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Candidate forum kicks off election drive

by Tim Pompey

In one of several public city council candidate debates, 9 candidates appeared at the forum held September 22 at the Ventura Church of Christ. The event, sponsored by the Ventura Social Services Task Force, focused specifically on the challenges surrounding homelessness in Ventura.

Forum candidates included Cheryl Heitman, Kenneth Cozzens, Melody Baker, Brian Rencher, Christy Weir, Bill Knox, Martin Armstrong, Daniel Carrillo, and Carla Bonney.

It was moderated by Captain Bill Finley of the Ventura Salvation Army. Questions were posed to candidates who were organized into groups of three. Each group had an opportunity to answer questions and provide rebuttal to other candidates' responses.

The first question pertained to the need for an emergency shelter in Ventura.

Bill Knox supported a shelter, but when asked where he might put it, called for it to be somewhere other than "a residential or business area." He suggested the best location would be an "industrial area."

Responding to complaints about locating the homeless in residential neighborhoods, Brian Rencher said that



Thousands of music fans (and Ventura Hillside Conservancy supporters) enthusiastically enjoyed the Ventura Hillside Music Festival at Arroyo Verde Park even though it was a slightly overcast but warm weather day (but much better than last year's scorcher).

The musical lineup included David Lindley, Blind Boys of Alabama, Fabulous Thunderbirds and the Chris Robinson Brotherhood. To many attending the highlight of the day was when one of the Blind Boys of Alabama was carried from the stage and escorted around the crowd singing to thunderous applause and recognition.

The Blind Boys of Alabama were formed in 1939 and have had many members over the years who continue to entertain and win awards for their musical abilities.

"the NIMBYs seem to think people like me are dangerous and shouldn't be in their neighborhoods. You don't want people like me? Maybe you should be aware of your own bias and attitudes."

Christy Weir agreed that "one of the pieces missing" in homeless services is

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Sand wars: resident crosses battlefield line

by Rebecca Wicks

In what seems to be a never-ending battle surrounding what to do with and who is responsible for encroaching sand on the streets and in some cases on beachfront homes in the Pierpont neighborhood, one resident has seemed to have had enough. Last month a Pierpont resident hired a bulldozer to push large piles of sand off the beach in front of his home.

While local authorities have been quick to condemn the act as illegal, it is unclear exactly what the consequences may be in store for the owner including the possibility of criminal penalties for destroying or significantly altering the protected dunes.

According to Rich Rozelle, State Parks superintendent of District 12 an investigation led by California State Parks was scheduled to be completed at the end of last month. The group along with representatives from the City

of Ventura and the California Coastal Commission are now expected to reconvene to determine what fines and other legal action may be taken. Because the land in question belongs to both the city and the state, fines may be applied by separate agencies.

"For not having a permit, the city can levy fines upwards of a few thousand dollars," said Rick Raives, director of public works for the City of Ventura. "But, the Coastal Commission has the authority to place a much greater fine."

How great? According to Raives the Coastal Commission applied a fine upwards of \$400,000 in the recent past to a resident in Newport Beach for illegal sand removal.

"That case was larger than the one we have in Ventura, but you get the idea

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Meanwhile, Hobart continued to

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City News

Ask The Director

by Elena Brokaw

Community Services Director for the City of Ventura

Q: What kinds of volunteer opportunities are available to help in our parks, and who can be contacted at the city?

A: There are many ways for people of all ages to volunteer in the city of Ventura, including students looking to fulfill community service requirements for school.

The city is home to more than 35 great parks and recreation facilities – such as scenic parks (Arroyo Verde and Grant), cultural parks (Barranca Vista), sports parks (Camino Real, Fritz Huntsinger, Westpark) and beachfront parks (Surfers Point, Marina, Harbor Cove Beach). To view a map of parks and recreation facilities go to <http://www.cityofventura.net/pw/parks>.

The city's Volunteer Ventura! Program, in partnership with our parks division, is committed to enhancing our natural environment by hosting regularly scheduled cleanups in and around Ventura's coastline, parks, greenbelts, community garden and other sensitive areas.

Volunteers can help support and maintain our outdoor recreation areas by assisting with beach and park cleanups, sand relocation/removal, trail maintenance, pruning of shrubs and plants, painting of park amenities (benches, curbs, trash cans), weeding, mulching, planter bed maintenance, tree watering and planting, and much more.

In addition to environmental and beautification projects, volunteers can lend their time and talents to city events in and around our historic park sites and community centers.

For example, volunteers recently assisted at the Family Festival in the Park and Swap Meet at Barranca Vista Park and at the Music Under the Stars summer concert series at the historic Olivas Adobe.

The Volunteer Ventura! Program is happy to partner with churches, youth groups and businesses to find meaningful service projects that benefit our community.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit the Volunteer Ventura! website at <http://www.cityofventura.net/volunteer>, or contact Rosie Ornelas, coordinator, at 652-4555.

If you're interested in making a tax-deductible donation to your favorite Ventura

park, historic property, scholarship fund or program, visit <http://www.cityofventura.net/donation> to learn about opportunities to make a difference in our community.

If you don't vote shut up

As you know voters will have the opportunity to elect three members of the City Council on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8. If you have not registered to vote, have a new address, a name change, or change in your party affiliation, the last day to register to vote is Monday, October 24. The City Clerk's Office encourages an easier, more convenient way for busy voters to cast ballots by joining the citizens who Vote By Mail; the Vote By Mail deadline is November 1, 2011.

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Sand wars

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of the kind of fines the Commission can impose," said Raives.

On top of fines by the City and the Coastal Commission, the California State Parks investigation will determine if criminal charges will be pursued by the district attorney.

The bulldozer appeared on the beach in the morning last month and moved piles of sand between Dover and Bangor Lanes while a number of residents looked on.

"It was crazy, but the whole lawsuit, city, Coastal Commission mess is crazy, so at this point I'm not surprised," said a resident who asked not to be named. "I can't believe it's this complicated to move sand."

The resident was referring to an ongoing dilemma concerning sand removal. In June, Superior Court Judge Barbara Lane ruled the city should in fact remove excessive sand buildup outside beachfront properties and public stairways. Lane's statement outlined that the city must remove buildup pressing against the plaintiff's retaining walls to a level below the property owners' walls and homes, as well as the sand buildup in the streets and on public stairways. The ruling will be executed under a section of The Coastal Act which allows the use of mechanized equipment to abate a nuisance.

In the past, the city removed sand from public areas butting up against residential property as well as on public stairways and streets. According to some sand was moved somewhat haphazardly in the late 1990s. Because of this in 1999 the Coastal Commission intervened and stopped the city from removing sand from the area declaring the vegetative dunes were a sensitive habitat. Since 1999 sand has built

up against residential properties and public stairways causing safety concerns and some property damage.

Pierpont resident Murray Robertson who has documented sand buildup throughout the neighborhood for a number of years believes the solution is a simple one.

"Clearly all that needs to be done is to move the encroaching sand away from homes and lanes using a bulldozer," said Robertson who has pointed to a number of local beaches— from San Buenaventura beach just north of Pierpont to Oxnard — who use similar equipment. "Once the sand is pushed away, the City can begin yearly sand maintenance."

Last year, Pierpont residents and the city reached a legal cost-sharing settlement where the city agreed to allow grading and sand removal in limited areas. Sand removal was again put at a standstill when the Commission stepped in once more and blocked the effort citing the area should not be overly disturbed with motorized equipment.

Some residents blame the Coastal Commission, others blame all local officials for handling the situation poorly. Robertson believes city officials' focus has been misguided.

"The settlement last year was more a biological than geological based document," said Robertson who pointed out it was rejected by the Pierpont community during a SMP workshop put on by the city. "It talked more about plants and critters than it did about sand maintenance or protecting the community from encroaching sand."

"The City Council's preference is to comply with the ruling," said City Manager Rick Cole who noted the city and plaintiffs are currently in settlement discussions. "We are working toward a frank and amicable solution."

Cole would not go into detail about what the settlement discussions are hinged on but did mention it would be a balance of what the city could afford and what the plaintiffs were asking for.

While irritation may be understandable, officials such as Rozelle have been clear in stating the use of heavy equipment on the beach is not allowed without a city permit. Rozelle has called the incident "serious" and notes the action was in fact a misdemeanor.

"I see there is a lot of sand that is probably annoying for the homeowners," said Mary Rodriguez, who frequents the beach in front of the homes with her two children, and admits the sand can be a safety hazard especially near beach entrance steps. "But, what if everyone hired a bulldozer without permission, there are kids and people playing on the beach — it seems like someone let their frustration get the better of them."

Kinetic sculpture race

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sculpt and start other races. About ten Kinetic Races occur every year. From Baltimore to Western Australia, the spirit of "Adults having fun so children want to get older" infects individuals everywhere it lands. Hobart passed away in 2008.

Entry fee for the Adventure Race is \$35 in advance and registration is available by calling Jane Lax. And sponsorship packages are available, ranging from \$125-\$5,000. For information on how you can get involved please contact Jane Lax at 652-0000, ext. 102 or email her at jlax@turningpointfoundation.org. For more information on the race visit www.kineticrace.com.



Santa Barbara Travel Bureau has opened a new Ventura office location at 3140 Telegraph Road. A grand opening and ribbon cutting by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce was held on September 29. The new office is managed by travel veteran Mike Burroughs, and is home to nine travel professionals, including independent travel consultants. Santa Barbara Travel Bureau specializes in corporate, leisure, group travel, and meeting planning.



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The meat industry has success-

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ The City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability Division is sponsoring a free Compost Workshop on Saturday, October 8 from 10 am to noon at Green Thumb Nursery featuring demonstrations by Paul Vaksvik, our own "Dr. Rot". It will take place from 10 - 11am, and a Green Thumb representative will talk about fall planting ideas including colorful vegetables from 11 am - noon.

Refreshments will be served and there will be some fun prizes to give away! City of Ventura residents can also get a 50% off discount coupon for a compost or worm compost bin (so start saving your worms) at Green Thumb. Call 652-4584 to receive your coupon.

■ There are still more city council candidate forums still coming up so please try to attend one. We have an article in this issue about one of them and this will probably be it in any great detail about the remaining ones.

So check CAPSTV listings on Channel 6 and "CAPS Chat" in this issue to find out about their excellent coverage of the forums from the comfort of your home.

I don't remember this many candidate forums (10 in total) in previous election years and some are getting a little too specific for me. For instance one was held at a mobile home park.

Q: "My neighbor Gretchen plays her TV too loud after 10pm, if you are

elected to the city council how will you stop this?"

A: "If elected I will buy Gretchen a hearing aid."

The forum held at Foster Elementary School on the Westside, sponsored by the Westside Community Council had a turn-out of an estimated 250 people (certainly the biggest crowd that will attend any of them). Perhaps helped



The recent city council candidate forum held on the Westside drew a very large crowd and 10 of the 11 candidates were there to answer questions regarding Ventura's Westside.

along by a band playing first and a free taco buffet. Stephan DeBaum was the moderator. All of the candidates felt that the Westside has been long neglected (like any of them would say anything differently).

There was also a "green" forum held at the WAV last night and tonight there will be an "arts" forum held at the Museum of Ventura County on Main starting at 6:30. So if you want to hear all the candidates state their strong support for the arts in Ventura do attend.

■ We just had a "skylight tube" installed in an interior bathroom at our home by Ventura based "Daylite" Natural Lighting Technologies. The 8"

round tube provides so much light in the bathroom that it almost needs a dimmer. It has taken a few days to stop trying to turn off the switch when I leave the room. They also provide large commercial skylights which save a lot of electricity. I am very pleased with the installation that they did. They can be reached at 218-1980 and tell Lynda I said hello.

■ I'm happy to see that there is great progress being made in the way that women are treated in some countries (many countries in which our kids are sacrificing their lives). In Saudi Arabia King Abdullah has surprised his ultra-conservative nation by announcing that for the first time women will be allowed to vote, run for local service and even serve on the Shura Council (see how advanced Ventura has been allowing women to serve on our city council?). And to even show his further concern for women's rights he has overturned a court ruling that sentenced a Saudi woman to 10 lashes for driving a car (maybe he thought that 5 lashes would have been plenty).

So now women might even be able to drive a car to the polling place.

■ Our most wonderful Rubicon Theater Company (have you been there lately?) has once again been recognized for their outstanding productions with 8 nominations for the 2011 LA Stage Alliance Ovation Awards.

As it ends its 14th season it has faced huge financial difficulties during these horrible economic times as have most businesses, but still manages to present the highest quality productions. The awards will take place on Nov. 14.

Mailbox

fully convinced the masses that meat is produce. 'It' was never a breathing, feeling, beautiful animal, a precious life. He was never kept in tight, crowded, uncomfortable, unsanitary quarters his entire life, and was never heartlessly slaughtered.

I must have come from a far away planet, took a wayward turn, and ended up here by mistake...because my beliefs are so different from the main stream. I believe in live and let live! I believe animals feel and have beautiful souls, that evidence is certain, just look into their tender eyes.

The question I would like to pose is, why do we want to continue a tradition of pain, suffering, disease and slaughter? Why not choose healthy food that does not require the suffering and killing of animals?

I pray that more of us choose to protect the sanctity of all life. The sanctity of animal life and the living nature not to be excluded. Why wait for tragedy to strike or a major catastrophe, to value life? Bloomberg was quoted saying after 9/11, about the Survivor Tree, "In those dark days, we felt we couldn't disregard any sign of life."

I encourage VB readers to buy and read Bianca's beautiful book "Compassionate Eating"!
Patty McCollim
Ventura

Dear Sheldon:

Thank you so much for your assistance in promoting "Paint Ventura".

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Jen&Phyllis
Red Brick Gallery

Hi Sheldon:

I've been meaning to write you for a while to simply say how much I appreciate your publication. As a former mayor and council member, you are really providing a great service with the amount of city council coverage you include with each issue. I only wish you were around when I was serving on the council. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Jim Friedman

Hi Sheldon,

Thank you for your coverage of this year's Ventura County Fair. My picture and article was very flattering and I thank you.

Regards,
Minnie Millett



Gone, but not forgotten...
I'm writing this with tears in my eyes
and it ain't just from the onions.



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News and Notes



CAPS Chat

It's Election Time

by Elizabeth Rodeno

Here at CAPS, we are already in full swing with our election coverage for the Ventura City Council Elections on November 8th. It should prove to be exciting with 3 council seats open, 2 incumbents and 9 candidates.

CAPS started a program called Video Voter back in 2005 and has covered every election since. Video Voter is a unique program that allows candidates running for elected office to share who they are and what they stand for to the voters within the City of Ventura.

Our Video Voter 2011 program offers you two different formats to watch and listen to the candidates. We offer this program to help you, the voter, make the most informed decisions when you step up to the voting booth.

The first format of Video Voter involves the Candidate Interview. Thanks to our gracious hosts, David Comden, publisher of the VC Reporter, Doug Green, professor of non-profit studies at Pepperdine and California Lutheran

11th at 7pm. CAPS is also covering the Midtown/College Area Community Councils on October 13th at Grace Church at 7pm. All of our forums will continue airing on Channel 6 right up until the election. Check www.capstv.org for dates and times.

In addition to our comprehensive candidate interviews and forums coverage, we will be providing "LIVE" Election night coverage from City Hall. Tune in on November 8 on VTV Channel 15 for up-to-the-minute poll results and the announcement of the new City Council members.

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

Compassionate eating

by Bianca Martinez

While doing research for my book several months ago I came across some articles that shed some light on the incredible amounts of garbage accumulating out in the Pacific Ocean. Ventura being the coastal city I call home, this was of concern to me. Were we contributing to this eco-nightmare? Is there anything I could do to help stop this from getting worse? I learned that these trash islands are made up predominantly of plastics, all of which are remnants of human consumption. Soda bottles, plastic bags, beach toys and other things that take millennia to decompose are commonplace. Unfortunately there is a fair share along the shores as well, I often stop along my walks to pick up a few pieces but feel discouraged when my hands get full and I still see more. It's usually fast food beverage lids, straws, wrappers, broken flip-flops and forgotten beach toys. It amazes me how quickly we can consume items like a bottle of water or a soda (which by the way has a pH value that rivals battery acid) yet the container it came in can take years even decades to decompose in a landfill if not recycled. In our fast-paced culture it is easy to become dependent on these items because of their convenience and affordability, but in reality there are hidden costs to our planet. The toxic chemicals in plastic can contaminate soil and waterways; eating away at the web of life in ways we can't even fully comprehend.

Fortunately dear readers there are things we can do to help heal this imbalance. Using re-usable bags when you go grocery shopping is a simple yet effective way you can make a difference. The Refill shop on Main St. offers ways to reduce the amount of plastic we consume by refilling bottles of soap, shampoo and other liquids.

Seeing stores like this that are forward thinking gives me hope that we are moving towards a more Earth friendly future. Eating compassionately goes beyond the actual food on the plate. It encompasses a bigger picture that includes the packaging, how it's transported and how quickly something is consumed and discarded. By being more conscious consumers we can support the healing of our lovely planet and create a greener future for generations to come.

For delicious plant-based recipes and locally grown goodness check out: compassionateating.wordpress.com.

Video Voter is a unique program that allows candidates running for elected office to share who they are and what they stand for to the voters within the City of Ventura.

Universities, and David Maron, a member of the League of Women Voters, for spending time here at CAPS to ask some important questions. Questions to the candidates include topics such as; the two top priorities they have if elected, ideas for promoting Ventura as the new Arts City, and what plans do they have to foster small businesses in Ventura.

The second format, the Candidate Statement, allows each candidate to speak directly to you, explaining why you should vote for them. The candidates have been busy on the Election forum circuit and we are there with them. We thank the candidates for taking time out of their busy schedule to "share their story."

In addition to Video Voter 2011, CAPS is rebroadcasting election forums from the Chamber of Commerce PAC Forum, the Ventura Townhouse Seniors election forum, and the Westside Community Council/CAUSE Candidate Forum. October sees us covering the Foundation for the Arts forum today at the Museum of Ventura County and the League of Women Voters' Candidate Forum at Poinsettia Pavilion on Tuesday, Oct.

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News and Notes



Steve and Lora Simonsgaard, Karen Stewart and Tracy Noonan are the owners of the new Four Brix Winery. Not pictured are two of their spouses Gary Stewart and Jim Noonan who were busy squashing grapes.

Grape expectations

Ventura gets on the Wine (and beer) map!

by Eric Garnier

The city of Ventura now has its own winery! Four Brix Winery is now Ventura's only working winery, with a tasting room.

I was fortunate to go to their recent media opening. More than 75 folks showed up for their pre-opening festivities. Members from the city government, media, and close friends helped make the soiree so much fun.

Four Brix was started a few years ago. The four founding families from Simi Valley were previously making their wines at a custom crush facility in Paso Robles and serving their wines at the Winery in Thousand Oaks. Starting this week, they will be crushing, barreling and bottling their wines right here in beautiful Ventura. The tasting room will be open Fridays from 4-8pm and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5pm.

I must say that I really enjoyed the wines I tasted. The Smitten was a Rhone blend of marsanne and viognier. The

Rhondevous was a Rhone style blend of syrah, mourvedre, and grenache. The Grenache rose was dry and outstanding. Other wines are being released in the next few weeks. They are located at 2290 Eastman, no.109.

Also new in Ventura and worth mentioning is Surf Brewery. Although I generally keep this newsletter related to wine, I must include this great brewery-tasting room because once in a while we wine drinkers need to have a beer. The beer is made on the premises with several styles to choose from.

Be sure to stop by these new establishments. Check their websites for location and hours of operation. Maybe I'll see you there.

Cheers,
Eric

Question or comments
wineoeric@gmail.com

National Fire Prevention Week

by Kris McDonald
Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

Nationwide in 2010 the total number of fires and fire-related dollar loss was slightly lower than the year before. Unfortunately there was also a 4 percent increase in both civilian deaths and injuries. An estimated 17,720 civilians were injured, and another 3,120 lost their lives as a direct result of fires in 2010. 85 percent of those deaths occurred in residential properties. These shocking statistics underscore the importance of fire preparedness and safety in the home.

National Fire Prevention Week begins on October 9th. This year's focus is educating families about what causes home fires, how to prevent them, and what to do in an emergency situation.

Photo Contest



Just tell us where this photo was taken and the first one with the correct answer is the winner of "lunch with Scamp". And even if you are not the winner you are welcome to join him and the winner. Email scampclub@venturabreeze.com with your answer.

This was the answer and winner of our last photo contest:

Hi:

The Lindsay Insurance sign photo was taken in the alley between Oak and California Streets. When you drive up California Street, look west into the alley and the sign is on the second building towards the west on the right side of the alley. My dad was a very good customer of Gordon Lindsay's when his office was there on California Street behind the Bank of America building.

I hope I am on time to win the contest. Thank you for a great newspaper!
Dorothy Jue Lee

Ventura Cost of Service & Rate Design Advisory Committee Meeting



VENTURA WATER

Be A Part of Ventura's Water Future

Please attend the first public meeting.

Wednesday, October 12
6 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: City of Ventura Sanjon Maintenance Yard,
336 Sanjon Rd, Administration Building Assembly Room

Meet the all-volunteer committee of Ventura residents who will help study the city's future water and wastewater revenue needs and rate options.

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Everyone in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with smoke alarms and home fire escape planning. Ventura City Fire Department encourages you to visit www.firepreventionweek.org where you will find in-depth information and tools that will make your home, your work, or your classroom a safer place. Also visit www.sparky.org for even more kid friendly multi-media based content.

Preparedness for a fire in your home is a multi-faceted approach. First and foremost ensure that you have functioning smoke detectors. A smoke detector is an inexpensive insurance policy that will save lives. The majority of fatality fires occur late at night when people are asleep, and toxic smoke kills long before flames. Also important, and required in single family dwellings as of July 1st, is a carbon monoxide alarm. A dry-chem-

ical portable fire extinguisher, serviced annually, should be kept in a visible and easily accessible location. Develop an escape plan for the entire household, post it somewhere visible, and practice it regularly. These are just some of the many safety tips and information that you will find at the Fire Prevention Week website.

Fires spread amazingly fast due to modern construction materials and synthetic based home furnishings. Sometimes the difference between life and death can be minutes, or even seconds. A little preparedness and prevention can go a long way toward keeping you and your loved ones safe in the event of a fire. Are you ready?

More emergency preparedness information is available on our City website at cityofventura.net/fire or visit us online at [facebook.com/venturacityfire](https://www.facebook.com/venturacityfire) and [youtube.com/VenturaCityFD](https://www.youtube.com/VenturaCityFD).



Many volunteers participated in the 27th anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 17 at one of Ventura's 5 local beaches to help clean up our environment and protect our wildlife. Geoffrey Spolyar, Madoc Spolyar, Finnegan Spolyar and Natalie Spolyar participated and this was the kids' first participation. Photo by Erika P. Rodriguez/Brooks Institute ©2011



Community Events

Free workshop “ReImagining the California Lawn”

All across Southern California, water rates are rising and local homeowners are being encouraged to use less water in their gardens and landscapes, but many residents are left wondering how to actually switch from a water-thirsty yard to a more drought-tolerant garden. To address many of these concerns, Nopalito Native Plant Nursery is proud to welcome author, horticulturist and garden designer Carol Bornstein to Ventura for her exciting new lecture, “ReImagining the California Lawn”. Bornstein, who recently co-authored a book of the same name, has traveled across California this year giving her “ReImagining the California Lawn” lecture to hundreds of gardeners, designers and others interested in converting their gardens. Bornstein’s talk includes a power-point presentation, complete with many photos of gardens showcased in the book “ReImagining the California Lawn”, and she will discuss a local project she designed in which a homeowners lawn was removed and replaced with low-water plants. A question and answer session and book-signing will follow the lecture.

No registration is necessary for the free lecture, which takes place at the Topping Room of the E.P. Foster Library in Ventura on Friday, October 14th from 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm. The lecture is open

to the public and is part of Nopalito’s Native Plant Workshop Series, which includes talks on native plant maintenance, garden design, native plant food and medicinal uses, and many other topics relevant to homeowners looking to convert to low-water gardening. For more info. on this and all other workshops sponsored by Nopalito, visit their website www.nopalitonursery.com

Carol Bornstein is one of California’s most highly respected native and low-water plant specialists. She earned her B.S. in botany from the University of Michigan and her M.S. in horticulture from Michigan State University, and served as horticulturist at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden for 28 years.

She is currently working as a garden designer and horticultural consultant in Santa Barbara.

Ventura Harbor events

Doga – Yoga for Dogs

Saturday, October 29 – 10:30 a.m.

Man’s best friend is joined with their owners for Doga at the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn. A popular craze taught in Los Angeles and New York, the classes function similar to a regular yoga class and focus on gentle stretches, breathing and massage. The cost is \$5.

Live Music Entertainment at the Carousel Stage

Sundays, October 9, and 16 – 1 to 4 p.m.

Local bands perform at the Carousel Stage in the Ventura Harbor. Popular Mango plays tropical island tunes October 9, and the following Sunday, October 16 Tommy Marsh and Bad Dog

perform blues, country, pop, and all family friendly vibes in-between.

Ponies by the Sea Car Show

Sunday, October 16 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mustangs from all eras will sparkle and shine lined up on the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn for the Ponies by the Sea Car Show. Free for spectators, registration fees to display vintage and modern vehicles benefit Guide Dogs of America. Award ceremony includes People’s Choice Classes, Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Engine, Doggie’s Choice and a special “Most Likely to get a Ticket” award given by the California Highway Patrol. www.TriCountyMustangClub.com

Kinetic Sculpture Race – (Benefiting the Turning Point Foundation)

Saturday, October 22 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Amazing people-powered and hilarious works of art designed to travel over an exciting all-terrain course will race through Ventura Harbor. The creative vehicles will trek through such challenges as a harbor water launch, sand mounds, figure eight race track and huge mud pit before making it to the finish line. www.kineticrace.com

Free admission and free parking at Ventura Harbor Village.

Fillmore & Western Railway events

Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23– “Steam Engine PumpkinLiner” – Why go to a pumpkin patch to ride a small train when you can ride with us on our vintage train to our pumpkin patch. Ride a Steam train through the groves of the Heritage Valley to our unique pumpkin patch “Ichabog”, to pick the perfect jack-o-lantern. Adults \$19, Youth 4-12 \$12, Children 2-3 \$10 and infants under 2 years old, ride free on lap. Cab Rides also available

Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 – “Cab Rides” On any PumpkinLiner train ride departing at 11:00am and 2:00pm. Ride in the cab of the locomotive with the train engineer. Adults 18 years or older or children 6 years for Diesel and 12 years for Steam or older accompanied by a paying adult. Diesel Cab rides: \$50 per person each direction. Steam Cab rides: \$100 per person each direction.

Oct. 15, 29 – “From Twilight to Transylvania” - New Murder Mystery Dinner Train - The vaudeville vampires won’t be craving your dinner, so don’t rush your meal, but they will be craving “a bite” of another sort, so protect your neck. Beware, you might laugh yourself to death. Adults: \$89.

Oct. 14, 21, 23, 28 & 30 – “Search For the Headless Horseman Dinner Train” – If you dare...Creep onboard a hauntingly vintage train for a spooktacular adventure, with “Ichabog”, our private pumpkin patch as your destination. Feast on a BBQ Tri-tip and Chicken dinner with all the fixins’. Dress in costume or as a mere mortal, if you dare. Departs 7:00pm. Adults \$47 Youth 4-12 years \$32 Children 2-3 years \$24 Under 2, free on lap.

Oct. 19 - Heritage Valley Tour Lunch Train – Take an historic tour of the valley and enjoy traveling and dining onboard our vintage train. While in Santa Paula tour one of or all three museums with a brief visit to the beautiful downtown Murals. Adults./Seniors \$53 - Group rates available. Call Fillmore & Western Railway Co. at (805) 524-2546 for infor-

mation or reservations. www.fwry.com

For more information and reservations call Fillmore & Western Railway at 524-2546 or www.fwry.com.

Ventura events

Oct. 5: Community Memorial Hospital will be holding a **scrub sale** in the Gift Shop. The sale will continue until Oct. 6. Also there will be an appreciation event in the auditorium from Oct. 12 - 13

Oct. 8: **The Ventura Beginners Personal Computer Users Group** will meet in the third floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living Building at 1220 Cypress Place. Susan Vinson will present “Email’s Do’s and Don’ts.” The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. For more information contact Marcie Malony at 648-1368.

Oct. 8: Sade Champagne Presents the **Ventura County’s 2011 Vocal Superstar Competition** featuring celebrity guest judges, hosts and performers from TV, movies, music, Broadway & more. Fantastic amateur singers and vocalists from all over Southern California will be competing for awards and prizes to be crowned Ventura County’s 2011 Vocal Champ. The proceeds will benefit Britti Cares International which is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization committed to finding new and better ways to improve the quality of life for children who have been diagnosed with cancer. Show Time is at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person for all ages at the event. The competition will be held at the Poinsettia Pavilion at 3451 Foothill Rd.

Oct. 8: **Every October Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions (CPR)** participates in Earth Charter Day events held around the world. In celebration of the Earth Charter, Ventura-based CPR presents the 9th annual Earth Charter Awards to those local community activists who best embody the Charter’s core values. This free event is co-sponsored by Ventura College’s International Studies Program and will be held at 3 p.m. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Readers can learn more about the Earth Charter at www.earthcharterinaction.org and go to Learn More about CPR at <http://c-p-r.net>.

Oct. 9: **10th Annual Sailathon**, 12-2 pm off the Ventura Pier, seniors invited to view race on Tall Ship Bill of Rights (free). Call 658-8530 for more information.

Oct. 9: A staged reading of Steve Metcalfe’s “*Strange Snow*,” directed by Linda Livingston, with Ron Feltner, Seth Oserin and Kate English. Strange snow falls on two Vietnam Veterans, as they reunite to make good on a long lost promise to an old friend. One has moved on from painful memories more successfully than the other. Into the mix comes the unlikely of love stories. One night only at 6:30 p.m. the reading will take place at Unitarian Universalist Church, 5654 Ralston. Admission is by donation, please give what you can.

Oct. 9: **Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month** at the Museum of Ventura County with a stroll through their invitational low rider car show and a screening of Chicano Rock. “The Sounds of East LA”. The event on Sunday also includes an expert panel discussion about music of that era, as well as a special performance by musician and songwriter Mark Guerrero. The car show runs from 3 - 4:30 p.m. and the film screening begins at 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for museum members which also includes entry to all museum galleries. For reservations, call 653-0323 extension 7.

Oct. 9: The Sierra Club will be **hiking Sycamore Canyon to Danielson Ranch**.

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Oct 11: 7:00 PM: The League of Women Voters of Ventura County hosts a candidates forum at Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road.

Hear the candidates discuss their positions, ask your questions, and hear their responses. Questions will be asked by the moderator, David Maron, from the League of Women Voters. This is a public service of the non-profit, non-partisan League of Women Voters. Open to the public, free admission. Assistance with voter registration will be available.

Oct. 14: The Harvest Festival Original Art and Craft Show is the largest show of its kind on the West Coast. The festival will take place October 14 - 16 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors over 62, \$4 for young adults, kids 12 and under are free. Visit the web site at <http://www.harvestfestival.com/Visitors/shows/ventura/index.aspx> or call (415) 447-3205.

Oct. 15: Youth Stamp Fair Saturday from 10am-3pm at Anacapa Middle School. Learn about stamp collecting, get your choice of free stamps and take part in stamp-related contests. Sponsored by the Ventura County Philatelic Society and Anacapa Middle School Stamp Club.

Oct. 15: Audubon walks at 8 a.m. held at Lake Casitas. John Pavelko will lead the group on a walk in the shadow of the Topa Topa Mountains. The walk should show the group ducks and grebes, egrets and sapsuckers, raptors & perhaps a White-breasted Nuthatch. The group suggests car pooling because there may be limited free parking.

Oct. 22: Audubon walks Beginners' Walk, Ventura Wildlife Ponds at Ventura Water Treatment Plant. The Walk begins at 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Leader Allen Bertke will lead a morning of mostly waterfowl birding. Be sure to bring binoculars, a bird book, hat and water. Spotting scopes are always welcome, as are veteran birders. Directions to the walk are as follows. Take Harbor Blvd to Spinnaker and enter Ventura Harbor. The Water Treatment Plant is on Angler, a left turn before Spinnaker curves to the right. Turn in left and meet by the gate.

Oct. 15: The Ninth Annual Bob Benedetto Memorial Fund 5K Run and Walk will be held at the San Buenaventura State Beach parking area. There will be a \$25 race day registration fee. Support will go to the mentally ill and the Scholarship Fund for Social Workers in Ventura County. Commemorative T-shirts will be available to the first 100 registrants. Youth 12 years and younger are free. Please register at www.active.com or contact Maryellen Benedetto at 644-1831 for more information.

Oct. 16: At the Ponies by the Sea Mustang Car Show proud Mustang owners can enter their cars for a "people's choice" contest with a trophy award and a year's bragging rights. Guests can participate in raffles and enjoy 50's music while admiring the speedy cars, then stroll about the Ventura Harbor Village and get a bite to eat. The show takes place from 7 - 3 p.m. on the grass at Ventura Harbor Village. www.tricountymustangclub.com.

Oct. 16: Our Lady of the Assumption School is hosting their annual **Fall Festival** with a full range of activities including face painting, jolly jumpers, game booths, a cake walk, a bake off and so much more. There will be a farmers market with local produce

available, as well as baked goods and amazing food accompanied by wonderful entertainment. This is a celebration for all generations, a true family event. The activities begin at 10 and run to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption School located at 3169 Telegraph Rd.

Ojai events

Ojai Jazz Concerts will be presenting 2011 Grammy Nominee Denise Donatelli on **October 15**. One of only five vocalists worldwide nominated for The Best Jazz Vocalist Grammy Award, Denise Donatelli and her award-winning quartet will be performing two shows starting at 8 pm, Saturday night, at The Ojai Valley Community Church, 907 El Centro. Information and ticket purchasing available online at www.tinyurl.com/ojaijazz5. General Admission-\$25/\$27.50 online, Friends of Live Jazz/VIP-\$50/\$55 online, Students-\$15 (under 25 yrs. old w/ID @ door only). For more information 746-0936.

On **October 9** the Ojai Film Society will screen **The Names of Love**, a French-language comedy that follows the tumultuous, genuine and comic odd-couple relationship between left-wing activist Baya, a young woman who takes the slogan "Make Love, Not War" to an extreme level, and the 40-something, apolitical square, Arthur.

On **October 16** the Ojai Film Society will screen **Beginners**, a semi-autobiographical story written and directed by Santa Barbara native Mike Mills, starring Christopher Plummer as the father who comes out of the closet after 45 years of marriage and Ewen McGregor as the son who is learning about love and commitment.

Sundays, 4:30 pm, Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave., Ojai. General Admission \$10, Seniors 65 and older/Students with ID \$7, OFS 2011 Subscribers FREE

For information 646-8946 or www.ojaifilmsociety.org

An **Adult Bereavement Support Group** will be starting at the HELP of Ojai west campus **October 25**. Groups will run the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 10:30 to noon and be open to anyone who has lost a loved one. This new grief group is being sponsored by Livingston Memorial VNA in conjunction with HELP of Ojai at no charge. For more information and to register call Kathy Leary-Wilde, at 218-9798.

Breast Cancer Presentation at HELP of Ojai open to the public. Dr. Kass, a Santa Barbara based oncologist/hematologist, will be presenting at Little House in Ojai on the evening of **October 25** from 6:30 to 8:00. Dr. Kass is an engaging educator and The Director of the Cancer Center in Santa Barbara. Call Kathy Leary-Wilde, group facilitator, 218-9798, for more information. Little House is located at 111 W. Santa Ana Rd.

Adults Caregiving for Parents – new support group.

Please contact Kathy Leary-Wilde, MFT if you are interested in joining a new caregiver's group. Learn coping skills, manage stress and be with others who understand. Group will meet once a month on a Monday from 5:30 to 7 in downtown Ojai. Begin date either late October or early November. Call 218-9798 for more information and to register.

Made In Ojai is pleased to announce a special trunk show featuring baskets, batiks and other hand-made art from our sister co-op, "Made In Musoma." Timed to coincide with Ojai's alternative art event, the Art Detour, the show will run Saturday, October 8th from 10-4. The money from the basket sales enables the artists to

support their communities, preserve their craft and pass it on to others, as well as adding batik and other traditional crafts to the mix. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Made In Musoma Trunk Show Saturday **October 8** from 10-4. 323 E. Matilija Street, Suite 101 at 646-2400. Open daily 10-6

The **27th annual Ojai Peddler's Fair** is being held from 9am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday, **October 8 & 9**. The bustling Peddler's Fair is located inside the Chapparral Auditorium at 414 E. Ojai Ave. Parking is free in the adjacent municipal parking lot, and admission is always free. Held rain or shine, the Peddler's Fair is chock-full of quality antiques, collectibles, jewelry, handcrafts and international crafts. This is a benefit for the Mira Monte PTO.

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

Performances To Grow On is proud to present **Hobey Ford's "Migration"** on Sat., **October 15** at Matilija Auditorium, 703 El Paseo Rd., 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults and are available at Ojai Coffee Roasting, online at www.ptgo.org or by phone at 646-8907.

The performance utilizes video projections and live puppetry in a new kind of technology that will engage audiences of all ages.

Join the **Ojai Raptor Center** on Saturday, **October 8** from 1 - 5:00 p.m. in beautiful Upper Ojai at a private ranch, for an afternoon of food, drinks, music and birds! Tickets are \$60 and include appetizers, no-host bar, silent auction, music by Mystic Pete & Rain Perry and the Get Outside Band.

Come meet the non-releasable "ambassador" raptors of ORC as the raptor specialists handling them explain how to reduce human-caused hazards to our native wildlife.

Hawks, eagles, and owls will be on hand to greet the guests on this wonderful afternoon. Limited seating available so don't miss out! All proceeds benefit the Ojai Raptor Center.

The Ojai Raptor Center ("ORC"), a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation, is dedicated to the rehabilitation and release of birds of prey in Ventura County and the education of our community concerning birds of prey.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.ojairraptorcenter.org> or contact Kim or Jackie at 649-6884.

Candidate forum

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an emergency shelter. She believed that this shelter should be near a place where the homeless currently have access to services.

Martin Armstrong pointed out that homelessness can be an invisible problem. "There are groups of the homeless that we do not see that have been removed from their houses," said Armstrong. "It's that number that I would like to see given a little more thought and care."

Candidates were asked about the link between homelessness and affordable housing.

Danny Carrillo felt there was a strong link between the two and added employment to the equation. "In this economy, people are losing their homes," he said. "The question becomes: Where can I find a place where I can also find a job? We do need affordable housing, but we need all

levels of affordable housing."

Carla Bonney urged the city to keep some 2nd units available as part of the city's current affordable housing. "A lot of people live in granny flats," she said, "people who are \$100 away from not being able to afford their home."

In response to a question about dealing with vagrancy in city parks, Ken Cozzens said that "we have a standard by which they have to be held accountable."

Melody Baker expressed concern about the availability of alcohol. "We have too many alcohol related events," she said. "When the homeless see it and watch people acting stupid and getting away with it, why should they obey the law?"

Candidates were asked about a "hand-up" versus a "hand-out" approach to social services.

Cheryl Heitman felt that providing services to the homeless should be about "self respect," but felt that social service agencies should focus on helping the homeless to become more responsible. "I don't feel agencies giving handouts should be getting city grants," she said.

Cozzens believed that "we have to take responsibility to help people to work things out."

Some of the evening's strongest statements had to do with the homeless who currently live in the Ventura and Santa Clara river bottoms.

Knox called the river bottom camps a "real problem" and said that it was "time we enforce the laws on the book as well as ensure that there are adequate services for the homeless." In addition, he felt the city should "re-prioritize our budget to make public safety a priority."

Rencher said the real question was "not who is living where, but how are they living and are they committing crimes? If people are breaking the law, then those people need to go to jail."

So what homeless issues seemed to be the most pressing to the candidates? Some focused on the sagging economy and the need for more affordable housing.

Knox stated that it was important "for those who have lost their jobs to have access to jobs in the future."

Heitman pointed to "economic vitality" as a priority and felt that the city should work to "keep people in their homes."

Rencher stated that "if we don't build high paying jobs, we won't be able to afford all these things that people are talking about."

Many agreed that better coordination of public services is a necessity.

Armstrong encouraged the city to "step up efforts to get more involved with the County."

Carrillo felt that priority should be given to "safety, police, and fire, even with our limited resources."

Weir pointed out that "homelessness is not just about housing, but about behavior and mental and physical capacity." She felt that the city should treat homelessness with a more "holistic approach."

Bonney stated that it was important to "make a list of the qualities of the homeless and then make a list of what that person needs."

Baker focused on the city's housing priorities and asked the city to "quit developing rich homes."

Cozzens focused on community efforts and believed that people should "point at the problem and say what we can do to end it."

The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Mark Hartley

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Since Mark Hartley moved to Ventura over 24 years ago, in many ways the city has never been the same.

Beginning his career in the music business as a promotion manager in Denver and San Francisco, Hartley went on to become director of marketing at Epic Records in Los Angeles. In 1977, he partnered with Larry Fitzgerald to form the Fitzgerald Hartley Company, a full service music management company with offices located in Los Angeles and Nashville.

In a visionary move that predated the advances in communication technology, Hartley surprised many in the music business by relocating his Los Angeles office to Ventura in 1990. Feeling an instant connection with the city, he and his wife, Kathy moved, along with their three sons, Nick, Jamie and Chase to Ventura shortly thereafter.

With the Fitzgerald Hartley Company currently representing some of the biggest names in music including Brad Paisley, Vince Gill, Olivia Newton John, Leann Rimes, Colbie Caillat, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Kellie Pickler and more, Hartley has recently launched 805 Records. The label, run out of the Ventura office, released the debut record of popular local band, Rey Fresco, to critical acclaim last year.

Over the past decade though, locally, Hartley is best known for his investments, renovations and redevelopments in downtown Ventura and the emphasis he places on retaining a building's historical character. Among Hartley's many properties are The Gardner Building, the Star Lounge, the Livery Complex, Palermo, Urban Outfitters, Ojai's Lavender Inn and the spectacular Watermark On Main restaurant in downtown Ventura, which, since its grand opening in 2008 has become a signature of

fine dining and celebrity sightings in central California. This year the Watermark was voted by the VC Reporter as the #1 restaurant for fine dining.

In addition to his work in the music industry, and the overseeing of his many properties in Ventura, the always on the go Hartley serves on multiple charity and city based organizations. Currently, Hartley serves as the chairman of the Academy of Country Music Charitable Foundation - Lifting Lives, which this year generously donated to multiple art and music educational programs. He also serves as the Chairman of the CSU Channel Islands Entertainment Studies Advisory Board, is a trustee of the Autry National Trust, serves on the advisory board of the Ventura Music Festival, as well as the City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Commission, and is a member of the downtown Ventura Partners.

Happily married now for 37 years, all three of his now adult sons work alongside him in the music and restaurant industries.

What do you like about living in Ventura?

Hartley's vision and excitement for the city remains as enthusiastic as it was over 24 years ago when he first came to town insisting, "Ventura has only just begun to realize its full potential, commercially and economically. This is a challenging time for the city but with the sense of community, commitment to the arts and our beautiful surroundings, there isn't a better place to live."

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

"It was an opportunity to have a great conversation about many things. Her husband and I have been friends for many years as he was also in the music business. It was an absolute pleasure."



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

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

"The Face of Ventura By Johanna Spinks": Images Copyright Johanna Spinks.
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On the Lyn Fairly show, "Lyn Fairly & Friends", heard every Saturday from noon to 1pm on News Talk KVTM 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.

Health



Tina Coates has been an attorney and Patient & Client Advocate for Ventura County Behavioral Health for 9 years.

When mental illness becomes an emergency—Part 1

by Tim Pompey

A dispatch call comes in. A person distraught and disoriented is standing on top of a downtown building threatening to jump. Fortunately, a negotiator calms the person down and convinces him or her to pull back.

The situation is momentarily resolved. But what now? Do police simply walk away and move on to another call? What if that person is still talking about suicide? What if they appear to be in acute mental distress, perhaps out of touch with reality?

What does a doctor, police officer, or medic do in a situation where they think a mentally incoherent person may be a danger to themselves or someone else?

That's where a section of state law known as the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) comes into play. LPS provides for some mentally ill individuals to be placed under a limited involuntary confinement. It's short term is called a "5150."

According to the LPS act, an officer or clinician is allowed to do this "as a result of a mental disorder that makes them a danger to him or her self, and/or others and/or (is) gravely disabled."

There's a lot to unpack in these short sentences. First of all, who is qualified to do this? Tina Coates, an attorney and Patient and Client Advocate for Ventura County Behavioral Health, helps define what this means. "They have to have probable cause to start this process," said Coates, "and it can only be initiated by individuals who are designated to do this: law enforcement and county designated professional people like psychiatrists, social workers, registered nurses, or psych techs."

The process begins when one of these qualified individuals fills out a 5150 form. However, Coates is quick to point out that a 5150 is not a carte blanche for locking up someone with mental illness. There are laws that carefully map out a process for diagnosis, treatment, and release. "Their constitutional rights remain," said Coates. "Because of LPS, a person has laws in place to protect them."

Once a 5150 is initiated, the person being taken under care has to be transported to a designated LPS hospital for evaluation. If the individual meets the criteria for hospitalization, (i.e., a danger to

themselves or others or is gravely disabled), they are admitted under 72 hour involuntary detention. The individual is then assessed to determine if they meet at least one of these three criteria for continued hospitalization.

When the individual is taken in as a result of a 5150, they receive assessment and care specifically tailored for their needs. The doctor assigned asks some important questions. Is the individual coherent and oriented? Do they have somewhere to go or someone to take care of them? Are they willing and able to take advantage of community resources? Will they take medications?

If the patient responds to treatment in a timely manner, they may be released at any time by their psychiatrist. If they don't respond or are unwilling to cooperate, the doctor may then recommend further treatment via a "5250," which means additional involuntary confinement for up to 14 days.

20th Annual AIDS Walk for Life

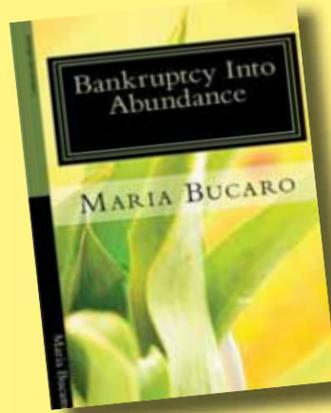
Ventura County AIDS Partnership (VCAP) is proud to host the 20th annual Ventura County AIDS Walk for Life on Saturday, October 22, 9 AM - 1 PM, Plaza Park, Downtown Ventura. "The AIDS Walk is truly a community effort bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to show we care, to raise much needed funds for local AIDS programs and to raise visibility for the cause," said Madhu Bajaj, Executive Director of Ventura County AIDS Partnership. "We have an amazing group of volunteers planning the event. Participants can expect a lively and festive atmosphere with a memorial wall, educational moments and great entertainment."

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.

For 2011, their 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 reach that goal by: Creating a team; Registering to walk; Sponsoring the event; Donating water, drinks, snacks; Donating gift certificates; Organizing a preWalk 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@vcaid-partnership.org.

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Maria Bucaro is the author of Bankruptcy Into Abundance. She filed for bankruptcy and nearly lost her home and ended up with a business that created jobs for 100 people. She went from bankruptcy and nothing to millions in just a few short years. Maria was filled with shame and self loathing, and was able to turn it around. Come and learn and be inspired to know that you can do it too!



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A Panel of Health Experts, Hosted by Ventura TowneHouse. Wednesday, October 19 at 2pm in the Dining Room Lounge. We will be serving refreshments and there will be a question and answer period.

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Senior Living

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Healthier living workshops

by Nanci Cone

If you or anyone you know is suffering from such health issues as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure or other chronic conditions, or if you are a caregiver for someone with an ongoing health condition, then you will want to learn more about this program.

This six-session workshop will teach you ways to manage your symptoms, communicate better with your doctor, family members and friends; lessen your frustrations; fight fatigue and pain; build confidence; make daily living easier; and manage stress, learn to relax and, ultimately, get more out of life at no cost to you!

It's hard to believe that so many agencies could come together to present this program but the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, SCAN Senior Resource Center, Wellness & Caregiver Center of Ventura County, Ventura County Public Health, Senior Concerns, St. John's Hospitals and the Partners in Care Foundation make up the Ventura County Chronic Disease Self Management Coalition do just that.

According to Lindsey Nibecker, project coordinator of Ventura County Chronic Disease Coalition, this award-winning, evidence-based program was developed by Stanford University in

partnership with Kaiser Permanente. "The term 'evidence-based' means that the program is backed by scientific data and trials proving that the workshop improves the well-being of the participants; however, it is not a boring lecture-style class. It is very interactive and encourages participation," she said.

The workshops are offered throughout our community on an ongoing basis with classes and locations always starting up. "The feedback has been fantastic from everyone who has taken these workshops. They finish the class feeling very empowered and confident in their ability to manage their conditions," adds Lindsey.

Two trained leaders facilitate workshops, one or both of whom are non-health professionals with chronic diseases themselves. It is the process in which the program is taught that makes it effective. Classes are highly participative, where mutual support and success build the participants' confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives.

The Self-Management Program will not conflict with existing programs or treatment. It is designed to enhance regular treatment and disease-specific education such as Better Breathers, cardiac rehabilitation, or diabetes instruction. In addition, the program is especially helpful for those with multiple chronic conditions, as well as their caregivers, as it gives them the skills to coordinate all the things needed to manage their health, as well as to help them keep active in their lives.

According to Patient Education in the Department of Medicine at

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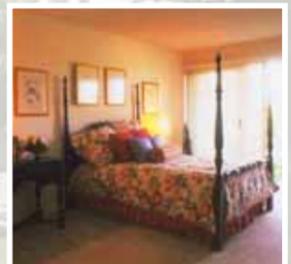
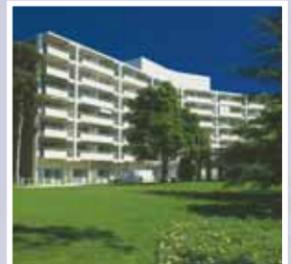
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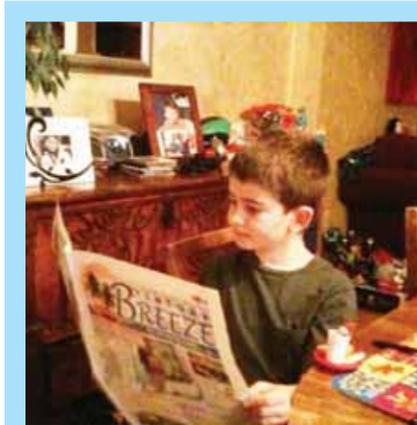
Grief support series

Ted Mayr Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial® provider in Ventura, has announced its Fall Grief Support Gathering Series that began on October 4. The complimentary program is offered to anyone in the community who is seeking support in working through the elements of grief that comes with the loss of a loved one. The Grief Support Gathering is held on four consecutive Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ted Mayr Library, 3150 Loma Vista Road in Ventura.

While attending all of the meetings is most beneficial, since each group is different, community members are

invited to come at any point in the hope that they will find some support and help in their grief. All of the workshops will be led by Pastor Dan Hull who has served Ventura for 25 years, and has facilitated these groups at Ted Mayr for the past five years.

The series will teach participants a healthy way to talk about their feelings with family and friends in a manner that allows them to be more comfortable with their own experiences. Throughout the gatherings, members will gain support and friendship from others who are on a similar journey.



Evin Brown can't start his day off until he reads the local news before heading off to school to learn calculus and finger painting.



Nancy Maxwell, Interim President/CEO for the Ventura Chamber of Commerce was surprised by a 75th birthday celebration held at Cypress Place Senior Living on Sept. 27th. Family, Chamber Staff and Ambassadors worked hard to keep "Mission Red" a surprise from Nosey Nancy!

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■ In spite of what all of his sycophants (I'm a college grad you know) and Vick himself say about Michael Vick, and the wonderful changes in his understanding

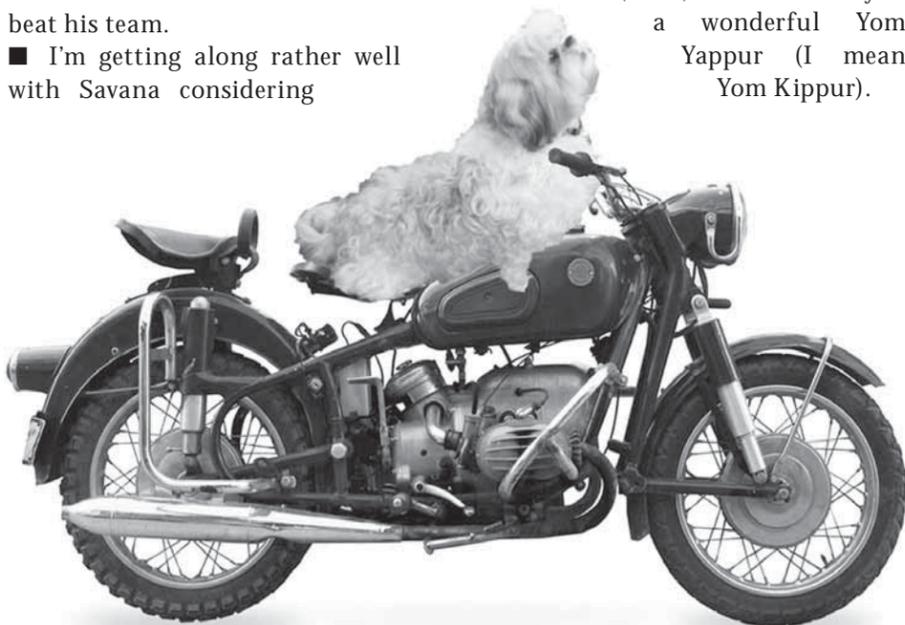
that cruelty to animals is not nice, he doesn't seem to have matured much. In a recent game, as he left the field with his team winning he pointed to the scoreboard to show football fans that their team was getting beat. This is hardly a major crime but is still very juvenile and beneath what most professional athletes would do. Plenty of stars get booed when on the road and don't point up to the scoreboard like a junior high athlete, so maybe he still has a ways to go before I will excuse him, if I ever will. And the fun part is that the other team came back and beat his team.

■ I'm getting along rather well with Savana considering

that she is a cat even though I wish that she would leave my tail alone. When she bothers me too much I'm very mature and just ask to leave the bedroom by barking at the door. She isn't allowed in the rest of the house until she matures a little more.

■ A squabble between pet owning neighbors escalated to a stabbing recently in San Diego when a man was fed up with his kittens getting harassed by his neighbor's dog (I'd better be nice to Savana). The kittens' 74-year-old owner hit his 64-year-old neighbor with a broomstick, then went inside his house before returning with a knife and then he stabbed the dog's human once in the stomach. He was taken to the hospital with his wound and the kittens' owner was arrested.

■ I hope that all of my Jewish dog friends had a happy new year (5772) and I wish you a wonderful Yom Yappur (I mean Yom Kippur).



I'm 8 years old so I am going through a mid-life crisis. If I only had enough money (my publisher is very cheap) I could buy my "hog" and explore unknown places and things, so I guess I can only dream of this until I win the lottery then I'm out of here.

Forever home wanted,



This is Rojo, a 2 year old adorable mini poodle mix, who likes to be held, to fetch and retrieve toys and cuddle on your lap. I think that we will become friends after you adopt him.

I will occasionally have some dogs to adopt from a new source, Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding For Dogs here in Ventura.

Just last year they got involved in dog rescue, both from Cabo, Mexico (www.cabodogz.com) and here, locally. They have rescued over 35 dogs this year alone.

Can you please help us find homes for these sweeties, who were to be euthanized. They are all way cool dogs, healthy, microchipped and vaccinated. They are chillin at 4692 Ventura Ave. So call Mindy at 320-3203 or email mindybenzra@aol.com to check out Rojo and other dogs.

Scamp Club

Hi:

I'm Xena, Princess Warrior and I'm 6. Mary and Tony Cacciapaglia were adopted by me. I love to do tricks and attend events like the Doodle Romp that took place a couple of Sundays ago. I also love to be Mary's demo dog for her dog training business, Paws First Choice. My favorite things are people and playing fetch. I have a Facebook like Scamp so visit me at Xena-Princess-Warrior-and-Goldendoodle.



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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.

Vehicle Pursuit

On Friday, September 16th, at 3:55 a.m., the VPD received a call from a resident regarding subjects casing vehicles on Glen Ellen, near Carol Street. Officers observed a suspicious vehicle leaving the area. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and it failed to yield.

The pursuit continued through the residential neighborhoods around the Pacific View Mall. The pursuit continued on Foothill until the suspect turned around and started traveling westbound on Telegraph Road. The suspect ignored the road closure signs posted west of Olive, crashing into the road closure concrete barricades. The vehicle became disabled and the suspect, Terry Bowkett, attempted to flee.

Bowkett sustained serious injuries from the collision and was transported to VCMC for treatment.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Sunday, September 18th, at 11:33 a.m., officers responded to Plaza Park, where numerous vagrants were involved in a fight. The suspect was reportedly swinging a sword at several subjects.

Officers determined that Charles Baker, a 63-year-old vagrant, had been attacking the three victims by advancing toward them while swinging the swords at them. Dean McConnell, a 52-year-old vagrant, sustained a minor laceration to his right leg. His injury did not require medical attention.

Resisting Arrest

On Wednesday, September 21st, at 8:10 pm, the VPD received a call of a suspicious subject casing vehicles inside the Albertson's parking lot, in the 7800 block of Telegraph Road.

The subject was located and identified as John Rupp. The investigation revealed that Rupp had stolen a car earlier that day.

The officers went to place Rupp under arrest and he became violent and resisted arrest. Rupp threw a punch at one of the officers attempting to hit him in the face. This continued until one of the officers deployed their taser device, but the taser didn't have any effect.

Shooting

On Saturday, September 17th, at 10:00 p.m., the VPD responded to a shooting victim in the 300 block of West Ramona Street. Officers located the victim who had been shot one time in the torso. The victim was transported to the VCMC.

The victim was attending a large party. At the conclusion of the party, the victim and his wife were walking home

when they observed a fight between two subjects. The victim tried to break up the fight when one of the combatants pointed a handgun at him and fired one round, striking him in the upper torso.

On the 22nd of September, the suspect, Armando Garcia, was located riding his bicycle on Ventura Avenue. Garcia was taken into custody without incident and booked into VC Jail.

Prowling Arrest

On Tuesday, September 27th, at 3:00 a.m., the VPD received a call from an alert citizen who saw two males attempting to gain entry into vehicles parked in 6500 block of Partridge Drive.

Officers found Marco Sotomayer and Rogelio Romero walking on Johnson near Partridge. The investigation revealed that Sotomayer and Romero parked their vehicle on Partridge and began walking up and down the street trying to gain entry into parked vehicles. The witness pointed out at least fifteen vehicles that the suspects attempted to enter. Fortunately all the victim vehicles were locked and no actual theft occurred. The witness watched the suspects walk up private driveways and attempt to gain entry into vehicles parked near the front doors of each residence.

Structure Fire

On Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:40 a.m., Ventura City Fire units responded to a reported structure fire in the 1200 block of Shelburn Lane.

Smoke was observed from the rear of the multi-story, single family home. Further investigation revealed smoke and flames from the structure and fire in the concealed wall framing. Fire units used tools to open up the confined space fire and extinguish the involved area. The remainder of the house was checked for fire extension with none found. This fire was reported by an alert juvenile neighbor on the beach when he saw the smoke and returned home to alert his parents. His parents notified 911 and used a garden hose in an attempt to control the fire.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

9-20 8:10 a.m. A repossessing company advised Patrol that they had taken possession of a vessel from VIM on behalf of the legal owner. Patrol gave permission for the vessel to be tied at the Long Dock for repairs. The vessel left for Newport Beach after the repairs were completed.

9-21 6:53 a.m. Patrol received a report of a partially submerged vessel off McGrath State Beach. Patrol responded and found an approximately 34-foot

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Business



Business Profile

Leon Rousso & Associates

by Lisa Lugo

After his honorable discharge from the army in 1970, Leon Rousso joined a band and with sax in hand began his first career as a professional musician and singer. Some of his fondest memories are playing at Ventura's Holiday Inn and Charlie Browns with his band "Easy Feeling". Forty years later he now calls Ventura his home.

Music was his life's ambition, but with a baby on the way he quit show biz to find a day job in 1979.

His new career as an insurance agent, combined with his lack of sales experience and contacts forced him to cold call literally hundreds of people per day in the early years.

Shortly thereafter his brother had an auto accident which left him a quadriplegic. It was this tragedy that gave Rousso the confidence to sell health and life insurance with conviction and passion. That's when he realized how much he loved this new career.

He learned firsthand, while his brother healed and rehabilitated himself, there was no fairness for those without health insurance.

Rousso has become a very successful broker/advisor of health insurance for individuals and corporations and continues today as an expert in the field. He has been quoted in some of the most prestigious publications in the country. He was the advisor for a money makeover of a young Ventura family featured in Money Magazine.

He began studying for the CFP credential and in 1992 earned his Certified Financial Planner designation. His business model has expanded broadly since then.

He now has three full time employees and continues helping people and businesses with their insurance, investment and financial planning needs.

Aside from his business life, Rousso enjoys spending time with family and friends. He also enjoys gardening, gigging around town, sailing and riding his Harley Davidson Road Glide. When people ask are you riding your Harley today, his answer is "If it's not raining I'm riding".

He considers his wife of 23 years, Annette, his best friend. "She is an amazing multi-faceted woman and the best thing to ever happen to me". She is very creative and he says she is the best Grammy their two grandsons could have. Two of her many talents are in her creativity both in art and in the kitchen.

He is a past president of the FPA (Financial Planning Association), Ventura County Chapter and remains

an active member nationally. Although the work he does for his industry is important he wanted to do more for his community.

Because of his love for children he soon became a board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura. Soon thereafter, because of his passion and energy, he became president and served for 15 months in that role from October 2009 to December 2010.

"We have the most remarkable group of board members I have ever worked with. The term "working board" is an understatement in his opinion when he talks about them.

He is currently seeking to expand the board and asks any interested individuals to contact him.

One philosophy that guides him is that there are only two kinds of people; "Good and Bad".

He lives life to the fullest and works hard everyday to make the world a better place.

Oh, by the way, the baby he had that changed his life begins his career as a fulltime Neuroscientist at Harvard University after obtaining his PhD from UCLA (obviously has his mother's brains).

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School VEP supports all public schools

by Kay Giles
President, VEP

Most Ventura parents are familiar with organizations such as PTAs or PTOs, which hold jog-a-thons and carnivals and sell coupon books and magazines, in the on-going effort to raise needed funds for their children's schools. But families may not be aware that all public schools in Ventura also receive funding from Ventura Education Partnership, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization established in 1988 to support and enrich education in the Ventura Unified School District.

Every Ventura public school receives financial support through VEP's GrantSmart program. Twice a year, VEP awards grants of up to \$1,000 each to teachers and staff through a "blind" competitive grant process. Over the past ten years, GrantSmart has distributed over \$800,000 to Ventura classrooms.

Alex Wulff, VUSD teacher and GrantSmart recipient, describes the impact of these VEP grants.

"GrantSmart validates my love of and passion for teaching. It allows me to make my most outrageous, inspirational, and exciting dreams into educational realities for my students."

VEP's GrantSmart program is funded by individual and business donations and by the annual Festival of Talent event, to be held next year at Ventura High School. The Festival of Talent is a must-see celebration of the artistic talent and passion in the Ventura public school community, and is directed by the

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Rubicon Theatre's Brian McDonald.

VEP also organizes several events throughout the year that bring education, awareness and fun to the whole community. Mark your calendars for November 19, when VEP will present the Young Readers' StoryFest, in collaboration with First 5 Ventura County and the Ventura Neighborhood for Learning. StoryFest is a free literacy event for young children featuring readings in story tents, live stage performances, hands-on activities, and a free book for each young child attending the event. StoryFest takes place at the VUSD district office, 255 West Stanley Avenue.

In June, VEP presents SummerFest which won the Best Event in the State award and a \$10,000 cash prize from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health in 2010.

Public education is in crisis. Ventura's public schools have lost \$20 million from their annual budget over the last few years, and more cuts are expected. Per pupil spending for California schools is almost lowest in the nation. Donations to VEP are needed more than ever as teachers across Ventura turn to VEP to provide funding

not just for enrichment activities, but also for basic supplies such as books, art supplies, calculators, microscopes, technology, and PE equipment.

More information is available on VEP's website at www.vep4vusd.org or by calling 641-5000, extension 1550.

Harbor Patrol blotter

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power vessel with only about six feet of the bow above water. Both the CG and PD interviewed the vessel's owner to determine what happened to the vessel. For forty-eight hours the vessel sat with its stern on the bottom and its bow floating.

9-23 10:00 a.m. Patrol observed that the partially submerged vessel broke apart. They received a report of a vessel in the surf off McGrath power plant. It turned out to be the deck and part of the bow. Coast Guard and State Parks were notified.

9-24 9:14 a.m. Patrol, with permission of the Harbor Patrol, responded by land to a Panga vessel that was aground at Mussel's Shoals. Patrol assisted in making arrangements with Vessel Assist to get the vessel off the beach and to Ventura Harbor for temporary storage.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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King Crossword Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Halloween happenings

by DJ Kohli Rocks!

Evanescence kicks off the Halloween 2011 season with a long-awaited new album. Of course, the line-up in the band is ever changing, but you can always count on the vocals of Amy Lee to either fill your ears and emotions with chills, rock, or sweet sounds! She is a one of a kind artist. And, the album is so perfect to enjoy Halloween with. The new album features the current rock hit single, "What You Want." The music video premiered earlier last month and Evanescence fans have been waiting for a few years now for a new video. The previous full length album from the band was 2006's "The Open Door." Through just releasing 2 albums, Evanescence has sold over 20 million records worldwide. But, in today's Lady Gaga/Kelly Clarkson/Rihanna world -- can Evanescence rock big on album #3? Are you an Evanescence fan? E-mail me at VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com. What do you think of the current new single and video?

Raging Arb & The Redheads, Ska Daddyz, B. Willing James, Dirty Rice, Jackass, Kyle Hunt & Timmy Curran are among the music acts joining forces to help a fallen friend in need. A Benefit Concert for Thom Olson (who is currently fighting cancer) will be held at Libbey Bowl in Ojai on Saturday Oct. 8th. You can purchase \$10 tickets at Salzer's Records along with some other venues. Look for the event page on Facebook for more ticket info. If you can't make the show, you can still donate to the cause online at <https://thomolson.webconnex.com/Hope-and-Healing-Donations>. Or you can also literally walk into any Wells Fargo Bank and donate to the Thom Olson - Hope and Healing fund.

Speaking of Halloween, Preachers & Pornstars have announced plans for a Pre-Halloween Ball to be held at Golden China on Friday, October 21. The band is also bringing Vengeance Machine & Thatz What She Said. Event is free. Costume contest & prizes in store! Should be fun!

Thank you for reading and rocking with me!

Music Calendar 10/5 to 10/18

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

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Blackbeards Seaside BBQ

1591 Spinnaker Dr. #115 805- 650-7773
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Thur 10/6 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
Sat 10/8 - Man on the Moon 6 -10pm
Sun 10/9 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm
Thur 10/13 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
Sun 10/16 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm

Bombay's Bar & Grill

143 S. California St. 805-643-4404
All Star Blues every Wed

Local Live Music every Thur

Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm

Fri 10/7 - Gypsy Death Star, Carlism, Space Panthers

Sat 10/8 - The Reall Deall Band

Sun 10/9 - R&B Bombers
Thur 10/13 - The Ferrell experiment
Fri 10/14 - No Cover Magazine and Ashai Beer Rock Party
Sat 10/15 - We Funk
Sun 10/16 - House Arrest

Cafe Fiore

66 California St. 805-653-1266

Live Bands every Tue thru Sat
DJ in the TreeHouse Lounge every Fri & Sat
Wed 10/5 - Big Adventure
Thur 10/6 - In Stone
Fri 10/7 - Red Ball Jets
Wed 10/12 - Bongo Town
Thur 10/13 - Coso Live

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 10/6 - Andre Nickatina, Hopsin, Raider Dave
Fri 10/7 - Zany, MCDV8
Wed 10/12 - Panic At The Disco, Foxy Shazam
Fri 10/14 - Thriller Music Fest featuring Rowdy A, Audio Push, Artistik, iAmKrucial
Sat 10/15 - All That Remains, Quarantine, Truceline, Condewit

Watermark On Main, 598 E. Main St.

805-643-6800

Intimate Acoustic with Dano every Tue

Jazz at the Mark every Wed

W20 Rooftop Lounge

598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)

805-643-6800

Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm

Thur 10/6 - Shawn Jones

Fri 10/7 - Midnight Band

Sat 10/8 - Inna Rood Mood

Sun 10/9 - In Stone

Thur 10/13 - Shawn Jones

Fri 10/14 - Soulamente

Sat 10/15 - Legalizers

Sun 10/16 - The Bomb

Zoey's Café

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

Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm

Thur 10/6 - Dane and the Co-op 9pm

Fri 10/7 - Nathan McEuen and Mason Reed 8pm, FishFood 10:30pm

Sat 10/8 - Sharon Robinson, Jade Hendrix 8pm

Sun 10/9 - Ribbons for Life Benefit - Birdfeeder, Mr. Elevator & the Brain Hotel, Red Terrain 6pm

Mon 10/10 - Keaton Simons, Michael Tolcher, Rachel Platten 8pm

Tue 10/11 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

Wed 10/12 - Chris Pierce CD Release, Shane Alexander 8pm

Thur 10/13 - Dave Palmer with Jill Sobule, Jon Swift and Tim Young 8pm

Fri 10/14 - Indian Trading Furs, Dusty Bottom Girls 8pm, After the Glaciers are Gone and Action Index 10:30pm

Sat 10/15 - J.R. Richards 8pm

Sun 10/16 - Jesse Malin 8pm

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, these are my picks of the week.



I Don't Know How She Does It

This sitcom style comedy stars Sex and The City's favorite New Yorker Sarah Jessica Parker, as financial Yuppie Kate Reddy. Married to the always

VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

Los Zafiros – Music From The Edge Of Time

USA 2007 – Lorenzo DeStefano – 78 mins

Reviewed by William Hendricks

Ventura Film Society

For music lovers and Cubaphiles alike, the film "LOS ZAFIROS-MUSIC FROM THE EDGE OF TIME" gets a rare public screening at the Ventura Film Society's VFS @ THE MUSEUM series on Tuesday October 18th @ 7:00PM. Produced and directed by Ventura Film Society founder Lorenzo DeStefano, music, history, and emotion fuel this dynamic, award-winning tribute to the hugely popular Cuban pop group Los Zafiros (The Sapphires), often called the Beatles of 1960s Cuba.

This is a classic street-to-stage story about five young men in Havana and their shared love of music, chiefly American doo-wop and R&B. Synthesized with the complexity of daily life during the early years of the Cuban Revolution, the setting is also present-day Havana, more than thirty years after the group's breakup in the early 1970s. The two surviving band members, Manuel Galbán (the recently-deceased member of the Buena Vista Social Club) and Florida-

adorable Greg Kinnear, Kate is trying to juggle career with home life which many moms can relate to. However, the pressure is on and the relationships suffer, when Pierce Brosnan enters the picture as her new boss in a project she is asked to head up.

Director Douglas McGrath's comedy sets the stage for an all-too-predictive plot, but every turn has a laugh or two, and a twist of fate. Kate's assistant MoMo Hahn (Olivia Munn) really cracks you up with her all too serious dialogue, but really steals some of the scenes. Rated PG -13 running time 89 minutes



Killer Elite

Based on a true story by Daisy Miller, Killer Elite is a crime action adventure thriller starring Jason Statham, Clive Owen, and Robert DeNiro – you can't get better than that.

Jason plays Danny Bryce, a former British, "Special Operations" mercenary, who is reluctantly forced to come out of retirement when his old time friend and mentor Hunter (DeNiro) is kidnapped by a ruthless criminal.

Bryce accepts the challenge, and ends up facing "Spike" (Clive Owen) a former SAS agent himself who is the leader of the Feather Men. The action is non-stop, and Statham is in true form, as he takes part in a reconnaissance and surveillance covert operation to save his friend. It is intense and exciting, leaving you wanting more.

The plot is based on a book by Ranulph Fiennes (cousin of Ralph Fiennes) who is an ex-SAS officer. If you don't know what SAS is, it's the British "Special Air Service", the best known counter terrorism organization in the world.

Not for children: Rated R running time 105 minutes

Remember you can contact me with comments at Linde819@aol.com. I would love to hear from my readers.

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

based Zafiros co-founder Miguel Cancio, reunite in the neighborhoods and streets of their youth, a world full of unforgettable sounds and memories for them and their still-loyal fans.

As those who have made the journey to Cuba especially know, the country is in the middle of critical changes, or as the Cuban elite say, "modifications". Their frail and off-balance leader is close to death. The country is in economic free-fall despite the Obama administration's lifting of many of the embargo's pointless and burdensome restrictions on travel and remittances by Cuban-Americans.

With these and other critical challenges facing this complex island nation, DeStefano's film provides us with a vital historical reference point. It is a stirring portrait of the youthful exuberance and ultra-cool stylings that Los Zafiros brought to life with their music from the edge of time.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "Los Zafiros-Music From The Edge Of Time" on Tuesday October 18 @ 7pm, the 18th 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. & Martha K Smith Pavilion, 100 E. Main St. Downtown Ventura. For advance tickets & screening / membership information www.venturafilmsociety.com / 805-628-2299.

Two on the Aisle

The Wonderettes inspire wonder

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Few new musicals are being written and produced today due to the extraordinary expense involved. There is one exception. Known as juke box musicals, such shows usually feature small casts performing established hits from the recent past, most often from the decades of the 1950s to the 1970s.

A remarkable example of this new style, "The Marvelous Wonderettes," is currently on stage at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center through October 30. Although playing on the other end of Ventura County, since it is one of the more literate and entertaining examples of this genre, the show is worthy of the attention of every fan of musicals and anyone who wants to enjoy a laugh-filled, toe-tapping evening filled with nostalgia.

Fine tuned during a lengthy run in L.A.'s NoHo entertainment district before enjoying a successful, year-long off-Broadway tenure in the Big Apple, the show has only recently been released for production in regional theaters. The Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center is among the first to mount a local production.

The four wonderettes are members of a girls' quartet of the same name tapped to perform at the Springfield High School prom in 1958. The highly diverse characters include Cindy Lou (Kristina Miller), Betty Jane (Courtney King), Missy (Jessica Hren) and Suzy (Kim Dalton).

Playwright Roger Bean has used familiar hits of the era to at once carry the story line about events at the prom,

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The Lighter Breeze

Zits



Mother Goose and Grimm



Rhymes With Orange



Crock



Hagar the Horrible



Blondie



Solutions on page 16

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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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Solutions on page 16

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sugar meas.
- 4 Historic time
- 7 Jump
- 11 Oil cartel
- 13 Fresh
- 14 Part of the foot
- 15 "Why not?"
- 16 "CSI" evidence
- 17 Monopoly" card
- 18 "Get lost!"
- 20 "Why not?"
- 22 Scarlet
- 24 Takes pleasure in
- 28 Capistrano bird
- 32 Block the flow of
- 33 Cab
- 34 Chatter
- 36 Egypt's river
- 37 British —
- 39 Completely engrossed
- 41 Brownish-gray ante-lope
- 43 Marshy area
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- 53 Multipurpose truck
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- 12 Schulz lad
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- 21 Moreover
- 23 Pooch
- 25 Leave out
- 26 Christmas
- 27 Raced
- 28 Use a swizzle stick
- 29 Cleanse
- 30 Wheelbase terminus
- 31 Series of
- battles
- 35 Chest protector
- 38 Old French coin
- 40 Solemn promise
- 42 Butterfingers
- 45 Needle case
- 47 October birthstone
- 48 Pianist Peter
- 49 Mannered bloke
- 50 Performance
- 51 Greek P
- 52 Calf's mama
- 54 Omelet need

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- 2 Detail, for short
- 3 Bartlett or Bosc
- 4 Conclusion
- 5 Nevada city
- 6 Not sleeping
- 7 Nine-day queen of

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone from your past could arrive with welcome news concerning your future. Meanwhile, avoid taking sides in a workplace confrontation until you have more facts to go on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A decision about a relationship could have longer-lasting consequences than you might imagine, so be sure of your facts before you act. A trusted friend can help.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A strained relationship could be restored with more personal contact between the two of you. Letting others act as your go-between only adds to the ongoing estrangement.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New facts could mean taking a new path toward a goal you've been hoping to reach. However, be sure all your questions are answered before you undertake to shift directions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week for all you fine Felines to turn your attention to some important considerations, such as your health, your job situation and the status of important relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid making a quick decision about a matter that needs more study. Keep your mind open for possibilities, even if they don't seem plausible — at

least not yet.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might welcome the emphasis on openness in relationships that mark this period. But it's a good idea to avoid sharing personal secrets with people you hardly know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some questions that need to be asked and answered before you can feel confident enough to make a potentially life-changing decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some lingering effects from a now largely resolved workplace confrontation could make things difficult for you. Act on this before it becomes serious.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel you're finally in control of your own life after months of making compromises and concessions you never felt comfortable with. Congratulations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) No sooner do you decide to pass on one job offer than another suddenly turns up. This one might not have everything you're looking for, but it's worth checking out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations. With Jupiter's strong influence dominating this week, don't be surprised to get some good news about a troubling financial matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are usually kind and loving. But you can be highly critical of those who don't measure up to your high standards.

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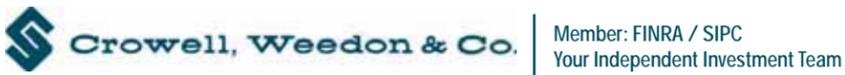


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On Sept. 18, those attending "Living History Day" discovered what California ranch life was really like in the 1870s by observing spinning, weaving, roping, blacksmithing, and baking demonstrations performed by costumed docents at the Olivas Adobe and they also got to meet President Grant who was stumping for re-election (not for the Ventura City Council). For more information regarding Olivas Adobe go to www.olivasadobe.org. And for another chance to visit there attend Halloween At The Adobe featuring Kerosene Cal's Spooky Show & Crafts Workshop on Saturday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m. For children of all ages. Admission free and Halloween costumes are optional.

Art Scene



Christine Leong at CMH

Local artist Christine Leong's "Autumn Night" will be on display at "Change & Reclaim" at Community Memorial Hospital's newest art exhibit running through Dec. 3.

The exhibit, a joint partnership between CMH, the Buena Ventura Art Association and the Community Memorial

Healthcare Foundation, is located on the first floor at Community Memorial Hospital.

CMH has been holding art exhibits quarterly for the past three years, and Layla Hallberg, executive director of the Buena Ventura Art Association, said the works have shown to have a positive effect on the hospital's patients, visitors and staff. "People have told me how wonderful it is to have the artwork, because being in a hospital is not necessarily a pleasant experience."

Introduce our youth to an inspiring, productive world with LTS

The new school year is upon us! Why not invigorate your students' classroom with a unique cross-curricular art program? Focus on the Masters Learning to See (LTS) Youth Outreach is specifically designed to introduce our youth to an inspiring, productive world beyond TV, computer games, texting, gangs and drugs.

They are available at your convenience to speak to you and your administrators and/or make a presentation to your PTA or PTO about LTS and how it complements and supports your educational goals.

LTS is an 8-week residency in-the-classroom. Each week, students discover accomplished Ventura County artists who live and work in our own community. A brief PowerPoint presentation about the life and work of these artists, followed by a round table discussion, encourages students to explore their world by creating personal artwork in the artist's featured medium, including ceramics, painting, drawing, sculpture and photography.

The total cost for the 8-week residency is \$600, which translates into only \$20 each for a class of 30 students. This includes fees, instructor and supplies. If the school or facility is unable to pay for the program in its entirety, the materials fee can be waived in certain circumstances. PTA, PTO, VEP grants, parents,

sponsors and independent fundraisers are just some of the ways that residencies have been funded in the past.

Please contact 653-2501 or education@focusonthemasters.com for further information.

The Paper Bag Show

A group of recent and almost-graduates gathered at the local watering hole to discuss life and work after Spring semester ended. The bar served chips in a paper bag and as would only happen with art students, the paper bag soon began making its way around the table along with a pen, each artist adding their own spin to it. Thus, an idea was born: the Paper Bag Show.

The guidelines were simple: use a brown paper bag in some way. This exhibition will feature the end results of one standard ingredient plus a summer to mull it over. Over 20 multi-talented artists will be on display.

The show's two curators, Ashleigh Norman and Cesar Karamazov, both recent graduates from CSU Channel Islands' Art program, live and work in the city of Ventura. Though she works in both 2 and 3-dimensional art forms, Ashleigh considers herself to be mostly a magical realist/surrealist painter. She works out of her studio at 248 Main Street and is open for First Fridays and other events. For more information, visit her website, www.ashleighnorman.com. Cesar's focus is in digital art, ranging from web design to digital illustration and packaging. He freelances from his home in Ventura. To see his work, visit www.cesarkaramazov.com.

Join in for the opening reception



9" x 12" 2012 calendars are now available for \$15 and are filled with wonderful images by local artists of Life By The Sea and The Channel Islands!

Sales of the calendar fund a Student Scholarship Competition which awards scholarship money to fulltime art students studying at Ventura County colleges and universities. The show is held annually at the Harbor Village Gallery.

Available at: Buena Ventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara Avenue, Ventura
Harbor Village Gallery at Ventura Harbor Village,
1583 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura
Or at www.BuenaVenturaGallery.org.

Thursday, October 13 from 6-8pm at the CSUCI Exhibitions Gallery located at 92 Palm Drive in Old Town Camarillo. The gallery is open and free to the public Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. For additional information, contact the California State University Channel Islands Art Department, 437-8863, email: art@csuci.edu, or visit the Web site <http://art.csuci.edu/gallery>.

temporary images, at the Museum of Ventura County on Sunday, October 16, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Gerlach will demonstrate how to make wet-plate collodion negatives and albumen prints from authentic mammoth glass plate cameras. He will also give a historical and technical overview of this early photographic process, which dates back to the mid 1800s.

Seating is limited to 60 people. Admission is \$10, \$5 for museum members, and includes entry to all museum galleries, including the exhibition In the Light of Blue: New Works by Luther Gerlach.

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. For reservations call 653-0323 x 7.

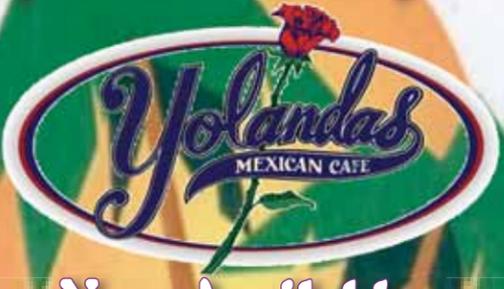
Photographer Luther Gerlach demonstrates historic processes

Photographer Luther Gerlach will share how he uses the alchemy of the past to create his haunting, con-



Happy Dog (14 x 18 oil on canvas) is by Steve Cook, whose many wonderful paintings will be on display at the Buena Ventura Gallery from Oct.11-Nov.5 at "Riding the Planet, Volume III". And you can meet Steve at the gallery on Saturday Oct.15, from 4-7 at the opening reception. Go to www.stevecookfineart.com to see more of his work. The gallery is located at 700 E. Santa Clara Street.

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Two on the Aisle

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as well as weave and reveal back stories for each of the girls, their lives, loves and conflicts. During Act Two the quartet again comes together to perform at their 10 year class reunion, and the audience learns all that has happened in the interim. The device works extremely well and puts the script on a plane above other similar musicals.

Added dimensions include the thoughtful direction by Fred Helsel, excellent, era-authentic costumes by Randon Pool, energetic choreography by Becky Castells, teen angst and lots of big hair. The entire production is solidified under the musical direction and keyboard support of veteran musical director Gary Poirot.

The SVCAC production is further elevated by the uniformly strong vocal

talents and acting skills of the four principals. When not singing backup, each girl has several featured songs and one major show-stopping segment.

In addition, Jessica Hren, as Missy, demonstrates an incredible depth of versatility in her performance. Courtney King, as the rough around the edges Betty Jane, displays strength in all areas. Kristina Miller as the pretty, popular and somewhat manipulative Cindy Lou, is engaging throughout.

Kim Dalton has the character of Suzy, the plucky and slightly ditzzy blonde, down to gum chewing perfection.

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" plays until October 30, 2011 at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, 3050 Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley. Tickets: \$22 adults, \$18 seniors and students, \$16 children. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sundays. 583-7900. www.simi-arts.org

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