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Area volunteers and Boys & Girls Club members all pitched in to help improve the Westview Center. Diane Koranda is shown in the inset photo.

The Boys and Girls Club in the news

On Saturday, Oct. 1 over forty people from Aera Energy LLC volunteered their time and energy to help upgrade the Boys and Girls Club Westview Center at 234 W Vince St.

Over a week was spent preparing and designing the upgrades. Jennifer Cross, unit director and liaison between Boys & Girls Club and Aera said "It has made such a difference!"

Diane Koranda, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura, said, "This revitalization of an aging facility will give a boost to all our Club members and staff, as it shows there are people who truly care about our kids. Hopefully this will also act as an inspiration to other businesses to become involved with our Boys & Girls Club."

The Westview Center is one of the first Boys & Girls Club centers in the nation to be located in a public housing unit. The center's programs focus on first, second and third graders.

The 44th Annual Great Auction of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura will be presented by E. J. Harrison & Sons, Inc. on November 5, at 4:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel.

The event features a champagne
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On Tuesday, November 8, Venturans will be voting to fill three seats on our city council, at least one of which will be a new member. Our November 2 issue will feature candidates, statements and readers' recommendations, so send yours to: editor@venturabreeze.com (keep them positive) and be sure to vote!



Pier Under the Stars—the 18th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier—was held on Saturday, October 1st, from 5-8pm under an absolutely beautiful Ventura evening. Almost 1,000 residents and visitors attended this beachfront culinary fair adjacent to the pier to sample the county's best food and spirits provided by over 50 area businesses.

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

The organization was founded by a group of dedicated community leaders, in partnership with the City of Ventura, to establish an endowment fund to preserve, maintain and enhance the historic Ventura Pier for future generations to enjoy.



Jeff Lambert, Director of Community Development for the City of Ventura, will be leading the Grant Park walks

Explore the future home of the Ventura Botanical Gardens

On Saturday, September 24 a first of a series of walks exploring Grant Park was held to experience spectacular views of the city, mountains, rivers, rich agricultural landscape, and the wide vista of the glittering Pacific Ocean with the Channel Islands in the distance. The walk was hosted by Jeff Lambert, Ventura's Community Development Director, and members of the Ventura Botanical Gardens Board of Directors.

With the success of the first walk Jeff Lambert has agreed to continue to lead walks, the 4th Saturday of each month in support of the Ventura Botanical Gardens at Grant Park (with the exception of December).

The purpose of these walks is to join
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Helen Yunker still hasn't had a mid-life crisis

Helen entertained everyone at her 39th birthday celebration

Helen Yunker, one of Ventura's premier philanthropists, arts supporters and political activists, celebrated her 90th birthday at a party cosponsored by the Rubicon Theater and friends Cynthia Loughman and Gene Martin on Friday, September 2. More than 65 friends and family joined in toasting Helen's good health and good cheer.

Helen entertained everyone with her wit, humor and one line "zingers". Accompanied by pianist Miriam Arichea, Helen sang many songs including her signature song 'Yeller' Dog at the Rubicon and continued into the wee hours with her friends at the Loughman residence after-party.

Love of music has played a major role in Helen's life. She just completed her 53rd year singing in the Our Lady of Assumption church choir. She has entertained solo and with singing groups throughout her life at hospitals, jails, churches, etc.

In 1966 Helen wrote and co-produced "The First 100 Years in Ventura" a
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Developer sues councilmembers for "no" vote on project

by Rebecca Wicks

Robert and Linda Freeny pictured a thriving senior housing center when they began designing plans for two plots of land they purchased on Telegraph Road south of Ventura College. Instead, five years later they are left with 18 plan revisions having been stopped in their tracks with a 5 to 2 "no" vote from the City Council. Now, the Freenys have filed a lawsuit seeking \$1.85 million naming the five dissenting councilmembers and two individual residents as defendants.

"People say you can't fight city hall, but I don't believe that," said Linda Freeny who along with her husband contest they were misguided by the city from day one.

According to Robert Freeny, the couple was told their project fit within the city's greater General Plan and were encouraged to move ahead. The Freenys created and reworked their plans garnering approval from the city Planning Commission and the Design Review Committee. Throughout the process the center morphed from a 58-unit complex to a 39-unit, three-story building.

Robert Freeny described a number of meetings with residents and city staff planners in order to "hammer out differences, and come to an agreement."

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Developer sues councilmembers

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Freeny said in the end, the Planning Commission overrode some of the resident concerns and approved the plans.

A group of neighbors appealed the approval. The City Council then nixed the project after a public deliberation, leaving the Freenys feeling duped.

"We've never done anything like this, we were relying on the directive of the professionals," said Robert Freeny. "We assumed if we followed the rules and conformed to the neighborhood we would be allowed to keep moving forward."

City Manager Rick Cole believes it is this assumption that may be the root of many issues in this particular case.

"Just because the city staff makes suggestions, doesn't mean it will be approved in public after a public hearing," said Cole. "The role of legislators is to listen to the neighbors and the greater community."

Cole firmly believes there is no merit to the Freenys' lawsuit and that city staff has acted within legal bounds.

"They can argue that they had a false sense of comfort," said Cole. "They may even have a realistic political complaint, but this is entirely different than arguing they have a monetary right."

Cole added their political critique may be more fitting in an editorial page versus a courtroom.

Part of what the Freenys were seeking was a line adjustment, which is equivalent to a zoning change, the first parcel of land facing Telegraph being zoned for commercial applications while the second zoned for residential housing. The first time the Freenys presented their plans to the City Council they were asked to revise the plans

to better fit the residential side which faced Ivy Street.

It was at the second City Council meeting where dissenting councilmembers believed the Freenys redesign did not go far enough.

"The plans looked fine for a building on Telegraph," said Cole. "But then you took a look at the building from the interior (neighborhood) side and it was plain that at three-stories among small single story homes it wasn't compatible."

In the suit, councilmembers Bill Fulton, Mike Tracy, Christy Weir, Brian Brennan and Carl Morehouse are accused of fraud, negligent misrepresentation and elder abuse as both the Freenys are over the age of 65. The \$1.85 million the Freenys are asking for would cover general and special damages including emotional distress, expenses and lost earning from a botched sale.

"I believe we have a winnable case," said James Devine, the Freenys' lawyer. "I wouldn't have taken this case if I didn't think that."

Two additional Ventura residents were also named in the suit.

"These two individuals made some hugely slanderous remarks and even attempted to bribe us," said Robert Freeny who believes the individuals were the direct cause of monetary loss for he and his wife. "They have a right to object to what we were doing, but we felt what they said was not protected speech."

Neither the Freenys nor Devine would elaborate on the alleged slanderous remarks.

Robert Freeny also pointed out the process for approval has been changed recently complaining the process they

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went through was ill-conceived and difficult, a complaint heard by a number of developers in the recent past.

"It was a bad process, we should have been able to go to the City Council first," said Robert Freeny. "We would have walked away at the beginning if that were the case for us."

The new process will have possibly controversial projects heard by the City Council before they enter the Planning Commission and the Design Review Committee process.

"It's a bit of a chicken and egg scenario," said Cole who noted the purpose to the Planning Commission and Design Review committee look and review projects on more specific and narrow issues than the council. "The old process was not completely rational, but the new process is not totally perfect either."

Rate Advisory Committee formed

A nine-member Rate Advisory Committee has been formed to provide community input on a new study of water and wastewater rate options and operational costs in Ventura. A series of public meetings will be held which began on Wednesday, October 12 and will run through January, 2012 to review the costs associated with protecting our environment and maintaining our water and wastewater systems, and to explore how water and wastewater rates are calculated and charged. Interested community members are encouraged to attend these meetings to become informed about the rate study and to participate in the public testimony process.

The meetings will be led by Raftelis Financial Consultants, a leader in the utility rate industry, at the Ventura Sanjon Maintenance Yard - Assembly Room, 336 Sanjon Road at 6pm.

All nine Rate Advisory Committee members are Ventura residents, and include: Alejandro Robles, recent college graduate; Clint Crowell, sustainability consultant; Damon Wing, environmental activist; Diane de Maily, local business owner; Don Mills, retired civil engineer; John Mundy, water industry manager; Marty Melvin, water conservation district executive; Robert McCord, retired attorney, and Irene Henry, insurance agent.

Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for November 16, December 14, and January 18 at the same time and location.

Ventura Water provides integrated water, wastewater and stormwater services to 109,000+ customers with 32,000 service connections. For more information about the study and meetings, visit www.cityofventura.net/water or call Ventura Water Customer Care at 667-6500.

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Photos must be taken within or directly adjacent to Ventura's city limits. Judging in November by photography professionals and community leaders will select which images best depict Ventura in six categories: Environment, Architecture, People Portraits, Community Life, Altered Images and Photo Voice. All participants are invited to a City Hall Bridge Gallery exhibit of winners in December and all entries are eligible to be featured in citywide publication of print and electronic media with photo credit.

Contact: Richard Newsham 658-4706 or rnewsham@cityofventura.net for more details.

Helen Yunker

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historical centennial magazine celebrating the City's founding in 1866. This commemorative magazine is in a time capsule at the entrance of City Hall and will be opened in the year 2066.

Helen Yunker Realty was established by Helen in 1979 and in 2003 the local county realtor association honored her with the "Inspiration Award of the Year" for her notable fight to preserve individual property rights which she continues to do even now in her 90s as a highly visible activist.

Honored and awarded by the County Board of Supervisors for her invaluable instrumental role in ushering in the underground utility Pierpont Improvement District, Helen was subsequently, in 2008, honored as the Girl Scouts' "Woman Of Distinction". In the same year she was summoned to Washington D.C. to receive the award of "Outstanding Supporter of Community Colleges" and was locally inducted into the Ventura College "Mary Gutherie Hall of Achievement". Later in 2008 Helen was selected by the American Red Cross for the "Clara Barton Award" recognizing her 50 year history of support.

Skilled nursing facility Mary Health of the Sick recently named a "Memory Garden" in honor of Helen Yunker's service and support over the past 30 years.

Her latest recognition is the City of Ventura 2010 "Mayor's Arts Award" noting Mark Of Excellence for her role in the support of the Arts.

Currently Helen sits on the Board of Ventura County Ballet Company (VCBC) and sat on the Ventura College Foundation Board for 13 years. She has been a major donor to Ventura College and the Rubicon Theater, both naming their auditoriums after her.

Botanical Garden

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together for a bit of exercise, explore the spectacular nature and views of Grant. VBG Board Members are available to answer your questions and provide background on the project. The Ventura Botanical Gardens is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a botanical garden for the twenty-first century.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sun protection, a bag for collecting litter along the way, and water. The next walk is Saturday, October 22.

To learn more, please visit www.venturabotanicalgardens.com and on Facebook.



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Rick Cole:

Thank you for finally getting the property behind the building at Olive and Main cleared of all the vagrant/transient crap. It was a real eye sore.

This property will not stay like this for long unless it is fenced off at both ends.

I am interested in knowing who actually cleaned this area up, plus whether you can require that it be fenced off to keep it from becoming a dumping ground for the vagrants again.

There is some interest in making this a garden like one individual did on lower

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ The Ventura City Council has voted 7-0 to “consider” accepting a \$2.3 million dollar government grant that would allow Fire Station No. 4 to re-open for 3 years. The station was shuttered because of lack of funds to keep it open.

The reason that the council is only “considering” accepting the money is that the grant would only cover about two-thirds of the cost of running the station for the 3 years which means the city would need to come up with about \$400,000 per year to keep it open.

The council was reluctant to approve this until they see where the \$400,000 would come from in the budget so they instructed City Manager Rick Cole to return to a future council meeting with a detailed report on what services might need to be cut to provide the \$400,000.00.

The Department of Homeland Security grant (what does this have to do with homeland security?) was applied for last year and awarded to the city in August. The council has until Nov. 6 to decide if they will accept the grant. I'm quite sure that they will find some way to come up with the funds to open the station.

■ In another important decision the council has finally agreed to proceed with all necessary agreements, insurance and steps to finally have our graffiti covered railroad trestle painted. The council voted 5-2 to accept an agreement with Union Pacific (that also involves Caltrans providing the necessary labor) to have this done.

Various steps will also be taken to attempt to keep future graffiti off of the trestle.

Many years of very tough negotiating has been necessary to get this accomplished because Union Pacific is just concerned about the structural

safety of their bridges and not much about what they look like because they have thousands that are covered with graffiti.

It will cost the city a one-time cost of about \$40,000 and an estimated \$50,000 per year to “attempt” to keep it clean according to Public Works Director Rick Raives.

Several council members who voted for it still expressed reservations about the “deal” but felt we should get what we can from Union Pacific and proceed. Mike Tracy and Neal Andrews voted against it.

Marie Lakin who participated in the negotiations while employed by former Assemblymember Pedro Nava said that “I firmly believe they (Union Pacific) want to be good neighbors. This agreement is not perfect but I believe that after sitting in on many long meetings it is the best that we can get.”

Even though many thought that this would be a good opportunity to make the trestle an art object it will be painted grey.

■ Recently a jury found 22-year-old Joshua Graham Packer guilty of assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury (a felony) in connection with a 2009 incident involving a female security guard at the Ventura County Medical Center. Sentencing is set for next week.

Packer who has committed many other crimes is, of course, waiting trial for the killings of Brock and Davina Husted at their Faria Beach home a few years ago. Prosecutors will be seeking the death penalty.

All of these misdemeanor and felony charges (and convictions) could be used against him at the murder trial.

■ VCCool, with support from local community organizations and businesses, is helping citizens understand the views of our 11 City Council Candidates by posting a televised live forum

which took place on October 4 at the WAV, and by posting a cross referenced Green Candidate Survey.

The links for both the 8 question survey, and the green forum can be viewed at www.VCCool.org

■ Just read where a new airplane that is only 3 feet long and weighs 8 pounds has been designed to fly into the eye of a hurricane to help improve intensity predictions. The article was sure to point out that the aircraft will be “unmanned”.

And I thought that 8” pilots were going to be flying it.

■ Former LA Dodger outfielder Milton Bradley has been arrested after allegedly swinging a bat at his wife during a domestic dispute. Police said that she was not struck with the bat so I assume that he was known for his fielding skills.

■ Only physicists/scientists could think like this (and people from a parallel universe), in recent findings at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) scientists think that subatomic particles called neutrinos hurtling from an accelerator at CERN from Geneva to Italy arrived too soon by 60 nanoseconds than they should have and may have proven that Einstein's theory that nothing can exceed the speed of light might be flawed.

To put this in “human” perspective 60 nanoseconds is .000000060 seconds (hope I didn't miss any zeros) and 1 nanosecond is to a second as 1 second is to 31.7 years (I knew that Albert was wrong).

Now if this really upsets you the neutrinos may have cheated. One skeptical scientist said that “It's possible that the neutrinos were traveling through different dimensions taking shortcuts from Geneva to Gran Sasso.”

If there is anything that I hate it is cheating neutrinos, just who can you trust these days (politicians)?

Mailbox

Seaward. Please let me know how this could be accomplished.

Murray Robertson
A Very Concerned Ventura Resident

Mr. Robertson:

We were able to clean out two such sites last week. I authorized a modest budget adjustment to provide the resources to ensure we continue to tackle areas that have become “entrenched” as camping areas for homeless individuals.

I appreciate the suggestion about fencing. We will look at such measures for keeping the area secure. A neighbor of yours, Sam Povar, has already approached the City about privately-funded improvements such as landscaping. I'm sure he'd welcome your assistance as well as your ideas.

For the public safety and welfare, it is important we not cede public spaces to makeshift homeless encampments. But with six million Californians living in poverty, additional parolees being released with no prospects for employment and a leaky safety net for enforcing the law or providing health and human services, we are well short of an effective and sustainable local strategy for dealing with the rising symptoms of lawlessness, anti-social behavior and appalling living conditions that we are seeing on our streets and byways.

I know the City Council views this as a high priority. I hope you can be part of

a community-wide effort that is needed to work on long-term solutions as well as short-term responses.

Rick Cole
City Manager, City of Ventura

Hello Breeze,

We certainly appreciate the coverage of the sand issue on Pierpont beach. However, I would appreciate you not assuming it was the homeowners. We have two tenants who live below us. One is in the construction business; unfortunately, he decided he was tired of cleaning up the sand on his deck and in his living room; and took it upon himself to have one of his employees move the sand.

I can assure you the homeowners on both Dover and Bangor Lanes were not involved. We are both aware it is a violation of the Law, and is counterproductive to all the hard work our Pierpont Community Council has been doing.
Respectfully,
Nia Kedward

Living in a gated community – not by choice

We have endured a chain provided by

the Ventura High School District and the City for the arbitrary closure of Palomar Ave for twelve years. Recently, the city replaced this chain with a very large heavy iron gate with large signs. This closure is completely unnecessary, due to the fact that the traffic flow has changed. This route is no longer used as a traffic shortcut to avoid the Poli Street closure. The closure of Palomar has long out-lived its need. The majority of residents in this area are not in favor of the Palomar closure. Emergency services for residents are in jeopardy. I personally have seen emergency vehicles forced to turn around and find another route to their emergency.

The city council should definitely reconsider their action on this project – unfortunately, after spending \$85,000 to \$200,000 of your tax money on this unnecessary expenditure. In addition to the initial expense, add the on-going expense of 1 or 2 school employees to open and close this heavy gate every school day.

It would be wise for the council to make better decisions with re-election around the corner.

Billye and Bill Thieman
Ventura

For this is the journey that men make: to find themselves. If they fail in this, it doesn't matter much what else they find.

–James A. Michener



News and Notes



Venturan Maria Bucaro knows all about bankruptcy and now she wants to teach you

Book author delivers message of hope after bankruptcy

by Mira Reverente

"It's not the end and it should not define you," said Maria Bucaro, author of the recently released book "Bankruptcy Into Abundance."

Bucaro knows all about bankruptcy, having filed for bankruptcy herself 25 years ago but she refused to let it define her.

"It just means you can't pay your bills for the meantime," said the Ventura book author, debunking the stigma.

Around the US, about 4,200 people file for bankruptcy everyday, according to Bucaro. California is one of the top states in bankruptcy filings.

Bucaro remembers all the pre-bankruptcy events in her life with clarity: living in Colorado, losing her job, her now ex-husband also losing his job, raising two young children and filing for bankruptcy.

There is another kind of bankruptcy that does not get addressed as often. "There's emotional bankruptcy too," she said.

"Many divorces stem from financial issues," she said, speaking from her own experience.

The financial turmoil that ensued was classic, and so was the emotional roller coaster. How she turned things around is not.

Fate intervened and brought the

airline industry within Bucaro's radar. "I realized that several people had no clue on how to get jobs in the airline industry," she said of the rare opportunity that presented itself.

Through diligent research, Bucaro put together a how-to manual on how to get employed in the airline industry and had it printed with the help of a neighbor. Soon after, she was operating her own business, overseeing a staff of over a hundred employees and recovering financially.

"It was overwhelming at first," said Bucaro of the turn of events. "It was a devastating time but I decided that it didn't have to be that way for a long time."

This message of hope is what she wants to impart in her book and in an upcoming boot camp in Ventura. Bucaro also wants to give people tools to help them navigate through life and achieve abundance.

"Maybe I can also help change some belief systems that may be weighing people down," she said.

Bucaro will also tackle bankruptcy red flags and how to recognize them. "If you're paying for groceries using a credit card and you can't pay that off when the bill comes – that's a red flag," she

said, giving a glimpse of a checklist she's planning to share with attendees.

Special guests Lida Martin and Randy Boring will also walk participants through yoga, breathing and meditation exercises.

A huge believer in self-actualization, positive energy and gratitude, Bucaro hopes more people will also pick up those positive attributes and turn their lives around.

"Our thoughts create our life," she said. "You can live your life by design."

The Bankruptcy Into Abundance Boot Camp will take place on Saturday, October 29 at the Ventura TowneHouse. For more information or to register, please visit: www.bankruptcy-into-abundance.com

Disaster preparedness education and training

by Kris McDonald

Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

Ventura City Fire Department is providing no-cost disaster preparedness education and training to local residents through a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. CERT is a program of Citizen Corps, an approach by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to involve citizens in emergency preparedness, and is funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Ventura City was the first in the County to initiate this course in the 1990s, and grant funding is now available to bring back this valuable curriculum.

CERT training provides the basic response skills needed to assist others in the neighborhood or the workplace during a major disaster. These skills prove critical to the safety of our community as a whole when such an event does occur. During a large-scale event, professional responders will not be able to meet the overwhelming demand for service, and the citizens will be needed to assist each other. At the conclusion of training, CERT students will be well prepared to take care of themselves, their families, and their community.

CERT students will receive approximately 20 hours of hands-on training from the Fire Department and other professionals in emergency management. The training provided includes,

but is not limited to, disaster and emergency preparedness, fire safety and suppression, disaster medical triage and treatment, light search and rescue, organization and team management, and disaster psychology. At the end of the course there is a live disaster simulation drill, after which graduates receive a starter kit and a certificate verifying their training. Additional training opportunities, continuing education, and periodic refresher drills are also being provided.

Classes are held twice each year, one in Spring and one in Fall. Ventura residents of all abilities, 18 years of age or older, are welcome to attend. School staff, workplace employees, scouting organizations and other similar groups that are committed to serve our community are also encouraged to enroll.

The ability to assist your neighbors and co-workers during a disaster, or any type of emergency, no matter how small, is an important skill. Are you ready?

More information on the CERT program is available on our City website at cityofventura.net/fire/emergencyprep/cert. If you are interested in attending please call (658-4717) to reserve your spot for this valuable training.

You can also visit Ventura City Fire Department online at facebook.com/venturacityfire and youtube.com/VenturaCityFD.

Channel Islands Harbor held groundbreaking

Channel Islands Harbor and the County of Ventura held a groundbreaking ceremony for the highly anticipated Boating Instruction and Safety Center on October 14. The event was held in the Channel Islands Harbor with the ceremony beginning at 1:30.

This project has been in the works for years and has received help from a number of private donations, grants and revenues. Construction is projected to be completed in October 2012 and upon that completion the center will include classrooms, locker rooms, showers, conference rooms, indoor and outdoor boat storage and an ADA dock. There will also be a range of exhibits on boating and the marine environment.

The Boating Instruction and Safety Center will be managed by CSU Channel Islands and will provide public education opportunities and University recreation programs.

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"Christy epitomizes the spirit of public service. She is incredibly responsive to the people and involved in many grassroots efforts. If you contact her about an issue, you can count on her to listen and do her best to resolve it."

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"Christy understands what it takes to keep Main Street vibrant and special. In tough economic times, we especially need leadership to not compromise the foundation which keeps Ventura unique."

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"One of the great strengths of Christy Weir is the balance that she maintains between the environment and our economy. Christy has forever been an advocate for our urban forest and our hillsides but has also been an important supporter of our economy with her presence on the Visitors and Convention Bureau board."

– Ed Wehan, City of Ventura Parks & Recreation Commissioner



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News and Notes



CAPS is sharing their vision with Ventura kids

CAPS digital storytelling and teamwork

by Elizabeth Rodeno
Project Coordinator

CAPS has launched our Digital Storytelling programs in several Ventura schools. Our Digital Storytelling programs have been around for over 5 years. We are sharing our vision with the kids at DeAnza Academy middle school and at Montalvo Elementary. These first few weeks they are working in teams of 4 to create a story and script. It's great to see the kids excited about creating their own story. They are using techniques such as brainstorming to shape their ideas. There is a primary writer in each group who assembles everyone's ideas. Last week one young writer was walking and writing as he left the class. The students have begun to storyboard their shots. It's a series of frames where kids draw pictures of how and what they will see in each shot. It is great tool that is used in every motion picture and television show. It can also turn into a lucrative career.

Next up is learning how to use the camera. For those techies, we are using Panasonic HMC-150's. The HMC-150 is an excellent HD digital camera with lots of capabilities. We use it out in the field to cover many events. The kids think all the buttons are cool and love looking through the lens. Just wait until they get to view the scenes they shoot.

The kids are deciding who wants to be the director, cameraperson and editor, though they will all try their hand at it. They get an opportunity to work in each department, including costuming, set design, locations and of course, act.

Digital Storytelling is about telling a story, but one can't do it alone. You need a team. One of the greatest things I learned while making movies in Hollywood was the importance of good teamwork. These skills will help these great kids create and produce their films for CAPS. In the long run it will help them in all their pursuits.

At the end of the 7 session class the students will screen their films for their parents, teachers and friends. We will run the films on CAPS Channel 6 and stream them on our website.

We launch a similar program with the Boys and Girls Club of Ventura in Saticoy the first of the year and are looking to expand even further. It is

important to all of us at CAPS to teach and facilitate young and old in the skill of Digital Storytelling. It is our hope that by exposing the youth to the possibilities they will share them with friends and family and inspire others to share their story.



Denise Wise is the new CEO of the Housing Authority of Ventura

Denise Wise new CEO at Housing Authority

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura has appointed Denise Wise as their new Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Wise brings with her 25 years of experience in both the public and private sectors as a banker and developer, and most recently as the executive director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

"Speaking on behalf of myself and the entire board, we are very excited to have Denise as our new CEO," said John Polansky, Chair of the Board of Commissioners. "She has a strong history of working collaboratively with housing authority residents and stakeholders. I know once she begins her appointment, that the city, its officials and its residents will be equally excited."

Ms. Wise's starting annual salary will be \$150,000 and she will receive a relocation allowance of up to \$15,000.

The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura has served the needs of low income residents since 1949. The agency prides itself in providing decent, safe and affordable housing to approximately 2,000 low and moderate income families in the City of Ventura.

Soroptimists International of Ventura awards grants

SIA Ventura, a women's service club focused on helping women and girls, raises money throughout the year for the purpose of providing two scholarships annually and making a number of additional awards to community organizations and others. For the 2010-2011 Club year, the members awarded the Violet Richardson Scholarship to Sarah Ortiz of Ventura High. The Woman's Opportunity Award went to Kari Kohn of Ventura. In addition, the following grants were made \$500 to the VCCF Women's Legacy Fund; \$1,000 to the SI Ventura Woods/Nagel Scholarship



Ventura ophthalmologist, Bryant Lum, M.D., who has a private practice at Pacific Surgery Center, recently participated in the 5th Annual Surgical Eye Expedition (SEE) International MSICS training in Santa Barbara, to learn skills needed to treat cataracts, the major cause of blindness worldwide, in international humanitarian medical settings. Lum is a volunteer or "affiliate" surgeon with SEE International.

administered by the VCCF and awarded to a woman pursuing a health care career; \$1,500 to Project Understanding for their Eviction Prevention Program, to be targeted at single mothers; \$500 to go to Tender Life Maternity Home for their needs; \$500 to Caregivers for the needs of senior women; and \$500 to the Day Springs School in Uganda to support the attendance of girls there.

At their luncheon meeting in August, members were privileged to have as guests two grant recipients who spoke briefly about their programs and the assistance provided by the SI Ventura grants. Judy Alexandre, President of the Board of Project Understanding, and George Muzaale of Day Springs School in Uganda.



Family Functions

by Kim Pagano

As we examine ourselves and members of our family, it's interesting to see who is functioning and who is just getting through life existing. When life gets out of hand how do we reel a family member back in that has moved out of the family circle?

We are taught to grow up and learn to fly on our own, we are told we need the support of our family, and yet when we get in so deep, our family is the first we throw to the side. Why? Are we ashamed of who we are, what we've done, or are we afraid that they can influence our decisions? Dysfunctional families is heard more often. Many of us don't want to admit that we have members of our family that might have chosen a

different path, at least not the path that we had dreamt for them, Ahh... Let's start there! We need to release the idea that we have "control" of our loved ones, and realize that we can only have control of ourselves. How do we change?

Start by continuously filling your own cup.

Many of you might ask yourself how. Start by investing in yourself.

What does functioning mean to you?

Are you loving yourself or setting an example of living your dream, or are you the one that is worrying about everyone else and never looking in the mirror at your own habits?

Is it important for you to be happy all the time, to be living a full life? If all you do is go to work and don't have a personal life, does that make you happy? Do you have long time friends, or is it hard to keep relationships? Today take a look at your relatives and love them for who they are, not how they live their life, because in the end we all are on our own journey. So make it a good one!

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

Boys and Girls Club

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reception that also includes samples from the award-winning Ventura Limoncello, live and silent auctions, gourmet dining and entertainment. Todd Ventura of "Poor Richard Press" will again be the evening's auctioneer. The Silent Auction features over 200 items.

All funds raised by the auction benefit the on-going programs for the over 3,500 kids and families served at the five Boys & Girls Club of Ventura sites in Ventura, Oak View and Saticoy. The Club has a non-discrimination policy on the basis of race, religion, culture, gender, sexual orientation or for financial consideration.

For additional information, to donate auction items or make reservations (individual tickets are \$125 each) contact Leilani Schlick at leilanis@bgclubventura.org; call 641-5585 or check the website at www.bgclubventura.org.



News and Notes



An oyster a day might keep state beach open

Helping save McGrath State Beach Park

by Ana Baker

The Jolly Oyster is an amazing trailer that specializes in Manila clams, Kumamoto and Pacific oysters which are farm raised in Baja, California. Owner Mark Reynolds and his crew Mark Wallin and Cecilia Jimenez take the time to educate people about the delicious clams and oysters that they offer. Located inside San Buenaventura State Beach, the main entry gate is at San Pedro Street and Pierpont Boulevard. Visitors can walk or bike in at no charge. The Jolly Oyster has three 20-minute parking spaces to accommodate customers picking up shellfish to take home. Hanging out for the day, parking is \$10 per car. Open daily from 11 a.m. to sunset.

The Jolly Oyster is trying to raise money to keep McGrath State Park

open. The goal is to raise \$10,000. If the goal is met, a drawing will be made from the list of participants with prizes ranging from a \$250 gift certificate to the Jolly Oyster, a free day use parking to all Channel Coast District State Parks for one year. Visit "The Jolly Oyster" and "SAVE McGrath State Beach" on Face book and "like" them to be eligible for drawing.

Order 1 dozen (or more!) Kumamoto oysters for \$14.40 and tell them "Ranger Jelly sent me", and \$4.40 will be donated to the McGrath Contingency Fund in efforts to keep the park open.

Mark Reynolds can be reached at 798-4945 or www.thejollyoyster.com for more information about helping save McGrath State Beach.

Photo contest winner



The photo contest from our last issue proves, once again how smart our readers are.

Hi:

You folks are terrific! The rock in the photo contest is the John McWherter Park rock at the corner of Poli and Seaward Streets next to the Larrabee Stadium! Mayor McWherter helped our schools a lot by donating United States flags for Flag Day and as teachers we always appreciated Mayor McWherter and his generous organizations! Thank you for a fun time with your paper!

Dorothy Jue Lee

Community Events

Annual spaghetti dinner

The Ventura Downtown Lions Club is holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in O'Brien Hall at Holy Cross School, behind the San Buenaventura Mission, 211 Main St.

Tickets are \$8.00 per person. Choose from meat or marinara sauces...eat in or take out. The Cottage Home Foundation is manning the dessert table and there will be live music throughout the evening to add to your dining pleasure.

Bring the whole family!

Proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner will be donated to benefit the community through Project Understanding, the Fred W. Smith Education Foundation, Turning Point and the LCIF Sight First II program. All funds generated from the sale of the delicious desserts support the Cottage Home Foundation, established in 1969, and dedicated to keeping displaced siblings together. The Ventura Downtown Lions Club foster home is the only one in the United States created and supported by a local Lions Club. Since its inception more than 400 children have been sheltered and nurtured by the Cottage Home staff and volunteers.

The Ventura Downtown Lions Club has 120 members and meets the first three Thursdays of the month at 12:00 noon in the Derby Club. For more information or to get involved with the Ventura Downtown Lions Club, please call 655-5595, visit www.venturalions.org.

Ventura events

1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays: The Ventura Buddhist Meditation Group meets from 6 -8 PM, at Ventura Avenue Adult Center, 550 N. Ventura Ave. They focus on sitting meditation in the Buddhist tradition of Soto Zen. Newcomers welcome: instruction available at 5:30 PM. No fee; donations accepted. For more info 254-241-6102, or pmbt@pinemtnbuddhisttemple.org.

Oct. 17: A meeting of Zeta Chi, the local unit of the **National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP)**, will be held Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Topping Room of the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main St.

Tina Pedotti, a member of the Zeta Chi Unit from Santa Barbara, will be the lesson leader for the meeting. Topic: "Order of Business" and "How to Conduct a Meeting." Discussion follows the Leader's presentation.

For further information on the Zeta Chi Unit please contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or sandy108@pacbell.net. If you wish further information on the meeting call 644-8184.

Oct. 23: In 1911, California women won the right to vote, 9 years before the national suffrage battle was won. California was the sixth state in the nation, all western states, to approve such a measure. Please join in on Sunday afternoon, at the Museum of Ventura County to celebrate the centennial of the vote on a referendum in October 1911 granting this right. There will be light refreshments, en-

tertainment, authentic music of the day and a slide presentation on the history of this historic achievement, "100th Anniversary of the Women's Vote in the Golden State", by Beverly Kelley, PhD, Professor of Communications at Cal Lutheran.

Oct. 26: Ventura Center for Spiritual Living is holding a workshop titled "Let's Talk" on Wednesday from 7pm-9pm. The workshop will be held at the Ventura Center for Spiritual Living located at 101 S. Laurel St.

The workshop will be facilitated by Debbie Ringen, RN, MSN, FCN, and is sponsored by Circle of Blessings of VCSL, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, Ventura.

Some workshop features include: having open and honest communication with your family and physician about your needs and wishes, options when faced with a serious illness and home healthcare.

For more information or questions please contact Karen Hillman at 231-5791 or Judy Pando at 647-4511 or visit www.venturacsl.org.

Oct. 29: The Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters present the annual **Day of the Dead Dead/Halloween Celebration** with Doug "Karosene Cal" Friedlander puppets, traditional crafts and treats on Saturday, at 1pm at the Olivas Adobe Historical Park, Olivas Park Dr.

Admission is free for all ages, costumes are optional and our cantina will be open.

Oct. 29: The ChannelAire chorus invites you to join in a **Halloween show** and evening of fun for the entire family. There will be singing, dancing, games, costume and safe fun for the entire family. At the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3452 Foothill Rd. From 6-9pm.

ChannelAire Chorus is an award winning women's chorus who sing in the barber shop style. ChannelAire Chorus and StillWater Band are joining together to present a truly fun, music and game filled evening for the entire family. Admission: \$10.00. Family Fun for All Ages

Nov. 3&4: Community Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary **Annual Holiday Boutique Sale** will be held on Thursday and Friday, in the Hospital's 8th floor auditorium. Many Auxiliary volunteers have crafted and baked specialty items. There will be numerous vendors with a variety of products also. All event profits go directly back to Community Memorial Hospital which is the only non-profit hospital in our area. We invite all of you to come, shop and enjoy their efforts.

Nov. 5: A Night of Persian Music and Culture will be celebrated at Temple Beth Torah on Saturday starting at 6:30p.m. Tickets will include cocktail, hors d'oeuvres, and fine Persian cuisine. Tickets are available at: Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Road, please call 647-4181 for tickets. This is a special event and tickets are limited.

Entertainers include "New Century Voices"; Bahram Osqueza-deh, Composer/ Santur; Alireza Shah-mohamadi; Houman Pourmehdi, Drummer; Katherine Saxon, Choir Director; and other professional Persian singers.

Persian immigrants or residents of all denominations are welcome to this unique event.



Community Events

Third Thursday each month: Ventura High School men's club meets at the 4 Points Sheraton at 11:30. For 1940, 1950 and 1960 graduates. A great get together. Call C. Darryl Struth (class of 1956) for more information 644-6211.

Nov. 5: Order Tickets Now! The New Directions Veterans Choir bring their award-winning a cappella music to Ventura performing soul, traditional gospel and popular music. This is a not-to-be-missed evening!

Doors Open 6PM—Concert 6:30PM, Refreshments 7:45-9PM, \$20 Advance Tickets / \$30 Door (sell-out anticipated)

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/199608>. Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura—5654 Ralston Steet.

Proceeds from this evening benefit the on-going work of Lift Up Your Voice! - a grassroots project building a diverse coalition to end homelessness in Ventura.

Nov. 5: Through the partnership of the San Buenaventura Conservancy and Father Tom Elewaut, the new Archdiocese Administrator, the public will have a rare opportunity to literally walk through the Ventura architectural history of the **San Buenaventura Mission**, On Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 10 AM to 2 PM

Step through time to experience never before seen Spanish revival interiors. Rediscover the time warp that is the Hotel Washington. Go back to school in the era of the Little Rascals at the Holy Cross School. See the copper baptismal basin from the era of Father Serra.

Tickets available at the door (Historic stairs are involved, wear comfy shoes!) \$20.00 Per Person \$10.00 Conservancy Members

Nov. 6: A Flea Market and Collectibles Faire, the Abbott & Costello's famous Who's on First broadcast of April 17, 1947 and 1916 to 1921 recordings of soprano Lotte Lehmann will be featured in the Dudley House historic recording and old time radio series during the Dudley House open house on November 6. The house will be open 1pm to 4pm with the flea market and collectibles faire beginning at 9AM. The newly planted Lavender Garden is also now available. Admission is free. The Dudley House is located at the corner of Ashwood and Loma Vista in Ventura. Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house, call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

Ojai events

The **Ojai Film Festival** will be welcoming award-winning filmmakers and actors this weekend at the Ojai Arts Center, October 20 - 23, with ongoing screenings, workshops and panels in Ojai's downtown venues. The Ojai Film Festival will present its signature Gold Coast Screenings of regional filmmakers, as well as the admission-free, opening night, outdoor Community Screening of South Pacific, with a rare appearance by the film's star Mitzi Gaynor, as the iconic Ensign Nellie Forbush. Both Gaynor and famed cinematographer Owen Roizman are receiving Lifetime Achievement

Awards. There will also be a comprehensive Actors Workshop for area actors hoping to hone their acting skills. More Festival details at www.ojaifilmfestival.com or stop by The Ojai Arts Center.

Come join the second annual open house at **Ojai Raptor Center's** new Rehabilitation Center at 370 Baldwin Rd. on Nov. 5 from noon-4pm.

Since the Center will not be open to the public, (rehabilitating birds are very sensitive, and require very little contact with people) this is a unique opportunity to see the vision for Ventura County's leading Rehabilitation Center.

Ojai Raptor Center is dedicated to the rehabilitation and release of birds of prey and all wildlife and to providing educational programs to teach about raptors and our shared environment

Hawks, eagles, and owls will be on hand to greet the guests on this wonderful afternoon. 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. ORC takes in over 1,400 native birds annually from the Tri County area, focusing on birds of prey (raptors) many of which are released back to the wild.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *The Tree of Life*. Winner of the 2011 Palme d'Or award at Cannes, *The Tree of Life* is the impressionistic story of a 1950s Texas family that primarily follows the life journey of the eldest son Jack as he seeks answers to the origin and meaning of life. With stunning photography, a gorgeous soundtrack and solid performances, this Terence Malick film is a masterpiece.

The film is 2 hours, 19 minutes long and rated PG-13. Screening is at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave. Info: www.ojaifilmsociety.org or 646-8946

On **Sunday, Nov. 6**, at 1pm at the Ojai Library; 111 E. Ojai Ave. Taro Wayama and Thomas Foster will be performing.

Soloist and chamber musician Taro Wayama has performed in Japan, Thailand, Canada and the US. He is the winner of numerous competitions and performs music from the Renaissance through the 20th century including folk and world music. Wayama won first place in the 2003 Aron Green American String Teachers Association Guitar Competition and second place in the Thailand International Guitar Competition.

The **Ojai Valley Green Coalition** invites you to a water saving presentation and book signing by Nate Downey, author of "Harvest the Rain-How to Enrich Your Life by Seeing Every Storm as a Resource", at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Chaparral Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave.

Downey, a permaculture expert, will explain how doing the smart thing ecologically can be easy and a no-brainer for each and everyone out there. His book is filled with doable projects and ideas that can fit into anyone's busy schedule. Downey will share eco-information on everything. There will be a \$2 suggested donation at the door. For additional information call 669-8445 or go to www.ojavalleygreencoalition.org or to www.harvesttherain.com

Taking Care Of Business And The Planet?



Nominate your favorite eco-friendly company, or your own business for the

2011 Environmental Excellence Award

A recognition of businesses that go beyond day-to-day practices to protect the environment.

Nomination forms are available online and will be accepted through October 28th.

For more information visit www.cityofventura.net or contact Courtney Lindberg at 805-667-6502

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Doing good business can and should include doing what's right to protect the planet

Until **Dec. 31**, the **Ojai Valley Museum** opens its 4th annual art exhibit featuring a wide variety of media. The judges selecting the prize-winners for OCA IV are: Anca Colbert, art world professional; Theodore Gall, international sculptor; William Hendricks, professional photographer/professor.

For additional information call the museum at 640-1390 - ext 203, or visit the museum website at: <http://www.ojaivalleymuseum.org>

On **Saturday, Oct. 22**, from 8-10pm Ventura County's newest Improv group hits the stage with more hilarious improvisational comedy. They have been reviewed as "Uncensored and spirited," "I can't believe they went there," "I laughed from beginning to end," "An emotional colonic." PG-13. \$10.00 at The Dome at Soul Centered, 311 N. Montgomery. 640-8222 or www.ojaiimprovgroup.com

Venturan elected to state post on land use

Louis Cunningham, chairman of a county panel overseeing land use issues, has been elected to a state position. Cunningham has been elected to the executive board of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions at the group's annual conference. In 2000 he joined Ventura County's Local Agency Formation Commission. He is a retired facilities director for the Oxnard Union High School District and has run for Ventura City Council.



VPD officer takes his life

It is with profound sadness in announcing that on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at approximately 3:30 a.m. Ventura Police Officer Ricky Payne lost his life as a result of injuries sustained from a self inflicted gunshot wound.

Officer Payne had been an officer with the VPD since 2007 and previously worked as a Cadet with the department from 2005 to 2007. Officer Payne is survived by his father, Ventura Police Department Sergeant Rick Payne, mother Kathy, and sister Jennifer.

Prior to his suicide the police department had learned of a possible allegation of misconduct by Officer Payne. As is protocol, the department cannot comment on a confidential personnel matter.

Funeral services will be held on Friday October 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., in the gymnasium at Santa Clara High School located at 2121 Saviers Rd. in Oxnard.

It's cake-and-candles time again!

Wow, another year of publishing the Ventura Breeze has passed, quite amazing and wonderful for the Breeze and for Ventura as we start our fifth year.

When daughter Staci and I decided to launch Ventura's only local community based newspaper four years ago we didn't know what to expect or how it would be accepted in the community.

The acceptance of the paper has been simply wonderful and overwhelming.

There are just so many people that I want to thank: my incredibly dedicated and extremely hard working staff, our wonderful writers, distribution folks, photographers, studioNothing, our printer and our advertising advisers (that is the correct spelling by the way).

And especially wife Diane for still putting up with me working seven days a week and going out so much to all of the wonderful events that are being presented in Ventura (they just keep growing).

Thanks to Professor Scamp for always being there for us, for his always interesting articles; he still doesn't know that he is famous so he still works for treats, dog food and being treated as if he owns the place (actually not bad pay).

Our readership just keeps growing and our readers continue to tell us that they love reading the Breeze either by a wonderful phone call, or I am stopped in the street by strangers, or by receiving an email letting me know how much the paper is loved, read and appreciated and how wonderful it is that Ventura finally has a local newspaper just serving Ventura. A very special thanks to all of you readers.

Sheldon Brown
Publisher

PS: Exciting news Staci is back from Colorado and you will be hearing from (and seeing) her again



Why, oh why?

WHY DID WE decide to publish a local, community-based newspaper in San Buenaventura?

Well, we did it for very personal reasons. We moved here from Los Angeles about seven years ago. We loved the unique, small-town atmosphere and sense of community, which was so very different from the urban sprawl of the cold, impersonal metropolis we'd left behind. We looked forward to becoming involved in community events and local activities, the kind of lifestyle you associate with smaller, coastal communities. This, however, has not been the

case. Why? Because we don't have a community newspaper.

We realize, of course, that there are two other papers that are distributed in Ventura, but feel that while they do a fine job of serving the entire population of 800,000 and 1,700 square miles of Ventura County we needed a newspaper that serves our 22 square miles and our population of 106,000.

We often stroll past a local event and don't have a clue what it is. Shops open and close without us ever knowing about them. New restaurants and bars hold grand openings we would

have attended—had we been aware of them. Local news just isn't easily accessible.

Most small cities have a local community newspaper. It's about time that Ventura had one also. That is why we are launching the Ventura Breeze. With a few exceptions, we will only publish articles and information relevant to our city.

Thank you for reading the first edition of the Ventura Breeze. We welcome your feedback and hope that you'll find it to be a very enjoyable and valuable resource for many years to come.

SHELDON BROWN, *Publisher*



Sheldon Brown
Publisher

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal Saturday, October 29th

2 Locations in Ventura:
Ventura Police Department
1425 Dowell Dr.
Westside Resource Center
110 N. Olive St. Unit K

The Hours of Drop Off Are
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Scott Miller

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Scott Miller arrived in Ventura on February 13, 1980 to begin his job as a Harbor Patrol Officer at the Ventura Port District. Over his 31-year career, he has held many titles, including Operations Manager in 1999 and Harbormaster in November 2005. A quick Internet search reveals, "The Harbor Patrol is headed by "Harbor Master" G. Scott Miller, a very nice guy, who along with his entire staff, go out of their way to help you out." Hokey as that may sound, Scott is very proud of that description. As a Special District with very little tax income, the Port District is completely dependent on the success of its lessees for its financial viability. As such it is run much more as a Private Sector Company than as a Public Sector Agency. The emphasis is always on providing exceptional public service.

Born in Michigan, he was raised with a "Midwestern work ethic" which served him well as he put himself through Long Beach State working as an ocean lifeguard in summers and working fast food the rest of the year. He finished college with two teaching credentials in 1976, a time when there were few teaching jobs available, so he worked as a Naturalist at Orange and Marin County Outdoor Schools. He loved the work, but says "That is not a job, it's a lifestyle. I burned out on the lifestyle one week later and was hired by the Port District the next. I have never looked back."

Scott lives in Ojai with his wife of fifteen years, Georgeanne. She has three children, but Scott says, "We have eleven grandchildren because they were all born on my watch." All vacations lead to Michigan to visit the children, grandchildren and the siblings that both Scott and G have

living in the Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo areas. Three times the couple took the "Long Way Home" by driving, pulling their pop-up camper enjoying the trip as much as the destination.

Scott describes the job of Harbor Master as, "wearing many hats and solving problems." In addition to being in charge of the Harbor Patrol, his job description includes HR, IT, and assisting the General Manager. He often says, "There is nothing at the Port District that isn't part of my job." The parts he enjoys most are "getting the difficult DONE" and "taking a negative situation and turning it into a positive outcome." It is that "can do/will do" attitude that makes him a "Face of Ventura".

We asked him what he likes most about Ventura?

The location: Living in Ojai and working in Ventura allows me to begin and end my day in the beautiful Ojai Valley surrounded by our unspoiled mountains and see the ocean every day. I have the best office view in the world: On a daily basis, I can watch pelicans dive, sea lions float and occasionally our local school of dolphins will swim below my office. Hiking, cycling are available right outside my door, driving up or down the coast or through the Santa Clara River Valley are all a delight.

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

It was like being on a delightful first date with a woman who had left her glasses at home. We had very comfortable conversation as she kept squinting at me. Never did figure out if she was trying to get me into focus or out of focus. Ultimately, it didn't matter; I would have called her for a second date anyway.



Captain Bill Finley



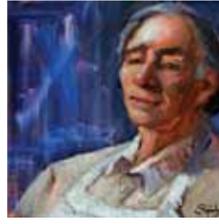
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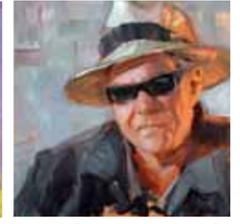
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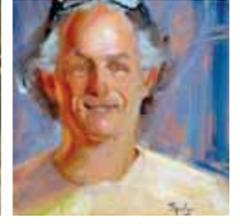
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Mark Hartley

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

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

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



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

When mental illness becomes an emergency, Part 2

by Tim Pompey

While the individual undergoes this two-week treatment, more assessment takes place, more questions are asked. Do they have access to a psychiatrist? Will they take medication? Are they willing to comply with treatment? Are they willing to socialize? Do they respond to different types of therapy? Are they willing to work with their doctor to develop a viable discharge plan?

While under treatment, they may also be referred to the County's STAR program. If they are enrolled in the STAR program, the patient will have access to various County behavioral health services.

By law, the patient also receives a 5250 court hearing (called a certification hearing) in which a judge pro temp, a judicial assistant, a court reporter, and a public defender meet at the hospital where the patient is confined and hold a hearing for that individual. "The patient has a right to a court hearing," said Tina Coates, an attorney and Patient and Client Advocate for Ventura County Behavioral Health. "If they choose to attend that court hearing, then they will have an opportunity to interact with the judge and explain why they should be released."

Under a 5150 and 5250, the maximum a person can be involuntarily detained is 17 days. Prior to the end of the detention, if the treating psychiatrist feels the person is still gravely disabled and would have difficulty in providing food, clothing and shelter for themselves, the treating psychiatrist will make a referral to the Public Guardian's office indicating that the individual

would benefit from a conservatorship. "The public guardian can sign for medications and determine where a person can live," said Coates.

During this time, the public guardian will work to find a family member who would be willing and able to serve as the person's conservator, or, barring that, the conservator will seek to place them in a safe environment (such as a board and care) in the community.

If the person continues to be gravely disabled, they can remain under the public guardian's care for another year. If the individual under treatment wants to be released from their conservatorship prior to the one year period, they can request a rehearing through their attorney.

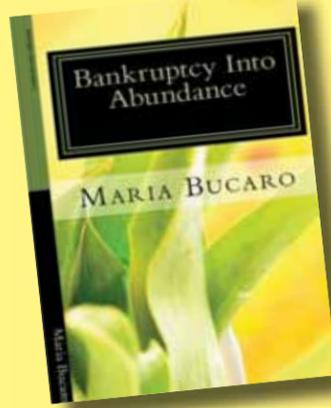
After one year, if the person continues to remain gravely disabled, the public guardian can petition to continue treatment for another year, and beyond that, annually, if deemed necessary. If the individual contests the appointment of a conservator, they have the right to request a court trial.

It's important to note that the door remains open for discharge. It all depends on an individual's response to treatment and their willingness to care for themselves. But for many of these individuals, survival, even after discharge, depends on maintaining some type of support system and treatment. "The decisions we take for granted," said Coates, "other people may need some additional support, some extra help and structure during this time in their lives to help them recover and return to a more healthy state of living."



Briana Gutter, Masters Graduate in Communication Studies, and friend were volunteers at the 2011 California Beer Festival which was a very large success drawing over 4,000 people who enjoyed the beer (of course), much food and entertainment.

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Drug forum held

A free community forum hosted by CAHF (CA. Association of Health Facilities, Channel Islands Chapter), and the Extended Learning Academy (ELA) on the issue of potential prescription drug abuse in nursing homes was held on September 29 as a part of the ongoing Community Education Series for the Ventura Community held at the Ventura Townhouse, 4900 Telegraph Road.

A panel of experts and professionals in the field addressed the issue of process

and whether or not drug abuse is fact or fiction. They included Dr. Valvetti, Dr. Jerry Bruns, Norma Featherson, RN, MS Area Director, Ventura County Alzheimer's Association, Jocelyn Montgomery of CAHF, Andrew Whitman, attorney, Debbie Herrera, NP, APRN-BC, and Rick Damato, PharmD.

The forum was moderated by Suz Montgomery, Executive Director Extended Learning Academy.

Free classes

Diabetes classes will be held at Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association, 2996 Eastman Ave, #101 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 on November 1. Learn about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, diet, medication, exercise and blood sugar monitoring, plus an individualized plan of care will be emphasized. For information call 642-0239, ext 723.



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Senior Living

Senior Cone-nection

So when are you really a "senior?"

by Nanci Cone

It used to be that as people got older, they looked forward to being eligible for "the early bird special. As the "boomers" have aged, they are now being treated to discounts wherever they go. The one thing I've noted; however, is that no one seems to know what age defines "senior" so here's a helpful guide to some of the discounts available.

Restaurants

- Arby's:** 10% off (55+)
- Ben & Jerry's:** 10% off (60+)
- Burger King:** 10% off (60+)
- Chick-Fil-A:** 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
- Chili's:** 10% off (55+)
- Denny's:** 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55+)
- Hardee's:** \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
- IHOP:** 10% off (55+)
- Jack in the Box:** up to 20% off (55+)
- KFC:** free small drink with any meal (55+)
- Marie Callender's:** 10% (60+)
- McDonald's:** discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
- Mrs. Fields:** 10% off at participating locations (60+)
- Subway:** 10% off (60+)
- Taco Bell:** 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
- Wendy's:** 10% off (55+)

Retail and Apparel

- Big Lots:** 10% off
- Goodwill:** 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Hallmark:** 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Kmart:** 20% off (50+)
- Kohl's:** 15% off (60+)
- Rite Aid:** 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
- Ross:** 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
- The Salvation Army Thrift Stores:** up to 50% off (55+)

Travel

- Alaska Airlines:** 10% off (65+)
- Alamo:** up to 25% off for AARP members
- American, Continental, Southwest, United Airlines, U.S. Airways:** various discounts for 65+
- Amtrak:** 15% off (62+)
- Avis & Hertz:** up to 25% off for AARP members
- Best Western:** 10% off (55+)
- Budget Rental Cars:** 10% off; up to 20% off for AARP members (50+)
- Comfort Inn:** 20%-30% off (60+)
- Dollar Rent-A-Car:** 10% off (50+)
- Econo Lodge:** 20%-30% off (60+)
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car:** 5% off for AARP members
- Greyhound:** 5% off (62+)
- Hampton Inns & Suites:** 10% off when booked 72 hours in advance
- Holiday Inn:** 10%-30% off depending on location (62+)
- Hyatt Hotels:** 25%-50% off (62+)
- Marriott Hotels:** 15% off (62+)
- Motel 6:** 10% off (60+)
- National Rent-A-Car:** up to 30% off for AARP members

Activities & Entertainment

- Cinemark/Century Theaters:** up to 35% off

U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)

Regal Cinemas: 30% off

Miscellaneous

- Great Clips:** \$3 off hair cuts (60+)
- Super Cuts:** \$2 off haircuts (60+)
- Senior Center** - programs through Ventura Adult Continuing Education - free (50+)
- AT&T:** 200 Plan \$29.99/month (65+)
- Jitterbug:** \$10/month cell phone service (50+)
- Verizon Wireless:** 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+)

Many places don't advertise their discounts and none of the grocery stores I contacted had senior specials but that could change so my advice is to always ask if seniors get special treatment.

Happy savings!

Senior Sexpert Joan Price is coming to Ventura

One of the biggest myths around is that all sexual activity comes to a halt after age fifty.

Author and senior sexpert Joan Price is determined to show seniors—and the world—that they can have a full, fabulous sex life no matter what their age.

Joan Price's candid, straight-talking take on senior sexuality, with all its ups and downs comes through in her most recent book, *Naked at Our Age: Talking Out Loud About Senior Sex*. In it she openly covers the challenges and disappointments, as well as the delights and surprises, of later-life sex. On October 29, from 10am to 3pm, Joan Price will be presenting *Talking Out Loud* with Joan Price. She will be discussing topics such as: "Shattering the 5 Biggest Myths about Sex and Aging", Conducting Workshop "Ask Me, I'll Tell You: Women & Men Talk Out Loud about Sex & Aging" and answering audience questions at the Museum of Ventura County's Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion. Space is limited and tickets are \$25 prior to October 22 and \$35 after. Reserve your space by call (888)801-8952 or going to www.kamasutracloset.com.

This event is brought to you by Kama Sutra Closet in Downtown Ventura and is an important resource and source of support for seniors interested in enjoying their sexuality. Price covers all the bases in this exploration of intimacy in the golden age of life.

Joan also has a video on YouTube http://youtu.be/MN6_HVD-Jdg regarding the subject.

Hospice and Palliative Care

On Oct. 20, from 1-3pm in the Vista Room at the VenturaTowne House "Ending Well: The Role of Hospice and Palliative Care" will be presented. Dr. Lanyard Dial, President & CEO, Medical Director at Livingston Memorial will discuss defining home health, palliative and hospice care, understanding Medicare, reviewing physical, emotional and social needs at end of life amongst other important topics.

Senior Living



Lexington staff member Brent Short takes Kiyomi Katsura, and other residents to their doctor's appointments and shopping

Living large at The Lexington

by Nanci Cone

Martha Bishop, Sales & Marketing Director of the Lexington, loves to extol the virtues of this assisted living facility. As she puts it, "This place is special because the staff takes pride in going above and beyond to make the residents happy and it shows. The residents are happy and tell people as I show them around what a great place this is. We have a concierge desk that is staffed 24 hours a day so residents can schedule transportation to a doctor's appointment or shopping. There is also a two-way intercom in every apartment so, in an emergency, the resident can push the button and talk to someone at the concierge desk immediately."

The Lexington has 113 units, 13 of which are in a separate, secure area for comprehensive Alzheimer's and Dementia care and it is now under the same ownership as the Victoria Care Center Skilled Nursing next door. Pets are allowed up to 30 lbs and there are four complimentary laundry facilities. Inside the courtyard residents can enjoy swimming in the heated pool, soaking in the Jacuzzi, hitting some golf balls at the putting green or just relaxing in the shade at the umbrella tables.

Other amenities include a variety of community rooms such as a movie theater, a billiards room with flat screen TV and a "Sweet Shop" snack room with a jukebox that plays 45's of music from the 30's, 40's and 50's. The exercise room located on the third floor offers daily classes including Tai Chi, games, arts & crafts and puzzles. Water

aerobics in the pool takes place weekly as well as pet therapy and regular outside entertainment. The Churchill library with reading patio, poker table and computer with Internet access is on the second floor and a hair salon, located on the first floor is open M-F near the art gallery that displays artistic endeavors by the residents.

The main dining room has a fresh fruit and salad bar with daily specials. Residents meet with the chef weekly to incorporate their choices for menu items and specials. Once a month, a Sunday champagne brunch takes place as well as a dinner/dance with a special menu and live music with family and friends always welcome.

Martha notes, "We have a young staff member who drives our Lincoln Town Car and takes our residents to doctor's appointments and shopping. He is seen at various locations in the area patiently escorting a resident who is legally blind or offering his arm for support as he leads resident to the doctor's office. How special this is!"

"Our oldest resident is 99 and we are all cheering him on to his 100th birthday, which is February 5th, Super Bowl Sunday. He is often seen jogging down the hallways and tells us he has better balance when he jogs than when he walks. He has macular degeneration but the hallways help to guide his peripheral vision. He even goes down the stairs without assistance," she adds. To schedule a free-guided tour, contact Martha at 644-6710.



Cypress Place Executive Director Jim Duran got out of jail just in time to enjoy the Hoedown

Kicking up your heels at Cypress Place Senior

On Saturday, October 15th, guests and residents of Cypress Place Senior Living kicked up their heels at the senior community's annual Country Hoedown. Attendees enjoyed live Country Music, Line Dancing, Pony Rides for the kids, and prizes.

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One of the nice barks (I mean perks) of being a famous journalist is all of the wonderful new friends that I am meeting.

My latest one is Shannon Coyner,

RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician, CPDT (Certified Professional Dog Trainer). Shannon teaches veterinary nurses, trains dogs in behavior and even gives agility classes (running through things and over things), she just knows everything about us dogs (except what we dream about). And she is very pretty, even I know that.

She owns the Ventura Pet Wellness & Dog Training Center. Check out petwellnesscoach.com to find out all about her (and her classes) and she can be reached at 766-0380 or shannoncoyner@yahoo.com.

I will be asking her questions about training, etc. in my column. This is my first one.

Shannon:

Even though Savana and I are getting along quite nicely she is still a bit of a pain jumping on my head and playing with my tail and stuff like that.

Just what shall I do until she matures (like me)?

Scamp

Dear Scamp

I know that Savana can be a pain, little brothers and sisters often are! You are being a great big brother by putting up with it, but when you need a break your mom and dad can help. One thing they can do is give Savana a special "play room" filled with kitty toys. She can play with the toys and you can have a break. Another thing they can do is redirect her or distract her when she is playing with your tail or pouncing on you. Your mom or dad can get a kitty toy, a ball or feather, and keep her attention on them, not you!

Try to be patient with Savana, she will grow out of her silly kitten stage. One day you will be

great friends!

I hope this helps!

Your friend,
Shannon

Shannon:

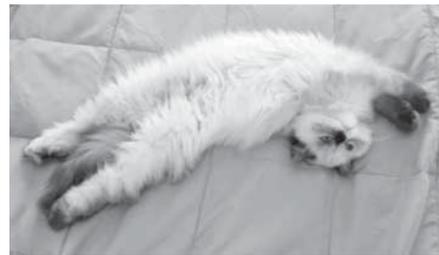
Thanks, I will pass this on to them. They did have an area like this divided by a short fence but she can jump over it already so it was removed. Maybe another room in the house could be her "break" room.

It could be my publisher's office but he has what he calls a filing system with stuff all over the floor but I think that he may just be a slob (hope he doesn't fire me for saying that, good thing I work for table scraps).

And I think that I am being very mature in letting her get away with her shenanigans and I know that we will be great friends, it's nice having a younger sister even if she is a cat.
Scamp



Shannon Coyner is my latest new friend and she knows practically everything about dogs (and other living creatures). I hope that you enjoy her contributions to my column.



I think that I am feeling very relaxed in my new home and with my buddy Scamp. He can be very immature but I will just need to have patience with him.

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Hi: I'm Randall and I immigrated here in June from Cabo. I am a beautiful non-shedding terrier mix, approximately 2 years old. I love playing fetch, playing and romping with other dogs, going for walks/hikes, or just chillin' at your feet, a real people pooch!

I can be seen at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding located at 4692 Ventura Ave. Call 320-3203 to come meet me. You will love me for sure.

Hi: I'm Waldorf a sweet male 9 month old Norfolk Terrier/Lhasa Apso mix. I was rescued from Animal Reg and I'm thankful that I was because my future there didn't look very bright. I'm very friendly with everyone and I can't wait to have a family and home to call my own. I'm just a puppy so children in the home must be 6 years or older. Stop by and meet me, I'll be waiting. If you are interested in fostering call the Adoption Center at 644-7387 and you can see me at Sam's Place at 3203 E. Main St. (805) 644-PETS(7387).



Scamp Club

My name is Captain and I am a 1 1/2 year old lab mix. And my best friend is Shannon that Scamp wrote about (that's her photo on the left).

I like to run agility courses (Shannon taught me how), play with the family, going on trips, playing with balls and playing with other dogs.



Join Scamp Club

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

Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

Gang Related Assault

On Saturday, October 1st, at 3:30 a.m., the VPD responded to the 6300 block of Whippoorwill Street in regards to an assault with a deadly weapon.

The victim was on foot near the intersection of Peacock Avenue and Whippoorwill Street when he was approached by the suspect, Pedro Munoz. Munoz, a documented gang member, struck the victim in the face with an unknown object. The victim did not know Munoz and this assault was unprovoked. The victim was treated at VCMC for major, non-life threatening facial injuries and later released.

Officers located Munoz a short distance away. Munoz attempted to evade officers then violently resisted as officers took him into custody.

Stabbing

On Sunday, October 2nd, at 9:57 p.m., VPD officers were hailed near the intersection of Santa Clara Street and California Street in reference to a stabbing. Victim Jesus Cortez told officers he was walking his girlfriend, Abra Onkin, to her car when ex-boyfriend, Daniel Forehand con-

fronted the couple.

Onkin was violently pushed aside by Forehand during an altercation after which Forehand attacked Cortez wielding a knife. One of Cortez's fingers was nearly severed while trying to defend his face. Forehand then fled the area. Officers were unable to locate Forehand. Cortez refused medical treatment on scene however medical personnel believed his injury was not life threatening.

Strong-Arm Robbery

On Wednesday, October 5th, at 11:27 a.m., VPD responded to a strong-arm robbery that had just occurred in the 900 block of Montgomery Avenue. The victim, Mary Musial, had just arrived home, pulled into her driveway and was exiting her vehicle, when the suspect, an unknown Hispanic male, approached her from behind. The suspect broke the passenger window of the vehicle and pulled her purse from her grasp. After taking Musial's property, the suspect fled in a vehicle.

Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect. Musial did not sustain any injuries.

Armed Robbery

On Thursday, October 6th, at 7:30 p.m., Juan Vasquez was walking in the 100 block of North Olive Street when two suspects approached him. The suspects demanded property from Vasquez and he refused to comply with

their demands. One suspect removed a handgun from his waistband, showed it to Vasquez, and again demanded Vasquez turn over his property. Vasquez surrendered his property and the suspects got into a sedan and left the area.

Responding officers searched the surrounding area but were unable to locate the suspects. The victim was not injured during the robbery.

Theft of lobster

On Saturday, October 8th, at 4:48 p.m., VPD responded to a call of a suspect attempting to leave the business without paying for services from the Black Angus restaurant, located on 4718 Telephone Road.

Carlos Reyes, a vagrant, ordered and ate a lobster dinner, drank several glasses of beer then attempted to pay with a credit card he found on the street. When the card was declined he threatened the staff and fled the business. Reyes was stopped several streets away from the business riding his bicycle and found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. Reyes resisted officers when being taken into custody, but was taken into custody.

The general manager of Black Angus stated Reyes had stolen services in the past, but he was more concerned for his staff.

Prowling Arrest

On Sunday, October 9th, at 8:35

p.m., the VPD received a call from a concerned citizen who saw a male subject attempting to pick locks to several laundry rooms in apartment buildings in the 2600 block of Harbor Boulevard.

Officers found Collin McWorter, 24 years old, in the 2700 block of Harbor Boulevard attempting to leave the scene on a bicycle. The witness to the incident identified McWorter as the suspect attempting to break into the buildings. Officers conducted an investigation and found McWorter in possession of bolt cutters, a Slim-Jim (car lock-out tools), methamphetamines and narcotic paraphernalia.

Boat Aground

On Monday, October 10th, at 9:38 p.m., units responded to a reported boat aground with two crewmembers on board. VC Fire Department Rescue Swimmers were deployed from the shore into the surf with Ventura Harbor Patrol deploying a Rescue Swimmer from their boat outside the surf-line. Crews approached the shrimp boat and confirmed that two people were aboard. The two were coached into the surf where rescue personnel were waiting. They were brought to shore where VC Fire Department Paramedics assessed them. The two denied injury/illness and refused further treatment or transport. The scene was assessed

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Business



Cheryl Gooss financial advisor for Crowell, Weedon & Co.

Are your financial resolutions on track?

by Cheryl Gooss

Senior Vice President & Financial Advisor for Crowell, Weedon & Co. Ventura

Everyone begins the year with the best of intentions – whether it be exercising more, eating healthier or getting our finances in order. But inevitably, our busy lives take off in all different directions, priorities change and certain things begin to take the back seat. Midyear is a good time to revisit those financial goals you set in January, and take a look at where you stand compared to the beginning of the year and renew your commitment to those resolutions. Things to keep in mind:

Keep investments focused on goals

Upon receiving all of your midyear financial statements, take some time to evaluate them. Are your investments performing as you hoped? If they are not, but you're not quite ready to make adjustments, you may want to tag underperforming investments to watch more closely. While reviewing investment performance, check your progress toward investment goals, including retirement. If you are not seeing the results you hoped for, you may want to increase your periodic investments and/or retirement plan contributions.

Be sure to take some time to reevaluate your goals. Have any of them changed since the beginning of the year? Perhaps a long-term goal has now become a greater priority? Consider working with your financial professional to restructure your investment strategy to make room for any necessary adjustments.

Control household spending

Did you set a budget at the beginning of the year? Take some time to evaluate its effectiveness. By reviewing your income and expenses over the past six months, you'll be able to gauge your success. You can track expenses by going through your checkbook register or online bank records. Note how much money you spent on each budget item and compare the figures with the amounts you estimated. Is the money you saved going toward your financial goals?

Reduce debt

Frequently review your credit card

statements. Have you been successful in whittling down those balances? It's easy to forget how many items you've charged to your cards. Routinely looking at your statements will help you concentrate on your plan to minimize your debt and, in turn, save you potentially thousands of dollars in interest over time. Those saved dollars could go a long way toward moving you ahead financially.

Be prepared for emergencies

Your midyear review should include assessing your ability to survive emergencies. Having at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in a low-risk investment vehicle could save you from costly set backs in your financial progress in the event of an emergency. Reviewing your life, home, auto, health and disability insurance coverage early in the year will also help you to be prepared.

Finally, meet with your financial professional for an annual review of your progress to help ensure that your plan remains on target.

Crowell Weedon can help you prepare and plan for it. Crowell, Weedon & Co Ventura office is located at 5740 Ralston Street, Suite 301. Call 620-4700 or visit www.crowellweedon.com. Member: FINRA/SIPC.



Donna and Ana will travel to businesses, schools and homes to raise money for their requested charity

2 Girls for the World—A traveling trunk show

There is a fresh, new business in Ventura County and its name is 2 Girls for the World. Ana Baker and Donna Grossman have teamed up to form 2 Girls for the World. Both women live in Ventura and are active in their communities, volunteering at schools and various charities.

Both Ana and Donna agree that there never seems to be enough money for places that do the most good in this world. They have set out to change that with their business.

2 Girls for the World is a traveling trunk show for charities. The show will travel to businesses, schools and homes to raise money for the requested charity. At the end of the show a check is written to the charity on the spot.

Donna and Ana scout for merchandise through out the world to feature in their shows. Purchasing is only from those that support Fair Trade artisans. They also enjoy supporting local crafts people and artisans by featuring their work as well. There are no catalogs or reordering. If you love it get it! No two shows are the same.

Their premier trunk show benefited the Mother Bear Project. The Mother Bear Project sends hand knitted bears to orphans through-out Africa who have lost their parents to HIV/Aids. Tedi Patterson, a Ventura local, spoke on behalf of the organization. "These bears

bring the children comfort and joy. To a child that has lost everything, having something to hold on to is priceless." said Tedi. Tedi has personally knit close to 300 bears herself. She is also the founder of Ventura Yarn Players, a group that meets every week to knit for charities.

People left the show with many unique items but more importantly knowing that they were part of something larger than themselves.

"We will always be successful because charities will be served by what we do," said Donna. "Be the change you seek in the world" said Ana quoting Gandhi.

To book a show or for more information please contact Ana & Donna at us@2girlsfortheworld.com. Be sure to look for them on Facebook!

Police reports

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for pollution and environmental concerns with none evident.

Attempted Murder

On Oct. 14 the Ventura Police Department responded to a shots fired call in the 700 block of Cedar St. at about 10:15 pm. Officers arrived on the scene and found two subjects in an altercation, with one subject suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

The victim, Valentino Gutierrez, 28 years, Ventura resident was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where he underwent surgery for his injuries. He was listed in critical condition.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the two subjects were involved in a physical altercation moments earlier near Ventura Ave. and Center St. This altercation stemmed from an argument over a common female companion.

The victim, after the altercation, ran from the location and the suspect, Jose Luis Castillo, 34 years, Ventura Resident chased the victim armed with a handgun. The two met up in the 700 block of Cedar St. where the victim was shot several times in the torso and lower extremities.

The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Ventura County Medical Center where he was treated for moderate injuries due to the altercation with the victim.

The suspect was booked into Ventura County Jail for attempted

murder and possession of methamphetamines.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

9-28 7:00 a.m. Patrol stood by as a vessel that had sunk at Santa Cruz Island was hauled at HV Boatyard. Patrol set additional boom and absorbent pads as the vessel began to spill oil and fuel.

10-1 11:42 p.m. Patrol received a call of a boating accident involving three boats at VWM as a boat hit two moored vessels. Patrol responded, observed minor damage, and filed a report.

9:35 p.m. Patrol issued a citation to a hoop net fisherman for violation of the District's hoop net ordinance and for not displaying proper running lights.

10-2 3:22 p.m. A passing vessel radioed Patrol to advise that a small vessel possibly needed assistance near the South Jetty. Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow and released it at the Launch Ramp.

10-3 3:05 p.m. VIM reports that a commercial fishing vessel struck a moored vessel last night. When the boat began taking on water, Patrol responded. Only a trickle of water was coming into the vessel. The vessel's bilge pump was able to handle the flow.

10-5 8:15 a.m. The owner of Coastal Cone reports that his business was broken into and an ATM machine was cut open and the cash was stolen. PD handled the investigation.

11:22 a.m. Maintenance reports a truck on fire at Surfer's Knoll. Patrol notified 911 and responded. Upon arrival, the truck was fully involved. FD extinguished the fire.

10-6 7:51 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist on the public walkway at Ventura Harbor Boatyard. Upon arrival, an elderly woman had fallen and was complaining of hip and elbow pain. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

10-7 2:20 p.m. Patrol observed a kayaker waving a paddle to request assistance outside of the entrance. Patrol responded and found a person with a partially submerged kayak. Patrol transported the submerged kayak, its owner and a second kayak and operator to the launch ramp.



On Sunday, Oct. 9 pet lovers attended the fifth annual Humane Society of Ventura's fundraiser held for the first time at Arroyo Verde Park here in Ventura. "Cats in the Canyon & Hounds in the Hollow" is the largest fundraiser for the non-profit located in Ojai.

About a dozen of their dogs for adoption were on hand to meet the approximately 200 that were there. Agility demonstrations were held as well as a wonderful silent auction and wine and dinner.

Aimee French, Humane Educator, who gives presentations to school children was on hand to make many of the introductions.



Youth



Local actress Laci Kay has been expanding her acting repertoire in the last year, including two recent film premieres in Los Angeles.

Local actress Laci Kay continues with entertainment career

by Tim Pompey

When we last talked with Laci Kay, she had just turned twelve and was hopeful to launch a music and acting career. Now, a year later, she just celebrated her thirteenth birthday and is busier than ever with acting, auditions, and more than a few Hollywood red carpet parties.

When asked about the work she has done in the last year, the key word Laci used was bigger. "I've been doing more theatrical things," she said, "more sophisticated, bigger and more out there."

One film titled "Barracuda," which featured Laci in a supporting role, had its premiere last month at the Burbank Film Festival. And at Warner Brothers she starred in a SAG short film called "Olivia." Barracuda was filmed three years ago and Olivia was filmed this summer.

Laci's other recent projects have included a web show called "Ms. Vampy's Teen Tawk Tween Tawk & In Between Tawk," in which Ms. Vampy (co-creator, producer and actress Brooke Lewis) stars as a vampire who talks about issues in a teen world. Laci can be seen on four episodes.

Laci also had an extra part in a full-length feature titled "Arcadia," and returned for another supporting role in the ABC TV show "Modern Family."

But acting is not all she does. She's also becoming more involved in local charity work such as the Kids for Kids benefit to help raise money for the Rubicon. And most recently she was a judge in the puppy costume contest for Angels in Fur Dog Rescue.

So what has Laci Kay learned in the last year? One very important lesson. She's having to deal with Hollywood, where good press is the key to survival. "I learned that I need a publicist," she said. "It's important because in the acting life, she helps me with what I need to do: how to interview, what to focus on, how to behave as an actor."

All of this implies an ability to project an image and communicate with the press, important skills in a city where media and entertainment are co-dependent. "You have to be able to talk to people during interviews, auditions, and red carpet events," said Laci.

Given the fact she's only thirteen, how does Laci feel about dealing with all this Hollywood culture? "It's a learning

process," she said. "You learn from your mistakes. I'm learning professional etiquette at red carpet events."

While acting takes up most of Laci's time, she also has a genuine passion for music, and music may yet play an important role in her career. "I love singing, and acting, and dancing," said Laci. "Right now the acting is off the charts, but once I get a good contract then I can do all of that."

Laci does maintain some balance in her life, thanks to strong support from her family. Her mother, Cindy is active in her career development and uses her good judgment to lay down some guidelines. "I'm trying to help her have some kind of normal life, so I limit her red carpet events," said Cindy.

She also works hard to keep her daughter connected to life in Ventura. "We try to take her to church every week," she said, "and we try to keep some normal family stuff in her life."

Laci also acknowledged the importance of her friends. "My friends keep me grounded," she said, "because when I'm with them, I feel like there's nothing else in the world except my friends. Some of them don't even know I'm an actor."

With Laci's budding career, both she and her mother admit that some big changes may be on the horizon. "If she gets a series," said Cindy, "she'll have to be down in Los Angeles and have a tutor. Ventura is good because they have a home school program that we can transfer in and out of."

So where does Laci see herself in ten years? You have to hand it to her. She's a very determined young woman. "Ten years from now, I'd like to see myself on my own," she said, "going to college, maybe Pepperdine, and fulfilling my dream, which is becoming a regular known actress and singer."

And if by chance the acting career doesn't work out? No worries. Laci, always hard working and multi-talented, has more than one game plan in mind. "If this doesn't work out," she said, "I would love to be a professional cook."

If you're interested in following the career of Laci Kay, you can find her on Facebook and Twitter at LaciKayOfficial. She's also on the web at LaciKayOfficial.com and IMDB.me/LaciKayOfficial.

Fire safety program for 4th graders

The Ventura City Fire Department, in a collaborative effort with the Ventura Unified School District, has been hosting a three-day fire safety event from October 18 through 20, at the Ventura City Fire Training Grounds, located at 765 S. Seaward Ave.

Over 1,200 fourth graders within the VUSD will travel to the Fire Training Grounds to participate in the First Annual "4th Grade Fire Safety Days." Students, parents, and school staff will be witness to live demonstrations of Ventura City Firefighters performing multiple tasks associated with a career in firefighting and paramedicine. Students will travel in groups around the site to multiple teaching stations. The stations will include such topics as engine company operations, fire safety education, ladder and power tool demonstrations, and a grand finale involving the City Fire Department's "hook and ladder" truck.

Firefighters from around the City will serve as both instructors and participants in each of the learning stations. The Firefighters will be focusing not only on the tasks they are responsible to perform during emergencies, but they will also concentrate on the importance of education and its relation to the job. The students will be exposed to the rigors of the Urban Search & Rescue Team, requiring a knowledge base in construction, geometry, and physics. In line with October being Fire Prevention month, the students will also participate in a station dedicated to home fire safety and fire prevention. Students will learn the importance of exit drills in the home as well as how to properly use a fire extinguisher on a live fire prop.

The VUSD will also participate in post-event activities, including an essay-writing contest among the attendees, with the winning school receiving the "Fire Hydrant Award." This trophy will be awarded to the winning school, where it will remain until the following year's winner takes possession of it. Each year, the winning school's name will be inscribed on a perpetual plaque on the front of the trophy. The Fire Chief and the school's local firefighters will deliver the trophy once the winner is determined.

Foster Parenting informational meeting

Discover the rewards of foster parenting by attending this month's Foster Parenting Informational Meeting Tuesday October 25, 6-8:00 pm at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County located at 855 Partridge Drive, Ventura. There are over 600 children in Ventura County that need you: your wisdom, your experience and your understanding. They need a foster home where they can thrive, develop and achieve dreams that once might have seemed impossible. Become a foster parent; it's quite possibly the best thing one human can do for another. For more information, call 654-3456 or go to vchsa.org/foster.



City Corps volunteers filled 3 of these 40 yard bins

E.J. Harrison to the rescue

by Lynn Mikelatos

Board Member, Ventura City Corps

Thank you David, Nan and Lynn and the rest of your fabulous E.J. Harrison & Sons company members that assisted Ventura City Corps in completing a very successful project recently. Seventeen City Corps members provided 100 volunteer hours to completely fill the 40 yard bin that you graciously provided for our yard clean up for Mrs. Corene Stiles. She was so humbled and appreciative of our help. She said we were all truly a "miracle" that helped her comply with the City's letter of compliance. When she was first contacted, she had no idea how she could possibly get all that work done on the short time allotted.

Your bin made it possible for all of our volunteers to focus on the task at hand and get it completed. Had we followed the original plan of making a caravan of our three trucks to drive back and forth to Camarillo, we could not have gotten the job completed.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Ventura City Corps, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are truly an outstanding community partner.

Campaign seeks donations of change

Until Oct. 25, shoppers at the JCPenney store at the Pacific View Mall are invited to turn small change into "pennies from heaven" by rounding up their purchases and donating the difference to a local afterschool program. Ventura Family YMCA, a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, is one of 1,100 afterschool organizations from across the country matched with a local JCPenney store that will benefit from the proceeds raised during the pennies from heaven campaign.

"At the Y, we believe young people deserve to reach their full potential and we are committed to providing quality, affordable afterschool programs where kids can discover who they are and what they can achieve," said Sarah Savelich, Youth Program Director.

"For more than a decade, JCPenney has been deeply committed to helping kids spread their wings by making it possible for more students to participate in life-enriching afterschool programs," said Vicky Meuneir, store manager for JCPenney. "When we leverage the power of a penny to create opportunities for learning, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our future leaders."

For more information related to the pennies from heaven initiative, visit jcpennyafterschool.org.

Youth



High School Show Choir, shown at the Rubicon asks for Ventura's vote in Glee Video Contest

Log in for a good cause

According to Director Heidi House COMPANY Ventura Unified School District's all-high school show choir is competing for one of 73 prizes totaling \$1,000,000 in the national "GLEE--Give a Note" video contest. GLEE is offering three grand prizes of \$50,000, ten first prizes of \$25,000, and 60 second prizes of \$10,000 each. COMPANY's video entry was filmed all over Ventura and includes cameos from several local celebrities performing with the students. The first phase of the "GLEE--Give a Note" contest is a public vote. COMPANY invites the whole community to log in to www.gleegiveanote.com and vote once a day every day until November 7. The top 500 videos in the public vote will advance to the final round for a

vote by a panel of independent judges. Due to drastic cuts in state funding of public schools in recent years, music programs struggle to survive with donations from parents and community business partners. COMPANY is made up of highly motivated and dedicated students, who meet to rehearse at 6:15 a.m. before the start of the regular school day. COMPANY does not currently have funding to pay an accompanist, a costumer, or a musical arranger.

Hank Tovar of "pictures that move", created the video entry. We hope the Ventura community will participate in the public vote and help support the only high school vocal music program in the Ventura Unified School District!

The juggling act of school, work, and having a social life

by Brooke Demchuk

In today's fast paced and competitive world, it is harder than ever for teens to manage their studies, jobs, and social lives simultaneously. Many adults claim that we take on too much, but most don't realize that a majority of our activities and endeavors are deemed necessary to get into college. The fact of the matter is that many teens are stuck in a giant Catch 22. Unfortunately, many do not realize that students are also being negatively affected by America's poor job market. In order to go to college, you must have good grades. But, in order to pay for college, you must have a job to save money. This then takes away from studying and homework time and creates an entirely new priority that one must focus on.

Students must now have jobs more than ever to pay for college because of the poor economy, yet it's also become more difficult for someone under the age of 18 to get a job than it has been in years. If one is lucky enough to obtain work, they then have to struggle with time management and fitting everything they need to do all in one day. Most individuals do not realize how truly

difficult this is.

Thankfully, many high schools are incredibly cooperative with students who do manage to acquire jobs. Oftentimes teens are offered an elective option called work experience, where they can leave during sixth period to work and receive class credit simultaneously. All you must do is have a certain grade point average and show proof of your job. It's an ideal way to help balance a job and your studies without sacrificing certain aspects of each in order to make it work

Yet, many students are still struggling to get jobs in the first place. Work positions for teens are becoming more rare by the day, due to the poor economy and job market.

This has done nothing but add extra stresses on children. Not only do they have to get accepted into college, but they now must find a way to save up enough money to pay for it. Plus, working around school and extra curricular hours oftentimes proves to be difficult as well, preventing many from seizing a job opportunity simply because they cannot find transportation to and from work, or are already preoccupied. For many individuals, this has unfortunately proved to be quite the dilemma in the past few years.

Today's teens are left unable to do anything but hope. We hope that more jobs for our age group will be created, that the economy will pick up, and that the college competition will become less severe.

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The recent 2-day Aloha Beach Festival, held at Promenade Park featured Polynesian dancers (ranging in ages from 2 and up), food, vendors, kid's events, surfing contests, a climbing wall and too many bands to mention performing on the Aloha Stage.

The festival, founded by Chipper Bell (shown in the inset photo), a 12 time world Frisbee champion, and others probably enjoyed the day as much as anyone else in attendance. Of course Chipper's wonderful smile shows that he just enjoys life at its fullest all of the time.



On Saturday, in Mission Park in downtown Ventura the "Occupy Ventura" group held rallies, gave speeches and made signs to show their support for the Occupy movement sweeping the country.

The crowd included seniors to young children many of whom then marched to the Bank of America branch located on Main St. where they gathered in the front of the bank shouting "Banks got bailed out, we got sold out!" The bank knew that they were on their way and locked the doors and posted a "closed" sign.

After spending time at the bank they returned to the park waving signs at passing cars (some who honked) and listening to the music and many speakers.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Fall out for Autumn

by Michael Kohli

Hey there fellow music freaks! At this moment, I'm watching some AQUA music videos. Remember their, "Barbie Girl," song? Turns out -- they have a whole lotta videos on YouTube and a current new song called, "How R U Doin'?" Very catchy dance song -- u might not know in the clubs that it's Aqua until you hear that voice. They just released their first album of new material in 11 years. They have quite a collection of fun videos since their Barbie Girl hit. Go, check out their ever so entertaining music videos on YouTube. Of course, my all time favorite song of theirs is, "Cartoon Heroes." So fun!

We Govern We has another brand new music video for their fans, "Cotton Candy." With scenes shot on location at the Ventura County Fair. Anna has a very high pink wig on (almost looks like cotton candy from afar!). She's also wearing what seems to be a straight-jacket. Have you checked out their new album, just released on iTunes? Favorite songs are: "Come Atlantis", "Fields", "bUlly" and "Universal Collective." The band's next gig is set for the Village Jester in Ojai on October 22 with their buddies in Gypsy Death Star. Check out all the info at WeGovernWe.com.

Ran into my friend Jenna from Cirque De L'estrage at Paddy's Karaoke with Robin Sanford this week. She filled me in on their upcoming October 29th Halloween gig at Crave Lounge in Ventura (281 W. Main). They are going to have a costume contest at Midnight, dancers, and more. The full show of Cirque De L'estrage is quite theatrical. You never know what kind of show you're going to get. It's twisted, dark, insane, yet so feverishly clever each time. Last show I saw them at -- they had a member with a bunny rabbit head, actors, and one helper with a ticking clock in her hand.... just very unique and different, yet the perfect setup for a perfect Halloween party! Crave will surely be filled on this night. Look out!

Thank you, and once again, Happy Halloween!
Michael Kohli
DJ Kohli Rocks
kohlismusicpit.com

Music Calendar 10/19 to 10/30

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

Andre's Wine Bar
1575 Spinnaker Dr., 805-642-9463
Live Music every Tues, Thur & Fri
Fri 10/21 - Steve Williams 7pm
Sat 10/22 - Bill McPhearson 8pm
Sun 10/23 - Varon Thomas 3pm

Blackbeards Seaside BBQ
1591 Spinnaker Dr., #115 805- 650-7773
Live bands every Thur thru Sun Karaoke every Wed 6-9pm
Thur 10/20 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
Sun 10/23 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm
Thur 10/27 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm
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Tue 10/25 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm
Wed 10/26 - AJ Croce, Josh Damigo 8pm
Fri 10/28 - Fishfood Halloween w/ Gypsy Death Star and special guests 9pm
Sat 10/29 - Birdfeeder world video premier & concert 8pm
Sun 10/30 - Ernie Halter 8pm

The Entertainment Report
Silver screen
by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, these are my picks for the week.



Arthur Christmas
I had the pleasure of being invited to a screening at Culver Studios in Culver

VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

Everything Is Illuminated

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano

Jonathan, a young Jewish-American man (Elijah Wood), flies to the Ukraine in search of his grandfather's past. Armed with maps and an old photograph, Jonathan begins his journey to find the woman who saved his grandfather from invading Nazis during World War II. He hires the "Odessa Heritage Tours", a slapdash, unlicensed enterprise run by Ukrainian native Alexander "Alex" Perchov (Eugene Hutz). Even though his knowledge of the English language is not "first-rate", Alex becomes Jonathan's translator. Alex's nearly blind grandfather is their driver. The grandfa-

ther's deranged seeing-eye dog, Sammy Davis, Jr., Jr., accompanies them on their adventure from Odessa into the heart of the old country. Along the way Jonathan collects everything he finds in small plastic bags so he will remember. Is he in search of his past or is the past in search of him? What Jonathan finds is that the past illuminates everything.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "Everything Is Illuminated" on Tuesday November 1 @ 7pm, the 19th 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 / 628-2299.

I would have passed over this film, so I am grateful I didn't. I laughed so hard it made me cry. Anna Feris is famous for her Airplane-like humor, but this tops anything I have ever seen. The writing was brilliant, some raunchy scenes, but nothing over the top. Not for a prudish type of movie goer.
R Rated...106 minutes. Playing now at Century Theatre.

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

Directed by Sarah Smith and produced by the UK production company Aardman Productions, Columbia Pictures and Sony Animation bring us a delightful new family comedy that will make you laugh out loud.
Arthur Christmas is a blast into the future, wowing us with brilliant artistry, clever dialogue and hysterical, relatable situations. The storyline is refreshing, vibrant and captivating.
Arthur Christmas will be shown in 3-D. This new techno-family comedy is voiced by some of the industry's most prolific actors, James McAvoy as Arthur, Hugh Laurie as Steve, Bill Nighy as Grand Santa, Jim Broadbent as Santa, Ashley Jensen as Bryond, and Imelda Staunton as Mrs. Claus.

The very idea that Santa can deliver millions of presents on one given evening is a question that many children ask. But Santa puts all their cares to rest as he embarks on an operation nobody has ever witnessed. His million of elves are made up of 3 elf teams, who move like lightening to get into each house before morning. Santa and his team have a mile wide, star trekkie type sleigh that carries millions of elves, dropping them into houses with precision timing and heartfelt urgency.
There's more action to this story and I don't want to ruin it or give anything away, so I suggest you see this fantastic movie with the family. Watch your local theatre listings for show times.
Rated PG-13 running time not listed yet



What's Your Number
All I can say is HYSTERICAL! Anna Feris who plays Ally darling, is a 20 something, sexually adventurous single gal who subscribes to the philosophy that her soul mate must exist in the 20 lovers she has had in the past. When her neighbor, Colin (Chris Evans) offers to help her on her quest to re-visit these men, only to see if there is anything left to rekindle. In the meanwhile, Colin discovers he's falling for Ally and tries to foil the operation. It's subliminal, but it's obvious at times.
You must pay attention to the dialogue and every scene in order to capture the full comedic and crazy range of acting. If I had listened to the critics,

Jamie Torcellini and Joseph Fuqua (Were there really only 2?) star in *The Mystery of Irma Vep* at the Rubicon. Photo credit: Ensemble Theatre Company and David Bazemore photographer

Two on the Aisle
Ghosts, ghoulies & guffaws reign at Rubicon
by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine



Laughter lightens the tensions of the day. The Rubicon Theater Company's 2011-2012 season opener, the Gothic melodrama "The Mystery of Irma Vep" doles out a healthy portion of healing chuckles as it spoofs multiple horror genres.

It is doubtful any literary form escapes being satirized by playwright Charles Ludlam's pen. Jokes are drawn from burlesque, horror, Gothic romance, adventure, English mystery, Poe, silent film serials, Shakespeare and more. The continuing juxtaposition of styles, the hybrid plot, the superb skills of the actors and the inherent ludicrousness of the whole package add up to a robust evening of rollicking ridiculousness.

All six of the play's characters are played by just two veteran actors, Joseph Fuqua and Jamie Torcellini, who skillfully deliver dizzying dialogue with a variety of accents, execute a multitude of entrances and exits and, with the help
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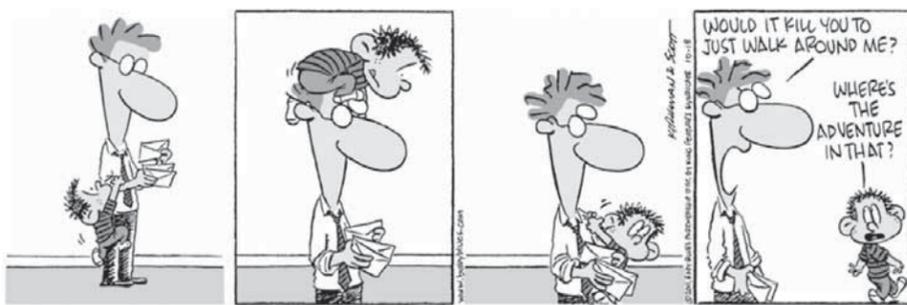
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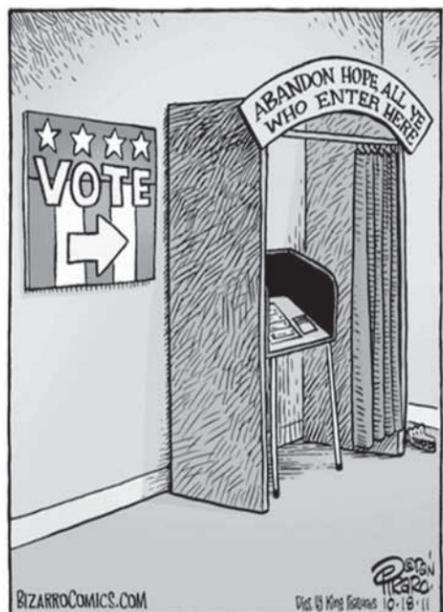
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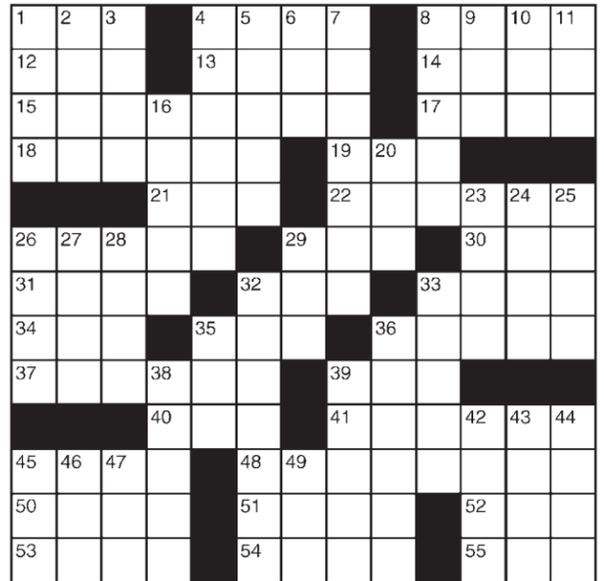


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- 14 Apiece
- 15 Reverie
- 17 Tool storage structure
- 18 Bombard
- 19 Fore's opposite
- 21 Greek consonants
- 22 Masseur's workplace
- 26 Seraglio group
- 29 April payment
- 30 Joan of —
- 31 Enrages
- 32 X rating?
- 33 Fedora feature
- 34 Conger or moray
- 35 Crafty one
- 36 High-quality
- 37 Fluorescent trademark
- 39 "Eureka!"
- 40 "— Town"
- 41 Operatic voices
- 45 Kill bills
- 48 9-to-5
- 50 A long time



- 51 Massachusetts motto starter
- 52 Caesar's "I love"
- 53 Protuberance
- 54 Colonial sewer
- 55 Kitten's comment
- 8 Irritable
- 9 "Go, team!"
- 10 Dogfight participant
- 11 Advanced deg.
- 16 Hamlet's countrymen
- 20 Transmit, in a way
- 23 Ganges attire
- 24 Prudish
- 25 Wile E.'s supplier
- 26 Wasted no time
- 27 Neighborhood
- 28 Hinge (on)
- 29 Cowboy nickname
- 32 As specified
- 33 Impudent
- 35 Winter ailment
- 36 Aspects
- 38 Gaggle member
- 39 Bottomless pit
- 42 Thailand, once
- 43 "All —"
- 44 Pack cargo
- 45 Vehicle with sliding doors
- 46 Id counterpart
- 47 Nugent of rock
- 49 "I'll take that as —"

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- 1 Verdi opera
- 2 Lingerie buys
- 3 Puts into words
- 4 Hotel lobby, perhaps
- 5 Gas, oil, etc.
- 6 Literary collection
- 7 Fast time

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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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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to get advice on your plans. But don't act on them until you feel sure that you've been told everything you need to know to support your move.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, begins a journey that will open up a growing number of possibilities. Put that surging Arian energy to good use and explore it to your heart's content.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful. You might be probing just a little too deeply into a situation that you find singularly suspicious. The facts you seek will begin to emerge at a later time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is the time to prepare for a career move coming up next month. Update your resume. Get those proposals in shape. And don't forget to buff up that Bovine self-confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to make new friends and to look for new career challenges. But first, get all those unfinished tasks wrapped up and out of the way.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini instincts will guide you to the right people who might be able to help you get over that career impasse that has been holding you back. Expect to make changes.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Relationships need a fresh infusion of tender, loving care. Avoid potential problems down the line. Stay close to loved ones as the month draws to a close.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're getting closer, but you still have a ways to go before reaching your goals. Continue to stay focused, no matter how difficult it can be for the easily distracted Moon Child.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor relationships, whether platonic, professional or personal. On another note: Be a mite more thrifty. You might need some extra money very soon.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might be keeping you from getting to the source of a disturbing situation. Don't be shy about asking questions. Remember: Information is power.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is the absolute right time to let those often-hidden talents shine their brightest. You'll impress some very important people with what you can do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to shake up your tidy little world by doing something spontaneous, like taking an unplanned trip or going on a mad shopping spree.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are impelled by a need to find truth, no matter how elusive. You would make a wonderful research scientist or an intrepid detective.

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Art Scene



This drawing of the Rubicon and other artwork of Venturan Murray Robertson can only be seen in his dining room (if he invites you) and in the children's books that he illustrates (Scamp will review one of those in a future article).



"Sunrise at Surfer's Point" 24x36 oil, painted by Tina O'Brien. Photo courtesy of Mark Frame.

Lucky Tina O'Brien gets to paint at the Ventura Harbor Village

Tina O'Brien has opened the Tina O'Brien Gallery & Studio at the Ventura Harbor Village. Her gallery features oil and acrylic paintings of seaside Ventura by Tina. Having spent many days playing at the beach with her kids or trying to catch a wave or two with her husband, the beauty and natural surroundings found by the sea have inspired her current work of the last few years. Images of many favorite local beloved scenes are depicted in shades of dreamy blue and sea green oceans, sandy beaches and soulful surfers standing by the shore are found in her work.

O'Brien started a career in painting portraits of people, gardens and houses about 20 years ago. She received an AA in Commercial Art from Ventura Community College in 1988.

The gallery has been a wonderful place to showcase her local beach scenes and celebrate the beauty of

Ventura. Plus there are many new shops at the Harbor, it is really becoming an artist's haven. And she says "I feel like the good will ambassador giving directions to the pier, surfer's point and downtown to the tourists". The gallery is also a much needed studio space. O'Brien previously worked from home in her dining room/studio, as many artists do, all the walls and closets were over-flowing with art work and she often painted and had spaghetti simmering all at once. Since opening the gallery she has had a creative surge and is finding the process of painting is coming much easier and faster, less of a struggle and more of a joy. If she could give angel wings to all who have supported her, she would.

The Tina O'Brien Gallery and Studio is at the Ventura Harbor Village, 1559 Spinnaker Dr., Suite 106. Open 11-6 daily. For More info, e-mail surfonobrien@yahoo.com or visit www.tinaobrienfineart.com.



spaces. His work is in private collections in New York City, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, London, Paris, Berlin, Barcelona, Stuttgart, Hamburg, Seattle, Santa Fe, Los Angeles, San Diego, among other places.

Opening Friday, November 4 from 6-9 pm. Showing to November 29. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri, 10-5, weekends by appointment.

Celebrating and supporting Ventura's Kids' Arts Programs

Kids' Arts/Westside Cultural Center, a non-profit organization, will present "Good Fortune" fundraiser on Sunday October 23. The event will take place from 2pm to 6pm at the Big Buddha Lounge located at 530 Ventura Ave. in Oak View.

"Good Fortune" is a fundraiser celebrating and supporting Ventura's Kid's Art Programs. Sunday's event will include 4 popular bands, a silent auction and raffle and delicious food. Nationally known comedian Bruce Baum will MC the festivities. The ticket price for the event is \$25.00 which includes food and beverage. You may purchase tickets at the Big Buddha Lounge or at Yoga Jones, 105 S. Oak #200, Ventura. Kids' Arts/Westside Cultural Center wants to raise awareness and funds to support continued free classes for Ventura county youth.

For over 20 years Kids' Arts has provided creative arts programs to Ventura County's Foster Care system, dependents of the juvenile court and youth in the community, including children of single parents and low income families.

For more information about the event and other means of purchasing tickets visit Kids' Arts at www.kidsarts-ventura.org or call Lynne at 650-0104 or 338-2576.

Erik Reel solo art show at Vita Art Center

The Vita Art Center, located at 432 Ventura Ave. hosts the third installment of a three part exhibition by Erik Reel. This installment will feature the biggest and best of the selection along with select smaller pieces at reduced prices. Reel works primarily in liquid acrylics combined with various drawing media, such as soft pastels.

This body of work is part of a continuing exploration of human markings, or "proto-markings".

Reel has exhibited in over three dozen solo and a hundred group shows including the Society for American Graphic Artists in New York City; the Brooklyn Art Museum; the Corcoran Gallery, Washington, D.C.; Landscape Unlimited, Chicago; Print Electronico, Buenos Aires; the Seattle Art Museum; and an assortment of commercial, public, museum, and university gallery



On Saturday, October 15 Breeze contributing writer Bianca Rose Martinez gave a presentation at the Bank of Books on her new book "Compassionate Eating" (also the name of her Breeze column). Besides writing the book on her deep passion this talented lady also did all of the wonderful illustrations.

In her book she asked the following question. "Could it be that what we choose to eat at every meal actually helps heal the world and ourselves? Is that possible? YES it is!" She goes on to say "If you want to do something that will make a difference toward ending sickness and hunger, ending suffering and ending the destruction of our planet I welcome you to enjoy this book and see for yourself how much power you really have."

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of the backstage spirits, make nearly 40 light-speed costume changes.

The storyline is primarily set in Mandacrest, the English Gothic manor house of Lord Edgar (Fuqua) and his new bride, Lady Enid (Torcellini). Complications ensue as the uptight maid, Jane (Fuqua), and lecherous, wooden-legged handyman Nicodemus (Torcellini, again) attempt to adjust to their new mistress under the presence of the specter of the recently deceased first Lady Hillcrest, Irma. A full moon, a myriad of family secrets, and a quick trip to Egypt reveal additional twists and dilemmas

Fuqua and Torcellini pull out all the stops in their respective performances. The two play off each other with practiced abandon. The result is simply hilarious and, on opening night, included a few ad-lib moments that enhanced the experience and increased our appreciation of their talents.

Fuqua, an original member of the Rubicon's professional cadre and one of Ventura's newest permanent residents, displays the multifaceted talents that have garnered him many awards. Torcellini, a master of physical comedy, appears unstoppable as he literally throws himself into his various characters. Together they create a tornado, whipping the audience into a spiral of mirth.

The direction by Rubicon Artistic Associate Jenny Sullivan is simply marvelous. She guides the action with a practiced hand, adding comedic touches, by-play, schtick, double-takes and more that serve to heighten the already outrageous action to a delicious hilarity.

The elaborately decorated and highly effective production is produced

in association with Ensemble Theatre of Santa Barbara, including original props and set dressing by Phil Casanta.

Precise execution of sound, lighting and other special effects add to both the mystery and the outrageous goings-on.

"Irma Vep" (an anagram of vampire) offers a wonderful entrée to the Halloween season's festivities.

"The Mystery of Irma Vep" runs until November 6 at the Rubicon Theatre Company, 1006 E. Main St., Ventura. Tickets: \$39-\$59. Performance times: Wednesdays -7 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays-8 p.m. Matinees - Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays-2 p.m. www.rubicontheatre.org. 667-2900.



Appearing on a recent show of *Lyn Fairly & Friends*, on *Newstalk Radio KVTA1520* were *Bonnie Weigel, President & CEO of FOOD Share, host Lyn and Kathleen Sheehan, Chief of Police of Port Hueneme.*

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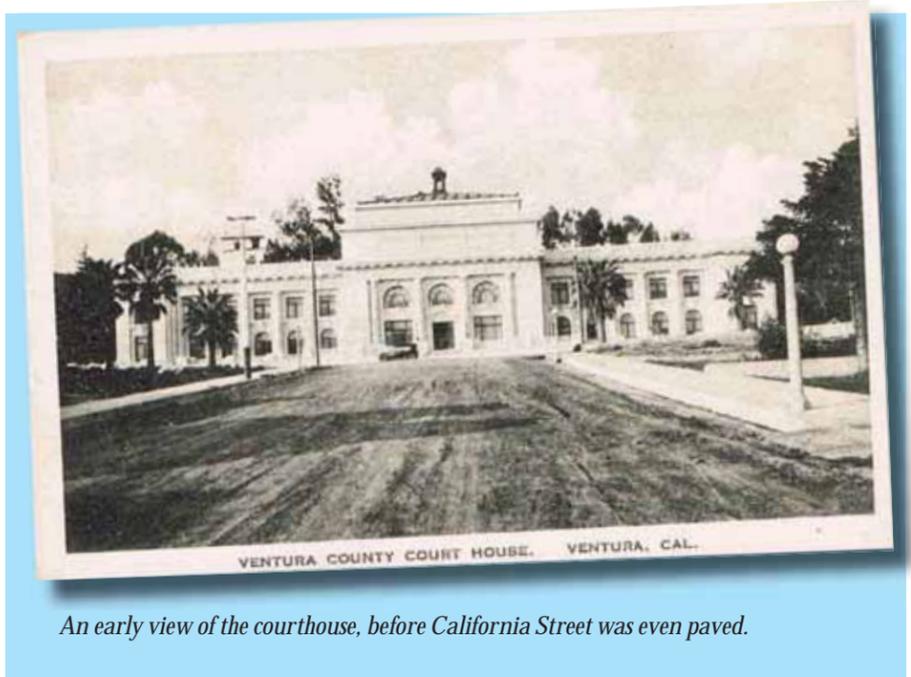
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