutionized the way we use maps on the web. Now the City of Ventura has a similar mapping application called “VENTURAmaps” at <http://maps.cityofventura.net> loaded with non-confidential local, State and Federal information via web-based maps available to the public at home and office by Internet. Users can view, and download as pdf's, static high-quality maps, or check out the two interactive maps on the site –City Map and Police Map.

The City Map allows residents to zoom in and pan around the map controlling the base map from streets to photo or zoning, add layers like flood zones, contour elevations, and search for parcels, addresses, and businesses within the city. Residents can even create their own address mailing lists from the site.

The Police Map has more advanced queries that display the Ventura Police Department calls for service based on the 911-dispatch system. Residents can view what and where the police department responds to calls for service (citywide or in a specific area) to better understand the scope of response provided.

Both mapping applications are Flash based and require that your Internet browser have the latest Adobe Flash plug-in. Currently, the only browsers not supporting Flash are those running on the Apple iOS (iPhone, iPad), however, support for these devices is planned in the future.

The site will continue to improve by adding more layers and functionality to the mapping sites but currently includes a link to a Downtown Ventura 3D Model Map, Fire Station Wall Map, Street Sweeping Map and access to businesses, parcels, parks, schools and other features in and around Ventura.

“VENTURAmaps” is built from a network of already public data from the City, County and Federal government; each authority operates its own information, and access to the shared data will improve efficiency.

The new application integrates and streamlines property data quickly and reliably and automates previously manual mapping processes from many sources. VENTURAmaps harnesses new technology to meet our city's business needs as well as create a new channel of communication for everyone in our community.

Voter forums

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The Ventura Social Services Task Force will host a City Council Candidates Forum on September 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ventura Church of Christ, 5401 Bryn Mawr. Hear their ideas on possible solutions to the problems relating to poverty and homelessness in the City of Ventura. If anyone has a question they would like to have asked at the forum

please email the question to william.finley@usw.salvationarmy.org.

And the Westside Candidate Forum is a lively opportunity for residents to learn about the position of city council candidates on critical community issues. With its unique time-bank Q&A format, some cutting questions, and a bit

of audience participation, it will certainly be something to talk about.

This unique forum will have a band, free taco buffet, and help create a mural.

On September 28 at 7pm at the EP Foster School located at 20 Pleasant Place.

Go to westsidecandidateforum.wordpress.com for all the great details.



GREGORY D. TOTTEN
District Attorney

NEWS RELEASE

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VENTURA, California - District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that his office has found no violation of conflict of interest laws regarding Ventura City Councilmember Christy Weir in the enactment of the city's amnesty ordinance for second dwelling units.

The California Political Reform Act and regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission prohibit a public official, such as a city councilmember, from participating in or attempting to influence a governmental decision in which the official knows, or has reason to know, that the official has a financial interest. A financial interest includes ownership of real property regarding a decision that will affect the lawful use of the property.

The District Attorney's Office conducted an inquiry regarding a second unit on Weir's property in response to citizen complaints and reports in the news media. The evidence establishes that in 2007, Weir requested that her property be inspected to ensure it was in compliance with building codes. After she obtained the proper permits and made some minor upgrades, the city's Building and Safety Division informed her that the unit was legal and safe for occupancy. Acting upon that belief, she properly participated in discussions regarding enacting a second dwelling unit ordinance.

On July 14, 2011, Weir learned that the unit had been permitted for a previous owner for use as an "artist studio" and not as a dwelling. From that point forward, she properly disqualified herself from voting on or participating in discussions regarding the ordinance.

Conflict of interest laws help ensure the fairness of the governmental decision making process. In this case, the District Attorney's Office has concluded that Councilmember Weir acted properly in disqualifying herself upon learning about the issue with her property.

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ The other day there was a homeless man with the following sign “help support your local tramp”. I appreciate truth in advertising so I gave him a few dollars and a Ventura Breeze.

■ Sometimes Scamp is so smart. In his article in the last Breeze writing about Michael Vick agreeing to a six-year, \$100 million contract for him to play football he said that “But, as we know athletes just need to have a good year or a movie star make a good movie and all is forgiven.”

And a few days later it was reported in the news that Mel Gibson, notorious for his drunken anti-Semitic rants (and other rants), is developing a movie about Judah Maccabee, one of the greatest warriors in Jewish history.

Regarding this Rabbi Marvin Heir said “Casting Gibson as Judah Maccabee is like casting a white supremacist trying to portray Martin Luther King Jr.” and John Young of Entertainment Weekly stated “It sounds like this is happening, so hold onto your yarmulkes!”

■ Talking about sports (kind of) local boxer Victor Ortiz lost his recently gained welterweight title to Floyd Mayweather in Las Vegas Saturday night in a somewhat controversial fashion.

After, apparently intentionally head butting Mayweather Ortiz went to Mayweather and gave him a kiss on the cheek (some way to make up in the boxing ring).

When they met again in the center of the ring to resume action Mayweather hit Ortiz and knocked him down and ended the fight.

Ortiz thought that had been blindsided and said “I took the break by the referee and obeyed exactly what I was told, and then, boom, he blindsided me.” The referee said that Mayweather did nothing wrong and that Ortiz had to keep his guard up (I guess a rookie mistake).

Mayweather was a 5-1 favorite and was leading the fight after the first 3 rounds. Ortiz’s record is now 29-3-2 and he certainly has a bright fighting career in front of him and will still be seen jogging around Ventura and is extremely approachable, so do say hello to him when you see him in town.

■ A new winery, Four Brix has just opened in Ventura (2290 Eastman) and last weekend they had their grand opening with a by invitation only event on Friday night. I was there and was surprised to see 4 members of our city council in attendance because I don’t see that many attending too many local events.

For example on Sept. 10 there was a concert at Olivas Adobe to benefit the Ventura Unified School District Arts Education Master Plan to make the arts an integral part of every public school student’s education, and there were no city council members in attendance to show their support. So I guess the secret to get many to attend is free wine.

■ In order to feel what real warmth feels like last week Diane and I went to Ojai to have lunch. So real heat feels like 100 degrees, so an hour was plenty and we couldn’t wait to get back to cold Ventura.

■ Two of our lady business leaders have recently left their positions both from the Chamber of Commerce and the DVO (Downtown Ventura Organization). Sandra Burkhart has resigned from the

leadership of the Ventura Chamber to take another position but will remain in Ventura and, hopefully will still be very active in the community.

And Kathleen Eriksen has left the DVO to a new job in her home state of Michigan.

The chamber is still seeking a new CEO but the Downtown Ventura Partners has hired Kevin Clerici, Ventura staff writer for the VC Star, to fill Kathleen’s position and he will start on his new job on Sept. 26.

Even though a surprise to me I think that they have made a good choice. Kevin is young, bright and knows even more people in Ventura than me and resides in downtown.

■ Former VC men’s basketball coach Greg Winslow has been ordered to pay \$45,000 in restitution to recover the college’s cost in the investigation of Winslow leading up to his conviction of being guilty of misappropriating of public funds related to his running of the basketball program at VC (he was found guilty in March, 2011). Initially the college had sought \$873,181 as restitution so Winslow was lucky that he only needs to repay this much smaller amount.

■ Even though it is actually located in Oxnard we all think of McGrath State Beach as being part of Ventura so have closely followed the concern that it might need to be closed down because of lack of funds (\$500,000) to replace a rusting sewer pipeline.

Because of overwhelming support the park has won a reprieve to stay open until November while an attempt to raise the funds is made including money from the city of Oxnard.

■ Lots of city council forums still coming (listed in this issue) so please attend some of them.

Mailbox

Good morning Sheldon -

On behalf of all the docents at the Olivas Adobe I want to thank you again for helping us publicizing the events at the Olivas Adobe. It is a great help and we appreciate it.

Thanks
Ilse Lang

Mr. Brown:

Thanks so much for the article in the Ventura Breeze.

All of us at SHOP Ahoy appreciate your support. There’s so much good in the community that so few know about.
Tony Miller

Venturans

I want to personally thank every person that signed and supported Measure J (known as the Parking Meter Initiative). The government decided that our voices would not be heard, even though the measure had qualified for the November ballot.

There was a lot of misinformation about Measure J. We were trying to slow down an aggressive plan to impose parking fees and restrictions.

The measure’s wording addressed a looming agenda. There is a UCLA Professor that wrote a book educating Cities how to create a parking fee system. His name is Donald Shoup. He has friends in this City, and in 2007 he came to Ventura to sell the ideas presented in his book, “The High Cost of Free Parking.”

During this same time, the Downtown Specific Plan, and Mobility Plan evolved. Why is this important?

Because, these plans help create parking zones that have fees for every type of parking usage. They state that

the desire of the City is to lessen the reliance on the automobile. In black and white, that means, “Get rid of some or all of your cars!” What would make someone want to get rid of their transportation? How about this answer... The City begins charging so many fees related to parking your car daily and overnight, that it is too expensive to keep.

A couple of weeks ago, I went and listened to the plans for the West Side of Ventura. This is what they will soon be implementing. Available parking will be limited in future development. People will pay for street parking through parking permits and meters. Signs will be placed along streets limiting parking time, and police will strictly enforce the limit through ticketing. New development will be required to pay an “in lieu of” fee for any parking that they didn’t build. They allow the developer to build more density, by requiring less parking. An “in lieu of fee” will be about \$25,000 per parking space not built.

Residential parking permits will be limited. Guests that cannot park in the driveway will need to buy a permit when visiting.

New dwellings will be built with as little as zero parking. If parking is allowed it will be less than substantial parking. This is all done with the concept of keeping 85% usage of street, and public structures.

New development will be required to share parking and this sharing

agreement will be required during the permitting process. The now hard-to-find parking space will become more valuable and fees will increase.

People on limited incomes will not easily afford the new fees that will be required for an automobile. This will give them incentive to sell their car. Those that can’t function with walking or bus usage will most likely decide to leave the area. Some of these will be longtime residents of the area that do not fit in with the City’s new parking fee monopoly. In April, the City plans to implement a parking management system for West Side residents, business and property owners. After a while, they will target a new area of town.

Does this feel right to you? Do you now understand the intent of Measure J? The people should have the right to vote if they do or do not want this severe change to be brought to them under the guise of “Parking Management”. I do not believe residents and businesses realize the City’s truly aggressive agenda of fees and restricting automobile usage in the future.

Measure J will not be on the ballot on November 8. But your voice can still be heard with your vote.

Carla Bonney

Breeze:

We welcome Carla (and all our readers) to express their views. The facts stated regarding the future parking in the “plans for the West Side of Ventura” have not been verified.

When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.

–John Ruskin



News and Notes



Joseph & Lynn Bova and their quintuplets were on hand to celebrate the CMH ground breaking. Photo by Bernie Goldstein

CMHS breaks ground on new Community Memorial Hospital

Community Memorial Health System broke ground Wednesday, September 14th, for the new Community Memorial Hospital. The celebration drew about 500 community members, including CMHS medical staff and employees as well as city and county dignitaries.

"This is the single most important thing to happen in my two years as mayor," Ventura Mayor Bill Fulton told the crowd, adding the new hospital also will boost the city's economy and turn midtown into a "second downtown."

The six-story, 325,000-square-foot

hospital will be built next to the current hospital at 147 N. Brent St. and is scheduled to open in 2015. It will have 250 private rooms, comfortable space for families and a healing garden on the grounds.

"We will provide state-of-the-art care in a facility that is truly state-of-the-art," said Gary Wilde, President and CEO of CMHS. The new hospital will meet the needs of the community for the next 50 years, Wilde said, and will feature environmentally friendly "green" components such as triple-paneled glass windows that will reduce heating and

air-conditioning costs.

Wilde thanked the Ventura City Council and City Manager Rick Cole for partnering with CMHS on the project that is being financed through \$350 million in tax-exempt bonds.

The ground-breaking ceremony also featured 14 speakers representing different segments of the Ventura community – "stakeholders, not stockholders" as Wilde described them.

Joseph and Lynn Bova, parents of CMH's first quintuplets born in 2001, represented the families of children cared for in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Although the family no longer will be requiring the services of CMH's Maternity Department and NICU, Lynn Bova joked, "With six active children I'm sure we'll be spending time in the new emergency room."

Dr. Doug Woodburn, chairman of the CMH Physician Campaign representing active and retired physicians with CMHS, said members of the medical staff look forward to practicing medicine, "in an environment that will allow us to work together to offer the best quality of care."

Dan Long, from the Midtown Community Council stated "It's probably the best thing that has happened in the city for years and for many years to come."

Registration now open for 20th Annual AIDS Walk for Life

Ventura County AIDS Partnership (VCAP) is proud to host the 20th annual Ventura County AIDS Walk for Life on Saturday, October 22, 9am - 1pm at Plaza Park, Downtown Ventura. "The AIDS Walk is truly a community effort bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to show we care, to raise much needed funds for local AIDS programs and to raise visibility for the cause," said Madhu Bajaj, Executive Director of Ventura County AIDS Partnership.

People may choose to walk as individuals or as part of a team. A team is any group of 4 or more co-workers, students, religious/civic organization members, friends, or family members who pre-register, raise money, and walk. There is no fee to register and walk, however, participants are encouraged to help fundraise. Walkers who raise \$100 will receive a beautiful black shirt with the AIDS ribbon. Walkers who raise \$250 will receive a shirt, water bottle and bag. There are fun contests and incentives for the top 3 earning teams and individuals.

According to Joshua Thomas, Chair of VCAP's Advisory Council producing Ventura County's AIDS Walk for Life is an honor and responsibility. "The goals we have for the AIDS Walk (which are all equally as important), are to raise MUCH needed funds for our community, raise visibility for the cause, continue the tradition, and lastly...build a stronger community. If we all band together we can do BIG things!"

"We are honored to have the support of several local organizations who are lending a major hand in making this event happen."

For 2011, our goal is to recruit 50 teams to raise \$40,000 for local AIDS programs. With recent budget cuts, community support for AIDS care and HIV prevention programs is crucial. You can help us reach that goal by: Creating a team; Registering to walk; Sponsoring the event; Donating water, drinks, snacks; Donating gift certificates; Organizing a pre-walk promotional event; Volunteering at the Walk; Serving on the planning team; and more.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Madhu Bajaj, 485-6288 x232 or email madhu@vcaidspartnership.org. www.facebook.com/vcaidswalk www.vcaidswalk.org

VCAP leverages local donations with support from foundations here in Ventura and outside the County. Local support for their grant making program is matched 2:1 by AIDS United, through support of the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

For more information on Ventura County AIDS Partnership please go to www.vcaidspartnership.org or call 485-6288 ext. 232.



On September 10 the Ventura City Firefighters investigating a report of smoke rising from the Santa Clara river area south of the Olivas Park golf course discovered a growing fire among the vegetation that was also being fueled by discarded tires and other rubbish. The fire was located deep within the river area south of Olivas Park Drive and east of Harbor Blvd. It took several hours to fully extinguish the stubborn fire using water, firefighting foam and hand tools.

GOT FRUIT?

FOOD Share invites you to be part of September's Hunger Action Month!

Pick extra fruit and veggies from your backyard garden and donate them to FOOD Share to help feed the hungry.

Fruit Share
Back Yard Bounty

**Donate your extra produce on
Sept. 24 | 9 AM - 3 PM**

Look for FOOD Share's produce bins at a participating Target store or other businesses in your community.

For a list of exact locations, go to:
www.foodshare.com





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CAPS

The naked guy at midnight

by Michael Beeler
CAPS Board Member

A few years back there was this young guy that used to come on CAPS (Community Access Partners San Buenaventura) channel 6 after midnight. The show consisted of him ranting against the machine of society as he ate cold cereal, sat on his mom's couch, and paraded about in the buff.

The show, which was often referred to as "the naked guy at midnight", had impact. People talked about it back then and they still talk about it today. You can judge him how you will, but the guy had moxie. He gave it his all.

Public access television producers, by their very nature, are a committed lot. Their individual personalities and messages may vary considerably, but they share a camaraderie of intent. Quite simply they mean to make this a better world.

What each of these producers deems a better world is subject to debate. And therein lies the power of public access television.

The idea that ordinary people should have free and unfettered access to the air waves came to fruition in the early 1970s, with the advent of cable television. At that time the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandated that cable operators should make available television channels "for public use, to ensure the exercise of free speech". As a result PEG (Public, Education, and Government) was

created, which provides television production equipment, training, and airtime on local cable channels.

Up until this time in history mass communication had always been controlled by the wealthy and the powerful. The thoughts of the common citizen were seldom heard since printing presses, radio stations, and television studios were expensive. Additionally, small communities were often ignored by the media because they were not profitable. Public access television changed all that.

Of course, with this new access came new responsibilities. Freedom, as it is often said, is a two edge sword. What one would claim as programming of substance or entertainment, another would label as the trash of kooks and provocateurs. But it is this process of including voices often excluded from mainstream television that many believe strengthens democracy by promoting open discussions within communities.

Community television does bring together people, ideas, and synergies. Here in Ventura CAPS public television provides a platform where citizens can openly view their government, explore their spirituality, discuss contemporary issues, and enjoy local talent. But it also provides a conduit for the marginalized, flamboyant, angry, and of course the naked guy at midnight.

If at any time during your viewing of CAPS Channel 6 or 15 you stumble across someone or something that infuriates you try to remember the program is being produced or sponsored by one of your neighbors, who feel this is an important issue that should be elevated in the community.

But you should also think about the fact that public access allows you to join the conversation. So rather than calling the station to complain, be a bit more proactive and become a public access television producer yourself. As a consequence maybe you'll be able to articulate what the naked guy at midnight was trying to say without taking off your clothes.

Visit our website CAPSTV.org, CAPS-TV Ventura Facebook page and CAPSTVtweets for more information on membership, training and facilities.



On Saturday, September 11 a flag raising ceremony was held at the Veteran's Memorial at the corner of Telephone Rd. and Victoria Ave. to unveil a brand new 45' flagpole at the site which replaced the old 30' pole.

The day before Jerry English, City council member, Jim Monahan, President of Vietnam Vets Dave Betti and Vietnam vet John Cabrerab were on hand to get the project going. Photo by Bernie Goldstein



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Young Families Havdalah

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Candlelit Service

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, Sept. 28

8:00 pm

Thursday, Sept. 29

10:00 am

4:00 pm

5:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 30

10:00 am

Erev Rosh Hashanah services

Morning Service/Children's service

Family Service at Marina Park

Tashlich Service at Marina Park

Morning Service

Yom Kippur

Friday, Oct. 7

8:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 8

9:00 - 9:45 am

10:30 am

1:30 - 3:00 pm

3:00 pm

5:00 pm

5:30 pm

Kol Nidre Service

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A Brief Manual for Life

by Kim Pagano

In relating to other people, personal communication is a key element. We hope that the people we know, especially the ones we are closest to, will understand who we are and when we speak, they will understand what we are talking about. The closer we become to others, the better they are able to know us, and then in turn relate to us. If you had an guide to let another human being into your heart your mind, your body/soul what would it look like? The issue comes in of whether or not we know ourselves in order for others to truly know us. Communication is an inside job. Once you can figure yourself out, then other people can communicate with you in a way that is open to both of you. So begin by learning who you really are.

Close your eyes and look inside, and ask yourself these questions, are you a person that likes to be alone, are you a person that likes to be in crowds, are you creative, are you what makes your world rock? Do you motivate others or do you need motivating? Are you materialistic or does that even matter to you? Or are you a more simplistic person, getting by with what you have. These are just a few things to look at as you become clear.

If you have trouble knowing who you are, look around at the people that you resonate with and that might be a mirror of different things that you might like in yourself. Start by noticing the people in your life. Because we usually attract the things we like or need in our life, we can also use these things to identify qualities within ourselves that we would like to become. Allowing you to evolve into the person or situation or job you desire, while recognizing the things that don't fit. Once you begin to color your world the way that you know it, then you can illustrate how you want to be treated, the instructions for your life.

Survey yourself. Once you know who you are, so will the rest of the world. Then you can put together your manual for a more fulfilled life. Don't panic, today is the first day of the rest of your life.

To get in touch with Kim Pagano, Host of The Kim Pagano Show, "Adding Value Every Day in Every Way" call her at 818-612-0832. Listen to her positive talk radio show Monday-Friday from 8-9am and 3-4pm on AM1400 KKZZ. You can also find Kim at www.thekimpaganoshow.com, the app Tunein Radio, on facebook and on twitter at The Kim Pagano Show.



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Nonette Wood, Vice President, Banking Center Manager, Main Street Branch, Cheryl Heitmann, Executive Director, Ventura Music Festival and David Pritchard, Senior Vice President, Bank of America share the joy of the bank's generous donation

Ventura Music Festival awarded grant by Bank of America

The Ventura Music Festival has received a \$5,000.00 grant from Bank of America as part of an ongoing partnership and commitment to education the two organizations have shared for the past six years.

Educational Outreach implemented by the non-profit music festival benefits Ventura County students, reaching over 4,000 youths with music programs such as the multi-media "What's in a Note?" series. The Festival also presents other youth oriented events throughout the calendar year, such as an annual "Student Jazz Competition", awarding scholarships to high school student musicians.

Education is central to Ventura Music Festival's mission and a com-

mitment that Bank of America believes in. With music programs in schools currently on the wane, the grant is a welcome addition to funding.

Founded in 1994, the Ventura Music Festival presents critically acclaimed performers in venues throughout Ventura and surrounding areas. The festival has grown to be one of Ventura County's signature cultural events, attracting upwards of 10,000 concertgoers, annually. The main concert season takes place over ten days in April and May, with other concerts presented throughout the rest of the season.

The Ventura Music Festival is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Information at 648-3146 or www.venturamusicfestival.org.

Sailathon

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is definitely going to be bigger and better than ever," says Board Chairman Augie Martinez. The event kicks off on Sunday, October 9th at noon and ends at 2 pm with all type of boats competing including sailboats, outrigger canoes, kayaks and powerboats that are limited to a speed of 8 knots. This unique event takes place off the Ventura Pier so everyone can watch and root for their favorite boat as they maneuver between three tetrahedron buoys.

After the race, captains and their crews will head back to the Ventura Harbor Marina & Yacht Yard, 1644 Anchor's Way in Ventura for a fun-filled reception with awards, prizes, food, music, lots of fun and a few added surprises!

"This year, local businesses are really making a difference," notes Andy. "Didier Poirier of 71 Palm Restaurant is providing some gustatorial delights along with Andres Fernandez, owner of the Ventura Harbor Comedy Club, Andres Wine & Tapas Bar and The Savory Bakery who

is donating the scrumptious desserts. Kenneth Crawford, owner of the Buellton award-winning Kenneth Crawford Winery is offering a free wine-tasting for the adults and lots of kid-friendly drinks as well. And let's not forget all the raffle prizes that everyone can win – we have some amazing gift baskets, boat supplies and gift certificates," he adds.

Captain's fee to sail is only \$40 and each captain gets a premium bag donated by Community West Bank filled with snacks, water and lots of goodies. Registration and Captain's meeting is on October 9th at 8 am at the Pierpont Bay Yacht Club, 1363 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura.

Registration Coordinator, Terri Keffer wants everyone to know, "There's still time to help sponsor the event or make an in-kind donation such as a gift certificate or basket. And don't forget, everything donated is tax deductible – something to remember with the end of the year fast approaching! If you need a brochure or want more information, call me at 658-8530 or visit our website at www.vccaregivers.org."

Business



John Clay, JR., Senior Vice President, Crowell, Weedon & Co. Ventura

Considering income from municipal bonds

by John Clay, JR.

Anyone in a higher tax bracket looking for an income generating investment should consider municipal bonds. The interest on most municipal bonds is not taxed by either the federal government, or the state of issuance. There are thousands of issuers across the country and California has the largest municipal bond marketplace. The variety of maturities, yields, credit quality of issuers, and bond structures is enormous and can be confusing and intimidating for those who are unfamiliar with the market. Fortunately, Crowell, Weedon Financial Advisors and its Municipal Bond Department bring a wealth of experience to help investors navigate through this maze. The investor can also turn to a number of online sources that provide financial information about issuers and the trading history of individual bonds.

As with any financial instrument, municipal bonds fluctuate in price. However, since most municipal

investors' hold their bonds to maturity, their primary concern is the interest payments they receive from their bonds. That interest will be determined by the bond's maturity, the perceived credit risk of the issuer, the bond's structure, and the general movement of interest rates. Currently, short-term interest rates are low, but financial stress on many municipal issuers is high as spending obligations have increased with the recent recession while receipts have declined. The yield curve is steep, which means the difference in interest received between bonds with shorter maturities and longer maturities is large. Historically, interest rates are low across the yield curve, which means that higher rates will result in a loss of market value—the longer the maturity of the bonds the greater the loss.

We currently recommend bonds maturing from ten to twenty-five years, to take advantage of the steep yield curve while providing some protection against market value loss due to an increase in interest rates. To address credit quality concerns, we recommend for the greatest percentage of a municipal portfolio essential service revenue bonds, rated A or better, such as the Los Angeles DWAP, the East Bay MUD, the Sacramento MUD, or the Metropolitan Water District or general obligation bonds with high ratings, good financials, and low debt. Because credit quality spreads have dramatically widened, a small percentage of the portfolio can be devoted to lower quality bonds to capture yield. However, the investor must have a tolerance for price volatility and negative headline risks, and such bonds should only be purchased with money the investor regards as risk capital, in the same category as an equity purchase.

The Municipal Bond Department can help you navigate the municipal bond maze. We are one of the most active, price sensitive and open-to-negotiation bond desks in California. Our veteran staff can answer your questions about credit quality, pricing, evaluating portfolios, building bond ladders, or working with the Tradeweb platform.

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On August 27-28 Spencer Makenzie's End of Summer Block Party (located at Thompson and Ash) was held. The 2 day event featured live music, a kid's zone and fine food and has become an end of summer event not to be missed.



Community Events

FOOD Share invites community participation

When Bonnie Weigel, FOOD Share CEO, visits Ventura County neighborhoods and sees ripe lemons, avocados or peaches that have fallen to the ground and are rotting, she cringes. Weigel knows that rather than go to waste, each piece of fruit has the ability to feed a hungry person in our community.

On Saturday, September 24, FOOD Share will publicly embrace the old adage "waste not, want not" as they launch their new "Fruit Share" backyard harvest program and community fruit drive. From 9am – 3pm, Ventura County residents are encouraged to donate their excess homegrown produce to FOOD Share at several locations including the Target stores in Ventura.

Locally grown fruits and vegetables are an important component of the nearly 9 million pounds of food that FOOD Share distributes each year. In 2010, FOOD Share dispersed over 8 million pounds of produce, with more than 1/3 of that coming directly from Ventura County commercial agricultural operations.

Residents with more fruit than they can pick themselves can arrange for harvest assistance from FOOD Share's volunteer gleaners. To make an appointment, contact Meg Horton at FOOD Share at 983-7100 ext. 105 or mhorton@foodshare.com.

A complete list of Fruit Share drop-off addresses can be found at www.foodshare.com.

High Holy Days 5772 at Temple Beth Torah

S'LICHOT - Saturday, September 24
6:30-7:15 PM Young Families
9:00 - 11:00 PM S'lichot program and service

EREV ROSH HASHANAH - Wednesday, September 28
8:00 PM Community Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

ROSH HASHANAH 1st Day - Thursday, September 29
10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah service.
4:00 PM Family Service at Marina Park
5:00 PM Tashlich service at Marina Park.

ROSH HASHANAH 2nd DAY - Friday, September 30
10:00 AM Community Rosh Hashanah service.

Graveside Memorial - Sunday, October 2
2:30 PM Graveside Memorial Service at Ivy Lawn

EREV Yom Kippur - Friday, October 7
8:00 PM Evening service for Yom Kippur, including Kol Nidre.

YOM KIPPUR - Saturday, October 8
9:00-9:45 AM Family Service.
10:30 AM Community Yom Kippur Service
1:30 - 3:00 PM Forum
3:00 PM Sanctuary Afternoon service, Torah reading
5:00 PM Yizkor service
5:30 PM Neilah

Bagpipes, world champions and herding dogs all at the Seaside Highland Games

From October 7-9 the Seaside Highland Games will be presented at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Bagpipe bands already committed will arrive from all over California and many of the western states. Premier highland dancers by the scores will amaze you from their Amtrak California Stage near the front gate. And the Scottish athletes—the Highland Heavies—will return to the friendly environs of Morgan Arena just at the end of Clan Row. But they will return—not with just their normal feats of strength and agility but with the new Light Weight World Championship Invitational held exclusively at Seaside. This will be an awesome show featuring the best athletes from around the world.

For those of you who love Sara Goodman's All Breed Herding Dogs demonstrations, have no fear as she will be right beside the athletes in her very own "Oceanside Herding Arena!"

On a more "civilized" note, the music wafting in from across the way on the Celtic Rock Stage will be favorites Eric Rigler and his band Bad Haggis.

Center Stage will be a happening place with the return of perennial favorites, the Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh and adding the fantastic musicianship of the Southern California band Sligo Rags. You will not want to miss a beat of their exciting sets.

And don't miss Saturday's noontime Grand Parade and Opening Ceremonies. You will see every Clan and moveable organization represented here and will be greeted by The Marquess of Huntly, Chief of the House of Gordon, the "Cock o' the North" himself and Granville Huntly of Aboyne, Scotland who will declare the Games "Officially Open!"

The amazing Wood family performers, "Celtic Spring" will hold forth to their usual record-breaking crowds on their stage in Vendor Building One, just steps away from the very active Children's Glen where popular Story Teller Neal McLeod will delight and entertain all ages.

See seaside-games.com for more information.

Ventura events

Sep 27: Discover the rewards of foster parenting by attending this month's **Foster Parenting Informational Meeting**. There are over 600 children in Ventura County that need your wisdom, your experience and your understanding. They need a foster home where they can thrive, develop and achieve dreams that once might have seemed impossible. Tuesday, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County, 855 Partridge Drive, Ventura. Become a foster parent, it's quite possibly the best thing one human can do for another. For more information, call 654-3456 or go to vchsa.org/foster.

Sep 30: Community Concert & Art show at The WAV Theater Gallery. The "Convergence Of The Visual Arts & Performing Arts," the Classical



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www.foodshare.com

To apply for CalFresh online or to learn about options for applying in person or by mail, visit:

County of Ventura Human Services Agency
www.vchsa.org



Masters Concert Art Show featuring the most amazing world class guitarists starring Carlos Gonzales and Robert Earl Longley. Mike Tine, WAV gifted resident visual artist, will present incredible original and alternative art at this great event. Two performances are scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. Every concert is an art show, book this date and check it out.

Reservations and tickets are available now while supplies last (866) 329-7733. Go on line for a discount. www.ConcertArtShow.com

Oct 1: Pier Under the Stars, Ventura's premiere annual food and wine benefit for the preservation of the historic Ventura Pier: The 18th annual event, which typically draws over 800 people to the beloved 139-year-old pier, will take place from 5 - 8 p.m. Over 50 local businesses provide some of the best food and spirits in the county. Guests can sip, dance to live music, and mingle for a great cause. General admission is \$60 and a limited amount of VIP tickets are available for \$100. Tickets are available at the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau located at 101 S California Street. <http://www.pierintothefuture.org/pier/puts>, 797-7544.

Oct 2: Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, Artistic Director, KuanFen Liu, presents the Fall Concert of its Ninth Season "Strings, Pipes & Reeds," Featuring: Le Nozze Di Figaro, K. 492: Overture Guitar Concerto RV 93 in D major by Antonio Vivaldi, Nicolas Andre Deuson, Guitarist Double Reed Concerto World Premiere by John Biggs, Bruce Walker, oboe Paula Dublinski, English horn, Cavit Celayir-Monizis a bassoon soloists, Organ Concerto no. 1, op. 137 in F major by Joseph Rheinberger Raelynn Clare organist, The concert will start at 4 p.m. at the First United

Methodist Church, 1338 East Santa Clara Street in Ventura. A \$20 donation is appreciated, for more information call 643-8621 or go to www.chicovc.org.

Oct 2: A Flea Market and Collectibles Faire and the famous War of the Worlds broadcast of October 30, 1938 and 1928 recordings of blues guitarist Mississippi John Hurt will be featured in the Dudley House historic recording and old time radio series. The house will be open 1 - 4 p.m. with the flea market and collectibles faire beginning at 9 a.m. The Dudley Docents will give tours of the history of the house with its Dudley family furniture. The newly planted Lavender Garden is also now available. The Dudley House is located at the corner of Ashwood and Loma Vista in Ventura and Admission is free. Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house, call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

Oct 3, Audubon events: Beginners are welcome on all field trips. Camino Real Park, Ventura. Leader: Adele Fergusson (415-4304) Many good birds in this park with its barranca and eucalyptus trees. Could see Red-shouldered Hawks and maybe the start of the season for White-crowned & Golden-crowned Sparrows. Meet by the tennis courts.

Oct 4: Join the Ventura Chapter of the National Health Federation on Tuesday at 6 p.m. to discuss the efforts of the F.D.A in minimizing our ability to choose freely the products that are most vital to our health, including all homeopathic and natural supplements on the market. The Ventura Chapter of the National Health Federation will be hosting this community meeting at the Ventura Spinal Care Center, located at 1590 E. Main St. Please RSVP to ensure all community members have the oppor-

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Ventura Chamber's Young Professionals Group (YPG) recently had a successful, high-end fashion event with red carpet swag at their "WORK IT" Fashion Show! The Erle Stanley Gardner Building was filled with Ventura locals and Chamber members who enjoyed an evening of networking, cocktails, live body art, music and fashion of course.

The wonderful show not only featured 14 models but also hair demonstrations by Ventura stylists, wonderful food prepared by the Watermark, wine and the West Coast Derby Knockouts helping with the raffle.

Growing fall vegetables organically

Fall has arrived, and along with shorter days and Halloween stores popping up everywhere, you may have noticed a few new types of plants arriving at local nurseries – Fall and Winter Vegetables. While some of these vegetable starts are the same you might find in the Springtime, there are quite a few that are unique to this time of year and that may be somewhat intimidating to the beginning vegetable gardener.

Edibles such as Winter Tomatoes, Kohlrabi, Brussel Sprouts and Horse-radish may be the perfect plants for your Fall garden, but what the heck are they and how do you grow them? To answer these and many other questions, Organic Nurseryman Oscar Carmona will be leading a free talk Monday, Sept. 26th in Downtown Ventura entitled "How to Grow Fall Vegetables and Herbs." Carmona, the owner of Healing Grounds Nursery in Goleta (one of the few organic vegetable nurseries in the state), will discuss how to transition from Summer to Fall vegetables in the garden, complete with a list of edibles appropriate for fall planting.

Carmona has been involved in Organic Agriculture for over 20 years and is locally considered to be an authority on the subject. The lecture is sponsored by Nopalito Native Plant Nursery in Ventura, one of the few nurseries in the county to carry Healing Grounds veg-



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**Free Plant,
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Sept. 26th!**

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etables and herbs. The workshop is free and open to the public, with no reservations required, and the first 100 people will receive a free Healing Grounds Organic Vegetable start. The workshop takes place from 7- 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26th in the Topping Room of the E.P Foster Library in Ventura. For more information, visit www.nopalitonursery.com or call 844-7449.

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tunity to join in and have a seat. Ensure your seat today by calling 648-7987

Oct 5: The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club, (BCNN) is a group of active women of all ages who live in Ventura, Oxnard, or Port Hueneme who enjoy activities such as hiking, golf, dining, wine outings, reading and cooking. This weeks Guest Speaker Harbormaster Scott Miller will be speaking about the Emergency Rescue Team. For more information, please attend their monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Meetings are held at The Greek Restaurant. No charge for meeting and coffee or tea is available at a nominal charge of \$1.00 For additional information, please call 382-2935 or 659-4542 or go to bcnn.community.officelive.com.

Oct 5: The Ventura Bridge Club, an American Contract Bridge League unit, is holding its first 99er sanctioned bridge game today! For new bridge players, with less than 100 ACBL bridge masterpoints, this game is the perfect way to start enjoying the rewards of competitive bridge. There will be a 45-minute optional class prior to the game. Bridge game starts at 12:30pm. Located at the

First Christian Church at Teloma and Telegraph. For further information, you may contact Buki Burke at 377-0236.

Oct 6: You are invited to the **Ladies Luncheon** 11:15 - 1 p.m. at the Le Petit Cafe Bakery, 1591 Spinnaker Dr. in the Ventura Harbor. Attend and enjoy an amazing gourmet lunch at the beautiful Ventura Harbor. Experience networking and having fun with our finest business women of Ventura County. Enjoy, the best raffle in Ventura, the raffle is quite popular and filled with all kinds of great giveaways. So, bring a prize to share and you will receive recognition and an additional time to make a presentation to the group. Seating is limited. Reservations made by Oct. 4 are \$25 and after at the door are \$30. To reserve your space go to www.theLadies-Luncheon.com.

Oct 8, 9:00am-12:00pm Beginners are welcome on all field trips **Ventura Audubon Restoration Work Day**, Santa Paula. Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Restoration Program. Sandy Hedrick: (340-0478). Arrive at 8:00 for birding which usually yields some interesting birds. Long pants and boots or closed shoes are required. Bring water, gloves and sun protection. Take Hwy 126 to Santa Paula, 10th St. Exit.

Oct 11, 7:30 p.m. Ventura Audubon General Meeting, Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. Don Des Jardin will present "Birdwatching in Norfolk, Virginia," filmed by Paul Doherty. This video production features one local birding venue for each month of the year and presents the typical birds to be seen at that site.

Oct 16: The Ventura Red Hat Society is

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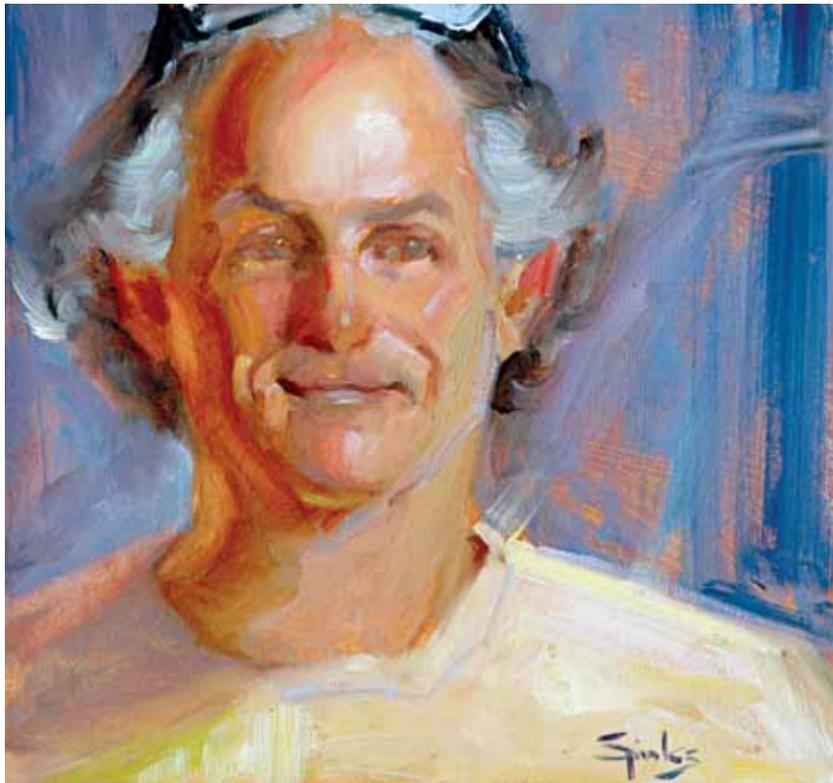


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Josh Addison

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Josh Addison is grateful he settled in Ventura with family and friends, after living in 47 places just long enough to receive postal mail. The grandson of Bob and Janet Addison who moved to Ventura from Africa in 1952, he carries on the family tradition of combining business and community service.

Founder of the Bell Arts Factory in 2004, Addison now volunteers there full time, leading a team of dedicated community creative people. Retired as a builder and developer, no doubt thanks to a nudge from the changed economy, Josh is delighted as he approaches his 50th birthday to dedicate his full energies to working in the community of Ventura.

The Bell Arts Factory is committed to leadership in partnership with the community, enhancing the imaginative creative experience of life for Ventura's children, youth, families and seniors. A dynamic, multicultural arts and education institution and resource, Bell Arts Factory joins the forces of fine arts and community service, creating opportunities for deeper civic and cultural engagement in Ventura.

Bell Arts Factory envisions a stimulating and engaged community, rich with opportunity for personal growth and positive change, through active creative experience, accessible to all. With it twenty seven artists' studios, two galleries, community room and Vita Art Center, Bell Arts Factory offers events, exhibitions, performances, classes and meetings, drawing tens of thousands of visitors each year. As fiscal sponsor for Westside ArtWalk, Ventura Film Society, Ballet Folkloric, Vita Art Center and others, Bell Arts Factory provides crucial non-profit capacity for creative community development.

Fun for the Addison family is a day at the beach. Growing up in Santa Barbara and San Diego, with side trips to Australia for third grade and Hawaii to marry and work, Josh still enjoys riding waves and exploring the underwater realm, sharing these delights

now with his wife Della and their three daughters.

Josh's parents Michael and Susan Addison moved to Ojai a year ago, and took no time at all to get involved in the local scene. Michael is now Artistic Director of the Ojai Theater 150, and Susan is involved with the gardening community, continuing her life long passion and professional involvement with horticulture.

He told us "It is amazing to be living in this lovely town, with friends like MN Hanrahan, Moses Mora, Phil Taggart and Mary Perez, with Della teaching, our kids flourishing, and my parents nearby," said Josh. "We are so fortunate to be enjoying good health, the love of family, and the pleasure of involvement in our community. I am very grateful."

We asked him what he likes most about Ventura?

This is an easy one he said, the people. Each day arriving at Bell Arts Factory, visiting with artists, students and visitors. Checking in with Michele and Guy at Stoneworks or dropping in over at Art City. Ventura is still a small town at heart, and people still look out for each other. We have a global perspective, but do a good job of working locally together to keep each other honest about what matters most, about human and environmental values. Josh stated "I love the genuineness of this place, the candor of Venturans together."

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

Sitting there with her, knowing that she was capturing me at a point in time, and that we were sharing a connection that was as ephemeral as any moment, but being made more permanent as she painted, was unusual and fun. Johanna is a wonderful person, so getting a chance to visit with her, to get to know each other better, was great. I am so pleased that she has found a studio home at Bell Arts Factory, and I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the Face Of Ventura.



Captain Bill Finley



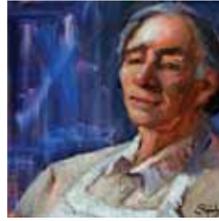
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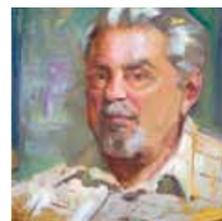
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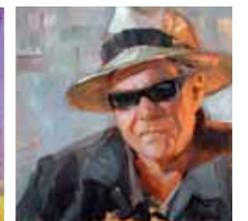
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The Breeze is proud to present "The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks", an on-going art project by award-winning portraitist Spinks to paint 55 worthy Venturans, **each in a single sitting**, painted directly from life at this artist's Bell Arts Factory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

Readers are invited to nominate a special person for the series.

"The Face of Ventura By Johanna Spinks": Images Copyright Johanna Spinks.

Email: johanna@johannaspinks.com Website: www.johannaspinks.com

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.

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Computer basics for seniors

by Nanci Cone

Seniors need to know the basics of computers just to gain the confidence to learn applications and functions. Knowing computer basics is the key to confidence, additional knowledge and skills to do things like; communicating with children and grandchildren via e-mails, using the internet to do research on various topics, following the news including the stock market, paying bills, learning about social media such as Facebook and Twitter and countless other applications.

SCAN Senior Resource Center recognized an immediate need in this area and it was for this reason they decided to offer an entry level, 2-hour senior focused class that focuses on:

Turning on the computer and "booting up"

Understanding computer terms like the cursor, scrolling, drop down menus, popup windows, desktop, etc.

The difference between software and hardware

Use of a computer mouse – a hands on practice module

Logging off and

Shutting down the computer

The class takes place on Friday, September 30th from 8:30-10:30 am at the SCAN Senior Resource Center, 1001 Partridge Drive, Suite 200 in Ventura. The best part about this class is that it's free to qualifying seniors 60 years and up (anyone who does not know how to use a computer). SCAN Health Plan as

a not-for-profit is providing this class as a community service to promote senior health and independence.

The instructor, Bob McCullagh is a Senior Advocate and instructor of computer memory applications at the SCAN Senior Resource Center. He has a passion for helping seniors become comfortable with computing and draws from a career of more than 30 years with IBM. As Bob says, "People are often intimidated when they see all the different components and they are afraid if they push a button they will destroy the computer. Within a few minutes, I see people relaxing and getting excited about all the possibilities open to them. I guarantee that by the time you leave this class you will feel totally comfortable around a computer!"

Steve Lehman, Manager & Health and Resource Specialist for SCAN Senior Resource Center, says, "This class is for the computer neophyte – someone who was maybe given a computer by a family member or who went out and bought one and is afraid to take it out of the box. We encourage you to attend this class to help overcome your fears and to learn all about the opportunities available to you." Steve goes on to add, "If you are comfortable using a typewriter, you'll be surprised at how easy it is to master a computer."

Call 658-0365 to register for this class as soon as possible as space is limited. A waiting list will be established for future classes so be sure to tell everyone you know about this opportunity. To learn more about what other classes are available, call for a current calendar of activities to learn about upcoming programs at the SCAN Senior Resource Center and classes sponsored and conducted throughout Ventura County.

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On August 31, at approximately 11:15 a.m., the suspect (an adult Hispanic male, approximately 5'-8", slender build, mid 40's, wearing tan t-shirt, blue jeans) made contact with the victim at her residence and told her he could repair her damaged vehicle. After gaining the victim's trust the suspect drove the victim to her bank where approximately \$6,000 was withdrawn and given to the suspect.

While en-route back to the victim's residence the suspect asked to be dropped off at a nearby shopping mall and told the victim he would meet her back at her

individuals that appear, or act, suspicious in nature.

Never let anyone into your home who you do not know or trust.

Scams such as these often prey upon the elderly in order to gain their trust. Please take the time to speak with your elderly parents, friends, and neighbors about scams and frauds and to never provide personal information, or money, to individuals they do not know or trust.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office provides a comprehensive Crime Prevention Handbook for seniors which can be found at the following link: http://da.countyofventura.org/special_prosecutions/victim_services/va_brochures/crime_prevent_handbook/va_cpandbook_contents.htm

Should you have any information about this incident, or the suspect, we urge you to call Detective Carlton Lance at 339-4413. You can also make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Please be vigilant and immediately report any and all suspicious activity to the Ventura Police Department at 805-650-8010

residence. The victim then drove home and awaited the arrival of the suspect however, the suspect never returned.

During the investigation it was learned that another individual who lives in the same mobile home park had also been visited by the suspect earlier in the day with a very similar story however, the individual did not fall for the scam.

We are issuing this press release in the event anyone may have information about the incident and also to advise community members to be aware of incidents and potential fraudulent scams such as these.

We want to remind the community:

Please be vigilant and immediately report any and all suspicious activity to VPD at 805-650-8010 (24 hr. non-emergency number) or 911 in the event of an emergency.

Report suspicious subjects knocking at your front door and all solicitors and

Meet Wish Kid Ben Ostertag

As a supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Tri-Counties, you are invited to the Panera Bread Grand Opening Party at 4910 Telephone Road, on October 05, from 6-8 p.m.

This very special celebration will provide guests a unique opportunity to experience the heart, soul and essence of Panera at their new Ventura location. Panera supports the Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter through fund raising efforts and also by hosting wish presentation parties in the businesses.

A special guest of honor at the event will be Wish Kid, Ben Ostertag. Ben's wish came true when he met his hero, Bobby Flay, from the television show, Iron Chef. Ben has a unique passion for food and cooking for such a little guy, and he was so elated to be meeting his idol! Ben's wish included a trip out to New York City to see the sights and most importantly, to see a taping of his favorite show, Iron Chef. He had a chance to go behind-the-scenes and saw all of the drama and magic unfold in person. Ben had the time of his life on his Make-A-Wish trip, and his favorite part of the whole experience was being in the back of the kitchen exploring all the dishes, flavors, ingredients, and discovering the big box that covers the "secret ingredient"!

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Girl Scout Troop #60186 and MB Hanrahan have completed this wonderful mural at the rear entrance to Foster Library, an additional reason to bring your kids to the children's library

Girl Scouts help bring a mural to Ventura

by Danielle Peak

The Bronze Award is the highest award a girl scout can obtain at the level of Junior. This summer the 15 members of Troop #60186 completed the requirements for this award and left behind, as a testament to their hard work and a tribute to Ventura, a painted mural behind E.P Foster Library downtown.

The girls scouts, ages 10 and 11, received the Bronze Award and were officially bridged, as the phrase goes, to the Cadet

level of Girl Scouts with the guidance of troop leaders Debbie Giles and Lisa Urwick and artist MB Hanrahan.

In addition to a community service project taking at least eight hours of the required 25, to earn the Bronze Award each girl had to participate in about 12 activities relating to exploration and/or leadership. For Troop #60186 these activities included visiting historical and tourist sites in Ventura, such as the mission; raising money for the Humane Society; and helping out younger girl scouts. The design and painting of the mural became the troop's service project for the award.

Planning of the mural began in the fall of 2010 under the direction of noted muralist MB Hanrahan, who worked with the troop until the mural's completion at the beginning of June. The artwork was not pinned to any specific theme but to the imagination of reading. When the troop hosted the library portion of Ventura's Art Walk in October, they asked attendees for suggestions for the mural. Since the mural was to be for the community, input from community members was more than welcomed.

In February of this year, after dozens of drawings were accumulated of what might appear on the mural and decisions were made by the troop and Hanrahan about what pictures to include and discard, actual painting of the mural began based upon Hanrahan's drawings, which she also sketched on the walls. The girls painted a portion of the piece, which Hanrahan had outlined for them before she painted the major remaining portion.

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Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and greet several celebrity guests including the iconic television host and five-time Emmy award winner, Bob Eubanks; pro body builder and Gold's Gym international franchise manager, Tamer El Guindy; and the body transformation expert, competition coach, nutrition consultant and International Figure Body Building (IFFB) pro athlete, Michele D'Angona. The event also features fitness demonstrations, door prizes and free health screenings.

In addition, a number of local and national companies will be exhibiting and demonstrating the latest cutting-edge products and services in the areas of: health maintenance, disease prevention, stress reduction, fitness and nutrition, anti-aging solutions, health and wellness—and more.

For more information about this event, contact Noel Frias, Public Relations & Marketing, at noel_frias@med3000.com or at 988-5140.

Help with bereavement is available

Livingston Memorial VNA & Hospice conducts weekly adult bereavement support groups to help those who have experienced a loss. Explore and express feeling, understand the grief process and receive emotional support. Open to the public and free of charge, the groups are held:

Wednesday Afternoons from 3:00 – 4:30 at The First Presbyterian Church, 850 Ivywood Drive, Oxnard

Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 at Livingston Memorial VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave (#106), Ventura

Tuesday Afternoons from 3:00 – 4:00 at The Ventura Townhouse, 4900 Telegraph Rd, (7th floor), Ventura.

A monthly class for the newly bereaved is also held the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 7:00 at Livingston Memorial VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave (#106), Ventura

Drop ins are welcome; for more information call 642-0239.

Hope for families with a child facing cancer

Six Ventura County Nonprofit Organizations have joined together to provide support, education and hope for families with a child with cancer. Beginning October 6, several family-focused cancer support programs will meet the first Thursday of every month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with dinner from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Three cancer support meetings will take place simultaneously: A support group for parents of children with cancer, and two expressive art and discussion groups for the child with cancer and siblings ages 5-12 and 13-21. The programs will take place at the Community Memorial Hospital Cancer Resource Center, 2900 Loma Vista Road, Suite 105. Childcare will be provided for children four and under. This free program is open to any family with a child being treated with cancer. Call 308-9941 to RSVP or learn more.

These programs are made possible through a collaboration of Ventura County Medical Center Pediatric Hematology/Oncology; Community Memorial Hospital Cancer Resource Center; The Wellness Community Valley/Ventura; St. John's Cancer Center of Ventura County; the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

The need for this program is great, as stated by Dr. Francisco Bracho, M.D. Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist of Ventura County Medical Center and Children's Hospital Los Angeles, "When I tell a parent that their child has cancer, I know their world has turned upside down. Treatment is intense and the entire family is affected. The child is pulled out of school and needs help with boredom and later with re-integration."

During the five-year time-period of 2004-2008, there were 224 new cases of childhood cancer in Ventura County.

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Although drop-ins are welcome, you are encouraged to attend all eight sessions.

Wednesday evenings from October 12th to December 7th from 5:30 – 7:00 at the Ventura Unitarian Church (in the garage).

Email eldermuse@eldermuse.net for more information.

It's time to stop smoking

Ventura County Public Health Tobacco Education, Prevention, Policy, Cessation program is having a free 8 week Stop Smoking Class and free 10 weeks of Nicotine Replacement Therapy Product. (Patches, Gum, or Lozenges) and reimburse up to \$125.00 on pharmaceutical products. This program is free to anyone who lives or works in Ventura County, 18 and over.

At the Public Health Clinic - 3147 Loma Vista Rd. on Wednesday's, on going, 12-1pm.

Information at 652-3377.

School

Students are overwhelmed by college pressure

by Brooke Demchuck

In today's society, children are brought up with the belief that college is absolutely everything. Every teen is supposed to excel in high school, graduate, and go on to a four year college, where they will then graduate again, and finally go into the career of their choice. As a student witnessing this myself, I have to ask if this is a healthy mindset to constantly pound into children's heads.

Growing up, I have met numerous peers whose entire lives were fixated around getting accepted into a certain college, such as an Ivy League. I believe that goals are fantastic, and there is nothing better than an individual who knows what they want in life and are willing to work for it. Yet, I still find myself thinking, "What happens if they don't get accepted into Harvard? Yale?" Should children's entire lives truly be centered around getting into the college of their dreams, at any cost? What if it means sacrificing one's social life, free time, or even more extreme, their happiness?

Both teachers and parents constantly tell us that we must do well on the SATs, ACTs, CSTs, and every other acronym oriented test that you can think of. We must also be the perfect, well-rounded child. If you don't do community service, an extra curricular, such as sports or music, and have impeccable grades, colleges won't even consider you. But at the same time, many colleges won't even consider you anyway. You can't get into this university if you don't take enough AP classes, but you can't get into this one if you don't score high enough on your SAT. This college only wants individu-

als who take four years of language, while this university wants students with an emphasis in science.

They want you to be an individual, yet they have a long list of guidelines that your life must constantly mold to. They want you to participate in extra curriculars and be different from every other individual applying to their college, yet they expect you to abide by the same set of rules that all the other students in America are following as well.

To me, an education has always been what you make it. If you have a school, a teacher who is willing to teach, and the eagerness to learn, you can get an education almost anywhere. Just because a student goes to Stanford does not mean he will do phenomenally. Likewise, just because a student goes to community college does not mean he will not get an amazing education.

Why, then, are we taught that we must abide by absurdly high college standards to be successful in life? Why must we mold ourselves into carbon copies of college's perfect individuals in order to further our education? Why can we not simply pursue our hobbies and passions in life without having to worry about what they will look like on a college transcript? Students should be able to actually absorb material in their classes, rather than simply being focused on getting an 'A' in the class for their resume. We should be able to have free time to explore other dreams we might have, and to simply take a breath and relax. We should be allowed to enjoy our limited years of youth, and to spend them doing as we wish, without what colleges will think looming over our heads.



Surrounded by community supporters, Monica Lukins, fourth from right, receives teaching award

Monica Lukins honored as Teacher of the Month

On September 7th, Monica Lukins, a Language Arts & Social Studies teacher at DeAnza Academy of Technology and

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Youth

the Arts, was named by the Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation (VCEF) as their Teacher of the Month for September. The VCEF, along with the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, elected representatives and members of the business community came out to support Lukins as she received this honor.

Nominated by Anne Roundy-Harter, the principal at DeAnza, Lukins was overwhelmed by the show of supports he received from the VCEF and Ventura business community. "I'm just so proud to be a teacher and work with the people here", stated Lukins, after receiving the accolades.

Certificates were presented to Lukins from Ventura Mayor Bill Fulton, James Joyce, representing the office of Assemblyman Das Williams, Brian Miller, representing the office of US Congressman Elton Gallegly and many others. She was then presented with gifts of appreciation by the businesses in attendance, including Cypress Place Senior Living, Greek at the Harbor, Pacific Oaks Federal Credit Union, Red Brick Pizza, Realtor Terry McBreen, Ventura YMCA and Ventura County Credit Union.

The Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation, under the auspices of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce works toward their mission to provide a business link to the economic, educational, cultural and environmental interests of the Ventura regional community.

For more information on the Teacher of the Month program, please contact Pattie Braga, Chair of the Program at PBraga@VCCUonline.net or at 477-4052.

Learn new job skills

Have fun learning new skills with evening classes, beginning Monday, September 26 at Ventura Adult and Continuing Education, a fully accredited, not-for-profit, division of the Ventura Unified School District.

For more information, call Ventura Adult and Continuing Education at 289-7925, or visit the campus. Most Continuing Education classes are held at the Technology Development Center located at 5200 Valentine Road.

Courses include:

Creative and Personal Growth classes such as Chorus, Knitting and Yoga

Computer and Information Support classes such as QuickBooks, AutoCAD, Revit and SolidWorks

Media and Design Arts classes in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Dreamweaver

Medical Office Support Services like Coding, Billing and terminology, and Didactic Phlebotomy Instruction.

Youth

Spotlight on good nutrition

It's that time of year – time for kids to go back to school. Besides preparing academically, it is also an opportunity to educate kids on good nutrition. To help accomplish this, the Ventura Farmers' Markets are offering school-aged

children the opportunity to visit the Markets and learn about healthy eating.

At the Markets, kids can connect directly with the farmers to sample fruits and vegetables and get involved in selecting items for their school lunches.

"Our goal is to help families get kids excited about eating healthy," stated Karen Wetzel Schott, Operations Manager for the Ventura County Certified Farmers' Market Association.

As part of their educational outreach, the Ventura County Certified Farmers' Market Association also works with educators to provide school fieldtrips by appointment, providing the students with an overview of California agriculture.

The community of Ventura is served with two Certified Farmers' Markets – Wednesdays at the Pacific View Mall, front west parking lot on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Saturdays in Downtown Ventura on the corners of East Santa Clara and Palm Streets from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

For more information on the Ventura Farmers' Markets, call 529-6266 or visit the website at www.vccfarmersmarkets.com. Follow the Farmers' Markets on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vccfm.

Helmets can prevent sport injuries to children

by Kris McDonald
Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

Injuries to children during organized sports and recreational activities occur at a staggering rate - over 3.5 million each year nationwide. When a sports injury proves debilitating or even fatal, traumatic brain injury is the most common cause. While almost all organized sports have minimum safety guidelines, the safety equipment used by children during recreational activities is parent regulated. Over 50 percent of head injuries sustained by children occur during bicycle and skateboarding accidents, most notably collisions of some kind. Simple, but often overlooked, head protection is absolutely necessary to prevent these potential tragedies.

Technology has come a long way in providing helmet options that are lightweight and comfortable while maintaining high strength. Almost every sport or recreational activity has its own specialized equipment, including helmets. There are, however, models of helmets available now that can span various sports and disciplines. Any helmet that you purchase should be of reputable brand, be suitable for use in the sport or activity intended, and meet the minimum safety standards set forth by governing bodies such as Snell, ASTM, or CPSC. Any helmet that conforms to these standards is required to be labeled accordingly.

When you purchase a helmet for your child it should be properly fitted with the assistance of the retailer. A helmet that is too large, too small, or just plain uncomfortable will not only be less likely to be used when the parent is not looking, but also may not protect your child in the manner it was designed. Chinstraps are what keep helmets in place, and if they are not buckled, you

can almost guarantee that the helmet is going to fall off. Ensure that the chin strap mechanism is comfortable enough for your child to keep fastened at all times.

Helmets should be stored properly, out of direct sunlight, to prevent weakening of the material. Most helmets have a recommended lifespan that is outlined by the manufacturer, after which time the helmet should be discarded. If a moderate to severe impact is sustained to a helmet, it should be inspected immediately for damage and most likely be discarded. During an impact, a helmet can sustain significant damage internally, without any obvious external signs. If in doubt, replace the helmet.

Helmets are an essential piece of safety equipment for any recreational activity. As a parent you can help protect your children from head injuries by not only providing them with a helmet, but also by providing a quality example. Wear a helmet yourself, and explain to your children the importance of doing so.

For more information please visit our City website at cityofventura.net/fire or visit us online at facebook.com/venturacityfire and youtube.com/VenturaCityFD.

YMCA to host 3rd basketball tournament

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of the Ventura Family YMCA and Barristers of the Ventura County Bar Association invites members of the community to participate in the 3rd Annual "TAKE it to the COURT" 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on October 8. Proceeds from the event funds the YMCA's Open Doors Program which provides scholarships to individuals and families in need.

The basketball tournament will take place at Ventura College and will start at 8 a.m. The event will include a full day of tournaments, music and food. The "Take it to the Court" Basketball Tournament is a great way to come together to strengthen our community while spending a fun, active day playing and watching some exciting basketball games.

The tournament will include a men's open, boy's high school and girl's high school division, which are all open to the public. Team registrations are being accepted until October 3rd. Registration to enter the tournament and additional information can be found online at www.ciyymca.org/ventura or at the Ventura Family YMCA Welcome Center. Each participating team will receive three complimentary Ventura Family YMCA Basketball Tournament t-shirts. The grand prize for each participant of the winning teams will be a free three month membership to the Ventura Family YMCA.

"We are very excited to host the tournament again this year and appreciate the support of the local business community, individuals and especially the partnership we have formed with the Barristers organization", said Margo Byrne, Executive Director at the Ventura Family YMCA.

The "Take it to the Court" Basketball Tournament is one of two yearly fundraisers that the Ventura Family YMCA holds. The funds from the event ensure that the YMCA can continue the Open Doors scholarship program. The Open Doors program which provides scholarships to individuals, children and families in need and allows everyone to have the opportunity to participate in YMCA programs such as youth sports, child care, wellness classes and more. If you would like more information about the basketball tournament please contact Amy Bailey-Jurewicz at Amy.Bailey@ciymca.org or about the Ventura Family YMCA please call 642-2131 or visit www.ciyymca.org/ventura.

Ventura events

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hosting an afternoon **Open House Tea** for women 50 and over who are looking for a group to have fun with. They have monthly activities that vary in interests- it's all about laughing and bonding. 659-3323 for details

Ojai events

Performances To Grow On is pleased to present Samite of Uganda as one of the featured performers at the 1st Ojai World Music Festival. Samite will be performing throughout the weekend offering a workshop, several performances and a special evening fundraiser on Friday, **Sept. 30** at Larry Hagman's "Heaven" featuring his photos of Gorillas in Uganda along with original music and narration.

A brilliant and inspiring musician, Samite takes audiences back to his homeland in Africa with melodic and sensual sounds played on flute, kalimba and litungu.

Tickets are available at 646-8907 or online at www.ojaiworldfest.org

The beloved and bedeviled characters of **"It's A Wonderful Life"** will come alive this holiday season at Ojai ACT, and actors of all ages are encouraged to audition.

This will be a stage version of the radio play, so voice quality and characters are of prime importance, said Director Gai Jones and Producer Jeff Wallach.

Auditions will be held at Ojai ACT, 113 S. Montgomery St. from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 and 7-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3. Rehearsals begin Oct. 5 and performances are from Nov. 18 - Dec. 17, on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Bring a resume and head shot; sides will be provided. For details, go to www.OjaiACT.net and for questions contact Jones at 640-6472 or email gai.jones@sbcglobal.net.

Gale McNeeley is back by popular demand at Ojai ACT to "Celebrate the American Musical" in a fun and tuneful night covering a wide range of songs that also includes satire, drama and comedy with pianist Betty Faas. The show, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, is appropriate for all ages, and a donation of \$10 to \$20 is requested at Ojai Art Center Theater, 113 S. Montgomery St. For more information or reservations call 640-8797.

Mark your calendars for "Town Talks" on Sundays at the Ojai Valley Museum in October and November. An elite group of long time valley residents

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Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp
Ph.D

■ The Humane Society's 5th Annual Fundraiser is in Ventura for the first time. It will be at Ventura's Arroyo Verde Park on Sunday October 9 from 2-6pm.

Titled the "Cats in the Canyon & Hounds in the Hollow" proceeds go to the care of animals in need throughout Ventura County.

This year's event will feature a Southwestern-style dinner, silent auction, raffle and exhibits and The Iron Mountain Boys will provide musical entertainment.

The Humane Society of Ventura County had a special friend in Norby Beilschmidt – perhaps the most dedicated volunteer it has ever known – until April, when a spinal cord injury suffered in an accident took his life at age 76.

Beilschmidt, who technically retired in 1997 after a 41-year career as an engineer technician, was a man who just couldn't really retire. His boundless energy and an uncanny knowledge of how to fix just about anything, tempered by his love of animals, inspired him to dedicate three days a week of volunteer service to the Humane Society for the past seven years. He will be honored for his years of selfless service at the event.

In addition, there will be K-9 agility and training demonstrations, animal wellness exhibits and attendees also will get a chance to visit with animals from the nonprofit's Ojai shelter and watch the shelter's "Dogs on Parade." The event is a celebration of shelter pets. I'm sorry to say that attendees are asked to leave their own pets at home. That's okay with me if it raises a lot of money.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under and include a free parking pass. Tickets bought on site will be \$50 and \$25 plus a \$5 parking pass at the park entrance.

For tickets or more information, call 646-6505 or go to hsvc.org.

■ A man in Baldwin Park was charged

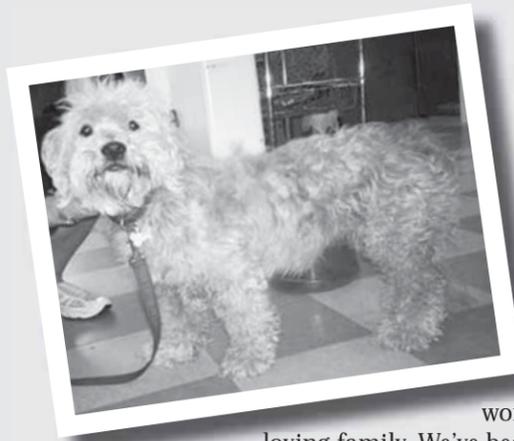
with 6 felonies after shooting at a 7-year-old girl's barking dog right in front of her. The girl and her dog, Smalls were playing in the front yard when a stranger came up and began taunting the animal. When the dog inevitably got mad and started barking, the stranger pulled out a handgun and opened fire at the dog. The man then chased the girl and the dog inside her home and threatened to shoot Smalls. It is unclear how the dog and girl got away, but neither was harmed and the man was arrested and is currently facing prison time. I hope that Smalls at least gets to bite him (I would be happy to hold him down).

■ A Lincoln Heights animal shelter is turning out not to be much of a shelter at all. Recently nearly 40 dogs, cats, and other animals have gone missing from the shelter. The Los Angeles Police Department has launched an investigation looking into the matter. Of the missing animals (most of which were dogs) many were labeled as "highly adoptable", and because of this officials think that the animals may have been stolen and sold. Since the investigation, the shelter has added new locks and switched some of their personnel (probably an "inside" job when one of the smart dogs let them out). In just one year, 64 animals have disappeared from six shelters in Los Angeles. I certainly hope that they at least ended up with some really nice people in a really nice home.



Maybe when I get a little older I can have an article in the Breeze like Scamp. Even though I am not a professor I think that I will be pretty smart. I learned to use my litter box without even being told how to use it.
Savana

Forever home wanted,



Hi:

I'm Princess an affectionate and playful female 11 year old Terrier mix. My brother Rascal and I were returned after being in a home for many years as our owner has fallen ill and can no longer care for us. We're very sad to have lost our home, but are hopeful it

won't be long before we're part of a

loving family. We've been together all our lives and do not want to be separated. We're house trained and know how to use a doggie door. We are good with children, but would probably do best in an adult only home or a home with older children. We're not as active as we used to be but we still enjoy playing and going for walks. So if you're looking for a couple of new additions to your family, stop by and meet us.

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

Scamp Club

Well I did something really dumb (well maybe not too dumb for a dog) and deleted all of the information for this cute Scampclub member. So I hope that this doggy sees his photo and emails his information to me so that I can tell the world who he/she is.



Join Scamp Club

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

Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

Felony DUI

On Sunday, September 4th, at 11:18 p.m., two VPD officers were near the intersection of Seaward Avenue and East Main Street when they heard a loud traffic collision in the area. The vehicle occupied by Isiah and Devona Walker was on top of a retaining wall to the front of Maharaja Restaurant. The Walkers were still in the vehicle as was a juvenile passenger. Jaime Ramos's vehicle had collided with the front window of San Luis Paints. Isiah Walker suffered a laceration to his head. Devona Walker suffered a laceration to her arm. Both were transported to CMH. The juvenile passenger in Walker's vehicle was not injured. Ramos sustained lacerations to his face and was transported to VCMC.

Ramos was driving at a high rate of speed. Officers determined that Ramos was driving under the influence of alcohol and he was arrested and booked at VC Jail.

Double Stabbing over a bottle of wine

On Thursday, September 8th, at 4:15 a.m., officers responded to the Hamilton Hotel, located at 373 East Main Street,

regarding a domestic dispute and possible stabbing. Cristine Chalquest was outside the hotel, suffering from a non-life-threatening stab wound to her lower leg.

Officers found Mark Wilkins inside the room suffering from two stab wounds. He had been stabbed once in the chest and once in the hand. Neither of Wilkins' injuries were life threatening.

Wilkins and Chalquest got into an argument over a bottle of wine and the argument escalated into a physical altercation resulting in both subjects stabbing each other.

After being treated at VCMC for their injuries, both suspects were arrested and later booked at VC Jail.

Stolen Vehicle

On Saturday, September 10th, at 8:00 p.m., Kayceeann Casillas, 21 years old, and Guadalupe Villareal, 34 years old, were arrested for auto burglaries, stolen vehicles, and theft of gas, as well as being in possession of a controlled substance. No arrests were initially made due to a lack of evidence. The suspects would use a drill to steal fuel from gas tanks.

A patrol officer located a parked stolen motorcycle on Cedar Place, where Villareal and Casillas were seen on a stolen motorcycle. As they began to start it, officers conducted a stop on it and detained both of them.

Villareal was in possession of the stolen motorcycle and burglary tools. He and Casillas were booked into VC Jail.

Shooting

On Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:55 p.m., the VPD responded to a shooting in the 100 block of West Ramona Street. Officers were advised that the victim, a 22-year-old male, had been transported to the hospital.

The victim was with a small gathering on a driveway in the 100 block of West Ramona Street. The suspect walked up to the victim, possibly targeting him, and shot him once in the torso. The suspect then fled from the location.

The victim was transported to the VCMC by one of his associates. He underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the torso. He is in critical condition.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

9-3 10:32 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and other "No Code" to person not breathing at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Upon arrival, it was determined that the person had passed away.

9-5 1:55 p.m. Harbor Cove Lifeguards report a windsurfer in distress in the channel. Patrol picked up the neophyte windsurfer and transported him to Harbor Cove Beach.

9-6 3:50 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a fall victim at VWM. A man had fallen down the stairs but only sustained minor injuries. AMR Transported him to the hospital.

9-7 12:25 p.m. Patrol received a report that a vessel leaving its slip collided with moored vessel. Patrol stopped the vessel. Damage was minor; the owner had left a note with his name and phone number. No other action was necessary.

9-8 11:22 a.m. Administration received a report of a shark bite at Marina Park and activated 9-1-1. Patrol responded and located the patient who had suffered a Sting Ray injury. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

9:30 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a traffic accident at Harbor and Olivas. Upon arrival, one car had rolled over and the other was totaled. Both drivers were out of their vehicles uninjured. VPD arrested one driver for DUI.

9-10 6:24 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a fall victim at Ventura Harbor Village. Upon arrival, an elderly woman had a fall that was controlled by her daughter. She had slightly twisted her ankle and was only assisted to a private car.

Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Dream Theater

by DJ Kohli Rocks!

Dream Theater has released a new album -- their first album without one of its core members on drums, Mike Portnoy. At first, I was a bit skeptical about the new album. However, DT has cast their music spell, and I'm drawn in, yet again. "A Dramatic Turn Of Events" is a very complex album. It's not your average rock album. It's got a lot of cool new twists on it. "Build Me Up, Bring Me Down" and "On The Backs Of Angels" are among my top favorites. Dream Theater has been an underground rock staple producing albums for over 25 years. They have built a large loyal following under the Dream Theater reign. Thanks to recent guitar music games like Guitar Hero and others, the band has a lot of musician fans that appreciate their complex rock compositions. Of course, I'm sure most fans are hesitant to listen to this album, because the recent line-up change. But, as the band says, The Spirit Carries On. Now, Dream Theater-- finish up this album's process and tour and bring Mike Portnoy back!

Delaney Gibson is currently working on her follow-up album to, "Hurricanes And Forget-Me Nots." But, she's asking her fans and loved ones for help. If you go to her special site link: <http://www.pledge-music.com/projects/delaneygibson> -- it's an interactive way to get involved with her album. If you donate \$10 - you will get a download version of the album when it's complete. \$15 you get a signed CD. Among other prizes; she will play 20 Questions via Skype with you (\$30), sing you a birthday song (\$65), and even give you a private free concert (\$75) and more. She's also got a new music video song where she's singing that she needs, "money, money, money...to make (her) new CD!" Cute song/video

Another band that has recently joined PledgeMusic to complete their new CD is 8STOPS7. Their new album, "Fables," is done -- but they are giving fans a way to get involved before the album's official release. You can get the digital copy of the album for \$10, hard copy for \$15, and for \$18 you can get their rare, "Live & Acoustic at Satellite Studios." Among other prizes -- they include: T-Shirt and sticker (\$30), Signed drum head (\$400), Record a cover song of your choice (\$400), BBQ with the band (\$600), and more. Unfortunately, the \$200 pledge to win Seth's leather pants that he wore in their MTV video hit, "Question Everything," has been sold out!

If you are a Grateful Dead fan - Sunday, September 25 there is a tribute act called, Dark Star Orchestra that will be performing at the Majestic Ventura Theater. They have recently toured in Alaska, Japan, and are planning a Europe trip in 2012. Check them out online at DarkStarOrchestra.net. Check out live videos and clips. And get your tickets at the Theater before they sell out.

Thank you for your time!

Michael Kohli

(aka - DJ Kohli Rocks)

VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com

PS: I'm booking my next live music event on Oct. 3 at Zoey's Cafe. Event is titled, "The Solo Acoustics." Which, I hope to launch as a regular music series. Selecting artists from full live bands and giving them the stage to perform solo acoustic. Check out my flier online: <http://www.kohlismusicpit.com>. The singers include Kellie Lee (Kellie Lee band), Zeke Berkley (Pretty Wife/Grandmas/End Transmission Abby Posner (Fearmia) and more. Check out my site or Zoeyscave.com for more info.

Music Calendar 9/21 to 10/4

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

Andre's Wine Bar

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

Blackbeards Seaside BBQ

1591 Spinnaker Dr. #115 805-650-7773
Live bands every Thur thru Sun
Karaoke every Wed 6-9pm
Thur 9/22 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
Fri 9/23 - Jodi Farrell and the Front Street Prophets 7-10pm
Sat 9/24 - Brian Faith Band 7-10pm
Sun 9/11 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm
Thur 9/29 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
Fri 9/30 - Live Bait 7-10pm
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 9/21 - Big Adventure
Thur 9/22 - In Stone
Fri 9/23 - Red Ball Jets
Sat 9/24 - Ricky Coz
Tue 9/27 - TBA
Wed 9/28 - Bongo Town
Thur 9/29 - Coso Live
Fri 9/30 - Little Alice

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 9/22 - Underoath, Comeback Kid, The Chariot, This is Hell
Fri 9/23 - Lee Scratch Perry, Soul Spaceship, The Hashishians, Sonovero,
Sat 9/24 - Belanova, Kardo, Ratasan, Audio Vita
Sun 9/25 - Dark Star Orchestra
Mon 9/26 - UFO, The Feisty Piranhas, Valpurgis, Action Down, De La Crank
Fri 9/30 - The Misfits, Agent Orange, Juicehead, Slow Children, Snakefist, The Highest Account

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

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

W2O Rooftop Lounge 598 E. Main St. (above Watermark) 805-643-6800

Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm
Thur 9/22 - Shawn Jones
Fri 9/23 - In Stone
Sat 9/24 - The Bomb
Sun 9/25 - Shoemaker Brothers
Thur 9/29 - Shawn Jones
Fri 9/30 - Mini Driver
Sat 10/1 - The Bomb
Sun 10/2 - Dirty Rice

Zoey's Café

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

Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm
Wed 9/21 - B Willings James and Jon Swift 8pm
Fri 9/23 - Rosi Golan, Tony Ferrari 8pm, FishFood 10:30pm
Sat 9/24 - Danielle Taylor EP release, Bryan Dixon 8pm

VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

Burma VJ

Reviewed by Joe Cardella
Ventura Film Society

"Burma VJ" demonstrates the value and importance of a free and decentralized media in the hands of the people. This is one of the most powerful tools we have to insure accountability. In Burma, in 1998, after 20 years of strict military rule, the people had had enough. There were massive demonstrations in the streets of Rangoon. In one day 3,000 demonstrators were gunned down and murdered. This quelled future demonstrations for another 19 years. In 2007 the demonstrations began again, shrouded by a ban on all media, press, journalists and cameras, information outlets which we take for granted. The situation was so bad that thousands of Buddhist monks joined in and led the demonstrations, reviving a

thousand year old tradition of support for the people of Burma. To everyone's shock the monks were beaten, arrested and many murdered. The only way to record the military's brutality was by underground, guerrilla video smuggled out of the country to Norway and then sent to BBC, CNN and re-broadcast around the world. Truth, in the case of Burma VJ, is very much in the eyes of the beholder.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "Burma VJ" on Tuesday October 4 @ 7pm, the 17th 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 and screening / membership information www.venturafilmsociety.com or 628-2299.

Mon 9/26 - Nick Latta and Barney Tower 8:30pm
Tue 9/27 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm
Thur 9/29 - The Cabin Project and Owen Plant 8pm
Fri 9/30 - Matt Zeltzer CD release 8pm
Sun 10/2 - Nick St Nicholas and freinds 7pm

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura!

These are my picks of the week.

Contagion



Directed by Steven Soderbergh, this docu-drama-action adventure thrills all the way to the end. Matt Damon steers this film through a big screen disaster about a global team of doctors tasked with tamping down a deadly outbreak of an infectious disease before it annihilates the world. Flu symptoms turn deadly in a race for time to find enough of the vaccine, inoculations for the growing number of people infected with this outbreak of flu.

The ensemble cast includes, Gwyneth Paltrow, Marion Cottiard, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, Lawrence Fishburne, Bryan Cranston, Jennifer Ehle, and Sanaa Lathan. The progression of the storyline captivates lightning fast with continuous tension in terms of believability. The Director grabs you in even more at the end, which I will let you see for yourself.

What I enjoyed about this film was, it was clear through every scene what each contributor's role was. No blurry convoluted plot lines or dialogue, it was a breeze right through with edgy scenes and one blow mind scene that ejects your heart right out of your body, which directors seem to be piggy backing off of lately. You'll know what it is when you see it. I'd love to know what you think. Write me. Entertaining, a must see! Even for just the sake of education.

Rated PG 13 Running time 105 minutes

The Debt



Helen Mirren plays a former Mossad intelligence agent in this political

thriller, forced to relive her 1965 pursuit of a notorious Nazi war criminal when the bold and dangerous fugitive is thought to have reemerged after 30 years later in the Ukraine. Director John Madden's redo of Assaf Bernstein's 2007 Israeli suspense piece Ha-Hoval, features Jessica Chastain as the young Rachel Singer, along with Sam Worthington (Avatar), Tom Wilkerson (Girl with the Dragon Tattoo) and Ciaran Hinds (Prime Suspect).

The Debt tells two interlocking stories, moving back and forth to keep you up to date. First you see the trio of Mossad agents being sent to East Berlin to capture a Nazi doctor. Then 30 years later, the official account of their mission unravels.

A great mixture of covert romance, espionage and history, very dark, and creepy; at times slow, but once you can get over watching butter melt, the crafty manipulations and tension will bring you to your knees.

Rated R Running time 106 minutes

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

I would love to hear from you. Email your comments to linde819@aol.com.

Two on the Aisle

"The Seafarer" takes audiences on a journey

by Jim Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

Individuals often reinvent themselves as they move through the journey that is life. The concept of reinvention is just one of many that runs through "The Seafarer," a 2006 play by Irish playwright Conor McPherson that is the Santa Paula Theater Center's main stage production through October 16.

McPherson's script involved a bit of reinvention itself. In the 1950's Elmer Bernstein took Shakespeare's tale of "Romeo and Juliet" and reinvented it into the musical "West Side Story." McPherson has taken the concept of the classic German legend of Faust about a man who strikes a bargain with the devil and reinvented it using alcoholics and a twist. The result is a powerhouse piece of theater that garnered multiple Tony and Olivier nominations.

Set in modern day Ireland, the story revolves around Sharkey Harkin who returns home just before Christmas to

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This 'n' That



I Would Like To Know

Breeze:

I spotted this military vehicle cruising Ventura streets; and thought the Breeze may want to investigate why the local police feels it needed to purchase and employ a tactical, war fighting machine.

Michael Remington

Michael: Your question is our command, here is your answer from Commander Al Davis.

The vehicle was purchased with UASI money. This is the Urban Area Security Initiative, a county wide group that is funded by federal dollars. The goal is to improve security against domestic and foreign terrorism. The Bearcat is the 3rd in the county to be purchased by UASI

funds. Ventura County Sheriff, Oxnard Police and in July Ventura Police Department took delivery of our Bearcat.

The vehicle is domestic and military grade. The ballistic capabilities of the vehicle are such that it makes tactics for SWAT operations safer, and is capable of withstanding much more than our old money armored vehicle. The Bearcat is a more agile vehicle. We have deployed the Bearcat on a SWAT call out on Bristol Road in early August. The tactics we were able to employ were a huge improvement over our past capabilities.

Commander Al Davis
Ventura Police Department
adavis@venturapd.org

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care for his irascible and cantankerous elder brother who has recently become blind.

Taylor Kasch plays Sharkey, who has had a lifetime of "trouble with the drink." Twenty years earlier Sharkey made a deal in a jailhouse card game with a mysterious cell mate. On this Christmas Eve, as Sharkey is trying to remain on the wagon, several drinking buddies gather at the home of Sharkey's brother for a night of hard drinking and card playing, when a stranger arrives who joins the card game intent on collecting a debt. As the evening progresses layers of back stories and subplots flash to the surface as the relationships and histories of the characters roil up.

The artistry of the script's tapestry is brought to full view by the insightful and articulate direction of David Ralph, the Santa Paula Theater Center's Artistic Director, and the blockbuster roster of players.

The cast brings to the stage years of experience backed by solid talent. The ensemble features Taylor Kasch as James "Sharkey" Harkin, Michael Perlmutter as his blind elder brother, Richard Harkin, and Eric Stine as Ivan Curry, an almost equally myopic drinking buddy. Scott Blanchard plays Nicky Giblin, who is now married to Sharkey's former wife. David Newcomer portrays Mr. Lockhart, the unexpected fifth player in card game.

Some say that "nuance" makes the difference between a good performer and an excellent actor. A good performer can make an audience believe a characterization as it watches a production, but an excellent actor becomes the character and carries

the audience into the action. This all male assemblage is one of the strongest group of excellent actors we have seen locally in recent memory. Each extracts every vital nuance of his character which pounds home the multiple layers and messages of McPherson's script.

Special kudos also go to lighting designer Gary Richardson and the crew for superb technical execution which adds a further special dimension to the production.

Due to adult language and themes, the production is not recommended for young audiences.

"The Seafarer" plays weekends through October 16, 2011 at the Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th Street, Santa Paula. Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$18.00/\$15.00 seniors. Reservations: (805) 525-4645. www.santapaulatheatrecenter.org.

Ojai events

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will fascinate and titillate attendees with wonderful historic Ojai stories. Local historian and long-time museum supporter, Cricket Twichell, will be the moderator of the October "talks".

The next Talk takes place Sunday, **October 2nd** from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ojai Valley Museum's changing gallery. The discussion focuses on early Ojai pioneer families.

October 2: Pioneers: The "Sharp & Savvy" Families/Then and Now

October 16: The Architecture of Ojai by Craig Walker

November 13: Hollywood in Ojai

The events will be held at the Ojai Museum, 130 W. Ojai Avenue. Admission

is free for 2011 members and \$8.00 for non-members. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Call 640-1390 to reserve or for additional information. Visit the museum website at: <http://www.ojavalley-museum.org>.

Looking for new ideas to make your home or business a "little greener"? The Ojai Valley Green Coalition hopes you'll mark your calendar for their annual Green Home & Building Tour and Home Show on October 1. The tour includes entrance to four Ojai Valley homes and one commercial site where environmentally friendly features will be explained and questions answered by green building professionals.

The Coalition will kick off the October 1 tour with a reception on Friday, September 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Besant Hill School. This social and educational evening features sustainable community planning advocate, Nick Deitch of Main Street Architects as guest speaker. Chef Terri will again prepare delectable local, organic hors d'oeuvres, complemented by Casa Barranca organic wine.

The tour starts at the Green Home Show on the Ojai Valley Inn's grounds adjacent to Rotary Community Park on Ojai Avenue. Tour participants, as well as the general public, can peruse displays of sustainable-living merchandise and information. "Green tourists" will then have from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to take their self-guided tour.

Tickets are \$10 for the tour and \$25 for the evening reception (\$20 for those with paid OVGC memberships). For further information and to purchase tickets visit www.OjaiValleyGreenTour.com or call 669-8445.

Sundays, 4:30 pm, Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave.

General Admission \$10, Seniors 65 and older/Students with ID \$7, OFS 2011 Subscribers free

For info 646-8946 or www.ojaifilmsociety.org

Sept. 25 The Princess of Montpensier France 2010 (2 hrs., 19 min.) Not Rated

The Princess of Montpensier is an epic adventure-love story from the great French director Bertrand Tavernier, set against the backdrop of the political and religious wars of France, circa 1562.

Oct. 2 Buck USA 2011 (1 hr., 28 min.)

Rated PG

The documentary Buck follows America's leading "horse whisperer", Buck Branaman, as he holds horse training sessions across the country. You don't need to be a horse lover to be captivated by Buck Branaman. With his down-home persona and common sense observations about horses, people and life in general, he is a true American original.

Senga Classic Stage Company presents A Taste Of Shakespeare directed by Francisca Beach.

Auditions: Saturday, Sept 24th and Sunday, Sept 25th 10 am - 12pm

Rehearsals start Tues Oct. 11

Performances: November 25 - Dec 11 (3 weekends) Ojai Valley Grange, 381 Cruzero Street.

The ensemble company will play various characters in the chosen plays.

To audition, please call or email the director, Francisca Beach. 646-4885 or franciscabeach@gmail.com Pix and resume required please. Please prepare from a chosen scene (on web page) or bring a new one.

Jesse Davis will play classical guitar standards at the Ojai Library on Sunday October 2, at 1pm. The library is located at 111 E. Ojai Ave. Jesse Davis is a popular guitarist and folks will have a chance to hear great music that might not otherwise come their way.

Enrolled in the Applied Music Program at Ventura College, he has studied music theory, ear training, and performance.

Community Memorial Health System has opened a Center for Family Health office, bringing specialty healthcare to Ojai Valley residents in the following areas of medicine: internal medicine, urology, rheumatology and gastroenterology.

The new office – the 10th in CMHS's chain of CFH locations throughout western Ventura County – is at 1202 Maricopa Highway, Suite A. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The office also offers a comprehensive referral network of doctors and specialists and access to state-of-the-art healthcare technologies at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura. The office accepts most private and managed care insurance plans as well as Medicare. For an appointment, call 640-2296.

Photo Contest



Just tell us where this photo was taken and win a ticket to the Ventura Hillside Festival (worth \$45) being held on September 25.

This is a tough one but our smart readers need to be tested.

Email editor@venturabreeze.com with your "guess".

The Lighter Breeze

Zits



Mother Goose and Grimm



Baby Blues



Crock



Hagar the Horrible



Beetle Bailey



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King Crossword

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll soon have a chance to take a big step up from where you are to where you want to be. Check it out first. Remember: Even the Mountain Sheep looks before it leaps.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week brings a challenge that could determine the future direction of your life. If you're ready for a change, accept it with confidence. A loved one supports your decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A disruption creates a delay in completing your projects. Use this time to pursue a personal matter you were too busy to deal with before. You'll find it will be time well spent.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to be on the alert for any signs of problems that could create serious misunderstandings. A more positive aspect begins to emerge toward the week's end. Be patient.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With things slowing down a bit this week, it would be a good time for luxury-loving Leonines to go somewhere for some well-earned pampering. Things liven up around Friday.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Single Virgos looking for partners are finally getting a break from Venus, who has moved in to make things happen. Attached Virgos see their rela-

tionships blossom.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been working hard to get things done. Now take a breather and recheck your next step. You might want to make some changes in view of the news that comes your way.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The watchword for savvy Scorpions this week is "preparation." Consider sharpening your skills to make the most of the new opportunity you're about to take on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) There might still be some loose ends that need tucking up if you hope to get that important relationship repaired. A new spurt of activity starts soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to keep the positive momentum going by finding and getting rid of anything that could cause you to stumble. Keep the path ahead clear and open.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A period of contemplation is advised before you make your next move. Be sure that where you decide to go is the right place for you. A health matter needs attention.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That new energy surge that hit you last week continues to send out good vibrations. Try investing a part of it in creating something noteworthy on the job.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to balance your personal universe, and in doing so, you help bring harmony into the lives of the rest of us.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Art Scene



Ventura High School's art department transformed storage units into art at Paint Ventura. Photo by Morgan Avereia.

Paint Ventura strokes the county with color

by Chloé Sehati

When paint glows on old T-shirts, shines on masterpieces, sparks smiles on those glancing by, and benefits the community, then a sense is created that there are people out there – of all ages – coming together and doing great “artful” things. On Saturday, September 10th, the art organization Paint Ventura brought in around 100 artists to design and sell artwork throughout the parks and sidewalks of Downtown Ventura. This was an en plein air event, a French phrase that means “in the open air” and inspires artists to work out in nature, being exposed to their surroundings. From 11 am to 5 pm, besides the exploding colors, there were also music and galleries everywhere. Jennifer Livia, the organizer of Paint Ventura, is also an artist and one of the owners of Red Brick Gallery. “We heard the need and wanted to fill the gap left by the cutbacks of local events,” Livia explained, “and it seemed that there needed to be more art events in Ventura.”

Ventura High School's art department, headed by art teacher MaryAnne Irving, took a step into the community by painting and transforming “PODS” into a deep-sea themed work of art. Ventura High School's art students painted one of the few PODS, which are large, portable storage sheds. “It's a perfect way to exhibit students' talents to the community at the beginning of the school year,” Irving observed.

According to Jennifer, the PODS, donated by Steve Yapp, will be used as storage for collections by Toys for Tots

and Casa Pacifica.

Around 11:00 am that morning when the event was just waking up, Emma Ashworth, a Junior at Ventura High School, stated, “I'm here to paint [one of the PODS] for art, and it's going to be a lot of fun, and it's going to benefit our programs.” As the event rolled on, Ventura High School Seniors Kaylee Mattecheck, and Megan Harty remarked together that, “we're glad we're helping because we want to commit our time to walk away from a project knowing we're benefiting others.” These students did not just attend the project with Paint Ventura for fun times with paint; they felt the need to benefit their High School, support their art department, and give to the community; at the same time, the students also felt a deep connection with the artwork itself. Looking at the creative side to the PODS project, Senior Eva Esakoff, also a student at Ventura High, felt strongly about participating. “Art is my vice,” she explained, “and it just brings people together. It's a therapeutic thing, a beginning and a start to get more involved in school this year. This is beyond anything I ever thought I would ever do.”

Jennifer Livia knows that this isn't the last time Paint Ventura is being held, and she has great feelings for what is to come. On top of supporting causes around the county, Paint Ventura, reaching out to schools, brings attention to the art education for students while also benefiting greatly to the unity of Ventura County's artistic side.

An evening with Neal Barr

You've seen his work in glossy magazines. Beautiful faces. Couturier fashion. Nameless models or super-celebrities. The back-story tells you that it's more than a pretty face. Celebrated photographer Neal Barr will bring a behind-the-lens look into his career, from his teen years filming the nesting habits of birds of prey and later to a stint in the Army as a photographer, to education at Brooks Institute courtesy of the

GI Bill and 43 years as a fashion and beauty photographer in New York City. You won't want to miss this dialogue between Neal and Donna Granata, two photographers, each of whom knows the power of telling a story without words on September 24, from 5-6:30 at the Brooks Institute Sound Stage at 5301 N. Ventura Ave.

To guarantee your attendance, please respond no later than September 22.

\$10 General Admission - \$5 Students and Senior.

Free to FOTM members, Brooks students, faculty and students under 18.

RSVP at 653-2501 or by emailing Mary.Galbraith@FocusOnTheMasters.com

Museum's fall exhibits explore the serious side of life

Four fall exhibitions, alternately exploring a century of death, supernatural mysteries, gloomy ideas, dark humor, and 1880s photographic techniques, open Saturday, October 1, at the Museum of Ventura County. The Party to Die For reception with food and music is on Friday, September 30 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Admission is \$5 for the general public and free for museum members.

Departures: A Century of Death & Dying In Ventura County (October 1 – November 27) examines the culture and rituals of death and dying, from the turn of the century through contemporary times. In the Light of Blue: New Works by Luther Gerlach (October 1- November 27) features photographs taken with small to mammoth glass plate cameras, using the wet plate collodion process. He will give a demonstration of his work and a historic and technical overview of early photographic processes, on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the museum. Admission is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for museum members. For reservations call 653-0323 x 7.

Ventura County Myths and Urban Legends (October 1-November 27) comes just in time for Halloween, with our favorite frightening tales of unexplained and mysterious events recreated by local artists. Artists interpreting the myths and legends include Len Burge, Richard Flores, Maribel Hernandez, Claudia Pardo, Amadeo Perez, Susan Seaberry, Andrea Vargas, and Kay Zetlmaier.

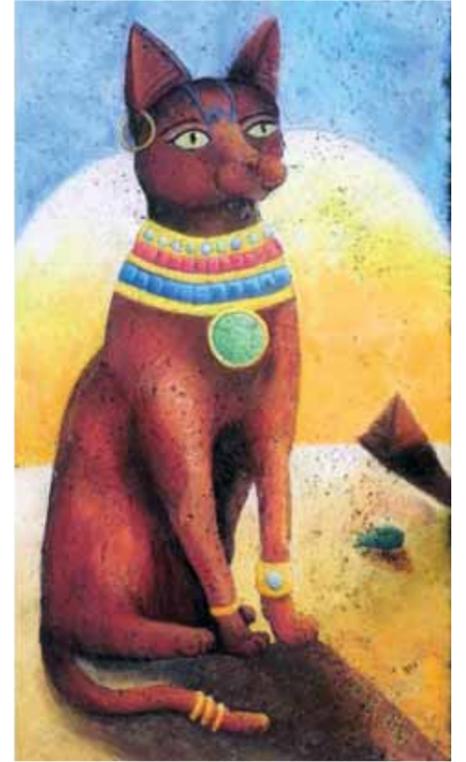
On the Dark Side (October 1 – November 20) also opens at an appropriate time of year, featuring artists who find inspiration in gloomy places and somber ideas, or who glean meaning, beauty and humor from decay, chaos and trash.

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

Kevin Wallace to speak on the larger context of the art world

The Ventura County Potters' Guild are honored to present their speaker for this month Kevin Wallace, Director of the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts. He will discuss the life of Beatrice Wood and the Center, in the larger context of the art world, philosophical movements, and Ojai history on September 26. Wallace has authored numerous books, including “Transforming Vision”, “The Wood Sculpture of William Hunter” and several others. He has been at the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts since 2007, and has brought in countless innovative, talented artists. We can count on Kevin to be informative and entertaining.

The program will begin at 8:00, social with drinks and snacks 7:00, Business meeting 7:30 at the Senior Recreation Center at 420 East. Santa Clara St. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Gayle at 304-7381.



Chalk art was featured at the Arts in the Park presented at the Ventura Harbor Village by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce

Dawn Reily can paint your sidewalk with chalk

Ventura artist Dawn Reily's street painting career started when she was a junior at Buena High School where she graduated in 1994. Most people knew her then as Dawn Wilson. She has done street painting since an event organized by the art club in the quad at Buena High School in 1993.

She has also traveled to Italy to do street painting in the traditional spots in Florence. She told us “I think I have done somewhere in the neighborhood of around 45 different chalk drawings from age 15 to present.”

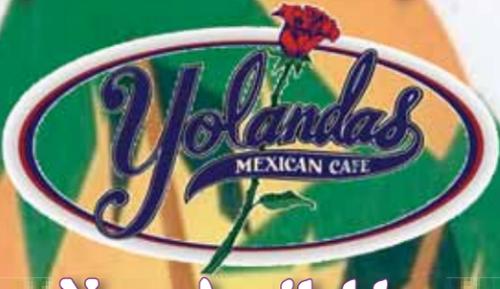
While she was in high school she also took several art classes at Ventura Community College. Reily stated, “High school just didn't have the resources to have many art classes. Even though my art teacher, Tori Sepulveda, was very supportive and challenged my creative talents, I craved more.”

Immediately after high school graduation she left Ventura to attend various different community colleges and universities from full to part-time for 10 years. She was always an art major, but she said her concentration changed, from graphic art, to printmaking, to jewelry design, to sculpture, to drawing. Eventually she graduated from Sonoma state in 2004 Cum Laude with a BA in studio arts and a teaching credential. She returned to Ventura in 2009 after getting cut from a teaching job she had in Marin County north of San Francisco. When she returned to Ventura she was surprised at how much the Ventura art scene has grown.

She prefers to work with different kinds of painting mediums, and recycled materials. She favors painting on found papers and surfaces. “For some reason a white canvas or paper is just ‘too blank’ for me”. Her latest focus is painting on glass by using the ancient technique of enameling. Enameling is the process of painting with glass powders onto glass or metal and fusing/melting them into the surface with a kiln at 1300-1450

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Dawn Reilly

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degrees Fahrenheit.

She stated "I was very excited when Arts in the Park decided to add street painting to the festival." For their first time organizing a street painting event, Reilly felt they did a fabulous job. "It was a great idea to expose the Ventura locals and the tourists that come and visit the harbor to the tradition of street painting." Jewelry Couture by Sehati

was the generous sponsor for her space.

The response from the viewers was also encouraging as she worked on the square for the better part of 8-10 hours. Reilly stated, "You get tired, dirty, sore, and your fingers get a little raw after a while so the encouragement is always welcomed even though I had a helper." Jade, the artist's, 5-year-old daughter, helped fill in the background. Dawn is planning on participating again next year.

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