



# VENTURA BREEZE

Your Hometown Paper

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## Some Venturans give new city council a wish list

by Tim Pompey

City council elections are upon us and with it some changes to the council are about to take place.

No doubt Ventura has taken its lumps over the last four years and gone through more than its fair share of controversies. But with the city's financial crisis currently stabilized, the Breeze decided to ask some key partners in the community about what the new city council should prioritize. Here were some of the key issues they shared with us.

The most pressing concern seemed to be the state of the city's economy. Kat Merrick, director of Totally Local VC, thought some truly creative thinking might help the city develop new strategies for solving their fiscal problems. "We must understand," she said, "that we have to move from an economy driven by domestic consumption, debt, and financial engineering to one that is driven by exports, powered by cleaner energy, fueled by innovation, and that our local small businesses are the key to this transformation."

Under what she defined as "collaboration—the new competition," she outlined what she saw as the potential future of the city. "As a city, we must deliberately and systematically analyze and then build on our special assets and uniqueness, working with

### Full Election Coverage

*Which one of these "signs of the times" will be our new (or returning) City Council member? Three to be voted on and at least one will be a new member. So go vote and be involved.*

advantages, businesses and using business planning techniques honed in our private sector," she said.

Randall Richman, a local downtown businessman, felt the city's recent financial priorities had been misguided. "The almost \$2 million they spent on the already losing meter program could have saved Wright Library, the East End Fire Station and probably bought a park on the West End," he said.

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## Calling all volunteers who love botanical gardens

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## Chamber has new President and CEO

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Ed Summers as the Chamber's President and CEO. They stated that "We are thrilled to welcome Ed to our family and are incredibly fortunate to have someone with Ed's talent, passion and commitment to business to lead us forward."

The Chamber received over 30 candidates for this position, and the field was incredibly competitive. Ultimately, after a very careful and thoughtful process, the Board voted to appoint the most qualified and desirable candidate. Many of you know Ed from his extensive community involvement and as a previous member of the Ventura City Council. His commitment to economic development, strong leadership skills and business advocacy will make him

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On October 18, 19 and 20, the Ventura Fire Department, in a collaboration with the Ventura Unified School District, held a 3 day fire safety event at their fire training grounds located at 765 S. Seaward Avenue (at Allesandro, right down the hill).

Over 1,200 fourth graders traveled to the grounds to participate in the "First Annual 4th Grade Fire Safety Days".

Students, parents and school staff watched live demonstrations as the firefighters performed multiple tasks at the various teaching stations. Ventura firefighters served as both instructors and participants as they demonstrated engine company operations, fire safety education, ladder and power tool demonstrations and using the "hook and looker" truck to the delight of the fourth graders.

While standing in line to vote you can always catch up with the Breeze at [venturabreeze.com](http://venturabreeze.com)

This issue's **Face of Ventura** by Johanna Spinks is on page 12.



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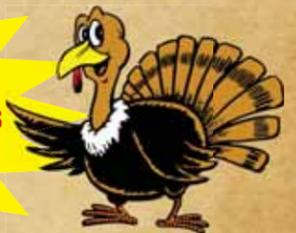
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### Town Hall Meeting • Thurs., Nov. 10 @ 6 p.m.

Please attend a Town Hall Meeting to learn how Ventura Water's new direction will enhance Ventura's local water supplies, increase water recycling and protect the ecosystem of the Santa Clara River Estuary.

**When:**  
6 p.m. Thursday, November 10

**Location:**  
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## City News Today's City Council

There is always a huge hubbub about the nation's government – what it's doing, how it's benefiting the people, the causes and effects of every action taken, and, most importantly, those running it. When it all comes down to it, however, the people who matter initially are those in charge of the local government, in Ventura it is our City Council.

Three members are elected at one election while four at the next one. The mayor, who is selected by the City Council members, serves a two-year term as Mayor and presides over the council meetings.

Following is Ventura's existing City Council, we will have more about them in future issues and a new city council very soon.  
**Bill Fulton** – Mayor: Bill Fulton, first elected into the City Council in 2003, was also reelected in 2007 and selected to serve as the City's Deputy Mayor. In 2009, Fulton was appointed Mayor; he is not running for re-election.

**Mike Tracy** – Deputy Mayor: Mike Tracy, first elected into the City Council in 2009 was also elected to serve as the City's Deputy Mayor, he will probably be the next Mayor. In 1975, he joined the Ventura Police department, working in many different departments, and eventually was promoted chief in 1999, a position that he held for six years.

**Neal Andrews** – Councilmember: Neal Andrews, first elected into the City Council in 2001, has been an active part of our community in both business and community service for over 20 years. He earned his baccalaureate degree from Duke University and attended the University of Pennsylvania to earn his graduate degree, continuing with post-graduate work as the Michigan State University School of Public Administration and the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

**Brian Brennan** – Councilmember: Brian Brennan, first elected into the City Council in 1997, he served as Mayor in 2003. He was born and raised in Ireland, earning his citizenship in 1966. He is a graduate of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland,

**James L. Monahan** – Councilmember: James L. Monahan is a native of the City of San Buenaventura, and was elected to the Ventura City Council in 1977 and has continued to be re-elected ever since. Jim served as Mayor from 1987 through 1988 and served two terms as Deputy Mayor.

A veteran of the Korean War, and a lifelong resident of our community, Jim graduated from Ventura High School and Ventura College.

**Carl Morehouse** - Councilmember: Carl Morehouse has been a resident of San Buenaventura since 1986. Carl Morehouse is in his third term on the City Council after initially being seated in 1999. Carl served as Deputy Mayor from 2003 to 2005, and most recently as Mayor from 2005 to 2007. He is running for re-election.

Carl earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Purdue University and has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs with concentrations in both Urban Planning and City Administration from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

**Christy Weir** - Councilmember: Christy Weir was first elected to the Ventura City Council in 2003, and was selected in 2005 to serve as Deputy Mayor for a two-year term. She was re-elected to the Council in 2007, at which time her fellow councilmembers selected her as Mayor. She is running for re-election.

Christy earned her BA degree, Magna Cum Laude, in Liberal Studies, with a Concentration in Art, from Cal State University Channel Islands.

## Town hall meeting

Ventura residents are invited to attend a Town Hall meeting that will focus on Ventura Water's new direction in water and wastewater management on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street.

Representatives from Ventura Water will discuss how the recent settlement to protect the Santa Clara River Estuary will enhance Ventura's local water supplies by increasing water recycling of the highly treated water produced by Ventura's Water Reclamation Facility.

Following a brief overview video presentation of the settlement agreement itself, representatives from public interest groups Heal the Bay and Wishtoyo Foundation's Ventura Coastkeeper Program will join City officials to discuss the major settlement points.

The total estimated cost is \$55 million, which may result in an additional cost of \$3.52 per month per average household until 2055. The different options to fund this program are being evaluated in Ventura Water's Cost of Service and Rate Design Study, which is underway with the help of a nine-member volunteer citizens committee.

The Ventura City Council is expected to vote on a final settlement on December 12, following an extensive public outreach effort.

Ventura Water provides integrated water, wastewater and stormwater services to more than 109,000 customers. For more information about the settlement and Town Hall Meeting, contact Ventura Water at 667-6500 or visit [www.venturawater.net](http://www.venturawater.net).

## Classes, events and activities

The City of Ventura Parks and Recreation Dept offers many classes, events and activities. Listed below is a sample of what is being offered in the next few weeks:

**Beginning Gymnastics for 3-5 year old beginners:** Tuesdays, Nov 22 – Dec 27, 11-11:45 am, Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston, \$55 for six week class, course code: 30176. More ages and class times available.

**Pee Wee Soccer for 3-5 year olds and a parent:** Saturdays, Nov 19 – Dec 17, 10-10:45 am, Marion Cannon Park, Saratoga and Ralston, \$35 for four week class, course code: 30154. More class days and times available.

**Driver Education for 14-18 year olds:** choose internet course for \$75, course code: 30250 or home study with books for \$85, course code: 30251. Course does not include behind-the-wheel driving.

**Family Kayaking for 7 yrs-adult:** Saturday, Nov 12, 1-3 pm, Marina Park, Leo Robbins Community Sailing Center, 2950 Pierpont Blvd, \$30 for two family members, course code: 30235.

To register: Contact the City of Ventura Parks and Recreation Dept at 658-4726 using Visa or MasterCard or go online at [cityofventura.net](http://cityofventura.net) and click eRecreation. Pre-registration is required before attending any class.

For more information contact Marcia Grambling at 658-4746 or [mgrambling@cityofventura.net](mailto:mgrambling@cityofventura.net).

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## The readers speak

Morehouse, Carrillo, & Heitmann Endorsed by Open Space Group

Earlier this year, Ventura Citizens for Hillside Preservation helped rally opposition to a City of Ventura proposal to study annexing the remote, picturesque Canada Larga Valley to build "executive housing." While that proposal was halted, we recognize it is vital to have Council members who are committed to preserving open space and preventing suburban sprawl. We have endorsed three candidates who share our goal of protecting Ventura's hillsides, canyons, open space, and rivers: Carl Morehouse, Cheryl Heitmann, and Danny Carrillo.

As a Council member, Carl Morehouse voted consistently to protect open space in Ventura. Danny Carrillo serves on the board of a nonprofit working for environmental justice and was vocal in his opposition to a proposed LNG plant off our local coast. Cheryl Heitmann values the environment and believes that economic prosperity and environmental protection can successfully co-exist. Please join us in voting for these three experienced leaders. We need their voices on City Council as the General Plan comes up for review in 2012, or we could risk losing protections in place to limit suburban sprawl and hillside development.

Diane Underhill

President, Ventura Citizens for Hillside Preservation

### Venturans are passionate

After ten candidate forums, every issue from street paving to arts funding, mobile home rents to public safety was vetted. This diversity keeps Ventura vibrant, but also makes it difficult to govern when tough choices must be made. We need council members who will listen to the community, find solutions and build consensus on the many difficult issues facing Ventura.

Cheryl Heitmann and Christy Weir demonstrate over and over again their ability to bring people together to get things done.

When Cheryl was elected to the Ventura County Community College District Board, the College District was on the state's financial watch list with three very different schools competing for limited funds. Cheryl listened, researched and developed a plan, and built consensus. She made many difficult decisions and held staff and stakeholders accountable. As a result, the College District is now one of the most financially sound in California.

Incumbent Christy Weir holds the line on a balanced city budget and holds staff accountable. Throughout her tenure she has fought for infrastructure improvements and building Ventura's business base. She spends countless hours volunteering and advocates tirelessly for all of Ventura.

Cheryl Heitmann, Christy Weir and Carl Morehouse have the experience and leadership Ventura needs. Please vote on November 8th.

Emma & Dave Armstrong  
Ventura

Dear Editor:

It's time to give Brian Lee Rencher his well-earned seat at the City Council table. Some people complain that they don't like Brian Lee Rencher's style, but they need to look more closely at how hard he has worked for the public for the past 20 years and what he has accomplished.

He works for us full time, attends

the subcommittee meetings and commission meetings to make sure that the ordinary citizen has a voice. He does this without compensation or appreciation.

He rises above the insults and marginalization attempts by the political machine that spends our money and runs our city.

He listens and speaks for the ordinary citizen. He is the most highly educated of all the candidates and

## Op/Ed



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher

I hope that you'll find this election coverage issue of the Breeze useful and informative.

Because we have so much stuff in this issue this is all that I have to say (are you disappointed)?

Regarding the elections I believe that there are 5 people running for city council that would serve Ventura well including the 2 incumbents. I'll let you figure out who you think they are and a few others running who would be very disruptive if they were on the city council (I'll let you figure out who they are also). So I'm a wimp and won't say anymore.

One of the candidates that I think deserves to be on the city council is Ken Cozzens because of the tremendous time and effort that he puts in helping the Ventura City Corps program and kids. He spends countless hours of his time organizing, driving and assisting the kids in anyway that he can to make Ventura a cleaner and better community and to improve the lives of our young adults.

You might ask is "deserving" enough reason for any of the candidates to be elected to the city council and my answer is "I have no idea".

To serve the city council, and the city well a city council member should spend 20-30 hours a week on the job and there is no way of knowing who will really make this commitment until they are on the council. So all we can do is vote for who we think would be good and hope for the best.

But the important thing is to vote, there have been council elections where 10 votes have made a difference so your vote really does count.

knows more about our city business than all of them put together.

After 20 years of working for the community to make sure their voice is heard at City Hall, it is time to give him the opportunity to sit at the table, instead of simply being on the menu.

So, if you are looking for honesty, integrity and ethics, Brian Lee has all of these rare qualities and has earned your support and vote. He certainly has mine.  
Helen Yunker

Dear Breeze,

In the upcoming election for City Council, an important consideration for me is a balanced approach to decision making. Christy Weir has shown this during her tenure on our Council and deserves our support going forward.

As a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Visitors and Convention Bureau Board, I have observed the balance that Christy Weir maintains between her passion for parks and open space with the economic vitality required to support the services that make the City of Ventura such a great place to live. Council Member Weir understands that Parks are important not only to our quality of life, but also to the tourist industry that is so important to Ventura. Good parks bring visitors to Ventura and visitors bring a need for hotels, food and other services. It's a win win for Ventura. Please support Christy Weir for reelection to our City Council.

Ed Wehan  
Ventura

Breeze:

It's often hard to choose city council candidates because so many use sound bites and clichés and pump up their resumes.

The best case is knowing them personally or through friends and coworkers whose opinion you trust, and under that criteria, Cheryl Heitmann is the best possible candidate for myself and the city.

Having known her and her family members for several years, I can guarantee she is tried and true and that her transparency is why all of our Ventura citizens can be confident she has our best interests at heart, she speaks and represents our voices.

She's intelligent, personable, knowledgeable, curious and honest, and is already a great example of the best of Ventura. Her personal and professional ethics coupled with solid value systems will be carried to the city council.

Suz Montgomery  
Ventura

### In Support of Council Member Weir and Bill Knox for City Council

It seems everyone is either worried about the Ventura City Council incumbents being a shoe-in or they want to throw them all out of office. I am not enamored with most council members. Like the Europeans, they just seem to be "kicking the can down the road" and getting nothing done. But there is one exception - Council Member Christy Weir. She has consistently been there to support the Pierpont Community in our effort to get the sand encroachment issue resolved. She actually comes down here to see our problems and has attended many Pierpont Community Council meetings.

Weir also understands the nuances of the homeless issue and sees the importance of all the supporting agencies having a common goal of helping the homeless get off of our streets rather than enabling them to live on our streets. And she understands that we should help the needy but be tough on vagrants who break the law. She is also a tireless supporter and marketer for our fair city. She wants Ventura to be a better place.

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If I am not I, who will be?

—Henry David Thoreau



# The candidates speak



**Carl Morehouse**

*Carl Morehouse is 60 and is a retired county planner. He has lived in Ventura for 25 years. He has a bachelor's degree from Purdue University; master's degree in public administration from Indiana University. He has been on the Ventura City Council since 1999.*

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

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

I'm very proud of the twelve years I've served on the Council. I think we've accomplished a lot. A few highlights among these are:

- Development of our community sports park;

- Completion of our new General Plan and the Downtown Plan;

- Revitalizing Downtown and Midtown;

- Establishing design criteria for Midtown

- Moving forward with new jobs and new homes on Ventura's historic Westside;

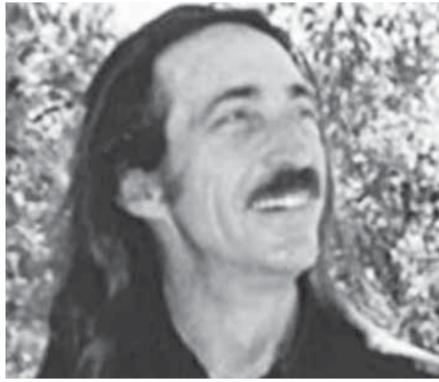
- Working with my colleagues to maintain essential city services for our city of more than 105,000 residents while keeping a fiscally pragmatic, balanced budget;

- Helping to open up city government by having free, 24 hour public access to the same reports and detailed documents used by elected and appointed officials; and

- Being the driving force for our integrated pavement management that is fixing our streets in coordination with repairing our underground utilities.

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

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



**Brian Lee Rencher**

*Brian Lee Rencher is 51 and is a local businessman. He has lived in Ventura for 29 years. Brian has a MBA in executive management and finance; bachelor's degrees in finance and marketing. He has run for City Council 10 previous times.*

Being the senior Ventura City Council candidate with twenty years of direct hands-on knowledge and experience, and more formal university education than the others, puts me way ahead of the rest of the field of candidates when it comes to capabilities. Modern government is very complex, and just as a voter would not seek out an amateur scuba diver to perform desperately needed heart surgery, they should not pick rookie Johnny-come-lately politicians, but look instead to intelligent, competent and experienced candidates to meet their need for good government. Additionally, due to time in service to our community at City hall and elsewhere, I have become the institutional memory of our city government. These are all valuable traits that set me apart from the other candidates – even the incumbents.

Due to parochial short-sightedness on the part of the various councils over the past two decades, our once well-maintained and thriving city has become run down, dirty and is the most economically underperforming city in the county. It's time to turn this around and clean up Ventura and make it the most prosperous city in the county once again. I'll go even further to say that with dedication and hard work, we have the potential to become a world-class city -- both economically and socially. This requires committed community leaders with vision as well as capability – both inside and outside of City Hall. I believe that we Venturans can accomplish anything we want to with proper leadership and a good plan.

It's time for action; there is no time left to waste! We can no longer afford to do what we have been doing for way too long. Time is of the essence. So, let's elect visionary and capable leaders and become all that we can be. I'm asking all of you to join me in this futuristic vision of beauty and prosperity. We can build a much better San Buenaventura if properly led and motivated. We have most of everything we need right here; we just need to assemble it properly and run it like a well-oiled machine. So, let's get the sand out of the gears and get moving! Together, we can do it.



**Ken Cozzens**

*Ken Cozzens is 58 and is a retired Sheriff's captain and the owner of A Secret Place Salon*

*and Day Spa in Downtown Ventura. He has lived in Ventura for over 53 years and lives in East Ventura. Ken was a candidate for Ventura City Council in 1971, 1973 and 2009.*

When asked why I want to serve as a member of the City Council, I look back through my life and recall the more than 53 years in this community and the happy memories I have. Today we're faced with challenges that seriously affect our quality of life and many of these issues pertain to public safety. My 32 years experience with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department gave me the opportunity to address quality of life issues in cities throughout Ventura County. As your councilman, I will work closely with Police, Fire and Public Works to resolve our problems.

Ventura must work to enhance its relationship with our business community and seek out new retail and manufacturing companies to improve our tax base. These tax generating sources combined with a vibrant arts program that welcomes visitors, will all be beneficial in maintaining a healthy community. As a small business owner for 15 years, I've become aware of problems that exist and what must be done to correct them.

Tourism is a clean industry and we should do whatever is necessary to make our visitors welcome. Our downtown shopping and mission area, beautiful harbor and beaches, green hillsides, agriculture in east Ventura and various arts programs should all be promoted to show we are a community with many attractions.

Many ask how I will make Ventura a better place. The answer is simple, I get involved. Whether it be through Ventura City Corps, Downtown Ventura Lions, Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (F.A.S.T.), Ventura's Flag Committee, liaison for the Kingdom Center or board member on the Stewardship committee for Our Lady of Assumption Church, I roll up my sleeves and get the job done. As your councilman, I promise to be there to listen, work to resolve issues and stand alongside you as we face the challenges of the future.



**Christy A. Weir**

*Christy A. Weir is 58 and is a retired writer, editor and publishing executive. She has lived in Ventura for 26 years and lives near Midtown. Christy has a bachelor's degree from CSU Channel Islands. She has been on the Ventura City Council since 2003.*

It has been my privilege to serve this community as the Mayor of Ventura in 2007-09 and City Council Member since 2003.

I have lived and worked in Ventura for 26 years, raising a son and daughter (and now blessed with six grandchildren) here with my husband. As a City Council member and as a founder of the Serra Cross Conservancy and Downtown Ventura Organization, I have used my leadership and team-building skills to generate ideas, clarify goals and work with others to make responsible

decisions for the future of Ventura.

If re-elected, I will continue to work for:

- A balanced city budget that spends taxpayer dollars wisely, on services that reflect our citizens' priorities.

- Policies that support local businesses and help to generate jobs and ongoing prosperity for our community.

- Managed growth that is planned sensitively to enhance Ventura's quality of life, provide a wide variety of housing options and protect our environment.

- Development that emphasizes neighborhood character and compatibility, preserving Ventura's small-town flavor and historic resources.

- A Downtown that is vibrant, with diverse locally-owned businesses and cultural opportunities.

- Landscaping, street trees and architecture that beautify our city.

- A clean, green community—sidewalks, streets, parks and beaches that are well maintained.

- Public safety as a basis for protecting the well-being and security of our citizens.

- Reaching out to the people of Ventura and listening to their concerns will always be my #1 priority.

- I am committed to respecting Ventura's past, and working hard for you today to keep our community healthy, safe, prosperous and beautiful for future generations.

Thank you for your vote.



**Danny Carrillo**

*Danny Carrillo is 50 and is a worksite organizer with Service Employees International Union. He has lived in Ventura for 15 years. He has a Bachelor's degree in business administration from CSU Northridge. This is his first attempt at politics.*

I am running for city council because I love this city. I was raised here since 1965. I attended all local schools from Saticoy Elementary to Buena High and Ventura College. My two children were born here in this great city and I purchased my first home here in Ventura. I have a long track record of giving back. I went from a Buena Bulldog to a Leatherneck Devil Dog when I entered the U.S. Marine Corps upon my graduation from high school serving my country. I have been serving my community for the past fifteen years when I was a mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and I have coached youth sports and served as an umpire. I currently serve on two non-profit boards; CAUSE or Coastal Alliance for a United Sustainable Economy as their Treasurer and Community Action of Ventura County or CAVC where I am the current Secretary/Treasurer. Both of these organizations serve the community for social justice concerns and to assist in a hand up to families so that they can be self sufficient again.

I am a firm believer that any elected body or body of decision makers should reflect the diversity and values of the community that it serves. This includes



# The candidates speak

veterans, seniors and those with varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds. I have been a skilled negotiator for working people for the last six years and I know how to reach consensus to get things accomplished. I have worked with the present council and many other elected officials. I will bring this experience once elected to represent the residents the best I know how. I have been involved in student government since grade school so I have been a leader and decision maker since early childhood. Deciding to run for this elected office did not happen overnight. My leadership skills that I attained in the Marines not only helped me to rise to the rank of Sergeant in a short time but it also taught me the importance of teamwork and putting the needs of others before mine. I have lived by this training and have tried to perfect it since my honorable discharge.

Because I grew up here in Ventura and recall so many good times and benefits that I enjoyed throughout my youth days and beyond living here in Ventura, I have Ventura Roots and Ventura Values. One of my goals is to preserve and improve our quality of life here so that we can all work, raise our families and retire here. I would appreciate your vote and support to help make this happen.



## Cheryl Heitmann

*Cheryl Heitmann is 66 and is the Executive Director for the Ventura Music Festival. She has lived in Ventura for 1 year. Cheryl has a master's degree in social work from CSU Sacramento and a bachelor's degree from DePaul University. She was the Trustee of the Ventura County Community College District in 2002-2010.*

Complex and tough challenges require a leader who has the experience to make a difference and that's why I am running for Ventura City Council.

I served for 8 years as a trustee on the Ventura County Community College District and was elected president during a financial crisis. I guided the board through challenging times managing a budget twice the size of the city of Ventura's. I know what it means to work as an elected representative of the people and am not afraid to make the tough decisions.

Currently, I am the executive director of the Ventura Music Festival. In the years I have overseen this wonderful festival, we have seen a 30% increase in attendance, and expanded the programming to better meet the desires of the community. And our financial resources are stable. This has been possible through careful budgeting and forming partnerships with local businesses, volunteers, other non-profits and the city.

I am a member of the Boards of United Way, Ventura Chamber of Commerce, Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau and Downtown Ventura Partners. I am a member of Ventura Rotary, Pierpont Community

Council and former board member of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance and the Ventura County Mental Health Board. I am married with three grown children and one grandchild. In 2008, I was chosen as one of the top 50 women in Business by the Pacific Coast Business Times and in 2010 as one of the Top Non-profit Leaders by the Pacific Coast Business Times.

I have been working and volunteering in Ventura County for over 25 years and have a proven track record of bringing diverse groups of people together to achieve common goals. It is this experienced leadership that is needed today. I will work to balance our budget and restore city services including public safety; help neighborhood councils address local needs; protect our environment to sustain our quality of life; find sensible solutions to ease homelessness and vagrancy and strengthen our economy by broadening our tax base. For more information please go to my website: [www.cherylheitmann.com](http://www.cherylheitmann.com).



## Edmund M. Alamillo

*Ed Alamillo is 47 and is a Ventura County Environmental Health Inspector. He has lived in Ventura for over 45 years and lives in East Ventura. This is his first attempt at politics.*

Are you better off now than you were four years ago? Our city is not; with a closed fire station and library, our roads and sidewalks needing repair and our local beaches and parks needing to be maintained and finished, like Kimball Park. We also need to have continuity with the Avenue area. They too, are in need of a formidable park so that their youth will stay engaged in athletic programs which would deter gang involvement. I am proud to say I am the only candidate that has a short term solution to our lacking general fund. It is tourism, which I will explain. Ventura Harbor is the West Coast distribution center for calamari and seafood. What about a calamari/wine/seafood festival? We should also publicize and invest in our local bike path which runs from our coastline into Ojai and back down to Santa Paula as a similar Amgen Tour in cycling magazines. Ventura is the birthplace of the Ortega Chile. What about an Ortega Chile festival? We could have that event in downtown Ventura at the mission. Without new revenue our city services will continue to be in peril. We need to think in terms of partnerships when discussing our local artists. Our economy cannot stand alone with an artist's platform. We need to think about symbiotic relationships with our downtown businesses to draw in revenue at the west, middle and east ends.

As a lifelong resident of Ventura, I am committed to making a difference by improving policies affecting our quality of life. I have an ambitious five point plan which includes the following: Public safety is my top priority. Appropriate ratio of staff and community

policing.

Maintain our city services. This will enhance our quality of life. (Tourism.)

Economic development. Addressing the Auto Mall/Pacific View Mall, downtown and our industrial areas. Also preserving our farmland use.

Transportation needs. More bus routes in geographical areas along with service bike routes, etc.

Recreational programs. Maintain and enhance adult and youth programs.

Visit my website at [ed.alamillo.com](http://ed.alamillo.com).



## Carla Bonney

*Carla Bonney is 56 and is a small business owner in art sales and framing. She has lived in Ventura for 27 years and resides in Downtown Ventura. Carla earned her Paralegal associate degree at Phoenix College and has a major in art and a minor in Spanish from Arizona State University. She is also the Co-founder of the Ventura County Tea Party Patriots.*

I bring a more unique approach to City government. I have never run for office in the past. However, I have worked diligently for many years, as a private citizen to have my voice heard with my government.

As a Councilperson, I will work with government to help make your voice be heard. I have some great ideas for our City. I have talked with many business owners, who have expressed their bad experiences. They vocalize their difficulties in doing business here. I think it has become very necessary to open a dialogue which will include a business questionnaire. We should want to hear what they like or dislike about conducting their business in our area. Including what they feel is unfair regulations, fees, and delays in processing items through the City so we can consider better alternatives.

I can be a voice for a large number in the City that I have talked with in the past. They have shared much frustration with the status quo, and I know I can better represent their concerns. I work well with members of the Council, and have some I consider to be true friends.

We know that the City needs more transparency. That can be accomplished in steps. The first thing I would ask for is to make available to the public a notebook with copies of purchase orders, invoices and contracts held by the City. It would include anything over \$20,000, and would show all contracted labor and consulting agreements. Any relationships with nonprofits, and funding of community councils should be publicly available and also accessible through the internet.

The most important thing to remember is that we represent a varied group of people, and their unalienable rights include Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness. My goal is to help facilitate these rights to City residents in my role as Councilperson.



## Bill Knox

*Bill Knox is 32 and is the Vice president at Crescendo Interactive. He has lived in Ventura for over 21 years and lives in East Ventura. Bill has a Bachelor's degree from CSU Chico; law degree from The Catholic University of America; master of law from Loyola Law School. He ran for City Council in 2009.*

Ventura is blessed with natural beauty and hard working citizens. Yet with high unemployment and violent crime on the rise, it is obvious we need a change. Its time we make Ventura the safe, prosperous, well-run city it has the potential to be.

I know that businesses, not the government, create jobs and I have a plan to get Ventura working again. I propose the creation of a business enterprise zone to spark job creation. I want to encourage entrepreneurs by raising the gross receipts tax exemption to at least the poverty level and by offering business start-up and management programs to local companies.

While the dwindling economy has impacted the ability of our elected officials to responsibly dedicate personnel and resources to enforce our laws and protect our citizens, it need not be so. By placing more officers on the street, reforming pension obligations and eliminating costly overtime, we can lower the crime rate while reducing costs.

Let's us restore our beaches to the tempting and safe locations they once were. All city beaches ought to have trashcans and clean restrooms. The beaches ought to be groomed and prepared for recreational use. Let's allow more amenities to operate on or near our seaside. Every other city in Southern California boasts seaside attractions commensurate with a bustling tourist area. As our city's number one tourist attraction, we can not afford to neglect our shore.

My campaign is about restoring prosperity to Ventura. This is why I am endorsed by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce PAC, two political parties, council member Neal Andrews, Rep. Cameron Smyth, retired Congressman Bob Lagomarsino, the VC Reporter, as well as scores of businesses and individuals throughout our area.

Let's focus on getting our city back on track. Thank you for your support.

## Melody Joy Baker (no picture)

*Melody Joy Baker is 58 and self employed. She earned her Associate degree in applied science at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland. Melody lives in Ventura and ran for council in 2005 and 2009.*

My name is Melody Joy Baker. I am a small business owner, disabled U.S. Army veteran, and have lived here twenty-two years, and a resident for the last eleven years.

I am the one who put a face on the homeless, showed the city how to get more funding, was instrumental in getting "River Haven" up and going, told everyone, including the city, two years ago that within five-ten years there would be no more federal funding and that the city would go broke if it continued its priorities as they were. I also caught a one million dollar bookkeeping error in 2009 that could have

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## News and Notes



Caps Chat

### The CAPPIES and More

by Elizabeth Rodeno

The 2011 Annual CAPPIE Awards Ceremony was held on the Thursday, October 20th. Wow! 11 years of providing our community with a place to share their stories through video media. We had a wonderful turn out at the event with members and friends sharing a delicious Mexican meal provided by Corrales Restaurant. CAPS members celebrated their wonderful works with local dignitaries and the CAPS Board of Directors. Take a look at our website @ [www.capstv.org](http://www.capstv.org) under our Streaming Media section to view each of the CAPPIE Award winning programs. We are so proud of the dedication of our CAPS member family. The CAPPIE winners' programs ran the gamut from art, music, comedy, suspense, exposing environmental issues and the celebration of our community. CAPS would like to give a great big thank you to our judges,

presenters and our sponsors Amigo Rentals, Corrales, Sheldon Brown and the Ventura Breeze.

We look forward to the upcoming programming of 2011-2012. CAPS encourages you to share your story with the Ventura community through your local public access TV station. We invite you to come and take a tour of our media center and the fully equipped television studio. We have state of the art equipment and topnotch training. Studio, camera and editing training occur regularly each month and are included in your membership fee.

Our Board of Directors is made up of a great group of people committed to supporting CAPS as an integral part of the Ventura community. The board is made up of a diverse group of active citizens and City officials. We are sorry to see our Treasurer, Kathryn Yamada, leave the CAPS board. She has served for over 4 years as a wonderfully skilled and conscientious board member. Katherine is increasing her responsibilities at Community Memorial Hospital so we wish her the best. She won't be going too far so we are certain that we will see her around town. Keep posted as we will fill you in on our new board.

Just as a reminder to our local community. Don't forget that CAPS will be providing comprehensive coverage of the Ventura City Council Election's on Tuesday, November 8th. The election returns will be broadcast live on Channel 6. We hope you have met the candidates on our website. Each candidate shared their ideas and answered in-depth questions about their plan to help the State of the City. It is interesting to note that Ventura operates with a balanced

budget. It is quite a feat to keep that up. Don't forget to vote. It is one way to get your voice heard. Of course, CAPS is another way to speak your mind. Any and all opinions and viewpoints are welcome.

Compassionate Eating

### It's Easy Being a Veggie

by Bianca Martinez

On a recent outing with the Ventura County Vegans I found myself in the company of sensitive, animal loving people who were concerned with health and issues relating to world of food politics. The alternative lifestyle that balks meat and dairy products is still in the minority but is slowly gaining popularity in the mainstream. With protein myths busted, cruelty of the factory farm system coming to light and more and more people suffering from diet related health issues, more folks are becoming open to the concept of plant-based diets.

Contrary to what some may think it is not that difficult to function in a meat and cheese laden society. Many restaurants in Ventura will happily "veganize" items on their menu. While sipping on some Pinot Grigio at My Florist I was happy that members of my group were able to order some tasty menu items without any issues. Our server was very accommodating and understanding to our needs. While I do end up cooking at home quite a bit to ensure my food is organic and GMO free as possible, there are some local places I am happy to patronize for offering meat and dairy free options on their menus.

I think it's safe to say that after eating countless veggie burritos in this town over the years I like Jim and Rob's garden veggie the best. Having worked in food service myself I appreciate being able to go somewhere without having to be one of those annoying picky customers that wants this instead of that or can I substitute this for some other thing on the menu.

It is to our benefit that our society as a whole will need to adjust to the growing demand for plant-based meals. With side effects such as better health, less animal suffering, and fewer resources used to feed more people I don't see how that can be a bad thing. Run-off from factory farms and animal feedlots are the root cause of incredible amounts of food and water contamination, sickness and even deaths every year. Makes you wonder what price we are willing to pay to continue to have the luxury of meat-based diets while so many go hungry. As our population continues to grow and make more demands for animal products, and other natural resources it makes sense to eat in a way that can provide for us all. Just some food for thought.

For tasty plant based recipes that feature local produce check out: [www.compassionateating.wordpress.com](http://www.compassionateating.wordpress.com)

### Welcome Center and Student Lounge grand opening

Ventura College is inviting the community to the grand opening of its new Welcome Center and Student Lounge located along "Pirate's Walk"

next to administration and the cafeteria. The celebration will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The Welcome Center provides a gateway from the college to prospective, new and returning students. Welcome Center staff and Student Ambassadors are available for questions and information regarding enrollment, student services and education. The Welcome Center also schedules and conducts campus tours and organizes high school and community outreach activities.

The new Student Lounge is a place for students to interact, study and rest. It is funded through the Ventura College Associated Students. The student government representatives of 2010/11 academic years were leaders in working with architectural designers to craft a relaxing, modern and functional space for students. The lounge is the first of a three-phase project to remodel the student government offices and meeting spaces.

### Annual Light Up A Life benefit

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association has begun its 27th Annual Light Up A Life campaign. The beginning of the campaign coincides with National Hospice and Palliative Care month, November, and runs through the holiday season. The campaign goal is to raise \$50,000 to benefit Livingston Hospice, the first Medicare Certified hospice in Ventura County.

Livingston invites all residents of Ventura County to support this year's Light Up campaign. Memory Stars can be ordered online for \$25 each at [lmvna.org](http://lmvna.org) or by calling 642-0239. Event sponsorship is also available.

Hospice is a special kind of care for the terminally ill, their families and caregivers. Hospice care addresses and meets the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients. Services are provided in the patient's home, wherever their home may be. Livingston's hospice team, including our medical director, nurses, social workers, spiritual care providers and volunteers, combine their expertise, passion and compassion in providing end of life care.

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association provides healthcare in the home for the sick, handicapped, elderly and homebound. Established in 1947, Livingston is Ventura County's only community-supported non-profit agency, which provides professional, licensed home health and hospice care. Livingston is sensitive to the financial circumstances of its patients and provides needed services, including those at reduced or no charge to indigent patients.

### Solar energy- Not just another "Crazy Hippie" thing anymore

Among other growing trends such as recycling and energy efficiency, Solar energy has transitioned from an

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- 53 Year Ventura Resident
- Retired Sheriff's Captain - 32 years
- Small Business Owner in Ventura

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Many were in attendance at the Boating Center groundbreaking ceremony

### Boating Center groundbreaking

The County of Ventura recently celebrated the groundbreaking for the Boating Instruction and Safety Center to be located in Channel Islands Harbor. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on Oct. 14. The facility, which will be known as the Channel Islands Boating Center, will be operated by CSU Channel Islands and will offer public education opportunities as well as University recreation programs.

University President Richard Rush described the project as an opportunity for the University to partner with other agencies for the benefit of all county residents and to provide unique recreational opportunities for their students. State Assemblymember

Julia Brownley expressed her pleasure at providing an education facility that can benefit the entire community, and the appropriateness of using boater fuel taxes for this purpose.

The project has been in development for a number of years, and is funded by a combination of private donations, grants, and Harbor revenues.

Channel Islands Harbor serves as a center of recreation, boating, shopping and water sports activities. The harbor is home to three yacht clubs and nine full-service marinas that provide berths for 2,150 boats. For more information on the Channel Islands Harbor, visit [www.channelislandsharbor.org](http://www.channelislandsharbor.org).

### Solar energy

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obsure experimental technology into a mainstream product that more and more homeowners are taking a serious look at. Recently, in Los Angeles, the administrators of the California Solar Initiative solar rebate had to place the rebate program on pause; due to the influx of customers applying so rapidly that the funding for the rebate was running short. They reinstated it only to pause it again within mere months. The Southern California Edison Rebate is still in effect for now but has recently been reduced to a lower level as more and more customers are taking advantage of the incentives. As one drives around California, it's almost impossible not to notice solar panels popping up on rooftops everywhere.

What is it about solar that has these crazy hippies spending ten to twenty thousand dollars on solar panels for their rooftop? The answer is that most of these people are not crazy hippies at all. In fact, most people who are doing it are quite level headed and have planned their finances carefully. They have weighed the options and have found that the investment now will really pay off in the long run.

Think that's crazy talk? It's already happened with other forms of energy! Once upon a time gas was so cheap you could head off on a road trip in virtually any direction with little thought of how you would fund successive tanks of fuel to keep on trucking.

The same thing is happening with electricity. The swimming pools, the big screen televisions, the computers that are always on, the air conditioners, we literally may not be able to afford to use these the way we once did.

To bring this all full circle and give a shout out to the hippies that started such crazy trends as recycling and solar energy proliferation, not only may our pocket books struggle to afford these luxuries, but unless we all keep making moves to adopt these cleaner forms of energy, our environment cannot afford them either.

If you are interested in learning more

about solar energy Coastal Solar, a local family owned business, is hosting a free workshop on the benefits of solar energy at the WAV (Working Artists of Ventura) on November 10th at 6pm.

### CERT is a program of Citizen Corps

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

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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](http://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](http://facebook.com/venturacityfire) and [youtube.com/VenturaCityFD](http://youtube.com/VenturaCityFD).

### Melody Joe Baker

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had catastrophic consequences.

So, in order to get this city going again, we need simple, common-sense ideas. Things like less alcohol related events and more art, crafts, carnivals, and street fairs. We advertise ourselves as the new "Art City" and "Family Oriented," so let's start showing it. The city and the art community can become partners to do this.

We can encourage more companies like Z dwellings, to hire trained construction people who have received 'green' school, and receive help getting tax credits.

We can encourage more 'mom and pop' businesses, and cut back on vendors with alcohol permits. If we do that, then we can also get a handle on the homeless and vagrant problems here.

We can offer the river bottom people a choice of getting clean and sober programs, help with housing after, and have businesses who would hire them, and in return receive tax credits as well.

For these reasons, which you can see actually use assets already in place, but create jobs, employs locals, and starts eliminating the homeless, while attracting new business and tourism dollars. I feel you should vote for me. As my slogans say 'Taking it to the Streets' and 'It's Time to get Real.'



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# Community events

## Laugh your head off

Comedian Randy Lubas is proud to be producing the first Ventura Comedy Festival from November 11-13, with 33 comedy shows at 7 locations across Ventura. Venues include The Majestic Ventura Theater, The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ventura Harbor Comedy Club, Andres Wine and Tapas, The Greek at The Harbor and Margarita Villa. VCF has pledged 10% of all sponsorship dollar receipts and \$1 for every ticket sold outside of sponsorships, to FOOD Share to continue and expand its services.

Comedians can compete for "Ventura's Funniest Person," with celebrity judges and terrific prizes for the finalists. Eddie Brill, the comedy booker for The David Letterman Show will also conduct auditions during the festival.

The first 100 all access passes are on sale for \$79.99, a \$20 discount.

Enjoy a laugh filled weekend with a variety of comedians from all over, and entertainment executives! Email [venturacomedyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:venturacomedyfestival@gmail.com), call 644-1500, or visit [www.venturacomedyfestival.com](http://www.venturacomedyfestival.com) for more information and tickets.

## "TRIVIA CHALLENGE" will challenge you

The 23rd Annual "TRIVIA CHALLENGE" fundraiser supporting the Ventura County Library Adult Literacy Program will be presented by the Rotary Club of Ventura South on Wednesday, November 16, 6:00 PM at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Rd.

Up to 40 teams of 3 players will be competing in the 2011 "Trivia Challenge". It's a fun, knowledge game where each team tries to answer the same trivia question. Trophies and prizes are awarded to the winners in each division.

Organizations, service clubs, schools, businesses and individuals can enter or sponsor a whole or partial team. The team entry fee is \$300 or \$100 per person payable by cash,

check or credit card. The event is open to the public with a \$5.00 per person, tax deductible contribution requested for event admission.

100% of the proceeds and contributions collected from the 2011 "Trivia Challenge" are posted directly to the literacy program for adult learners. Additional tax deductible donations can be sent directly to the Rotary Club of Ventura South-designate "Trivia Challenge" or Adult Literacy.

For additional information call Jerry Spencer at 488-7725. Reservations and donations may be mailed to: Rotary Club of Ventura South, "Trivia Challenge", P.O. Box 6383, Ventura, Ca. 93006.

## Dudley House Victorian Holiday Boutique

On November 25, 26, 27; December 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10, 11 celebrate the spirit of holidays past at the historic Dudley House. The 18th year of this annual fundraiser for the museum features quality crafts, home décor, antiques and collectibles, homemade candies and a tearoom with refreshments, silent auction and bargain items. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a flea market on Sundays. Located on the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood in Ventura, admission is free. Call 642-3345 for information.

## Firefighter's Auxiliary to hold fundraiser

The Ventura City Firefighter's Auxiliary is a non-profit group that supports our Firefighter Families in times of need and Local Ventura City Charities. They are holding a fundraiser, Casino Night on November 19, hosted by the Elks Lodge, 2126 Knoll Dr., Ventura, from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Each ticket includes a catered dinner from Milano's Italian Restaurant, one drink ticket, dessert and \$500.00 Kasino Kash (additional Kasino Kash will be available for purchase at the event). Featured will be craps, blackjack, poker, roulette, music and dancing.

For tickets contact Sherri Contreras 402-6135 or Kim Nielsen 208-6229.

## Ventura events

**Nov. 6:** Come join the friends of the **Santa Clara River volunteer workday** at The Nature Conservancy in Santa Paula. Arrive at 8:00 for birding and leader Sandy Hedrick will lead the group from 9 - 12 a.m. (340-0478). Wear long pants and boots or closed shoes, as well as, bring water, gloves and sun protection because there is a hike required. Directions for the volunteer day are as follows. Go east on Hwy 126 through Santa Paula, turn right at the light which is Hallock Dr. then go straight to the end & park near the gate. Rain will cancel the day.

**Nov. 6: Occupy Ventura, Occupy Oxnard, Occupy Everywhere/We are the 99** participants are holding a panel on Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m. at Foster Library's Topping Room, 651 E. Main St., in Ventura. Come to learn about the movement that is quickly progressing all over the world, and learn about ongoing actions and what direction this movement will be headed in.

For more info about Occupy Ventura please visit [occupyventura.org](http://occupyventura.org)

**Nov. 7: Audubon field trips** in Ojai. Beginners are welcome on all field trips. Leader: Adele Fergusson is this trip's team leader and directions are as follows. Take Hwy 33 toward Ojai then exit Canada Larga Rd. Meet near the beginning of the road. We will walk and drive the canyon. Enjoy the beautiful canyon and its many birds including hawks, Western Bluebirds and a variety of sparrows. Light drizzle does not necessarily cancel trips, but heavier rain will. If in doubt, please call the trip leader. 8:30 a.m. Contact phone is 415-4304.

**Nov. 9: Ventura Audubon General Membership meeting.** Stephen Shunk, Oregon naturalist and woodpecker specialist, will speak on our local woodpeckers, discussing natural history, adaptation and hybridization among our woodpecker species and identification challenges. The lead instructional will start at 7:30 p.m. Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.

**Nov. 12: The Ventura Beginners Personal Computer Users Group** will meet Saturday, November 12th in the 3rd floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place, Ventura. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. Ann Reeves will speak on "Great Little-Known Websites." For more information, call Marcie Malony at 648-1368.

**Nov. 12:** Macy's Thousand Oaks is coming together with Ventura City Corps and holding their **Community Shopping Day**. For more than a decade Macy's has joined together with local non-profit organizations to help raise funds for their charitable endeavors. Community Shopping Day gives you the chance to help Ventura City Corps. You can buy online using the Givezooks tab on the Macy's website and you will receive a shopping pass and can also enter to win a \$500 Macy's gift card. Please join in celebrating Community Shopping Day and help Ventura City Corps.

**Nov. 12:** San Buenaventura Friends of the Library will be having a **Holiday book sale**. They will be selling a selection of quality, used books,

featuring holiday themed selections. This all-volunteer group works to help Ventura's libraries serve the public need for knowledge and opportunity. Saturday, from 10am - 3pm inside the Pacific View mall center court. For more information contact Chuck Carlson, book sales manager, 642-6084 or [chucknsherrie@att.net](mailto:chucknsherrie@att.net).

**Nov. 13: Ventura Audubon General Membership meeting** is scheduled at Camino Real Park. Start birding along the barranca and go into the park. Birds that should be visible will be Red-shouldered Hawks and the beginning of migrant sparrows and warblers. For more information call David Torfeh at 647-3325. Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. at Camino Real Park

**Nov. 13:** The Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra and Kuan Fen Liu, Artistic Director, present the **Youth Concerto Winners in the Winter Concert of its Ninth Season**, celebrating our youth. Featured in this concert will be "Peter and the Wolf", by Serge Prokofiev performed by the Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, narrated by Molly Kohler Pei and we are proud to present three featured young soloists. This concert will be at 4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1338 East Santa Clara Street, Ventura. A twenty dollar donation is appreciated. For further information call 643-8621 or visit the website at [www.CHICOVC.org](http://www.CHICOVC.org)

**Nov. 13:** and Sunday, December 4 a **"Sacred Art Experience"** a hands-on encounter with silk, horsehair, and sacred art discover the significance and spiritual power embodied in a rare Buddhist textile art tradition, and connect to that energy within yourself.

The encounter will be presented at Bell Arts Factory, studio #77, 432 N. Ventura Ave. from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$35 and reservations are required. Reserve your space at [www.SacredArtExperience.com](http://www.SacredArtExperience.com). For further info, contact Leslie at Threads of Awakening, 626-8272, [info@ThreadsofAwakening.com](mailto:info@ThreadsofAwakening.com)

**Nov. 15: Women's Economic Venture (WEV)** is holding a free **Self-Employment Training Orientation** in Ventura from 12 to 1pm, and December 6 from 6 to 7pm, to be held at 374 Poli Street, Suite 207. These mandatory orientation sessions are required to help women to determine if they are ready for the WEV business courses. These courses include a Self-Employment Training (SET) to help teach women how to become successful, self-employed businesswomen. WEV is recognized nationally for its non-profit business training, small business loans and many other resources. For more information or to register for orientation call 965.6073 or visit [www.wevonline.org/set-orientations](http://www.wevonline.org/set-orientations). RSVP Required.

**Nov. 19:** Come hear some of Ventura County's most talented storytellers as they join others from around the world in this yearly storytelling event for their community. For ages 12 and up. The story telling will be from 7:30- 9 p.m. and featuring **Annual Tellabration: Reaping our Roots, A World of Stories**. The WAV has an entrance fee of \$10. For additional information, please contact [elaine@embodiedvoicestoryarts.com](mailto:elaine@embodiedvoicestoryarts.com) or call 805-407-2538.

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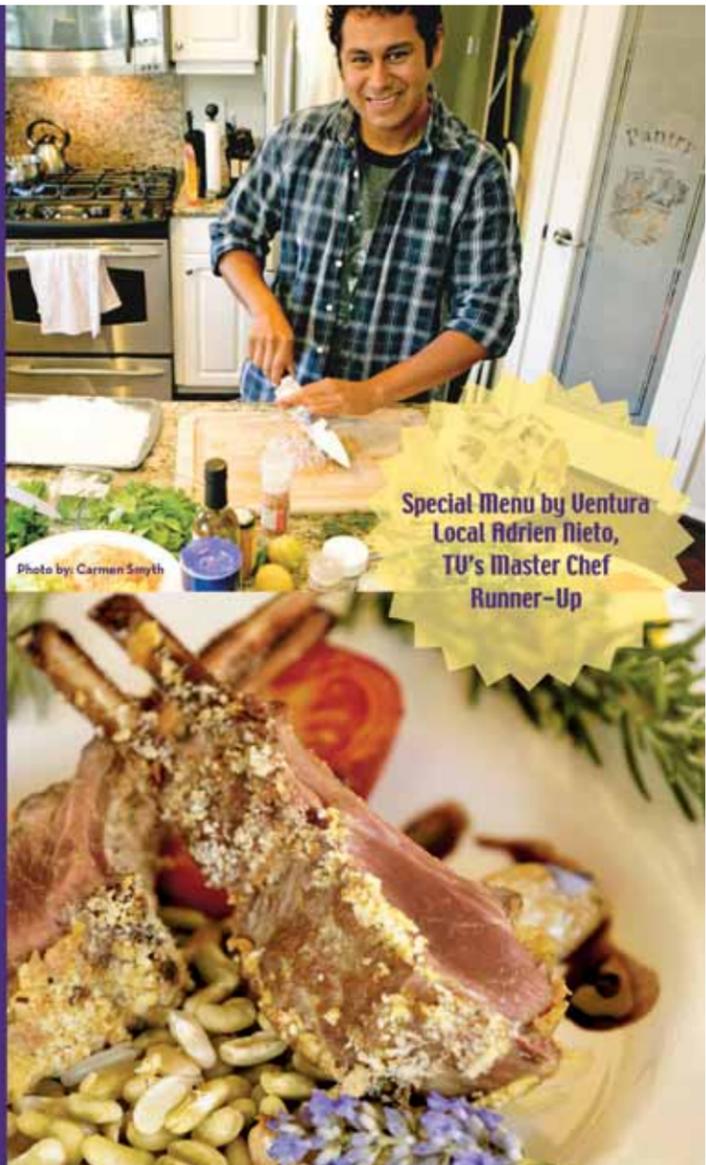
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## Ojai events

**Nov. 12: Ojai Jazz Concerts** will be presenting the legendary **Jon Mayer Trio** at 8 pm, Saturday night at The Ojai Valley Community Church, 907 El Centro, (at Loma Dr.)

The Jon Mayer Trio consists of pianist Jon Mayer (who played with John Coltrane, Chet Baker, and Sara Vaughan), drummer Joe Labarbera (who played with Bill Evans), and bassist Luther Hughes (who played with Lionel Hampton). Information and ticket purchasing available online at [www.tinyurl.com/ojaijazz6](http://www.tinyurl.com/ojaijazz6). Tickets will also be available at The Ojai Roasting Co. in Ojai. General Admission-\$30./\$33.online, Friends of Live Jazz/VIP-\$50/\$55online, Students-\$15. (under 25 yrs. old w/ID @door only). For more info call Rich Tell Presents @ 746.0936.

Bargain hunters and treasure seekers are invited to downtown Ojai on Saturday, **Nov. 5**, for the 3rd annual **Ojai Village Merchants Back Yard Sale** featuring gifts, art, clothing and collectibles from more than twenty merchants.

Free of chain stores, and brimming with small town charm and hospitality, Ojai offers an "unchained" shopping experience. It's where one-of-a-kind takes on new meaning, and friendly shopkeepers are on hand to assist with finding that perfect something special. Free parking throughout the village. Rain or shine. Sponsored by Ojai Village Merchants.

For more information on the event, call Katrina Sexton at 646-2852 or Gloria Jones at 640-8844. For more information on Ojai shops and galleries, and directions to Ojai, visit

[www.ojaivisitors.com](http://www.ojaivisitors.com)

The **27th annual Ojai Peddler's Fair** is being held from 9am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday, **Nov. 12 & 13**. The bustling Peddler's Fair is located inside the Chapparral Auditorium at 414 E. Ojai Ave. Parking is free in the adjacent municipal parking lot, and admission is always free.

Held rain or shine, the Peddler's Fair is chock-full of quality antiques, collectibles, jewelry, handcrafts and international crafts.

This is a benefit for the Mira Monte PTO. Vendors are sought.

For more information, please contact Pat at 805-964-8915 or Jodie at 805-640-4384 x2284.

Running through the last week in July of 2012, the Ojai Valley Museum will be offering **Historical Walkabouts** every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. While checking out the city's architectural highlights, participants will hear stories about events and pioneer families who influenced this community.

Participants should meet at the museum, 130 W. Ojai Ave. Walk-ins are welcome. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family. To reserve a tour on weekdays, or for more information, call 640 - 1390, ext. 203.

The Ojai Valley Museum is pleased to announce the **re-opening of its Visitor Center** after extensive renovations in late summer. The new Visitor Center remains in its original location at the northeast corner of the museum building, but is now an independent office space, separate from the museum's business office.

The Ojai Valley Museum's Visitor Center is the only place in Ojai to get hard copy information as well as

personalized information from the volunteer corps of local experts who staff the center.

The Visitor Center is open 7 days a week: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. on weekends.

Visitor Center volunteers are available to answer your questions. Please enjoy the resources of this new tourist information center in the Ojai Valley Museum! Location: 130 West Ojai Avenue at Blanche Street. 640-1390, ext. 202.

OjaiDanceSeries.com has officially begun a live music, **"Once-a-Month" public dance** in Ojai that occurs nearly every First Saturday through May 5th, 2012.

Next Dances are **Nov. 19, Dec. 3, and New Years Eve**, all Saturday nights! Rock, R and B, Reggae, Latin Jazz bands begin the sequence!

The series offers excellent Live trademark Soul, Funk, Latin, and Jazz dance tunes, performed by A-List musicians for all people, of all ages. Singles, Couples, and families are invited to enjoy this very-affordable easy-to-find community public event. Our feature event will be the New Years Eve celebration! Visit [OjaiDanceSeries.com](http://OjaiDanceSeries.com) for more information

Cost: \$12 Adult, \$10 Teen, 0-12 Free, Senior, Mil, Vets \$8 (New Years \$15) Location: 414 East Ojai Ave. (Chapparral Auditorium) Refreshments: Available .Website: [www.ojaidanceseries.com](http://www.ojaidanceseries.com)



Peter Wagner on "Bouncing Friendly Gnome" got wet, sandy and muddy competing in the Kinetic Sculpture Race recently held at the Ventura Harbor. The 14th annual Kinetic Sculpture Race raises money for the Turning Point Foundation. The Kinetic Sculpture Race in Ventura is the only Kinetic Race held in Southern California. Photo by John Ferritto.

# The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



## Ken Corney

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Ken Corney moved to Ventura from League City, Texas in 1970 when his father, a Grumman Aerospace engineer, was transferred from the Lunar Module project to the F14 Tomcat jet fighter project. Ken attended elementary school, middle school and high school in Ventura, and Ventura College. After his sophomore year at Ventura College, Ken accepted an athletic scholarship to California University Long Beach where he competed in track and field and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism – Public Relations.

Ken joined the Ventura Police Department in 1986. As an officer he served in the Patrol Task Force, SWAT hostage negotiator and field training officer. He was later promoted to Corporal where he served in patrol and later was as a gang investigator in addition to a collateral assignment as an entry team member of SWAT. Ken was promoted to Sergeant in 1995 and after a tour as a Patrol Sergeant was assigned to the Special Enforcement Team – Gang Enforcement Unit, SWAT Team Leader as well as President of the Ventura Police Officers Association.

During his tenure as the Sergeant of the Special Enforcement Team, Ken led a team that successfully obtained over \$2 million in grant funding from the state and helped create successful at-risk youth early intervention and prevention programs. Ventura's Gang Violence Prevention program was created and recognized by the California Office of Criminal Justice and Prevention as the benchmark for program across the state.

In 1996, Ken worked with a team of follow officers to establish the Ventura Police Activities League (PAL) and served as the founding president and later the executive director. The officers developed Ventura PAL after seeing first hand the significant need for positive role models and recreational programs to the at-risk youth living in economically and geographically disadvantaged areas of Ventura.

Ken was promoted to Lieutenant in 2000 and served as a patrol Watch Commander and later the department's first Special Operations division Commander where he was

responsible for Special Enforcement Team, SWAT Operations and Grant program management. In 2003 Ken was promoted to Assistant Chief and appointed to be the Chief of Police in 2009 by City Manager Rick Cole after the retirement of Chief Pat Miller.

Ken considers it an honor and privilege to lead the Ventura Police Crime Fighting team and Police Chief. He believes there is not an organization with more spirited crime fighters anywhere in the United States. Ken believes that despite the many challenges the police department may face, the core formula for success remains constant – Develop and Retain a Winning Team Communicate and execute and shared mission with clear goals Relentless pursue success

Ken has been a Ventura resident for over 41 years. He and his wife Reva have been married for 30 years. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.

*We asked him what he likes most about Ventura.*

Ventura is truly a post card community - from the ocean to the mountains. We are near enough many of the great things Central and Southern California has to offer, but far enough away to appreciate the uniqueness of our community. When I first arrived in East Ventura in 1970, the City's population was around 50,000 and the east end was just beginning to develop. The town had the same rural feeling that still exists today. I think the feeling is the same because of the people that call Ventura home. I am blessed to have been provided the opportunity to work and raise my family in Ventura.

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

My portrait sitting with Johanna was a wonderful opportunity to watch an artist at work from the other side of the fish bowl. As Johanna worked, I watched how she squinted and moved around to gain a different perspective as she worked. As she worked, we talked and we learned a lot about each other's experiences in life. My visit with Johanna was a delight.



Captain Bill Finley



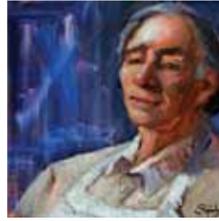
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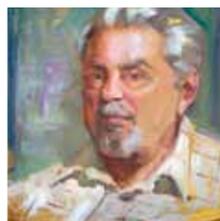
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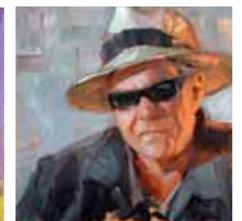
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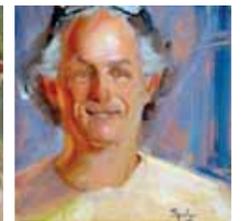
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**Readers are invited to nominate a special person for the series.**

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

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Scott Miller

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.

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.



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

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

# This 'n' that



*Cindy Piester is a local community activist who has been working the last four years to produce alternative news and information to viewers through Pulse TV on the local CAPS public television channel.*

## Local TV broadcast provides alternative pulse

by Tim Pompey

For community activist Cindy Piester, what started out in 2007 as a protest against the policies of George W. Bush has now morphed into something much bigger—her own TV show called Pulse TV, of which she is the producer and host. Pulse is available locally on channel 6, the Community Access Partners of San Buenaventura (CAPS) channel.

Pulse TV launched its first show in January 2008. It featured Paul Edwards from Montana, a pro democracy activist who was the former campaign manager for Dennis Kucinich. “I didn’t know when I started what it would turn into,” said Piester. “It was a local means of getting information out to people. I’ve been a member of CAPS since 2001, so when I saw the opportunity, I took it.”

In the beginning, Pulse broadcasts were very sporadic, but the show has taken root and now has a weekly half-hour time-slot that airs on CAPS four times a week. “For us, a little tiny operation out of Ventura, it’s a success to have more than 110,000 hits,” she said. “It means that something is resonating with people. People are hungry for the truth.”

Piester has had an interest in alternative reporting and journalism since she was a young girl. “I promised myself when I was 12,” she said, “that I would pay attention to what was going on in the large world and try to help.”

She considers herself an in-depth researcher and started studying topics like covert ops in her 20s. What she has learned over the years is that gaining access to public information takes time and hard work. “There are two levels of information,” she said. “For the most part, the American public is only able to access what is put out in the media and what our government officials actually tell us. But if a person has the time or the interest to discover more information, it is available.”

Some of her guests have included attorneys like Robert Perry, who broke several stories on Iran-contra, Vincent Warren, the Executive Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, and

Marjorie Cohn, the former director for the National Lawyers Guild.

She has been particularly interested in the effect of war on veterans. Her shows have included interviews with guests like Robynn Murray, a combat veteran in Iraq, and Ethan McCord who saved two children’s lives in what is now termed the Iraq “Collateral Murder.”

Her work has also extended to parents of Iraq war veterans such as Jane Bright whose son Evan Ashcraft was one of the first to die in Iraq, Cindy Sheehan, and Mike Needham, the father of John Needham, whose story will be broadcast on CBS on Veterans Day.

Piester believes the main reason for her increased viewership is because her guests speak from the heart. “I think we’re resonating with people, because the people who speak on my show speak with heartfelt sincerity.”

She knows that some of what she talks about may be controversial, but feels strongly that the topics on Pulse TV are important to her audience. “I never expect to convince someone with an entrenched belief system of their own,” she said, “but I know myself and I act accordingly with my inner guidance, and I feel that what I do is the right thing to do, to the best of my ability.”

Piester does not consider herself to be affiliated with any particular political party. “I’m really very much an independent,” she stated. “If you want to know what I support, my commitment is to the American people, to veterans, to the troops, and to the victims of war.”

The show is produced in partnership with Maverick Media Productions and can be viewed online at <http://vimeo.com/maverickmediaproductions>. Regular broadcasts of the show are aired on CAPS on Sundays at 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 A.M., Thursdays at 8:00 P.M., and Fridays at 2:00 P.M.

She’s always looking for volunteer assistance and encourages anyone who would like to work with her to get in touch. For more information about Pulse TV or some of Piester’s other projects, contact her at [work4peace@gmail.com](mailto:work4peace@gmail.com), or call her at (805) 407-7997.



*Nancy Gregg is joined by President Sherry Cash and long-time member Lorie Balzer*

## Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Great Auction

“Bolo & Bling At The Oil Baron’s Ball”, the 44th Annual Great Auction

of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura will be presented by E. J. Harrison & Son, Inc., November 5, at 4:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, 450 East Harbor Blvd.

The event features a champagne reception and also includes live and silent auctions, gourmet dining and entertainment. Todd Ventura of ‘Poor Richard Press’ will again be the evening’s auctioneer. Entertainment will include Boys & Girls Club kids performing a line dance.

All funds raised by the auction benefit the on-going programs for the over 3,500 kids and families served by the five Boys & Girls Club of Ventura sites in Ventura, Oak View and Saticoy.

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



*On October 28 the Olivas Adobe presented the “Day of the Dead” featuring a puppet show with puppeteer Doug Frieland who entertained all of the kids including Morgan Baxter, age 10 and Grace Baxter, age 3. Photo by John Ferritto.*



*On Oct. 29 hundreds of zombies appeared at the Ventura Harbor Village to dance and thrill the world at the annual worldwide simultaneous dancing to Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” to try to set a world record and to aid charities. Over 22,000 dancers participated worldwide in 2009. Michelle Mencio, Laura Orisostomo, Kiela Ligay, and Shanna Lucero were maybe the most scary. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.*



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## Senior Living

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### November is National Hospice Month

by Nanci Cone

The hospice concept of care dates way back to medieval Europe. In this country, hospice became a welcome and accepted form of care when Medicare declared it a benefit in 1983. Now, MediCal, HMO's and most types of insurance cover hospice care.

Sandy Morse, Director of Community and Professional Relations for Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses & Hospice, says, "A great sense of relief is felt when the hospice team starts the patient's care plan as the team of skilled professionals address the patient's and family's needs. Relief of pain, emotional support, symptom control, and spiritual support is the primary focus of the hospice team. If a loved one is facing a life limiting illness, family and friends suffer as well. Knowing there is a compassionate medical team always available to help them cope brings peace of mind and hope."

When choosing a hospice, looking for one that has been in business for many years should be a priority. The type of insurance, or lack of, may be a concern, thus a non-profit hospice should be considered. Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association is a home health agency that has been in business for over 65 years. Livingston Hospice was created in 1985 and is the only non-profit hospice in Ventura County, thus no one is ever refused care,

regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

Ms. Morse says she's often asked the difference between home health care and hospice care. "Home health care is short term, intermittent medical care for a skilled need. A few examples are wound care, physical therapy, and medication management. The goal is to return the patient to a optimal health. Hospice care is specialized care for those facing a life limiting illness, where cure is no longer possible. The goal is to provide comfort care, focus on quality of life and meet the emotional as well as medical needs."

It's important to know that Medicare guidelines specify a 60-day benefit that can be renewed, thus one can be on hospice for as long as needed. In addition, bereavement care is available for the family with no time limits. Also, there are seven hospice providers in Ventura County. The growing need for hospice care continues: in 2005, 1611 patients were served and in 2010, there were 2885 patients.

When asked why there is a National Hospice Month, Ms. Morse comments, "This month has been set aside to draw attention to and raise awareness of the special kind of care that hospice offers. It is a time to reach out and educate our community about the compassionate care that hospice provides."

One of the most important messages to help people understand is that hospice care helps patients and families focus on living. Hospice isn't about dying but about living as fully as possible despite a life-limiting illness. If you or a loved one is facing a serious or life-limiting illness, call 642-0239; the time to find out more about hospice care is now.



Boat enthusiasts came out in droves to help CAREGIVERS

## Sailathon makes a huge splash!

by Nanci Cone

Sunday, October 9th was the perfect day to hold the 10th Annual Sailathon, a benefit to help the nonprofit organization CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly. Boat enthusiasts came out in droves with their outrigger canoes, kayaks, sailboats, powerboats and catamarans to traverse the triangular course set up off the Ventura Pier. Joining the event for the first time was the tall ship, Bill of Rights, carrying seniors and residents of the Veterans Administration home.

The skippers met first at the Pierpont Bay Yacht Club where they were treated to a delicious continental breakfast supplied by the Duchess of Dublin Bakery, goodie bags and T-shirts. The boats then headed to the Ventura Pier where they offered a terrific view for visitors on the dock.

Afterwards, the boaters met at the former Scotch & Sirloin Restaurant, recently purchased by the Sadove family, who graciously donated the facility to CAREGIVERS for a gala reception.

Andy Killion, founder of the event and owner of Anchor's Way Marine Centers, said, "I can't believe how much fun we had! Everything was so well organized, the race went really well and the reception was incredible. Everyone in attendance was already talking about next year's event and that was music to my ears. It was truly a killer event!"

Augie Martinez, chairman of the board for CAREGIVERS, noted, "All of us worked so hard on this fundraiser. It turned out to be a tremendous success and our thanks go out to all our skippers and their crews as well as to all the sponsors and business who donated so much. All proceeds generated will go directly to help the frail elderly remain in their homes as long as possible and to connect them to much-needed services."

To learn more about CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly, visit their website at [www.vccaregivers.org](http://www.vccaregivers.org). Volunteers are always needed for Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Camarillo, Santa Paula and Fillmore and all donations are tax deductible.

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# Senior Living

## Senior Citizens' Week Book Festival

## Yesterday's Café

Bank of Books is hosting its First Annual Senior Citizens' Week Book Festival from Nov. 13 through Nov. 19 at Bank of Books located at 748 East Main Street.

The event is free to the public and is designed to provide information on topics important to seniors.

The week-long festival will feature talks by some of Ventura County's most respected residents. Some of the speakers include community leaders such as Councilman Neal Andrews, Pastor Leonard DeWitt, Breeze publisher Sheldon Brown and senior advocates Nanci Cone and Suz Montgomery; and talks by special guests from the Ventura Veterans Home as well as Ross Olney, co-author of *Combat He Wrote*.

Everyday during this special week at 3pm a local author will give a talk about their book.

Monday through Friday at 11am Ventura's best senior facilities and senior care services such as Aegis of Ventura, Lexington, Palms at Bonaventure and Livingston will talk on senior health and care.

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Get more information at facebook.com/bankofbooks or call John at 643-3154.

When Donna Beal, Program director for the Alzheimer's Association Central Coast Chapter, presented a new concept to support Alzheimer's and dementia patients – and their families – to the managers at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura, she received a positive response almost immediately.

"Yesterday's Café", as it is called, is a monthly gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, along with families, caregivers, and professionals. It is open to the public and free of charge.

The program is unique in having caregivers attending at the same time with those they care for who are afflicted with Alzheimer's and dementia. The meetings are both educational and informal social events. There are a variety of activities for those in attendance with Alzheimer's and dementia.

The monthly gatherings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane. For more information or to RSVP, please call 650-8000.

To learn more about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura, visit their web site at [www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com](http://www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com).

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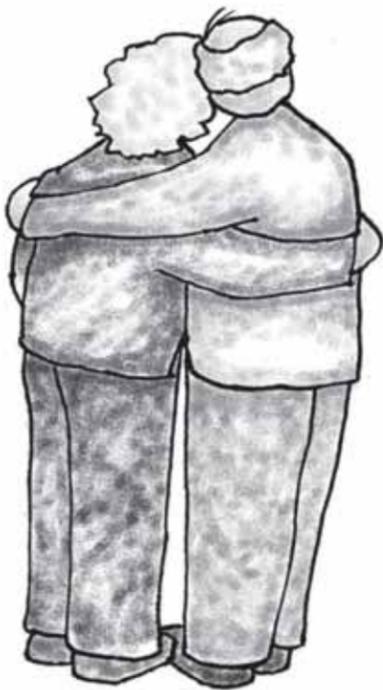


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*Putting this fire equipment back into service will help the fire department's response time*

## Fire station number 4 to reopen

The City Council has accepted a federal grant that will allow Fire Station 4 to reopen for at least the next three years. The station, located in east Ventura, was closed to help city balance budget the city budget.

A combination of a \$2.3 million federal grant and \$1.2 million from the city will be necessary to keep it open with the city paying all of the cost for the third year.

The city received a federal grant in August to fund the station's operations for two years. But to accept it, the city had to commit to paying the full cost for the third year which means about \$400,000 for the city for each year. Nine new firefighters will be hired to staff the station.

The city funds will come from payments by the developer of the planned Parklands Subdivision and \$350,000 from the paramedic fund which is paid by a private ambulance company that serves Ventura AMR.

AMR serves the city through a contract

with Ventura County and responds to all medical emergencies which the city fire department also responds to. They pay the city because we help them meet their contract obligations with the county.

The city might need to cut back on some purchases such as the purchasing of new fire and police radios, new defibrillators and new computers.

The \$50,000 a year from the Parklands payment is an advance on a \$3 million fee that Westwood Communities agreed to pay the city when its proposed residential development was approved. To help the city open the fire station the developer agreed to pay the first \$150,000 of the \$3 million during the three years that the station will be open.

The fire department's aim is to respond to all calls within 5 minutes. It reaches that goal about 51 percent of the time and anticipated that opening station 4 will improve that percentage.

# Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)

Professor Scamp  
Ph.D

To keep my readers informed of fun things that us dogs can do I've decided to stay at lodgings that are dog friendly (either local or nearby).

Recently I was listening to Lyn Fairly and Friends (on 1520KVTA) and Jan Martin Winn, the General Manager of The Upham Hotel & Country House (located in Santa Barbara) was her guest. And I heard her say that The Upham is dog friendly and has some rooms that "man's best friend" can stay in, so I decided to check it out and stay there.

So I had one of my human roommates call the hotel and make a reservation for us (I can't get a credit card so I couldn't make the reservation—something about me still owing Furry State for my student loan).

So last week we jumped (well, I jumped) into the car and we took a nice 30-minute ride to the hotel.

Once we arrived I found out that The Upham Hotel is the oldest continuously operating hotel in Southern California and was built in 1871 (even older than my publisher).

Today it manages to respect its heritage while providing all modern-day amenities, including WIFI, so I could pick up my messages.

Even though there are 58 rooms there it still manages to maintain the feeling and charm of a small inn because there are several cottages and gardens and because of the wonderful Victorian design.

We stayed in the Rose Cottage (one of several garden cottages) and our room had a very nice sitting area with fireplace, a TV, a refrigerator and even an enclosed patio (I think that is what a cottage has) that I could use if I didn't feel like taking a walk in the lovely grounds with their cozy wonderful gardens (and a bed of course).

There is also a stylish restaurant located in the hotel called Louie's California Bistro that also has a patio with a few dog friendly tables so I was able to have dinner there with the "folks" (doggone lucky I would say) under a nice heater because it was a little chilly. I'm told that the food was delicious (all food is delicious to me, but I will take their word for it). We also got a free dessert because we were staying there that I couldn't

eat because I'm supposed to be on a diet.

The next morning they served a really nice buffet breakfast in the main lobby and there is even outdoor seating for that so that I was able to join in and have a bagel (I was disappointed that there wasn't any lox).

The hotel is only 2 blocks from State St. which also has many dog friendly restaurants, and wonderful shops so when we checked out we took a nice walk there and ate lunch at a nice Mexican restaurant then walked around looking in store windows (I liked the walking part but looking in the windows was kind of boring).

They also have a true Bed&Breakfast, the Country House right across the street that has 8 unique guest rooms. And the hotel has 4 meeting rooms that you can rent to hold meetings and other kinds of stuff like that.

Because they only have a limited amount of dog friendly rooms (and a few rules to explain) you must call to make reservations (not on-line) if doggy is joining in.

It's really nice that so many businesses are becoming dog friendly, it is really swell to join the rest of the family.

I would like to thank Jan for making us feel so welcome and to show that I gave her a bottle of "Ventura Breeze Vintners Scamp's Reserve Chardonnay-Semillion" circa 2011.

PS: I missed Savana a little bit and why is it so hard to poop when you are on vacation?

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After our nice meal at Louie's a nice nap around the fireplace was in order.

## Forever homes wanted,



Hi: I'm Cafe a very sweet, young, tiny Chihuahua who loves to chew on your shoes and be carried around. I will make a great pocketbook dog! I was rescued last month from the Ventura County Animal Shelter.

I can be seen at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding located at 4692 Ventura Ave. Call 643-3647 to come meet me. You will love me for sure.



Hi. I'm Pixie, a sweet 2 year old female Beagle/Chihuahua mix. I was found running in the street and was taken to Animal Regulation. After no one came to claim me, I was thankfully rescued by C.A.R.L. I'm a gentle dog who loves to be held and cuddled. I look forward to the day that I'm adopted into a loving home. I just hope I don't have to wait too long. I know I'm safe now, but I really long to be a cherished member of a loving family. Could that family be yours?

And thank you Terry H. for sponsoring me at the Burnice Kraemer Sanctuary and giving me a chance.

The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place, 3203 E. Main St.  
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## Scamp Club

Hi: I'm Rodie (Rodin) a rescued Bichon Frieze and playmate for Scamp.

Aren't I lucky that some nice people were kind enough to rescue me, maybe you should rescue a dog also (that's me on the right)?



## Join Scamp Club

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

## Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

### Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Wednesday, October 19th, at 1:21 a.m., the victim, Kristin Rogers, 24 years old, was at 154 South Hemlock to retrieve property. She became involved in an argument with another female inside the home. The argument evolved into a physical fight at which point the suspect, Edward Estrella, 26 years old, armed himself with an aluminum baseball bat. Estrella began striking Rogers repeatedly with the bat.

Rogers suffered a large but non-life threatening laceration to the top of her head and a broken wrist. She was transported to a local hospital by friends then treated and released.

Officers located Estrella at the home and arrested him. Estrella was booked at VC Jail.

### Train vs. Pedestrian

On Wednesday, October 19th, at

1:38 a.m., the VPD received a call from Union Pacific regarding a person being struck by a northbound freight train. Officers found the victim lying under the train near Paseo De Playa and Harbor Boulevard. Ventura Fire and AMR personnel later arrived on scene and the male was pronounced dead.

The male walked eastbound on the tracks, directly into the path of the moving train. The conductor began sounding the horn and initiating emergency measures, but the train was unable to avoid a collision and struck the male.

### Suspicious Explosive Device

On Tuesday, October 25th, at 11:30 p.m., the VPD received a call from a citizen who reported finding a suspicious explosive device on her driveway, in the 100 block of East Ramona. The citizen removed the device from her driveway and began to dismantle the device when she detected a chemical odor and called the police.

Officers closed the street and then evacuated nearby residents. Using the Sheriff's Bomb Squad robot, the device was removed from its location

at the residence and placed in a safety container. The Sheriff's Department then took the device to an inspection area and determined it was a plastic tube containing explosive powder and a fuse, which would have caused serious injury.

## Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**10-10** 9:30 p.m. Patrol received a request for assistance from a commercial vessel going aground south of the South Jetty. Upon arrival, found a 50-foot vessel in the surf and lightly aground. There were no injuries. The two persons were removed from the vessel. Throughout the night, Patrol assisted on scene. Vessel Assist removed the vessel from the beach at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday.

**10-11** 6:20 p.m. A woman relayed the phone number of her husband who's boat had broken down outside of the Harbor. Patrol called him. The boat was disabled near buoy "2V". Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow and released it at the

Harbor Entrance.

**10-12** 5:33 p.m. FCC paged Patrol and other agencies to a water rescue at the South Beach. Upon arrival, the subject had been able to self-rescue herself and she is safe on the beach.

5:55 p.m. Patrol received a request for assistance from a sailboat becalmed a half mile from shore. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at its slip at VIM.

**10-13** 12:14 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and other agencies to an unknown medical assist at the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express. Upon arrival, Patrol found a young girl with a bloody nose. Patrol provided first aid and cancelled other units.

**10-14** 10:15 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and a plethora of other agencies to a water rescue at Harbor Village. Upon arrival, a subject was located between a commercial fishing vessel and the pier. His legs were wrapped in line which was entangled on the ladder. A Patrol Officer and a Fire Captain entered the water and untangled his legs. The patient was unconscious and responded only to painful stimuli. AMR transported him to the hospital.



## School



Community leaders were on hand to honor science teacher Laura Taylor

## Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation names Teacher of the Month

On October 13, Laura Taylor, a science teacher at Anacapa Middle School in Ventura was named Teacher of the Month for October by the Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation (VCEF). VCEF, along with the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, elected representatives and members of the business community were present as Taylor received this designation.

Nominated by the principal of Anacapa Middle School, Soledad Molina, Taylor was honored and delighted by the award. "Thank you to

the Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation for this great honor. I'm overwhelmed by the gifts and accolades," said Taylor. "Mostly, thank you to my fellow teachers. You're my family and I'm so happy to work with you all."

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

## Job & Career Center classes

**Tuesday, November 8 - Resumes that Sell, 8:30 am – 4 pm** - hands-on workshop providing assistance in completing a resume, cover and thank-you letters. Walk away with a portfolio that shows off professional skills and experience.

**Wednesday, November 16 - Winning Interviews, 9 am – 4 pm** - supplies the tools to make a lasting first impression when interviewing. Space is limited.

Career Shops are offered at no cost to job seekers. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center at 654-3435 to enroll.

Ventura Job & Career Center, 4651 Telephone Rd.

## Youth

### Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Great Auction

"Bolo & Bling At The Oil Baron's Ball", the 44th Annual Great Auction of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura will be presented by E. J. Harrison & Son, Inc., November 5, at 4:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel, 450 East Harbor Blvd.

The event features a champagne reception and also includes live and

silent auctions, gourmet dining and entertainment. Todd Ventura of "Poor Richard Press" will again be the evening's auctioneer. Entertainment will include Boys & Girls Club kids performing a line dance.

All funds raised by the auction benefit the on-going programs for the over 3,500 kids and families served by the five Boys & Girls Club of Ventura sites in Ventura, Oak View and Saticoy.

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.

## Coats for Kids project begins

The Coats for Kids project has already begun with the Rotary Club of Ventura, Four Seasons Cleaners and other Rotary clubs starting their efforts. Between November 1 and December 31, Rotary plans to collect, clean and distribute thousands of jackets and coats of all sizes to keep many warm this winter.

Rotarians and Four Seasons Cleaners are trying to beat their collection of 7500 coats last year and hope to reach 10,000 this year. Rotary already has 500 coats ready to be cleaned. Collection boxes can be found at businesses, schools, government centers and public parks in Ventura County starting the week of November.

For a detailed list of the donation drop off sites please visit [www.venturarotary.org](http://www.venturarotary.org).

Please visit the Rotary Club of Ventura's website [www.venturarotary.com](http://www.venturarotary.com) for any questions and information.

## West side



In attendance at the grand opening for Soho Apartments were Cliff Enger, Assistant Chief Financial Officer; Mike Weaver, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Jose Gomez, Chief Operating Officer of Public Housing; Rhen Bass, Chief Financial Officer; Gerry Sta. Ana, Accountant; Lisa Snider, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

Photo by Julien Gonzales

## Grand opening held for new housing development

Before an enthusiastic crowd of community stakeholders and residents, the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura held a grand opening celebration for their newest housing development on Oct. 12.

Located at 1150 North Ventura Avenue, Soho Apartments provides 12 units of affordable housing and is fronted by 721 square feet of commercial space which will be used for resident and community services. With financing from several sources, including California Housing Finance Agency, 9 percent tax credit financing and City of Ventura HOME and Redevelopment Agency funds, after 16 months of construction, the project has finally opened its doors to receive new residents.

The complex is comprised of seven 2-bedroom and five 3-bedroom units with an average of 1,238 square feet each. Despite its small footprint, large outdoor public areas, wrap-around balconies and a 32-stall parking garage take advantage of every available square foot while providing modern conveniences and an attractive concept. Its urban

setting is convenient to retail and transportation.

Residents include two County employees, three Ventura Unified School District employees and one City employee. Eligibility was based on meeting income limits, landlord references, criminal background checks, credit checks, eviction research and eligibility for the agency's Housing Choice Voucher Program. Two units are restricted to households making no more than 25 percent area median income, three are restricted to households making no more than 35 percent area median income and seven units are restricted to households making no more than 50 percent area median income. Designed with families in mind, residents are eligible for supportive services through the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency Program, which offers residents the opportunity to achieve their financial goals and ultimately gain independence from public assistance.

The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura has served the needs of low income residents since 1949.

## Who are you voting for on the City Council and why?

"Christy Weir. She seems to have her stuff together and has similar views on the community as I do. I believe Ventura should start making things better in existing neighborhoods before we start making 'new' neighborhoods." – Amber, 31

"I'm not sure who I'm voting for yet. I'm looking for someone whose support of arts and education is high on his/her list." Julie, 42

"Heitmann. I like her background in the Ventura Music Festival. We've been letting something important

– our cultural draw – slip away from focus in our town." Art, 47

"Not sure, but I'm looking at incumbents because I like their experience in making tough budget decisions. What matters to me: library services, police services, graffiti removal, street maintenance." Jen, 35

"Carl Morehouse. I like the experience he brings. I think public services need to be preserved, but I also understand that we need to pay for them." Jay, 31

"Not sure, I need to do some more research. The things that are important to me are the creation of jobs and environmental issues." Melinda, 39

"Not loving any of the candidates but I guess I'm going with Martin Armstrong and Cheryl Heitmann. I think we need some new blood in there." Carl, 62

# The readers speak

## The readers speak

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Of the non-incumbents running, Bill Knox has my vote basically because he is a fiscal conservative that helped expose a lot of the shady pension issues that were going on at the county level. He is a young smart guy and a businessman.

Murray Robertson

## Political Action Committee endorsements

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee is endorsing Bill Knox and Christy Weir for City Council. The PAC interviewed and heard from all interested candidates before deciding on two candidates for the three seats available in the upcoming election.

Mr. Knox impressed the PAC with his platform of public safety, business development, fiscal responsibility, and improving our City's infrastructure. What was particularly impressive was not only did Mr. Knox express his goals, but he put forth specific plans to achieve those goals.

Councilwoman Christy Weir is running for her third term on City Council. The PAC was impressed with the leadership she has taken on the pension issue, her commitment to fiscal responsibility, and her dedication to improve the City's infrastructure in order to increase City revenues. Like Mr. Knox, Ms. Weir has a specific plan to accomplish many of her goals.

Realizing that there are three seats open and only two PAC endorsements, there were two other candidates that are worthy of consideration but did not garner enough support for endorsement. The PAC did seriously consider Carla Bonney and Cheryl Heitmann and know both will do well in this election.

Breeze:

I support Carl Morehouse for re-election to the Ventura City Council. Carl is a longtime Ventura resident and a conscientious, hardworking representative of the voters. He's thoughtful and independent, and represents all of us here in Ventura very well.

Like most Ventura voters, Carl has always been a strong advocate of environmental protection and moderate, careful growth – for example, opposing development of Canada Larga Canyon.

I can say from personal experience that it hasn't been easy to be a local elected official in recent years. You have to balance the budget by cutting the budget in a careful and fair way that ensures our community's basic quality of life doesn't get harmed.

This is not an easy thing to do, but Carl has done it well.

He has supported a strong police force and fire department yet has sometimes opposed police and fire contracts when he feels they have not given enough concessions. He has supported an improved park system without burdening the taxpayers by creating innovative partnerships – as with the Ventura Botanical Gardens' plan to improve Grant Park.

Recently, I have seen some disturbing, negative letters to the editor that try to blame Carl for all our economic problems and unfairly claim he's not fiscally responsible. These letters are not true and they are not fair to Carl; and it disturbs me that people are engaged in a negative campaign against him.

Mary Haffner

Board member, Ventura Unified School District

Editor:

I have worked with both Christy Weir and Cheryl Heitmann in various capacities and have great respect and admiration for their dedication, listening ability, intellect and endless energy to serve our community. I hope you will join Loretta and me in supporting their election to serve us on the City Council in the upcoming election contest

Warm Regards,  
Mike Merewether  
Loretta Merewether

## Strong candidate slate

We are pleased with the campaigns of Carla Bonney, Bill Knox and Ken Cozzens for the Ventura City Council election.

It has been a year since we started [www.removethemeters.com](http://www.removethemeters.com) and then vetted these three for our slate.

Since then, other slates have picked up some or all of these wonderful Venturans in support.

We hope all voters get a chance to vote for their choice and wish all the candidates good luck on Nov. 8.

Randall Richman  
Ventura

Dear Sheldon,

Marginalizing candidates by affiliations or religion for a nonpartisan position is an old tactic, and Venturans have shown zero tolerance for marginalizing or smearing candidates. We saw this with the public's anger for the smear campaign against council member Neal Andrews in the last election. Now, we can see the same tactics used against two candidates Mr. Andrews supports, Carla Bonney and Bill Knox. Someone is working hard to make sure Council Member Andrews, the minority vote on our City Council, doesn't get the help he needs.

Ventura pays substantially more money to hold its elections separately from national elections because special interests are more likely to turn out and vote. So, who's really running this town?

The City Council candidates should be judged solely for their positions on local issues. Running this year are Republicans, Democrats, a Decline to State and a Green Party member. Ask how would they spend our money? Will they represent the average

Jane or will they owe lobbyists and special interest groups?

Both the 99%ers and the TEA party are making some valid points, but let's leave national politics out of Ventura's local issues. Let's especially disavow smearing any candidates who step up to volunteer their lives for us.

Camille Harris

## Candidates forum at the Museum

Recently I attended the Candidates Forum, held at the Ventura Museum of History and Art. It was the 7th annual such pre-election forum, which gives candidates the opportunity to answer directly to representatives of our local arts community. I volunteered to moderate at one of the 11 tables that the candidates circulated through.

We never hear candidates claim that they are anti Arts programs, or that they and their families do not attend or engage with some sort of Art experience. However, in the course of questioning at my table we heard the litany of "economic reality", no money left after public safety and infrastructure needs. With all due respect, these are valid points. However, not a single candidate could definitely declare that preserving an economy that allows artists to thrive is an investment in infrastructure.

We artists who work with institutions and businesses, in design and public art know the value of partnership and collaboration in creating attractive and inviting business and work spaces. Artists are, for the most part, small business owners, or people who work, or who have retired, and create art however and whenever they can. We are well aware of how budgets work. We don't need this obvious information repeated to us as a justification for not looking for new ways to keep the arts and artists alive.

It is a new time, calling for leaders who are looking for new solutions as far as keeping the Arts alive and available for the community, arts organizations, and the artists themselves.

Studios, theaters, galleries are not grocery stores, or police stations, but certainly they are no less important, less critical to development of human creativity, appreciation of life, expressing ideas, and expanding tolerance and understanding.

Creative thinking is actually the antidote to the "challenge" of how we preserve the influences, people and institutions that embody and advocate Creativity.

MB Hanrahan

Artist at Large

## City Council Candidates

There are nine candidates who have a shot at being elected. Their ballot statements sound pretty much the same, so let's sort them into three broad categories: Those who want change, those who like City Hall as it is and special union candidates.

Group #1: Those who want change: If you think the City Council could do a better job of listening to the people, and disagree with some of their votes, these are the candidates who promise change:

1. Carla Bonney
2. Ken Cozzens
3. Bill Knox
4. Brian Lee Rencher

These candidates have the lowest number of special interest endorsements and lobbyist backing. Councilmember Neal Andrews, often a minority council voter, would probably be helped by any of these candidates.

Group #2: Those who are happy as is. If you are happy with the way the city council has voted and feel like they have listened to you, these are the candidates who represent the status quo.

1. Cheryl Heitmann
2. Carl Morehouse
3. Christy Weir

Group #3: Our union candidates. If you feel the City Council needs to listen more to our public employee unions, these are the candidates that have the support of the public employee unions:

1. Ed Alamillo
2. Danny Carillo

I know and like every one of these candidates on a personal basis. They are all good people. Anyone who puts themselves on the line like this deserves our respect.

Ventura has its elections in off years, so there is a low voter turnout. Special interest groups who have the most to gain, are most likely to vote. Democracy will not survive as a spectator sport. So, let's be more than spectators, Let's all VOTE November 8th, Tuesday and let our voices be heard.

Camille Harris



## SCRAMBLERS

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1. Savant; 2. Annoy;
3. Invite; 4. Ingest

Today's Word:

# INSANITY

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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## Show Time

Where The Music Flows

### Celebrating 16 years in the music scene of Ventura

by Michael Kohli

As of this writing it's an honor to say that I have been involved with such an eclectic music scene. I began my career at Ventura College. It was my first semester at Ventura College and the only radio courses offered were at Moorpark College. So, I decided to create my own mock-radio program on the outdoor stage in the middle of the campus quad -- the moment I played the very first song, "Aerosmith - The Movie," it seems like all these doors started to open which led to where I am today. During the first hour of my show, there happened to be a radio dj on campus recruiting interns. He watched my show, and came on stage and offered me an internship at 96.7 The Bus KXBS. During my internship I started checking out local bands, and before I knew it, I started booking them.

My first nightclub experience was walking into Nicholby's Nightclub about 3 weeks after I turned 21. That night -- I wrote up a three page letter to the owner about a Tuesday Night Rock dj show idea. Before I knew it; the first show was set. Also, started my career as a music journalist at that time. At the college, I printed out my own music newsletter; Kohli Rocks News. When I discovered a nightclub writing position for a local paper, I dived at the chance. Within 20 minutes after my interview, I got hired to write my first published column.

Friends of mine had started a band called, Bhakti and I started helping them with marketing for their gig. The band they opened for happened to have a few friends of mine already in it called, Chris Jay and the Army Of Freshmen. The energy and audience involvement while watching Chris Jay was something I really hadn't seen before, locally.

I invited them to do a mock-style radio interview at my Ventura College show. They ended up writing a theme song for me called, "Kohli Rocks!" I'll never forget the night they premiered, something from then on told me I was in the right place at the right time.

It's been a kick ass 16 years with many exciting adventures to one day write about. Getting paid \$20 from Bret Michaels himself, receiving a call from Dee Snider at 7am, having John Kalodner stand at my desk and give me his infamous wink of approval were just some of them. My favorite aspect of it all, is all the people I have crossed paths with. Every show I book is always different from the last.

As of this writing, I can announce that my next show event will be held at Borderline in Thousand Oaks on 11.11.11. I've been eyeing that date for quite a few months now, to do something big. Come to Borderline to be a part of the beginning of my 17th year!

Michael Kohli

aka DJ Kohli Rocks!

<http://www.kohlimusicpit.com>

(ps - check out my new Facebook group page: Kohli Rocks Promotions & Entertainment!)

## Music Calendar 11/2 to 11/15

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

**Andre's Wine Bar**  
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Live Music every Tues, Thur & Fri

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Thur 11/3 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm  
Sun 11/6 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm  
Thur 11/10 - Bottom Feeders 2-6pm  
Sun 11/13 - Blue Stew 6:30-9:30pm

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Wed 11/2 - Big Adventure  
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Wed 11/9 - Bongo Town  
Thur 11/10 - Coso Live

**It's All Good Bar & Grill**  
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Open Mike Night every Wed

**Majestic Theater**  
26 S. Chestnut St.  
Sat 11/5 - Electrotistic Invades Ventura  
Fri 11/11 - DJ Quik, Suga Free, Expansion  
Sat 11/12 - Ventura Comedy Classic  
- Louie Anderson, Jeff Garcia, Gallagher

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Fri 11/11 - In Stone  
Sat 11/12 - La Soul Project  
Sun 11/13 - Bomb

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Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm  
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Fri 11/4 - Tony Lucca & Band, Linda Ortega 8pm  
Sat 11/5 - Willy Porter 8pm  
Tue 11/8 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm  
Wed 11/9 - Dave Palmer & Friends 8pm  
Fri 11/11 - Tom Freund, Tony Ferrari 8pm  
Sat 11/12 - Youth Brigade 7pm  
Sun 11/13 - Cermony, Loma Prieta, Catholic Spit, Fraud 7pm



## VFS@THE MUSEUM 2011

### When We Were Kings

(Academy Award - Best Documentary Feature)

Reviewed by Pall Grimsson  
The Ventura Film Society

I had never seen a boxing match before moving to America from Iceland. During the 70's, when I was growing up, boxing as a sport was forbidden in my home country. Moreover, our image of athletes focused primarily on white, European males. However, one friend of mine had a large poster on his bedroom wall of Muhammad Ali, a telling sign of Ali's global prominence back then. We used to stare up at the poster, at Ali's imposing figure, imagining him dancing around and knocking out his opponents. As the Academy Award-winning documentary *When We Were Kings* clearly demonstrates, Muhammad Ali was so much more than a boxer, just as this film is about so much more than boxing. It is

a pulsating, dynamic look at a signal moment in the evolution of black culture, the 1974 "Rumble In The Jungle" in Zaire between Ali and world champion George Foreman.

It was at this moment that America and Africa met each other on a new and completely different stage than ever before. To try and further describe this film in words would only undermine the depth of the narrative, the rhythm of the music (James Brown, BB King, The Coasters), the cultural importance, and the huge charisma of Muhammad Ali. You really have to experience it for yourself.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *When We Were Kings* on Tuesday November 15th @ 7pm, the 20th 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](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com) / 628-2299.

### The Entertainment Report

## Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, these are my picks of the week.



### Ides of March

While I didn't see a relevant comparison in the title, *Ides of March*, to the historical killing of Julius Caesar, George Clooney, actor/writer/director of this piece, snuck in subliminal messages that could have been taken in different ways. Once you see the movie, it takes on its own personality. Good try though Clooney.

The film is inspired by a real-life experience of an aide who worked on Howard Dean's failed 2004 campaign run.

With that said, Ryan Gosling plays Stephan Meyers, an idealistic campaign manager and ambitious press spokesman for Clooney's character, Presidential candidate and present Governor Mike Morris. But things get down and dirty in this political drama when Stephen is tripped up by back stabbing rival opponents and hip checked into thinking they want him on their team.

I have to say it was very believable and fascinating to watch all the players try to untangle themselves out of their tangled web of deceit.

The main event was watching Ryan Gosling's character, a real star attraction, hitting his mark among Hollywood's heavyweights such as Clooney, Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Paul Giamati. Gosling really held his own and the one to watch in this film, and any future films.

*Ides of March* is a must-see adventure into the world of politics, and the all-star studded cast twists your way through the movie, keeping you guessing who will come out on top.

Rated R Running time 101 minutes



### Real Steel

Hugh Jackman plays Charlie Kenton a down on his luck pugilist-promoter turned Robot Boxer trying to recoup losses, while dodging arena owners.

In this heartwarming sci-fi sports film, where machines replace humans as prize fighting combatants, manipulated by their owners, *Real Steel* packs an emotional punch as Charlie (Hugh Jackman) struggles to re-unite with his son Max that he abandoned years ago. Max is played by Dakota Goyo, a precocious eleven-year-old possessing articulation of an adult. He becomes the focal point of the film and the relationship that he builds with his father is momentous and emotional to watch. Max manages to re-build an old sparring robot to secure a championship match against a ruthless, indiscriminate owner of a champion robot. Together Max and Charlie battle it out for the win. It's a real tug on the ole heartstrings watching it all play out. A must-see for the whole family, especially father and sons. One of the best movies that I have seen all year. It's a real feel good movie. Now playing at Century Theatres

Rated PG-13 Running time 127 minutes.



# The Lighter Breeze

**Zits**



**Mother Goose and Grimm**



**Sam and Silo**



**Crock**



Solutions on page 19

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

Expert  
STAVAN

Peeve  
YANNO

Welcome  
VINITE

Absorb  
SNIGET

"Plead \_\_\_\_\_  
Johnny!"

TODAY'S WORD

Solutions on page 19

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 19

**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Commercials
- 4 "Doo" follower
- 7 First victim
- 8 Acrylic fiber
- 10 Scent
- 11 Wallowed (in)
- 13 Sofa, recliner, ottoman, etc.
- 16 New Guinea port
- 17 Antimacassar
- 18 Spotted, a la Tweety
- 19 Intend
- 20 Arm bone
- 21 Cricket, for one
- 23 Performs high-tech surgery
- 25 Sonic —
- 26 Scoff
- 27 Elev.
- 28 Ladd and Alda
- 30 Shemp's brother
- 33 Guesswork
- 36 Jog sans togs
- 37 Gambling game

**DOWN**

- 1 Overhead
- 2 Actress Moore
- 3 Smear tactics
- 4 Slobber
- 5 Metallic blend
- 6 Actress Celeste
- 7 Met melody
- 8 Utah politico Hatch
- 9 Get snug and cozy
- 10 The whole enchilada
- 12 Campus big wigs
- 14 Grownup kid
- 15 Old airline initials
- 19 Mid-May honoree
- 20 Work with
- 21 Cobbler's supply
- 22 Spud
- 23 Chain part
- 24 Exculpate
- 25 Evil
- 26 "King of Pop," in headlines
- 28 Mountain ridge
- 29 Begins
- 30 Thurber's dreamer Walter
- 31 Aware of
- 32 Id counterpart
- 34 Tom-tom, e.g.
- 35 Christmas refrain

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you.

But it'll all be worth it.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Good news — you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

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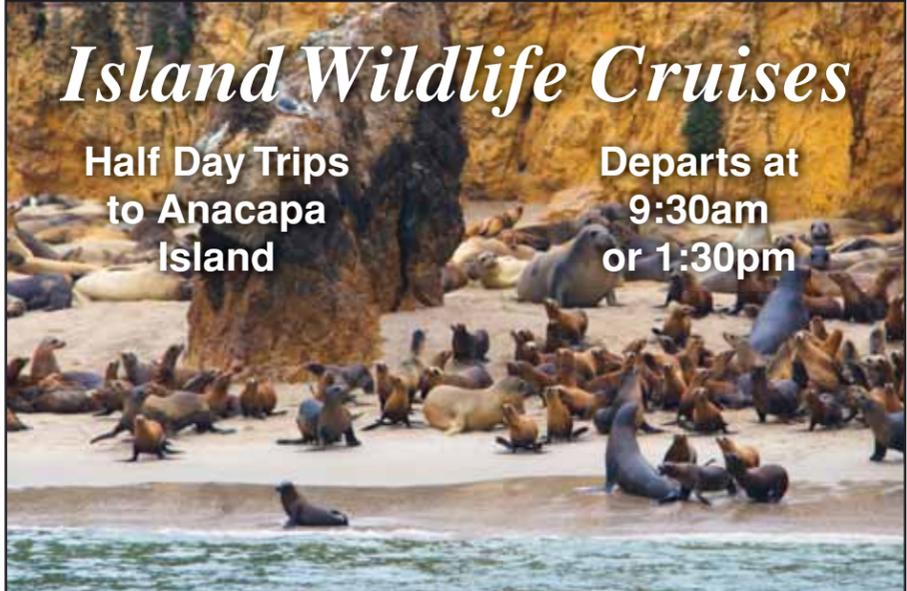
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# Art Scene



Documentary concentrates on white bikes appearing as unofficial memorials. Photo by Danny Gamboa

## Ghost Bike screens at Museum

Ghost Bikes, a recently completed documentary by Danny Gamboa, concentrates on Southern California's part in a worldwide phenomenon of white bikes appearing as unofficial memorials where bicyclists have lost their lives in traffic accidents. In Ventura County this year, ghost bikes have been installed in remembrance of fallen riders Nick Haverland and Jose Luis Carmona. The Ghost Bikes film will be shown at both 6:30 and 7:15 pm on Friday, November 18, at the Museum of Ventura County, and the filmmaker will be there to answer questions. Admission is \$5 for the general public, free for museum members. For reservations to either screening, call 653-0323 x 7.

A ghost bike is first stripped to its basics and painted white. Often local artists contribute elements, and then the bike is anonymously left locked to a street sign near the crash site. Gamboa, a Long Beach based filmmaker, sees ghost bikes as art that can raise awareness about safety and encourage communication about sharing the road.

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

## 2011 Mayor's Arts Award honorees announced

The public is invited to a free reception honoring the recipients of the 2011 Mayor's Arts Award on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 7pm-9pm at the Museum of Ventura County located at 56 E. Main St. in downtown

Ventura. Ventura Mayor Bill Fulton is honored to announce the six winners of this event.

The 2011 Mayor's Arts Award Honorees are:  
Ann Deal – Arts Patron: Susan Cook – Artist in the Community: Steve and Polly Hoganson, Zoey's Café – Creative Entrepreneur: Tim Schiffer – Arts Leader; Mary Perez – Arts Educator and Maribel Hernandez – Engineering Artist.

The Mayor's Arts Awards program was created to honor major contributions of organizations, businesses and individuals to Ventura through the



Chicago 1902 women mourning. Photo courtesy of the Joseph Reardon family

## To mourn well

Today we no longer see veiled widows dressed in black, or houses hung with black crepe. But in the 19th and early 20th centuries, grief in the United States had many prescribed customs. On Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m. hear Shelly Foote, nationally recognized expert on costume history, discuss how clothing, accessories and other traditions helped people of that era deal with loss. The illustrated talk will be held at the Museum of Ventura County. Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$5 for museum members, and includes entry to all exhibits, including Departures: A Century of Death & Dying in Ventura County. For reservations call 653-0323 x 7.

Foote will explore the origins of some surviving customs from that period, such as memory cards, and the demise of others, such as jewelry made from the hair of the departed. She will also explain how, at a time when most deaths took place at home, specific mourning conduct helped families communicate their loss to the community as well as protect their need for privacy.

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arts; to display the economic contact of Ventura's creative businesses; and to build leadership and develop customers for the arts.

Each honoree will be awarded with a special edition work on paper titled Mark of Excellence created by local artist Lis Schwitters.

Visit the city's website in order to read more about the 2011 honorees.

## Do you like trash?

The WAV's\_A.F.T.\_Organization (Art.From.Trash.Organization) and Gabriel Publicity is hosting Ventura's

author and eco-nutritionist, Joshua Lane, who will answer your nutritional-supplemental and health-related questions, and will be serving complimentary organic snacks and drinks all evening (not made from trash)!

The WAV is located 175 S. Ventura Ave. and the event is on First Friday, Nov.4 from 6pm-9pm.

And on the 3rd floor ArtLofts go and see some amazing original art made solely from disposable trash and learn about the AFT Organization's Eco-Friendly Workshops for children, seniors and everyone in-between!

There will be free food, beverages and live Music. Free parking is available at the lot on the corner of Ventura Ave. and Thompson Blvd.



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## YMCA National Week of Prayer

The Ventura Family YMCA is celebrating YMCA National Week of Prayer November 7th through November 10th. Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to enjoy the messages and fellowship that will be shared by pastors from local churches in the community.

The week's activities will kick off on Monday morning, with a lecture from Bill Findley focused on the theme "Prayer for Non Profits" accompanied by a musical performance by Troy Jones. Tuesday afternoon, Gary Archer from Ventura Missionary Church will have a discussion featuring the topic of "Grey Matters - Senior's Day" with The Silvertones

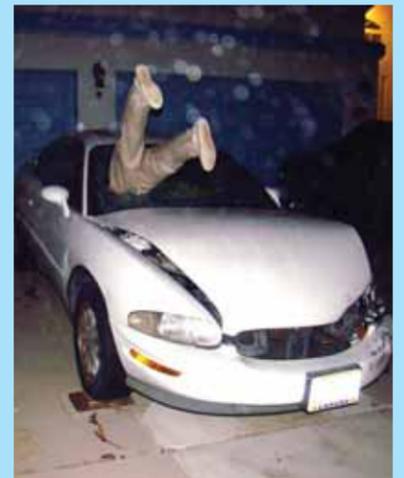
providing musical entertainment. Wednesday will be a special evening dedicated to our youth; activities will include a camp fire, participation from local youth groups, Bubble Rollers, a rock climbing wall and music from The River Community Worship Team and Bible Fellowship. Thursday afternoon, Teen Challenge will provide both music and lecture on the subject of Addiction. Local sponsors have generously provided refreshments that will be served at each day's activities.

This is the fourth year that the Ventura Family YMCA will be participating in the YMCA National Week of Prayer. In addition to the activities held at the Ventura Family YMCA Monday through Thursday, the Y invites the community to participate in events held throughout the

community honoring veterans.

The Week of Prayer is an annual event to celebrate the spirituality of the YMCA movement around the world. This week is a tradition that dates back to 1904 when local YMCA's unite to consider their work in the context of the Bible. YMCA is an organization with a heritage based on Christian principals that serves individuals and families of all religions, races, and creeds. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in activities during Week of Prayer regardless of their spiritual background.

If you are interested in celebrating in the YMCA National Week of Prayer please feel free to contact Margo Byrne, Executive Director of The Ventura Family YMCA at 642-2131 Ext 17 or email [margo.byrne@ciymca.org](mailto:margo.byrne@ciymca.org). Or visit [www.ciymca.org/ventura](http://www.ciymca.org/ventura).



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