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## City of Ventura's Shop Local supports growth

by Mike Tracy  
Mayor

In recent years, American cities, large and small, have undertaken marketing campaigns designed to promote buying products and services from locally owned, independent "Mom and Pop" businesses. At the heart of these efforts is a desire to increase the circulation of money within the local economy, increase the local tax base, create jobs and support sustainable, environmentally friendly business practices. Clearly as our local economy has mirrored the downward trends of the region and the nation, "Shop Local" and "Live Local" are themes that have been infused into our Economic Development Strategy.

The reality is that a Shop Local campaign is a delicate balance of potentially competing goals. On one hand, Shop Local highlights all of the benefits associated with keeping money circulating in the community via purchases at locally owned stores, and on the other hand is the practical daily goal that families face stretching their paychecks as far as possible by chasing bargain prices and discounts – often found at large mega-stores. Recent debates in Ventura – Walmart or no Walmart, WinCo supermarket or no WinCo supermarket, just to name two – are at the very heart of trying to achieve that balance.

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## Two Foothill students win scholarships

by Chloé Sehati

It was for the 2011 Bill of Rights Day on December 15th that over 17,000 entries for a nation-wide 1st Amendment scholarship competition were submitted to "Free to Tweet". With thousands showing personal passion in appreciation for the First Amendment, only twenty-two winners would be rewarded. Two of them were not only from the same city, but also from the same school: junior Molly Roberts and sophomore

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**While hunting Ostern (Easter) eggs in Berlin, you can always catch up with the Breeze at [venturabreeze.com](http://venturabreeze.com)**



*The Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Thrift Store, located at 222 Ventura Ave., held a huge first anniversary party last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The event featured wonderful live music (on a newly built stage) by Mariachi Aguilas de Mexico, Ska Daddies and the Privateers, and free hot dogs.*

*Store manager John "JD" Drury stated that "We have given the Boys & Girls Club over \$50,000 since we opened. So besides getting good bargains our customers know that they are helping a wonderful cause that has helped thousands of kids over the years."*

*The thrift store carries everything imaginable and is open 7 days a week and will pick up merchandise, they can be reached at 667-8855. Photo by Troy Overman.*



*Ventura College Agriculture and Environmental Science Club members Jon Sanz, Kelsey Scott, Aaron Bergh, Baylie Hanrahan, Abagale Taylor, Clifford Williams and Amber Lechuga show off their recently planted Passion Fruit vine donated by Jon's Nursery of Somis. Photo by Barbie Lange*

## The Secret Garden

by Barbie Lange

Secret until now, that is. This small, beautiful orchard is tucked away in the northeast corner of Ventura College, and was in need of loving care, as no one was really in charge of it. "Many of the trees in the orchard were planted in the 70's when the college was giving seminars to farmers to teach them how to grow subtropical fruits, which is why there are a lot of cherimoyas, guavas, mangoes, sapote, and citrus" said Aaron Bergh, who will major in agriculture and is a member of the Agricultural and Environmental Science club at Ventura College.

Jon's Nursery of Somis recently donated six new trees and a Passion Vine to the club. "We planted the new peach trees close to each other to experiment with high density planting and use as an example to the community that they can

grow their own fruits, no matter how small their backyard, and become one step closer to being sustainable," Bergh related.

"The Agriculture and Environmental Science club is all about education," states Abagale Taylor, Vice President of the club. "Many don't realize that agriculture and environmental science go hand in hand and rely on each other to flourish." The club is about educating people interested in anything agricultural or environmental science related. "Education is going to change our unsustainable ways to sustainable, livable ways," said Taylor.

"We would like to see the orchard and crops we grow contribute to a more community based agricultural system, which is more sustainable than larger

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## Major fairway improvements for local golf course

As many golfers are aware, several of the fairways are not up to par at Buenaventura Golf Course. From May 14 through May 24, KemperSports will be stripping fairway numbers 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 15 and re-grassing with Seashore Paspalum, the same fairway turf grass at sister course Olivas Links.

During construction, the course will remain open and golfers can expect re-sodded holes to play as a 100-yard par 3 until completion. During the two-week construction time period, the course will be offering golfers twilight rates all day.

Also as a result of the rescheduled fairway project, the Ventura County Women's Championship has also been rescheduled. Originally set for May, the new dates are now September 8 and 9th.

"We want the ladies to compete on the best playing surface possible," said Carl-Van Vallier, Director of Golf at the two city courses. "We are hoping for a good turnout this year and having new fairways at Buenaventura will definitely help us achieve this goal."

More information on the fairway improvement project as well as 2012 Championship Tournament schedules can be found at the course's website [www.buenaventuragolf.com](http://www.buenaventuragolf.com)



*The games of Jimmy Jones, Brian Moore and Don Lenzi will surely improve after the fairway improvements are made. Photo by John Ferritto.*

**This issue's  
Face of Ventura  
by Johanna Spinks  
is on page 10.**



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Patrick Davidson, founder of The World WE Want Foundation was a featured speaker at the high school leadership summit. Photo by John Ferrit

## High school leadership summit

The fifth annual TEEN VOICE High School Leadership Summit was held on Friday, March 23, at Westpark Community Center in Ventura.

The new film "Bully" estimates that 13 million kids will be bullied in the United States this year. Locally, 65 selected students from the five Ventura Unified School District high schools attended the TEEN VOICE Summit and

had the opportunity to interact with professionals in workshops about Team-building, Tolerance/Acceptance, Leadership Development, Having a Voice in their School/Community and Making Good Choices.

Headline speakers included Matthew Boger, General Manager of The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, and Patrick Davidson, Co-Founder/CCO of The World We Want Foundation.

Patrick Davidson's The World We Want Foundation inspires "young global citizens" to make positive social change in their communities. This former senior vice president of original programming for the Disney Channel and award-winning documentary filmmaker is also a board member of the Boys and Girls Club in Ventura.

The TEEN VOICE High School Leadership Summit -- a project of the City of Ventura Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships and VUSD -- is designed to better inform students on positive ways to develop leadership skills, self-esteem, acceptance and tolerance, teambuilding, friendships and connections with professionals and community leaders.

For more information contact Mario Robinson, Youth Programs Supervisor for the City of Ventura at 654-7807 or mrobinson@cityofventura.net

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### Wednesday, April 4th

Military Night at Vertical Heaven, recurring Wednesdays

### Sunday, April 8th

"The Harbor is Hopping" at Ventura Harbor Village

### Wednesday, April 11th

Kids Kreate! at Gull Wings Children's Museum, recurring Wednesdays and Fridays

### Saturday, April 14th

Ventura Earth Day Eco-Fest at Promenade Park -Be sure to visit the Ventura Breeze booth

### Monday, April 16th

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At the recently held second Rock Concert Picnic, held at Plaza Park, the Breeze booth featured drawings by kids (Jordyn Ward, Darbee Grass and Lillian and Waylon Long were just a few of the young artists) and adults alike, several drawing pictures of Scamp. Organizer Brian Parra added a second stage to the event this year which made it flow much better as the next band coming up could be ready when their turn came as they were all set up to play.

The event featured some amazing young Ventura bands with some members as young as 14 years old and wonderful vendor booths and a very large crowd.

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# City News

## City moves forward with outreach for new water rates

by Nancy Broschart

Ventura Water

Ventura Water customers are encouraged to attend a special meeting on April 18 to learn more about the proposed two-year water and wastewater rate changes and increases.

On March 19, the Ventura City Council unanimously approved moving forward with an outreach effort to inform residents about the new rates before Council considers acceptance in May. The follow-up informational meeting on April 18 will begin at 6 p.m. at the City of Ventura's Sanjon Maintenance Yard, at 336 Sanjon Road.

In accordance with State law, residents should have received a notice by mail explaining the proposed two-year rates as well as details about the City Council's Public Hearing, scheduled for May 21.

The April 18 meeting will provide residents an opportunity to have questions answered about the proposed rate restructuring and increases that resulted from the recently completed Cost of Service study for the water and wastewater utilities. Customers may access more information about the rates as well as a bill calculator tool at [www.cityofventura.net/water/rates](http://www.cityofventura.net/water/rates).

Proposed rate adjustments include a higher water service charge to support revenue stability and tighter residential tiers to encourage water efficiency. Change to the rate differen-

tial charged to outside City customers will generally result in lower costs for these customers. For residential wastewater rates, tiers will be discontinued and winter averaging will be used to set the charge starting each July. A new Estuary protection charge is also proposed as a separate line on customer bills to fund planning for a reuse program for the water treated by the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility and currently released into the Santa Clara River Estuary.

Under the proposed rates for the first year, the bimonthly bill for the average single-family residential customer using about 15,700 gallons of water (21 HCF) may increase \$9.04 the first year and another \$5.96 the second year. The wastewater bimonthly bill for a single-family residential customer set at a winter average of 11,220 gallons (15 HCF) may decrease \$6.66 the first year and increase \$3.60 the second year, with a net decrease of \$3.06 over the two years.

The Cost of Service study showed that water usage patterns have changed over the past 20 years and the two-year proposed rates align the proportionate usage between customer classes. This is why some rates are higher and others are lower in the first year.

For more information, visit [www.cityofventura.net/water/rates](http://www.cityofventura.net/water/rates) or contact Customer Care at 667-6500 or [myvtawater@cityofventura.net](mailto:myvtawater@cityofventura.net).

## New bicycle master plan

*The city of Ventura recently adopted a bicycle master plan. We asked City of Ventura Public Works Director Rick Raives what changes will we see?*

**Rick:** The plan identifies improvements and programs to make Ventura more bicycle-friendly. Safety, access, quality of life and effective implementation are key. The plan identifies projects and programs for the first five years.

The recently completed re-striping of Loma Vista Road between Mills Road and Day Road was one of the first projects. This street was revised to provide one lane of vehicle travel in each direction, a center turn lane, and the addition of a 4-foot bike lane with a 2-foot buffer zone.

City staff members worked on the design with representatives of the bicycle community.

Main Street between Mills and Telephone Road is the location for a project that will use "green lanes," which help draw attention to cyclists in busy traffic areas.

Also, a two-stage "bike box" will be installed at the intersection of Main and Telephone. A bike box allows bicyclists to turn left from Main onto Telephone in a safer manner while using the existing roadway and not conflicting with vehicle traffic.

The city also is working on bicycle/pedestrian access and safety improvements to the Five Points intersection and bicycle safety educational programs.

In addition, Ventura has appointed a bicycle coordinator. Derek Towers will lead the city's bicycle facility improvements and education programs. He told us "As the recently appointed city bicycle coordinator, I hope to accomplish both the general and specific responsibilities identified in our bicycle master plan, as well as the bicycle facility projects. While this appointment is not my designated full time position, the work that I do in this area is fueled by a personal passion to improve bicycling conditions in the city, which was enhanced after surviving a serious accident in a bicycle versus auto collision."

Towers can be reached at 654-7849 or [dtowers@cityofventura.net](mailto:dtowers@cityofventura.net) for any questions about our bicycle programs.

A copy of the Adopted 2011 Bicycle Master Plan is available at <http://www.cityofventura.net/page/bicycling-and-walking>.

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Tuesday 9-10:10 am

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Class code #31244 4/10-5/29

Tuesday 9:45-10:30 am

### Van Gogh

4-6 years

"I labor in color" Learn how brush strokes (Van Gogh's were so filled with energy, they seemed alive) can create movement. \$25. Instructor Sara Cameron. Class code #31164 4/11-4/25 Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm

Classes take place at Barranca Vista Center 7050 Ralston St. Ventura (unless noted).

## Steve Tobey has passed away

The owner of We Olive, Steve Tobey (53) passed away on March 30 at home of natural causes. We Olive, located at 294 E. Main specialized in exceptional California extra virgin olive oils, gourmet food and unique gifts.

Tobey owned the franchise store for more than four years, and also owned Sugar Bear's Cupcake Shack until he recently closed it.

His always wonderful smile will certainly be missed by his family, downtown merchants and devoted customers.



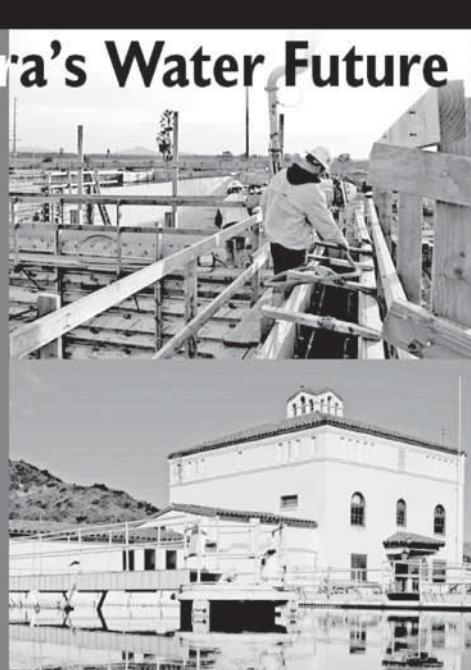
*On March 12 Temple Beth Torah celebrated the opening of their new food pantry with a ribbon cutting and bagel and lox brunch. Speaking at the ceremony were Bonnie Weigel, President and CEO of FOOD Share, Ventura County's Food Bank "Feeding Ventura County's Hungry" and Jay Kosoff chair of the temple social action committee and of the Brotherhood Family to Family Program which is one of the organizations that will be using the food pantry. Photo by Richard Lieberman.*



## Correction...

In our last issue the article "Mobile Mammography Van now available at West Ventura Medical Clinic" had a bit of the end cut off, here it is. "To schedule an appointment, please call 641-5600."

## Protecting Ventura's Water Future



## Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates Informational Meeting

Please attend an informational meeting to learn more about the proposed water and wastewater rates and have your questions answered.

**When:**  
6 p.m. Wednesday, April 18

**Location:**  
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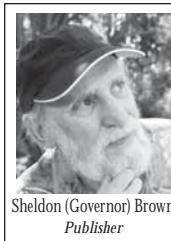
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Dear Mr. Brown;

When a large group of otherwise law-abiding citizens consistently break a specific law I believe the circumstances should be investigated to try to find a solution that works for everyone.

Thus is the case with pedestrians crossing streets with green lights but against the "red hand" signal in Ventura. Throughout Ventura, not only downtown, pedestrians frequently have to stop at a green light, press the button to request the walk signal, then wait through another light cycle to get the white walk indicator. Imagine if you,

# Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher

■ We have had an Edison SmartConnect meter at our house for 2 weeks and I haven't thrown up, had a headache or forgotten Scamp's name so maybe I'll be okay.

■ On April 19, at 7pm there will be a Ventura County District #1 Board of Supervisors forum held at the Marriott Ventura Beach hotel at 2055 Harbor Blvd.

The forum will feature Steve Bennett, Bob Roper and 2 Ventura city council members Christy Weir and Neal Andrews who are running for the position.

Existing supervisor Bennett was also a former city council member before becoming our supervisor, so Ventura is very well represented. Be sure to attend and hear what they have to say.

■ Mother nature must not like people having fun. First the St. Pats Parade had to be cancelled, then the Ventura Botanical Gardens "Tour of the Taft" and almost Cottontail Days at the Harbor which managed to go on under very cloudy skies that turned into sunshine about an hour before the event ended.

■ Plans to build 172 condominium units in downtown Ventura (right behind the Museum of Ventura County) were dropped by the Olson Co. because the economy has not picked up enough to make the project viable. So developer John Ashkar (A Ventura favorite) purchased the property and is planning to build an upscale apartment complex.

He has paid additional fees to help move the project through city hall.

It, and almost any projects, would be a welcome shot in the arm for our local economy and this one especially for the downtown shopping district.

■ The winter shelter at the Ventura National Guard Armory shut down Sunday (as planned) which leaves the homeless in Ventura basically no where

to go to have a guaranteed bed. Next year the homeless shelter will rotate to the Oxnard National Guard Armory.

So be sure to read Tim Pompey's fine article on our homeless situation in this issue of the Breeze and expect more homeless to be on our streets and parks.

■ Say it isn't so the "Encyclopedia Britannica" has ceased to print in book form (since 1768) and will only be available in digital form. I certainly understand why



but "saving up" for or "paying off" a set of encyclopedias is something that all parents did in the very old days (like 20 years ago) to help educate our kids (and they were also very good as weights for gluing down things).

■ The city council recently approved a zoning change on property owned by the Logue family located at 2055 Ventura Ave. that would allow an over 100 unit apartment complex to be built on the property. As part of the Westside Community Development Code the city is looking at what is the best design, and future for the Westside which has always had an identity problem. Jeff Lambert, our community development director, stated "This project is part of a changing Ventura Avenue. where the city has not had a clear zoning direction."

It has taken almost 5 years for the proposed project to get this far and would

involve over 6 acres and include some commercial space.

Only one city council member voted against the project because he feels that the property should stay zoned commercial and that this project would present too much traffic.

The actual start of the project would still be several years away as it must go through many other city approvals and wait for the economy to turn around.

■ In another rare action the city council has approved a loan of \$850,000 to the newly relocated Player's Casino located in the Auto Center off of Johnson Drive. The city will borrow the money from Rabobank to lend to the card club which will use the money to add a restaurant and a bar. The city will make a 4% profit on the loan.

It is anticipated (and hoped) that the city will also make an additional \$175,000 per year on additional taxes from the club because of the expansion.

The club now adds about \$250,000 per quarter to the city coffers and brings in many "outsiders" to Ventura. Hopefully after gambling they still have some money to spend here.

So the next time that you are there and lose some money please remember that you are helping our local economy.

■ The unincorporated area of Montalvo is coming much closer to becoming part of Ventura because the city council has voted to make it a part of Ventura. Montalvo is east of Victoria and north of the 101 and is a "county island" being surrounded on all sides by Ventura ("we have you surrounded so give up").

Too dense of zoning on Victoria was a major concern of some of the Montalvo residents who spoke at the council meeting and the council assured them that this will be looked at.

The Local Agency Formation Commission must also give its approval which could happen this summer.

## Mailbox

in your car, had to wait through a light cycle at every intersection. I envision there would be a lot more signal violations and a dramatic public outcry.

A simple solution is to have the walk signal activate automatically when the light is green. This is the solution employed in many pedestrian friendly cities and it would work throughout Ventura as well.

I agree with you Sheldon, the current system is broken. Ventura has the opportunity to become a more pedestrian friendly community with all of the health, environmental and tourism benefits that come with it. Let's work towards a simple solution to this simple problem rather than use your 2000 pound car as an enforcement measure.

Sincerely;

Brad Klipping

Ventura

Sheldon:

Thank you for forwarding the award-winning photograph of the sun setting behind the Channel Islands published in the Ventura Breeze. We now live on an Island in Puget Sound. I used to live on Pierpont Beach in the 60s and was visiting my sons January of this year. We stayed at the beautifully situated Harbor town Point Resort Time Share and had great breakfasts at friendly Christy's and discovered the Ventura Breeze and thoroughly enjoyed catching up.

Charles Smis

Dear Editor:

RESTORE ST. MARY'S.org is a project to restore the desecrated cemeteries of the historic town of San Buenaventura (Ventura) which include the: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (est. 1862), Ventura (aka Protestant) Cemetery (est. 1889), and Hebrew Cemetery (est. 1895), 3,000 American pioneer graves total.

...After the City of Ventura desecrated the 3,000 pioneer grave cemetery, here in Ventura, they supervised the desecration of another 2,350 American pioneer graves of the Mt. Olive and Broadway Cemeteries in Whittier, CA.

<http://www.whittiermuseum.org/cemeteries.html...>

What they have done is illegal because the City tried to use Health and Safety Code 8825-8829 to create Pioneer Memorial Parks (Ventura, Whittier and San Diego), but since they say they owned them, they could not use those statutes because they apply ONLY to abandoned PRIVATE cemeteries. There is no statutory authority for a public cemetery authority to convert a public cemetery to a pioneer memorial park or to any use other than as a cemetery.

The Cities can't have it both ways - either the Cities own them and could not have decommissioned its use as

a cemetery. Or the cemeteries were privately owned and it should have invoked Secs. 8825-8829 to abandon them and establish them as Pioneer Memorial Parks in accordance with the provisions of the statutes.

And those certainly weren't intended to convert the use to other than cemetery land anyway. ONLY when bodies are removed from the ground does its legal land use cease to be restricted to cemetery purposes only.

The Archdioceses of Los Angeles and San Diego can not give consecrated graves to anyone nor build a school on top. Per Catholic Canon Law of 1917, the "consecrated" graves must be exhumed and re-interred in another "consecrated" cemetery (8,850). Sincerely,

Steven Schleder

Principal organizer of the www.restoremarys.org campaign.

Founding VP of the San Buenaventura Conservancy

Giant kudos to City Manager, Community Development Director and staff

Having just seen (in the Breeze) that Ventura is pursuing what I believe to be

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**Self-knowledge and self-improvement are very difficult for most people. It usually needs great courage and long struggle.**

*–Abraham Maslow*



# News and Notes

## Supervisor Bennett announces change in candidacy

by Tim Pompey

In early February most thought that the Democratic and Republican candidates for the newly formed 26th Congressional District had been established.

Last fall, Steve Bennett had announced he was leaving his current seat as District 1 County Supervisor and making a serious Democratic bid for the congressional race.

Then something unusual happened. On Saturday, February 11 Bennett drove down to the California State Democratic Convention and announced he was dropping out of the Congressional race. Instead, he had decided to run for reelection for his current County Supervisor seat.

Since then, the county has been wondering what motivated him to change his mind. His fundraising coffers (estimated at about \$250,000) had been established. His local and state support was in place. Most political analysts thought he had a reasonable shot at winning.

Bennett, who has a reputation for being a smart politician, acknowledged he had studied the race. "We did polling," he explained. "Democratic leaders who believed I could raise the necessary funding and win encouraged me to run."

Bennett admitted, however, that even after announcing his candidacy, he continued to think about the personal impact his decision would have on his family. "My wife and I are helping raise four children, all at home," he said. "That was always a consideration. That was a big consideration early. Then, as I spent 10 weeks fundraising, I started to realize the impact this would have."

Some have wondered if Bennett also feared he might split the Democratic ticket and eliminate any Democratic candidate from appearing on the newly revamped "open primary" state ballot.

Bennett said he had thought about this, but that the real reason for his decision to rerun for County Supervisor had more to do with the candidates running for his District 1 County Su-

pervisor seat. "While I felt confident we would have overcome the primary election challengers, the bigger issue was my desire to be sure that important policies I had been advocating for at the county level continued for the future. There was a chance that would not happen if I did not run for re-election this cycle and that there could be a significant philosophical shift on the Board of Supervisors."

For now, he's thrown his support to recently announced Democratic candidate Julia Brownley from the 41st State Assembly District in Santa Monica. "She has proven fundraising capabilities and strong organizational support," Bennett stated. "If the Democrats will unite behind Julia Brownley, I feel confident the Dems can take the seat."

Now that he's back in the County Supervisor's race, the question becomes: Can he regain his former momentum as an incumbent County Supervisor?

Bennett believes he still has strong support in his district, mainly because of his reputation as a good fiscal manager. "I believe that, in general, people across the board feel like I've been good for the county," he said. "I feel good about my track record of real success here at the county level."

He laid out his basic approach to running county government: "I have consistently pushed for improvements in the efficiency of county government," he said. "I think I've brought a unique blend of common sense policies to deal with our county's budgeting, efficiency improvements in delivering services, protecting our environment and quality of life, and finding funding for the most defenseless in our county: foster children and the elderly in nursing homes."

Bennett believes his political philosophy is a clear contrast to the other candidates running for the District 1 seat. "I think the other candidates may be there for one of those issues," he said, "but not for the blend that's important for county government to function properly."

for everyone. We look forward to being a part of the Festival next year.

The Mound Talent Show is another of the community events we cover. Evan and his crew of Mound volunteers chronicled the show, featuring the talents of the Mound School students. The auditorium full of family and friends enjoyed performances which included singers, dancers, and a young stand-up comedian. Keep up the good work. We will see you next year.

CAPS had the opportunity to attend and tape the Ventura Chamber's State of the City and Education breakfast. Both Mayor Mike Tracy and VUSD Superintendent Dr. Trudy Arriaga gave the attendees a good overview of where City of Ventura and Ventura School District stand and what the future holds. It is great opportunity to meet members of the community and local government and learn about Ventura.

CAPS has launched another session of the successful Digital Storytelling program, this time at the Saticoy Boys and Girls Club. A group of ten young adults are enthusiastically developing their stories and learning to use the camera, lighting and sound equipment. They are having fun, working together and exploring storytelling. All of us are looking forward to viewing

their productions. If you are interested in our Digital Storytelling program feel free to contact me, Elizabeth at erodeno@capstv.org. This program offers young adults the opportunity to learn how to make movies, documentaries, or news shows. CAPS encourages the youth to share their views with the community.

Watch the VEP Festival of Talent on CAPS Channel 6. Check our website for dates and times. We are adding new and interesting programs every day. There is something for everybody on CAPS.

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Demonstrators against genetically modified organisms outside of Monsanto in Oxnard  
Compassionate Eating

## GMOs in our Backyard

by Bianca Rose Martinez

As an active participant in the Label GMOs (genetically modified organisms) initiative I am saddened to learn that Monsanto, the mega seed corporation, has taken over Seminis in Oxnard. I not only fear that many of the surrounding agricultural areas will submit to the pressures of growing genetically modified foods, but also for the health of people who work at the plant, in the fields and in the surrounding area in general.

It can be easy to dismiss some of the dangers of industrialized farming with all of its toxic chemical uses in the form of pesticides, artificial fertilizers and herbicides.

The idea that it doesn't affect us or that it is somewhere else far, far away is simply untrue. The truth is that it does affect each and every one of us; though it is not immediately obvious. It is a slow process that can manifest in weakened immune systems through exposure and ingestion of the foods grown in this way that can eventually make us more vulnerable to disease. According to the research done by Institute for Responsible Technology and the International Journal of Biological Sciences, since the mid 90s there have been many studies that link GMOs to a rise in allergies, organ damage and a whole host of other neurological, behavioral and digestive problems.

It makes sense when you think about it. Pesticides are made to attack the nervous system of insects and herbicides are made to kill living organisms. Hey aren't we living organisms with nervous systems? More recently, scientists have genetically engineered seeds that actually grow into plants and vegetables that have the pesticides inside the DNA of the plant itself. There has been very little research to show how this will affect human health and the companies that do the studies are the same ones selling the seeds. You can imagine that they are probably not going to publish something that can interfere with the profitability of their products.

In my opinion the ever-shrinking number of food companies and distributors are playing a deadly game with human health and the health of this planet by continuing to experiment with Frankenfoods and the use of deadly poisons that are known to be harmful. I only hope that enough people sign the petition to get these foods labeled so we can at least know what we are eating.

The best thing you can do to help local farmers shift to more eco-friendly, sustainable practices is to request it. Ask your local growers at your farmers market where they get their seeds from, if they use pesticides and try to buy organic whenever possible. Better yet grow your own food or support a local community garden. We as humans need to re-connect with our role as stewards of the Earth, for what we do to it we inevitably do to ourselves. I know I'm not the only one who believes that it is basic right to have access to safe, healthy food that is free of carcinogens and toxins.

For recipes featuring local plant-based goodness visit [www.compassionaeating.wordpress.com](http://www.compassionaeating.wordpress.com).



CAPS Chat

## Busy, busy, busy

by Elizabeth Rodeno

CAPS-TV is quite busy this time of year. We have been covering lots of events for the community. Every year we cover the Ventura Education Foundation's Festival of Talent "Night of a 1000 Stars" at the Ventura High School. The Festival showcases the best and bravest performers in Ventura. Singers, dancers, musicians and more performed in front of a sold-out and enthusiastic crowd. Even several Ventura Unified School District employees, including Superintendent Dr. Trudy Arriaga performed. It was great fun



Jonathan's Restaurant, located at 204 E. Main has a new name, "Peirano's" and new menu created by Executive Chef Robert Grenner. It now opens at 5 for dinner and happy hour.

Owner Sanaa Dugan, chef Grenner and manager Randy Hartzog invite you to visit "Peirano's" to meet them and to check the place out.



# News and Notes

## Venturans discuss homeless solutions, Part 1

by Tim Pompey

The recent discussion of a year-round homeless shelter either in Ventura or somewhere in the county has sparked some lively debate among local residents, perhaps even crystallized where the dividing lines are among agencies and city officials responsible for providing human services in Ventura.

And, as some agencies acknowledge, the future for homeless outreach may be changing, both with regard to federal funding and current community concerns about whether or not homeless services in downtown Ventura are really providing long-term solutions.

For Clyde Reynolds, Executive Director of Turning Point, the shift in current HUD funding requirements is having an influence on how organizations like Turning Point are planning their missions. "The direction that HUD is going for those who are currently homeless is a rapid rehousing approach," he said. "It's trying to avoid as much as we can the more institutional shelter. We're talking about an approach that is more normative, less stigmatizing. It's a movement away from people using facilities to people using community housing."

Bill Finley, Captain of the Salvation Army Ventura concurs. "I want to emphasize that as an organization we are no longer looking to build or operate a shelter in Ventura," he said.

Finley addressed the current shift in HUD funding. "Organizationally we are working through the new rules which HUD released in December," he explained. "These force a process where we begin to change our approach to a rapid rehousing model for all services. Whatever shelter is built should conform to this model."

For Ventura city council member Christy Weir, the idea of a year-round shelter in or near the downtown area may create more problems than it solves.

### Two Foothill students

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Aysen Tan from Foothill Technology High School were pleased to hear that they had won \$5,000 scholarships each for their eye-catching entries.

The competition, organized by the 1 For All public awareness campaign for the Bill of Rights, accepted links to anything - including videos, essays, blogs and photos - to "Free to Tweet" and rewarded \$110,000 in scholarships all together. Funding was provided by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for the scholarships, and each of the 22 winners, ranging from ages 15 to 22, were given \$5,000 in scholarship money for any educational use of their desire.

It's the understanding of the First Amendment and America's five freedoms that are stressed and woven throughout the winners' statements: speech, press, religion, assembly, and petition. The winning pieces can be found on 1forall.us/winners.

Roberts and Tan did not come upon the competition out of simple discovery. Both are on staff for The Foothill Dragon Press, Foothill High's web-based newspaper publication ([TheFoothillDragonPress.org](http://TheFoothillDragonPress.org)), and their advisor Melissa Wantz asked each student in the class to enter the competition as a homework assignment. Because of this, Tan and Roberts explained their surprise

"Large shelters can be problematic, as we have seen in other cities," said Weir. "They can become a magnet for transients from other areas, who many times continue their illegal and unhealthy behaviors. Some shelters merely warehouse the homeless, without providing true life-changing help. This is not the ultimate goal."

Weir would like to see less of a concentration of homeless services, particularly in downtown Ventura. "We already have a concentration of SROs (single-room occupancy units) in the downtown area," she said, "plus homeless facilities like the Salvation Army, El Patio Hotel, Turning Point, the Kingdom Center, SHORE, and large Housing Authority projects."

She would like to see nonprofits move away from any plans for a large-scale institutional shelter and develop more street outreach and one-on-one care. "Adding a shelter would contribute to an over concentration that is not helpful for the clients or the downtown merchants," she said. "The best alternative is individual attention, since many of them are suffering from drug addiction, alcoholism and mental illness."

But Marc Melinkovich, the current director of the emergency shelter at the armory in Ventura, feels that some type of year-round shelter may be a necessity to maintain effective contact with homeless clients and ensure that they know about available services. "The primary benefit for a year-round shelter," said Melinkovich, "would be to facilitate early intervention of the critical needs of the homeless. When you see somebody daily, you get to experience the nuances of their health and behavior, and you are the most likely individual who could contact other social service agencies and be that governmental or other nonprofit agency to address those needs to stay alive."

when notified about being finalists and then winning 1 For All.

Each student took a different approach to the competition, and Tan, a photojournalist and assistant multimedia editor for the Dragon Press, linked "Free to Tweet" to a blog he had created himself. The blog consisted of writing and visual images, expressing his outlook on the First Amendment. "I chose a blog post because Tumblr integrates photos really well into its site," explained Tan. "Also, the ability for others to re-blog my posts and share the awareness of the 1st Amendment was a definite plus." All of his blog posts were all-around original, from the photos to the captions. To Tan, photography is an extremely valuable tool in self-expression: "I use my photography skills as a way to give a voice to the people in my pictures as well using my perspective to include my voice as well." Tan plans on using his scholarship money for the opportunity to attend a journalism convention at Columbia University next year.

Roberts entered a speech to "Free to Tweet" by submitting a video, all of which she prepared in one night. "I chose a video because I'm used to and comfortable with that medium, for one," says Roberts, "and also because I think it's a good way to combine writing, which I love to do, and showcasing my personality, which is what

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the First Amendment is all about." Roberts is Speech Captain for Foothill's Speech and Debate Team; additionally, she has an opinions video blog for the Dragon Press called Minutes with Molly, and these elements add to her experience with both being in front of the camera and public speaking. She feels that the First Amendment is valuable in many ways, especially because it, "allows us to be ourselves... [it's] the essential foundation of the United States, and I think it's incredibly valuable on an individual level. I definitely take full advantage of it." Roberts simply stated that her scholarship money is "going straight into the proverbial college fund."



Molly Roberts and Aysen Tan appreciate the First Amendment. Photo by Bethany Fankhauser/The Foothill Dragon Press



On March 8 a Wine Tasting Fundraiser was held at the Pierpont Racquet Club to help support the Ventura Music Festival Concert Series. Besides the fine wine several of the "Visions on Screen" hand painted screens were on display.

Attendee Ventura Music Festival Executive Director Cheryl Heitmann stated "The Ventura Music Festival was excited to hold our first wine tasting event at the Pierpont Racquet Club, hosted by board member Spencer Garrett. The Music Festival is fortunate to have board members like Spencer who are always willing to get involved and suggest new ideas for fun and fundraising."



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## News and Notes



Tsunami signs have been placed throughout Ventura to inform the public of the hazards of tsunamis. Photo by George Robertson

### Tsunami signs – what should I do?

by Scott Miller  
Harbormaster

Signs designating Tsunami "Hazard Zone" and "Evacuation Routes" have been placed throughout Ventura County including Ventura and Oxnard. The California Emergency Management Agency provided the tsunami-warning signs to all jurisdictions at no charge. They are a key component of the "Tsunami Ready Program" developed by the National Weather Service to inform the public of the hazards of tsunamis in order to reduce the devastating effects on human life.

Video images from the March,

2011 earthquake and tsunami provide graphic illustrations that the tide cannot be stopped, but rapidly fleeing inland or to higher ground is the key to survival. These signs use historical data to identify inundation zones and current information to designate evacuation routes. One additional point is "once you have left the Hazard Area CONTINUE INLAND". Stopping would only inhibit the evacuation of others. Tsunami Inundation maps, created by the Ventura County Resource Management Agency indicate that the hazard zone is relatively narrow, two miles or less. Most people can walk to safety, and the Ventura County Operational Area Tsunami Evacuation Plan encourages people to do so. The estimated population in the inundation zone is 40 to 45 thousand daytime and 25 thousand night. Evacuation by vehicle is unrealistic.

Go to [http://www.ventura.org/rma/planning/pdf/local\\_coast\\_maps/tsunami\\_central.pdf](http://www.ventura.org/rma/planning/pdf/local_coast_maps/tsunami_central.pdf) to review the map. In the event that a Tsunami WARNING (the highest level designation indicating waves in excess of 6 feet are expected) the following notice will be issued to residents in the inundation area. "This is the Ventura County Sheriff's Department with important emergency information. A tsunami warning has been issued for the Ventura County coastline. Residents should immediately move inland two miles or to land that is at least 100 feet above sea level immediately. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards. Stay away from coastal or low-lying areas until local emergency officials have issued an "all clear" notice."

The FEMA advice, "Be Informed-

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Make a Plan-Build a Kit-Get Involved" holds true for tsunamis. "Distant Generated" tsunamis may allow 2 to 12 hours of warning, but local events may give little or no time for warnings to be issued. If the ground shakes significantly, do not wait to evacuate.

As the Harbormaster of Ventura Harbor, my advice to boaters is to leave your boat and evacuate to high ground. That is the best way to guarantee your safety and the safety of the people you love. Evacuation to sea will likely mean that you will need to remain underway for several days, and there is no guarantee of a functioning harbor upon your return. Never come from safety into the inundation area to save your boat; it is only property and property can be replaced; you can't be.

### Shop Local

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The City of Ventura's Economic Development Division, the Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Ventura Partnership, the Economic Development Cooperative of Ventura County, and other local economic development agencies, partner with locally owned businesses on marketing and outreach campaigns intended to give local consumers information that will assist them in understanding how their spending patterns and choices impact the local economy. The goal is to get accurate information into the community, so that when wallets come out of pockets purchasers at least understand the implication of their decision – not a value judgment, just an attempt to inform consumers.

The Shop Local campaign in Ventura might best be thought of as a mosaic with many small and intricate pieces that together make up the entire picture. In March of last year, Totally Local Ventura County (TLVC) was given a one-year contract by the City to engage the local business community and educate the public on the benefits of local spending. Branding everything local from stickers and ads to shopping bags and T-shirts, TLVC's "support local" message has permeated Ventura. Other community partnerships have been forged with FOODShare, the Ventura Produce Cooperative, VC Buzz, Ventura Restaurant Week, Ventura Music Week and the recent Ag Summit, just to name a few.

One of the largest sources of sales tax for the City of Ventura, and therefore possibly the most important decision that a local family can make to support "shop local", is the Ventura Auto Mall. Simply put, when your family is considering purchasing a new vehicle I urge you to head down to Auto Center Drive and give our terrific and creative dealerships the opportunity to compete for your

business. The City continues to work on a major expansion of Olivas Park Drive that will make it easier for customers to access those dealers.

"Shop local" and "live local" is an ever changing dynamic. Trends will come and go, however the lasting message is really quite simple. There is a direct connection to local money staying local, and the level of service that your municipal government can provide to the community. Please carefully consider your retail and restaurant options when you are making purchases in the great city of Ventura – the city I have called home my entire life.

### The Secret Garden

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systems," says Baylie Hanrahan, who leads the bi-weekly club meetings and organizes all the activities. She will major in Forestry and Natural Resources. We just started up last semester and we are focused on raising awareness and interest about careers in Agriculture. This semester we had a small amount of funding from the Agriculture Department before they were cut, this was to do things to enhance education opportunity for agriculture students.

Even though the Agriculture Department has been cut, Hanrahan will not let places like the orchard or our green house go unused and unnoticed. The club has installed a new irrigation system and it will be working in a few weeks, and seedling plants are growing in the greenhouse. "These are great resources to teach students skills that they can hopefully take into their future like growing crops and keeping fruit trees healthy and fruitful. I would like to consider us a club that promotes a greener way of living and promotes a sense of community." The club also likes to bring professionals in agriculture or environmental science careers to talk about the many careers offered after graduating college.

"If anyone in the community would like to help us start a project like vertical growing, growing subtropicals, hydroponics, and could donate supplies or time to help teach us that would be awesome," said Hanrahan. Some of the items needed on the club's wish list are: Picking bins, pots and potting soil and seed starting mix, hoes, tomato cages, lavender plants. Raised beds is another project they could use help from the community.

"Our biggest aspiration is to one day be organized enough to grow food and sell it to students on campus."

On April 21st, the club will sell young plants at the swap meet at the Ventura College as a fundraiser to plant a vegetable garden in the orchard.

If you wish to help start a vertical project, help with raised beds or donate needed supplies, please email Baylie Hanrahan at [Vcag.esrmclub@gmail.com](mailto:Vcag.esrmclub@gmail.com)



Madeline Catherine Kelly loves going to Foster Library with her mom Tina so she can get an early lead in learning how to read because she knows how important reading is.

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# Community Events

## Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Ventura South meetings are on Monday's at noon at the Wedgewood Banquet Center.

**April 9** – Jeff Lambert, City of Ventura Community Development Director on the Victoria Corridor, Wal-Mart and new zoning.

**April 16** – Doug Ridley, Esq., Attorney and Moorpark Rotarian on the "Anatomy of a DUI."

**April 23** – Interact Club from St. Bonaventure High School Bake Sale.

**April 30** – Brant Gerken, D.C.- Rotary South Club member speaking on "Anti-Aging Diet and the Dangers of Diabetes and Belly Fat."

The Rotary Club is actively involved in both local community and international humanitarian projects. For additional Club information or to attend a meeting contact Club President, Bob Braitman, 805-647-7612 / 805-320-0951 or check their website at [www.venturouthrotary.org](http://www.venturouthrotary.org).

## The Ventura County Ballet presents *Cinderella*

The Ventura County Ballet (VCB) is celebrating the 20 year anniversary of its ballet school, Ballet Academy Ventura (BAV), with two special performances of Cinderella at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

Kathie Noblin, executive director of the VCB, founded BAV in 1992 with the goal to instill a love of ballet, a desire for excellence and greater self-confidence in each of her students. The BAV quickly established itself as the premiere Ventura County ballet training center for young students, offering a complete ballet program from pre-ballet through pre-professional and adult.

## Gizmo Guys delight with juggling

The Gizmo Guys master jugglers bring their high-energy performance to the Museum of Ventura County's Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion on Saturday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Known for their humor as well as technique, The Gizmo Guys tour worldwide, having appeared in more than 2,500 live performances. Admission to The Gizmo Guys event at the Museum of Ventura County is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and includes admission to all galleries before and



Xazmin Murillo (Buena High), David Gallegos (Buena High), Tatiyana Franklin-Thomas (Buena High), Sergio Ortega (Ventura High) and Ralph Toyooka (Ventura High) were all smiles at the 7th Annual Boys & Girls Club of Ventura "Power of One" Breakfast ("it just takes one") held on March 29 at the Wedgewood Wedding & Banquet Center. They were the featured speakers and told of the amazing positive impact that the Boys & Girls Club has had on their lives. B & G President Ed Summers was the master of ceremonies for the breakfast which had a standing room only crowd.

Tatiyana told the attendees that "The best thing about the club is the staff and the family-like atmosphere". Based upon the wonderful success of the B & G Club it is this and much much more. Photo by Abraham Maldonado



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after the performance, until 5:00 p.m. Museum members' price is \$10, and \$5 for children. The performance is best for adults and children ages four and older. Seating is limited. Paid reservations should be made at 653-0323 x. 7.

New York residents Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker formed The Gizmo Guys in 1987.

The Gizmo Guys is the second in the Museum of Ventura County's new Family Fun At The Museum series of live performances. The museum is located at 100 East Main Street in downtown Ventura, and is open 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more museum information go to [www.venturamuseum.org](http://www.venturamuseum.org) or call 653-0323.

[space4peace.org/index.htm](http://space4peace.org/index.htm) in 1992. The organization now has 185 affiliates on every continent in the world. Gagnon will be speaking at a free Ventura event at 3 p.m. His talk

**Full Spectrum Dominance - Earth, Empire, Economics and the Weaponization of Space** will address many critical issues and implications of the current United States efforts to weaponize space. Such an undertaking may be the most expensive project in the history of planet earth. Gagnon will be speaking Saturday, at 3 p.m. in the Topping Room of the Foster Library located at 651 E. Main St.

**Apr. 8: Adagio's Easter Brunch** -Easter Brunch at the Villa in Oxnard. The grand re-opening of the event facility Adagio Bella Gardens at the Hilton Garden Inn.

From 10am till 2pm. Adults \$25 inclusive. Children \$10.95

For menu details call 351-8343. To RSVP 983-8600.

### Audubon field trips

Beginners are welcome on all field trips. Light drizzle does not necessarily cancel trips, but heavier rain will. If in doubt, call the trip leader.

**Apr. 7:** Saturday, at 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. **Friends of the Santa Clara River volunteer workday.** Arrive at 8:00 a.m.

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### Legacy Gifts

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# The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



## Jim Martin

**Portrait by Johanna Spinks**

Behind a camera and lens is just one way Jim Martin expresses himself and sees the world around him. It all started some 43 years ago when Jim was born in Ventura. While growing up he took up activities such as skate boarding and surfing, then by the age of ten surfing was his first and foremost passion which quickly became an addiction of sorts. The surrounding ocean was the only playground that Jim was interested playing in. He always looked forward to the summer beach days with his parents every weekend, which continued to fuel his ocean addiction.

Surfing while attending grade school and especially throughout his high school years was a battle between waves or grades, finding his priorities was a definite learning experience. The ocean just had this powerful grip on his mind and spirit with the beauty and raw power that he couldn't stop thinking about. His parents knew that this healthy passion was an important part of who he was and the person he was becoming.

So at age 14 his parents bought him a Nikonos water camera thinking that he could express himself and have fun in other ways in the ocean. Though Jim had fun taking the camera in the waves that he had always surfed and swam in, it just wasn't the same as actually riding waves. So the camera took a back seat to surfing and it continued that way for many years.

After high school at the age of 17 Jim started working full time framing houses with his father. Quickly learning the trade, Jim became a journeyman carpenter at age 20 and continued to excel in home building as a general contractor over the next 16 years. He then decided to tackle a new challenge and enter the field of architectural design. Soon after, Jim founded JMC & Design and he continues to enjoy all the freedom and benefits it has to offer.

At the age of 30 Jim married his beautiful wife Shalimar and they had two beautiful children Tatum and

Tarah. And all while taking on the responsibilities of work and family he never stopped the hunger and passion he had for the ocean and surfing. But something new and vaguely familiar was about to take hold, that was photography. Jim quickly started his progression in landscape/seascape photography, which became his new addiction. He now had to periodically decide between the two loves, surfing or shooting, as it was and continues to be a tough battle between the two. So he decided to take the camera to the water, to document the things he saw while swimming, paddling and surfing in the ocean, it was the best of both worlds.

Jim's goal in photography is and always will be to capture that moment in time that will take the viewer on a visual journey and make them feel as if they are within that captured moment.

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

Ventura to me is this sleepy little beach town, just small enough to make me feel that I can get away from all the hectic things going on around me in other parts of the world. And most importantly it has the mountains and oceans as my backyard. With world class surf just miles apart, a perfect climate year round, not too hot and not too cold. To me it's the perfect place to live, play and a great place to raise my family.

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

One day I received a phone call from Johanna Spinks, she mentioned that she first saw my book "Inspirations, Ventura, Ca" at a local restaurant, and she was interested in painting my portrait for the "Face Of Ventura" series that she is creating for the Breeze. I told her it would be an honor to have her paint my portrait. The sitting with Johanna was a fun experience. Meeting her, hearing about her passion with painting and watching her work was fascinating.



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

"The Face of Ventura By Johanna Spinks":

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

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.





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## Community Events

### Ventura events

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for birding. Leader: Sandy Hedrick 340-0478. For information about location and work go to [www.fscr.org](http://www.fscr.org) or contact Jackie Worden 652-0577.

**Apr. 9: Fillmore Fish Hatchery** at Lake Piru Area. Monday, at 8:30 a.m. Leader: Adele Fergusson 415-4304. The Fish Hatchery usually produces several good species of herons, egrets and other birds that come to feed on the leftovers from the fish feeding, as well as several other species of birds.

**Apr. 14:** Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Lake Casitas. Leader: John Pavelko 640-9040 should see Snowy & Great Egrets, Great Blue Herons, spring migrants, and many more. Directions: To carpool meet at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main at the side parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

**Apr. 11: The Ventura County Camera Club** will hold a competition meeting on Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. A professional photographer will critique members' prints and digital images. The topic for the month is "Big Sky" which will feature some interesting photographs. Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome and admission is free. See the club's web site for more information about the club and examples of member's works or call 908-5663. [WWW.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com](http://WWW.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com)

**Apr. 13:** The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution May meeting will feature the program: **The Veterans History Project**. Information regarding this project can be found at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets). The luncheon event will take place at 11:30 a.m., in the Garden Room, Marie

Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave. All SAR compatriots, American Revolutionary War history buffs, veterans, friends and visitors are welcome at this special event. The self-pay luncheon cost is \$20 per person, which includes a slice of Marie Callender's pie. Call Bill Hurley 492-2583, Robert Taylor 216-7992, or Ron Risley 647-0751 if you desire more information.

**Apr. 14: The Ventura Beginners Personal Computer Users Group** will meet Saturday, at the third floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place, from 9:15 a.m. to noon. Toby Scott, owner of Ventura County Computers, will demonstrate the procedure in setting up a new computer and explain some of the features of Windows 7. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about computer problems. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Marcie Malony 648-1368.

**Apr. 15 and 16:** A free informative film "Consider the Conversation", which examines how we view life's final chapter and how talking about what we want, in advance, prevents unnecessary suffering. A discussion will follow featuring Lanyard K. Dial, MD, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice Medical Director. The days are, Sunday, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Rd, RSVP 644-3031 and Monday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Griffin Family Chapel, 1075 E. Daily Drive, Camarillo, RSVP 482-1166.

**Apr. 16:** Peggy O'Brien Brown, of Oxnard, will present information about the **Disciplinary Procedures** at a meeting of the Zeta Chi Unit of the

National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) on Monday evening; the meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Topping Room of E.P. Foster Library in Ventura. The Zeta Chi unit holds regular parliamentary study meetings in the Topping Room on the third Monday of each month except December. Free parking is available behind the library. For more information about the organization please contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or [sandy108@pacbell.net](mailto:sandy108@pacbell.net)

### Ojai in the news

The new bridge on the Ventura River Bicycle trail is completed and once again bicycle enthusiasts and families are able to travel between Ventura and Ojai on

a 19 mile round trip journey where you can enjoy art, apocalyptic industrial scenes, coffeehouses, restaurants and even bicycle rental shops at both ends of the trail should you need wheels for an hour or a day. The new 1.8 million dollar bridge that replaced a stream level concrete crossing at the confluence of San Antonio Creek and the Ventura River brings back memories of the old Ventura and Ojai Valley railroad that the bike and walking path was built on following the railroad's demise in the flood of 1969.

The **28th annual Ojai Peddler's Fair** is being held from 9am – 4pm, Saturday and Sunday, **April 14 & 15**. The bustling Peddler's Fair is located

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# Senior Living

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## Camp Widow

by Nanci Cone

How does one find comfort after the death of a loved one? One way is to connect to organizations that offer hope and healing to those who have been widowed. Soaring Spirits Loss Foundation has a unique program for men and women called Camp Widow, a weekend event where widowed people from all over the globe gather. Here one finds a community of understanding and a safe haven where practical tools, valuable resources, and peer-based encouragement abound. Livingston Hospice knows and understands the grief of widowhood and recently sponsored Barbara Mendeas, one of their hospice volunteers to Camp Widow; her inspiring story follows:

After 37 years of marriage, Barbara lost her soul mate Lanny, at age 58. As so many do, Barbara found comfort by giving to others and soon became a Livingston Hospice volunteer. It was there that Barbara learned about Camp Widow and when Livingston sponsored Barbara to the upcoming weekend in San Diego, Barbara was delighted.

Although looking forward to going, Barbara was anxious, for the anniversary of Lanny's death was that very same weekend. This was to be a time of quiet reflection and resurfaced grief, but Barbara kept experiencing "a need to be there, like something was telling me to go." Once Barbara checked in and met her roommate, she began to understand why she was there. Her new acquaintance had experienced exactly what Barbara had...she lost her husband to the same cancer diagnosis as Barbara's husband. As they got to know each other, they found many commonalities, but most important, they discovered the bond that develops when one shares grief.

The weekend was exceptional, over 200 people from all areas, some as far away as Australia. Everyone wore a badge - a testimony to how long they had been widowed, the average being 1 to 1 ½ years. Here Barbara found others who knew and understood the life altering experience of widowhood. Here, they learned how to start rebuilding their life. Here, among the laughter and joy there was newfound strength and hope for the future.

Barbara came away from Camp Widow energized with new hope and inspiration. She recounts: "That special weekend reemphasized that everything I had felt was OK and I came away stronger with an uplifting spirit." Now Barbara shares that strength and spirit with those in need, at Livingston Hospice where her goal is to provide support to those who are grieving.

Sandy Morse, Director of Community and Professional Relations at Livingston Memorial, wants to hear from anyone who has lost a loved one and is struggling with grief. "We may not be able to send you to Camp Widow but by attending one of our many bereavement groups, we can certainly help you deal with your feelings and reassure you that you are not alone," she said.

To find out more about grief counseling in general, contact Livingston Hospice at 642-1608 or you can visit Camp Widow on the web at [sslf.org](http://sslf.org).



Jack Collings and Norm Weitzel honored at golf tournament

## CAREGIVERS honors locals

Volunteers Assisting the Elderly celebrated the 20th Annual "Wearin' o' the Green" Golf Tournament on Friday, March 16 at Buenaventura Golf Course where local residents Jack Collings and Norm Weitzel were honored for 20 years of service to the organization.

"We are delighted to recognize the continuing commitment to CAREGIVERS of both Jack Collings and Norm Weitzel," said Augie Martinez, CAREGIVERS chairman of the board and vice president at Rabobank.

CAREGIVERS has paired thousands of volunteers in the community with seniors who are in need of non-medical care. "Whether it's a ride to the doctor or the grocery store, or advocating for reimbursements by an insurance company, our volunteers step up to the plate and make positive impacts on the lives of our local seniors every day," said CAREGIVERS Executive Director Tammy Glenn.

Jack Collings of Collings and Associates and Norm Weitzel, retired from Southern California Edison, have both served in leadership positions under the organization's original founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

For the second consecutive year Caregivers was joined by the members of the Ventura South Rotary Club for the presentation of the golf tournament.

Volunteers Assisting the Elders serves more than 500 seniors with more than 200 volunteers in greater Ventura County.

For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.vcCaregivers.org](http://www.vcCaregivers.org) or call 658-8530.



David Lantrip of Life Event Networks Inc. addresses a packed crowd at the 3rd annual Seniors Gone Wired tech event

## Seniors Gone Wired A Wild Success

Watch out world, senior "techies" are on the loose, thanks in part to an educational event held recently at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura.

## Senior Living

Dubbed, "Seniors Gone Wired", the half day tech event at the senior community offered a broad range of topics and interactive workshops in an atmosphere set up exclusively for seniors.

"The turnout was wonderful," said Robert Goldberg, executive director at Cypress Place. "I think it shows the deep desire of seniors to keep up with technological advancements."

Throughout the day, seniors of all ages and degrees of computer literacy were able to find the information they were looking for. Computer stations and technician support, hosted by Swift Chip Inc., a complete computer care company, were available to teach seniors tips on using a computer, finding information online, using email, and the latest technological innovations.

"People were so excited about all the information they received," said David Lantrip, founder of Life Event Networks Inc. In one workshop, Lantrip demonstrated how seniors could easily create their own free, private webpage, and use it to connect with family and friends for all the special occasions in life through the LifeEventNet.com website.

In another workshop, Julia Palacio, Community Relations Manager for Barnes & Noble of Ventura, gave a presentation on e-books and the different e-book readers available to use with them.

This year's event also included a special section for questions dealing specifically with cell phones. Reuben Herrera from the local office of Metro PCS gave a presentation on "What's the Right Cell Phone For Me." Representatives from the local Verizon Wireless store were also on hand to teach seniors how to master their cell phone, as well as answer any questions they had about all the new cell phone technology.

In a wonderful intergenerational connection, students from the Ventura High School computer program were also on hand to assist the seniors with one on one sessions regarding computers, cell phones, and technology.

The senior community also collected unwanted cell phones to be donated to our men and women in the armed forces to help them stay connected with their loved ones back home.

"We've touched a nerve with this event," said Goldberg. "Seniors want to stay connected. We look forward to doing it again."

Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200/1220 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information please call 650-8000, or visit their web site at [www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com](http://www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com).

## Health Uninsured? Help is on the way!

by Nanci Cone

The Ventura County Health Care Agency (VCHCA) provides access to quality, cost effective, culturally sensitive health care for the most vulnerable members of our community - at little or no cost to those who qualify.

Listed below are the programs available in our County:

**ACE Program for Adults** - ACE covers routine doctor visits, X-rays, lab work, urgent care and emergency room visits, mental health visits and prescription drugs for a minimum co-pay at various County affiliated clinics and at County hospitals. You must be over 19 and under 65 years of age, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, live in Ventura County, not be pregnant, have no other coverage and have a family income level at or under 200% of the federal poverty level. Call 981-5070 or visit [www.vchca.org/ACE](http://www.vchca.org/ACE) for more information.

**ACE Program for Kids** - Offers children 0-18 years of age medical services at limited cost. May also be enrolled in CHDP, CCS or Emergency Medi-Cal. Call 677-5280 or (866) 481-7674 for more information.

**CCS (California Children's Services)** - This state program is for children with certain diseases or health problems. Children up to 21 years of age can get health care and services they need for specific conditions such as cleft palate, leukemia, cancer, heart palsy or problem diabetes. To find out who qualifies, call 981-5281.

**CDP (Cancer Detection Program)** - This program is for women who need a mammogram but don't have medical insurance. Call (800) 824-0088 for more information.

**CHDP (Child Health and Disability Prevention)** - This program provides "Well Child" check-ups including immunizations, physicals, dental, vision, hearing, lead/anemia/TB exams for low-income children. For more information contact 981-5291.

**Health Care for Kids** - Enrolls children in an insurance plan. Ventura: 652-3326, Oxnard 677-5280. **Healthy Families** - Provides medical, dental and vision benefits for uninsured children under age 19 for as little as \$9/month. To find out if you qualify, call (866) 481-7674 or [www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov](http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov).

**Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) Program** - Assists eligible patients with family planning methods including reproduction health care screening. To find out if you qualify, call (800) 942-1054.

**Medi-Cal** - Provides full or limited medical coverage based on eligibility criteria. For more information, visit [www.vchsa.org](http://www.vchsa.org) or call (866) 904-9362 or apply on-line at [www.benefitscalwin.org](http://www.benefitscalwin.org).

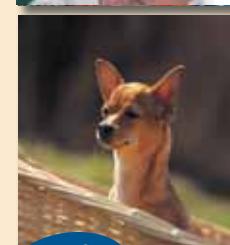
**One Stop Center** - This clinic offers a wide array of services for the homeless or those at risk for homelessness. Tuesdays from 10am-1pm, 3147 Loma Vista Road. Call 652-6694 for more information.

**Self-Pay Discount Program** - Discounted rates for those with no insurance. Call 648-9553 or visit [www.vchca.org/selfpay](http://www.vchca.org/selfpay).

**V.V.C. (Victims of Violent Crimes)** - For those who have suffered an injury as a result of violent crime. Call (800) 777-9229.

**WIC (Women, Infants and Children)** - Helps pregnant women, new mothers, infants or children under age five obtain nutrition education, vouchers for healthy supplemental foods, healthcare and other community services. Contact WIC at 981-5251.

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## CMH in the news

In conjunction with National Healthcare Decisions Day, Community Memorial Health System is holding a community dialogue on end-of-life care, including advance medical directives and Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, on Tuesday, April 17.

James Hornstein, M.D., chairman of the Bioethics Committee at Community Memorial Hospital, will lead the discussion that will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the eighth-floor Nichols Auditorium at CMH, located at 147 N. Brent St. Professionals from CMH's Social Services, Palliative Care and Spiritual Care departments also will be on hand.

At the conclusion of the evening, participants will be able to:

Understand the various tools to support their end-of-life wishes;

Have the opportunity to work with CMH professional to answer questions;

Begin to fill out their own advance directives;

Learn what resources are available for caregivers.

Dr. Hornstein received his medical degree from UCLA in 1980 and his certificate in Advanced Studies in

Bioethics from Loyola Marymount University in 1996. He is board-certified in Family Medicine as well as Hospice and Palliative Medicine and has been a lecturer at UCLA, USC and other institutions, where he has taught ethics in society and medical ethics.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 652-5436, or visit [www.cmhshealth.org/rsvp](http://www.cmhshealth.org/rsvp).

Community Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary celebrated its 50th anniversary at an annual awards luncheon and installation on Feb. 10.

During the luncheon, a presentation of awards took place for those auxiliary members who have reached a high level of service. Special recognition went to Clara Alviani for 12,000 hours, Judy Miller for 17,000 hours, and Lucille Ledner, Ann Simonitsch, Rod Weldon for 20 years and Suzy Clark for 40 years of service.

In 2003, longtime volunteer Maria Cavallo passed away and left an auxiliary legacy called the Maria Cavallo Scholarship Fund, which was established by her family to honor the 15,000 hours of service she provided as a member of the CMH Auxiliary.

This year, with the help of funds raised through the gift shop, fundraisers, baby photos, souvenir birth certificate and the dine out program, the Auxiliary has once again donated over \$100,000 to the hospital. Four years ago, the Auxiliary pledged to donate a total of \$500,000 in five years to the CMH building project, as they are right on track.

For information about how to become an adult volunteer or junior volunteer, stop by the reception desk in the main CMH lobby and pick up an application or call 652-5043.



# Professor Scamp, Ph.D

Professor Scamp  
Ph.D

If you must know (Savana made me tell you) over 220 pedigree and household pets will be at the Ventura County Fairgrounds on April 14 and 15 to compete for Best in Show. You will see long hair, short hair, curly hair and naked cats (I see that all the time) competing. It will be a fun filled family event for all, with loads of cat items on sale. Admission prices are \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 seniors, military and kids under 12 and kids under 6 free. Families of 4 get in for \$15.00. If that isn't low enough bring this article along with a canned good for the Ventura Food bank and get \$2.00 off. Event starts at 9:30am and ends at 4:30pm on Saturday and on Sunday it starts at 9:00am and ends at 4:30pm.

And it's hard to believe but cats all have different personalities, just like "man's best friend", we dogs. There will also be adoptable rescue cats at the show, so go prepared to adopt a cat or to buy a pedigree kitten. And remember if you have a dog at home they are still the boss.

Go to: <http://www.TonkWest.org> for coupons and more stuff.

The Ventura County Sheriff's K-9 Search & Rescue, along with the Ventura County Sheriff's K-9 (Patrol) Unit and the National Police Dog Foundation, will again be hosting the "Dining with the Dogs" event, on April 21.

"Dining with the Dogs" is a charity event in support of police and search and rescue dogs (we are police officers' best friend also). It is an opportunity for you to meet the dogs and their handlers, and to learn more about their skills and abilities and the wide variety of jobs they perform. Some of their tasks include patrol work, narcotics detection, explosives detection, trailing suspects, finding missing persons or crime victims. Breeds represented include German shepherds, bloodhounds, Labrador retrievers, border collies, Westfalen terriers (what? No Shih Tzu's - well then I'm not going).

This benefit will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 2pm to 7pm, at the beautiful historic Camarillo Ranch House. There will be food, drink, live music, raffle and auction items, displays from various units within the Sheriff's Department, and booths representing the National Police Dog Foundation,

the Ventura County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit, and the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Search & Rescue K-9 Unit. K-9 teams from each of these organizations, as well as teams from several other agencies will be present to give demonstrations and talk about their talented dogs and their work.

Some of these dogs are personally owned and handled by volunteers. The Ventura County Sheriff's Search & Rescue K-9 Team is made up of unpaid volunteers who serve their community through the talents of their dogs. They purchase and care for their own dogs, and pay for their own expenses and training, but when the need arises they unselfishly share their special skills for the benefit of others. The only financial assistance they receive is through donations.

Most other police dogs are owned by their departments. However, while the salary of their human partner is paid for by the department, the purchase cost of the dog, as well as many of the costs of maintaining a dog, such as training, veterinary care, and equipment, is funded primarily by donations (I have



*When me and the family go RVing I prefer that they pull my RV so that I can stay up late and watch TV. Sometimes I invite Savana to stay with me if she promises not to purr too loud.*

heard that could be up to \$25,000). The National Police Dog Foundation was established to help law enforcement agencies locally and across the country, by raising funds and developing a network of veterinarians to help provide medical care for the dogs, and also to educate the public and law enforcement agencies about the amazing abilities of these canines.

I hope you will attend "Dining with the Dogs." Without public support, some of these K-9 programs may be unable to continue, or may fail to utilize us four-legged members to their full potential. You can help by encour-

## 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.*

### Shooting Homicide

On Sunday, March 18th, at 10:00 p.m., the VPD responded to a call of shots fired in the area of Olive Street and Ramona Street.

Officers arrived at the 100 block of West Ramona Street and found Lazaro Ramirez lying in the roadway with gunshot wounds. Officers and Fire Personnel attempted to render advanced life saving measures to Ramirez however he succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

### Multiple Robbery Arrest

On Sunday, March 18th, at 7:00 p.m., VPD received a call from the store

clerk at Sam's Central Market, located at 505 North Ventura Avenue. The clerk reported he was robbed at knifepoint. During the robbery, the clerk complied with the suspect's demands and surrendered merchandise. The suspect was last seen riding a bike away from the store.

Officers located Henry Levine exiting Lee's Groceries at 403 North Olive Street. As Levine walked out of the store, officers attempted to detain him. A brief struggle ensued. Levine was taken into custody.

The clerk from Lee's Groceries told officers he was just robbed at knifepoint by Levine. Levine was identified as committing both crimes and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Levine was transported to VC Jail.

### Stolen Vehicle Pursuit

On Sunday, March 18th, at 3:17 p.m., an officer was patrolling in the area of Telephone Road and Kimball Road

(Pretty Happy Dog)

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Hi: I'm Vin an affectionate and playful 1 year old boy Poodle/Bichon Frise mix. I was found with Nancy and since no one came to claim us we are up for adoption. We are active dogs who are good with other dogs, cats and children. We are house and crate trained and will even let you know when we have to go out. We also come when called and walk well on a leash and would make a great addition to any family. We got to go a foster home for a few days and didn't have any accidents and were super good, no problems at all. Nancy has her forever home and I hope it's not long before I get mine.

Some think that I am even cuter than Scamp.

The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place,  
3203 E. Main St.  
644-7387 [www.carlcorg](http://www.carlcorg)

## Scamp Club

Hi: I'm Lelu a 5 year old border collie and I live in Ventura. I love to chase waves (lucky I live in Ventura) or any balls that come my way.



## 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.

aging your friends to attend this event as well, or by donating services or an item for silent auction, or assisting with fundraising efforts.

For tickets or to download a brochure, go to [http://vcsark9.org/vcsark9\\_010.htm](http://vcsark9.org/vcsark9_010.htm).

■ A watchful dog (don't need to be a police K9 to be helpful) alerted a Ventura homeowner to a burglary in progress, and after police arrived, a K9

dog apprehended the burglar.

The dog owner alerted officials after seeing the man pillaging an unlocked truck, and when the resident confronted the man, the burglar ran. The police dog apprehended the man after he refused to obey orders to stop. The man was treated at Ventura County Medical Center (K9 dogs don't fool around) and was arrested on suspicion of theft and resisting arrest.

when he observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation. The officer attempted to conduct an enforcement stop, but the driver, Alejandro Herrera, would not yield.

Herrera lost control of the vehicle and collided with a 6-foot concrete block wall. Herrera drove the stolen SUV onto the curb before stopping. Herrera and his unknown passenger fled. The officer caught Herrera attempting to scale a fence. Herrera was taken into custody. Herrera was transported to VCMC where he was treated for minor injuries. Herrera was booked at VC Jail.

The VPD received several calls of a prowler in the area of Agate and Opal Street, the suspect described matched the description of the passenger from the stolen vehicle. Officers were unable to locate this suspect.

### Homicide Suspect

On Friday, March 16th, at 11:00 a.m., the VPD was contacted by inves-

tigators from the Hanford California PD regarding a homicide investigation. Jason Reyes was in Ventura and their investigation led them to the residence on Saratoga Avenue, in the 1300 block. Hanford investigators had an arrest warrant for Reyes for a homicide that occurred in Hanford on March 12th. The investigation supported that Reyes was in possession of a handgun.

Reyes was given the opportunity to surrender, but he refused to come out of the residence. Neighboring residences were evacuated and roads were temporarily closed during the operation. After four hours, Reyes surrendered peacefully. Reyes was wanted on a second homicide warrant issued by the Hayward PD.

Reyes was turned over to investigators from the Hanford PD.

### Stolen Vehicle

On Wednesday, March 21st, at 12:30 *Continued on page 19*

# A Peak at Happy Hour

by Danielle Peak

*Happiness is a state of mind. Happy hours are the food and drinks that get you there—and the prices aren't bad either. The Breeze would like to share with you the blissful details of happy hours in downtown Ventura, beginning with Zoey's, Winchester's and Chicago's. Get the scoop here and head on down for happiness. Stay an hour, or a few.*



Zoey's Café  
185 E. Santa Clara Street  
Ventura, CA 93001  
(805) 652-1137

This colorful cafe/music venue boasts an "eclectic California" theme indoors as well as on the open patio. Happy hours are Monday through Friday, 5pm-7pm, during which appetizers, pizzas, well drinks, wines, and beers are half off their regular prices. Specialty drink is the Lavender Lemon Drop.

**Appetizers:**  
Homemade chili or soup du jour  
Wonton poppers  
Sweet potato fries  
Wasabi calamari  
House fries  
Onion rings

**Pizzas:**  
Apollo chicken  
Barbeque chicken  
Veggie  
Supreme  
Greek  
Thai  
Islander



Winchester's Grill and Saloon  
632 E. Main Street  
Ventura, CA 93001  
(805) 653-7446

Western-themed Winchester's provides indoor and outdoor seating. Happy hours for \$1.50 off the list price of any adult beverage are seven days a week, 4pm-6pm and Sunday through Thursday, 10pm to close. Happy hours for food specials are Monday through Friday, 4pm-6pm. Known for their martinis, Winchester's offers a variety of specialty drinks, including Purple Panties and X In the City. On Fridays, enjoy beer and liquor promo night from 9pm to 11pm.

**Happy Hour Food Specials:**  
Western cheese fries \$4  
Fried duck strips \$5  
Jalapeno poppers \$5  
Fried chicken strips \$5  
Grilled chicken sausage \$5  
Potato skins \$6  
Angus beef sliders \$6  
Venison Stuffed Mushrooms \$6



Chicago's Ribs  
692 E. Main St.  
Ventura, CA 93001  
(805) 641-0812

This restaurant known for its ribs offers an enclosed patio, and ample windows contribute to an open feel. Happy hours are Sunday through Thursday, 4pm-7pm, and Friday and Saturday, 4pm-6pm. Specialty drinks include Illinois Ice Tea and Lake Michigan Authentic Margarita.

Happy hour drink specials:  
Well drinks \$3.50  
Domestic draft beer \$3.00  
Premium draft beer \$3.75  
Wines by the glass \$3.00

Happy hour food specials (available with purchase of beverage in the bar area), \$3.50 each:  
"World Famous" onion rings  
Chicago wings  
Crispy chicken strips  
Grilled kielbasa sausage  
Gold Coast potato skins  
Tri-tip mini sandwich  
Battered zucchini wedges  
Pulled pork mini sandwich

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- Overwhelming Bills?** Unreasonable collection calls? Threats/harassment? Taxes? Student loans?
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# Show Time

Where The Music Flows

## An Afternoon Of Hope – Cancer Benefit

by Michael Kohli

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[VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com](mailto:VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com)

Local promoter and musician Ezra Brooks Robison has announced plans and is asking the music community to help a friend. Enrique Candiotti was diagnosed with cancer of the kidney – but within four months, the cancer has spread to his brain. The benefit is to help him and his wife, Tiffany and their four year old son, Sebastian. Rising Son, Ska Daddyz, Zoila, Dan Grimm and Daniel Marley are among the acts announced as of this writing. The event, “An Afternoon Of Hope” will be held on April 28 from 3-10pm at Sunrise Birthing Center in Ventura. More acts to be announced. For more info, check out the Facebook page. If anyone wants to make a donation, feel free to email them; [andikish@hypersurf.com](mailto:andikish@hypersurf.com).

### Dan Grimm Trio dazzles at MB Hanrahan Benefit

I happened to get off of work at my retail job, just in time to support local visual artist MB Hanrahan's benefit event at Zoey's Cafe last month. Recently, MB took a nasty fall and had to undergo some costly repair damage. You may have seen her artwork around town. If you ever walk into Zoey's Cafe – she's painted the walls. Also, back in the Nicholby's Nightclub days, when you walked up the stairs, and elsewhere in the club – her artwork covered the walls. Just as I arrived, Dan Grimm Trio had just taken the stage. They gave a very moving performance. It was great to see people supporting MB.

### Preachers & Pornstars

Have you seen the recently revamped website of local band Preachers & Pornstars? Currently booking gigs all over So. Cal. One of my favorite local metal bands. It's got a fusion of metal/rock with a groovy/twisted kick to it. You know from the name – it's not your momma's backyard party (well, unless she's a metal head.) This band knows how to bring the house down and make the floors rattle and make you bop your head at the same time. I've had the opportunity to work with this band many times. My favorite was booking them in the Nicholby's Nightclub days. These guys took the stage and ran around the venue with their instruments/mics in hand. They have some upcoming gigs in the area: April 7 (Beachcomber Tavern, Oxnard), April 13 (Electric Sex Enterprises, Santa Barbara), April 20 (118 West, Simi Valley), April 28 (Take Five, Camarillo). Get ready for some wall banging, feet dangling, head bopping, lung screaming action!

### Abby Posner gives away a free song

One of the most talented performers to entertain our local music scene, Abby Posner, is giving away a free song on her website. You may recall the name from her other band, Fearmia. Known for her bluegrass & folk style, she has also played drums in a punk band, and performed in a jazz band as well. She is so diverse in her singing and musical abilities. At many shows, she may even teach you about instruments you may not even know about. In 2011 when she performed at WAV, she brought out a handful of instruments asking if anyone knew what it was called. Vintage antique stuff that is always fascinating to learn about and watch her perform them. Definitely one of my favorite stage

performers of all time. Right now, if you go to [AbbyPosner.com](http://AbbyPosner.com), just type in the code (listed on her site) to get her song called, “For You, The Spring.” And be sure to check her show dates and see her live!

### New albums in April

As of this writing, Madonna and Lionel Richie are battling for the #1 spot on the Billboard Top 200 charts with their new albums. Looking forward to some new music this April. New albums include: Candlebox - Love Stories & Other Musings, Jack White - Blunderpuss, Halestorm - The Strange Case Of..., and albums by Counting Crows, Testament, Feeder, Train and others. Which April album are you looking forward to the most?



Two on the Aisle

## Rubicon's Hello, My Baby has it all

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Borrowing a story line from a classic has proven to be a successful tactic. “West Side Story” is a reworked version of Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet.” The new musical “Hello, My Baby,” now basking in its world premier engagement at Ventura’s Rubicon Theatre Company, proves that borrowing music from the public domain can work extremely well, too.

Playwright Cheri Steinkellner, already a multiple Emmy and Golden Globe winning writer, has creatively crafted a musical comedy with several engaging storylines innovatively punctuated with bits or all of 33 classic songs to drive the tales. The hit tunes were originally popular hits penned variously by George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and other giant melody masters of the early 20th Century.

One hundred years ago, before downloads, having a hit song depended on individual sales of sheet music by song pluggers, young men who hawked pop tunes by singing them for potential buyers. The show’s action is set during this era.

The main story involves a young couple who both want to be song writers. She has the musical talent. He, a song plunger with driving ambition, is good with lyrics but can’t write a note. They begin to collaborate, but times are tough. Since song plugging pays more but is only open to men, she assumes the guise of a guy and the unlikely lovers end up as song plugging rivals. Music publishers, gangsters, aristocrats, slum lords, music halls, debutantes and others also swirl through the dizzying world of the characters’ tightly scripted comedy misadventures.

Skilled direction of this inaugural production is provided by Brian McDonald, who is also the Rubicon’s resident Associate Producer. He selectively introduces various broad, tight, fresh or vibrantly subtle touches to propel the audience and the 22 member cast through the frenetic pace demanded by the plot, subplots and musical numbers.

Musicals don’t work without skilled musical direction. This task is in the exceptionally capable hands of Lloyd Cooper, who has served as the resident musical director for numerous theater companies. He is also

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### The Woodmans

Reviewed by Robert Chianese

Ventura Film Society

When their avant-garde artist daughter, Francesca Woodman, threw herself out a window to her death at twenty-two, her artist parents had to reassess their lives. Scott Willis’s feature documentary, “The Woodmans”, screening Tuesday April 17th @ 7:15pm, focuses on what Betty and George Woodman do to find expression for their grief and their creativity. Francesca was a photographer in the vein of Diane Arbus and Robert Mapplethorpe, photographing herself in various levels of undress in both de-humanized and sensuous postures. Like many artist-wunderkinder she was self-absorbed, schooled very early on by her parents to live the life of an artist. When she kills herself her ceramicist mother

and abstract painter father try to move on with their lives and their work. The film raises the haunting possibility that this family of artists, all seeking to discover and express their true inner selves through their work, may not have fully engaged with each other emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. With archival video and sound recordings of Francesca and deeply candid interviews with her parents, we are left to decide for ourselves what was really going on in the hearts and souls and imaginations of these three highly creative people. Jeff Werner, producer/editor of “The Woodmans”, will conduct a post-screening discussion.

Our new venue is located at 420 E. Santa Clara Street (@ Oak Street) in Downtown Ventura. Screening, Membership and advance ticket information – [www.venturafilmsociety.com](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com) / 628-2299 / [venturafilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:venturafilmsociety@gmail.com).

the virtuoso pianist who plays the intricate orchestrations for each show.

The Rubicon consistently features top flight actors in every role. Ciaran McCarthy and Evie Hutton are equally bright and engaging as the romantic leads. George Wendt (Norm from “Cheers”) plays a music publisher. Multi-faceted Broadway actress Kristine Zbornik gleefully portrays his no-nonsense wife. Musical stage veteran George Ball is a bombastic aristocrat. Zach Johnson (a Buena High School alum) appears as a gangster. With his crystalline tenor voice and comedy acting skills Will Sevedge is memorable as a newly-minted, naïve college grad.

The sets designed by Thomas S. Giamario are simply marvelous. They are at once simple and intricate. Efficient, yet rich and full. Artistic, but still practical for the Rubicon’s triangular stage.

“Hello, My Baby” continues Wednesdays to Sundays until April 15, 2012 at the Rubicon Theatre Company, 1006 E. Main St., Ventura. Matinees: 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Evenings: 8 p.m., except 7 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets: \$35-\$64. 667-2900. [www.rubicontheatre.org](http://www.rubicontheatre.org).

### The Entertainment Report

## Silver Screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, my picks of the week are:



### The Lorax

Based on the book by lovable and always quirky children’s author, Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax* voiced by Danny DeVito, Taylor Swift and Zac Efron takes you on a journey to a village where the Lorax labors to prevent the Once-ler, a greedy green-armed creature, from chopping down the trees in the forest. The Lorax and Ted (Zac Efron) must stop him before he disseminates the last living tree.

The pair sets out to reclaim the forest and plant new trees. His whole act of honor is due in part to wanting to impress red-haired environmentalist Audrey, voiced by Taylor Swift.

I thought the message was quite clear, included good moral lessons about responsibility to nature and our environment. The moral to the story dances around the idea to recognize greed, capitalism and retaining the sanctity of our

forests. Fun for the kids, equally as fun for adults, it was entertaining and truly took you back to your childhood. After all, who doesn’t like Dr. Seuss?

The animation was brightly colored and characters were alive and charming. The music was fun and uplifting. The dialogue was witty, leaving you with an all around good feeling. I highly recommend this film.

Rated PG      Running time 86 minutes



### Act of Valor

Active duty Navy Seals whose names cannot be revealed, play the leading role of their lifetime, when they undergo a covert operation to rescue a CIA Operative, (Roslyn Sanchez) who has been kidnapped and taken by force to the Philippines by an international drug dealer, played by Alex Veadov.

During the rescue, the Seal’s discover a terrorist plot to kill millions of Americans and charge in to thwart their plan. The only protection the terrorist has are his comrades acting as shields prepared to give their life, wearing vests made out of ceramic ball bearings that explode at the touch of a button.

A super charged, high intensity action thriller based on real life events acted out by Navy Seals. The cinematography is fully engaging and explosive, no pun intended. The true to life images and personal convictions of these heroes is something to watch. The human side is touching and emotionally binding.

As far as the actor’s portrayal of the characters and events, as well as re-enactment executed by the Seals, they should be commended for their insight and commitment to bringing to life a harrowing reality.

My mouth fell open on a few occasions so I warn you, it is graphic.

It clearly gives one an idea of what it was like when they went in to capture Osama Bin Laden. Gripping!

Rated R      Running time 110 minutes

## Music Calendar 4/4 to 4/17

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

### Andre's Wine Bar

1575 Spinnaker Dr., 805-642-9463

Live Music every Tues, Thur & Fri

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# Vintage Lighter Breeze

**Krazy Kat**



**Bringing Up Father**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Barney Google and Snuffy Smith**



**Rip Kirby**



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Solutions on page 15

## King Crossword

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- 21 Line of fashion?
- 24 Boom times
- 25 Auction actions
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- 30 Animation frame
- 33 Historic time
- 34 Bolivian city
- 35 Guitar's cousin
- 36 Jewel
- 37 War god
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## Salome's Stars

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you're perceived, both at home and on the job.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A changing picture begins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not weighed down by them.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don't be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Avoid having someone else take credit for the project you started by finishing it yourself. Then it will be you lovely Lambs who will be wearing those well-deserved laurels.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they're all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might feel confused, even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won't discuss it, don't push it. An explanation should come in time.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. You're really getting things done to purr-fect. And don't forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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## Community events

### Ojai in the news

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inside the Chapparal Auditorium at 414 E. Ojai Ave., in downtown Ojai, CA. Parking is free in the adjacent municipal parking lot, and admission is always free.

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

This is a benefit for the Mira Monte PTO.

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

Saturday, **April 23** at 7pm the Ojai Valley Woman's Club presents folk, blues and honky-tonk from East Texas & Texarkana.

For over 20 years, acclaimed picker-poet **Michelle Shocked** has been generating compelling lyrics and mnemonic melodies.

She has produced a trilogy of Grammy-nominated albums, launched by her signature song, *Anchorage*. on her U.S. debut 1988 album, *Short Sharp Shocked*. The songs of *Short Sharp Shocked* are mostly about what it was like to grow up in rural Texas.

Tickets costs: \$24 in advance, \$28 at the door under 15 years are \$12 at the door or online only

Hyperbaric medicine – the use of oxygen at a level higher than atmospheric pressure to heal problem wounds – will be the focus of a **free seminar**. Community Memorial Health System is holding on Saturday, **April 14**. John Tesman, M.D., a local hyperbaric medicine and chronic wound care specialist, will lead the seminar from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the banquet room at Soule Park Golf Course, 1033 E. Ojai Ave.

The seminar will provide an introduction to hyperbaric medicine with information on the diagnosis and treatment of difficult wounds. Dr. Tesman also will talk about CMHS's Center for Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Healing:

Space is limited, so call 640-2355 for reservations, or go to [www.cmhshealth.org/rsvp](http://www.cmhshealth.org/rsvp).

"Reflect" is the theme of this year's **Photography Branch exhibition** at the Ojai Center for the Arts. This ninth

annual juried show will accept images that capture the two prime definitions of the theme—light being reflected from something and/or the more human aspects of the word typified by thinking, pondering, and meditation. The show opens June 2 and runs through July 3. Photographers are invited to submit their work on May 31 or June 1. Detailed submission information can be found on the Photography Branch page at the Art Center website at <http://www.ojaiartcenter.org/photography/>

On Earth Day, **April 22**, the Ojai Film Society and Chimp Haven will host a **special gala screening** and party for DisneyNature's newest feature film *Chimpanzee*. The film begins at 4 pm at the Ojai Playhouse with the party to follow at La Fonte restaurant in the Ojai Arcade. The event is a benefit for Chimp Haven, The National Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Louisiana.

Guests will not only see the extraordinary story of a young chimpanzee named Oscar, they will be directly contributing to the welfare of more than 130 Chimp Haven residents who are retired from medical research or no longer wanted as pets or entertainers.

Chimp Haven has a 200-acre wooded campus where many of its chimpanzees live in large social groups, much like they would in the wild. It is the only sanctuary in the United States capable of caring for chimpanzees infected with the HIV virus or hepatitis, a vestige of their former years in biomedical research. Half of the sanctuary's population is made up of infected chimpanzees.

Space is limited, so early reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on-line at [ojaifilmsoociety.org](http://ojaifilmsoociety.org) or call

On **April 8** the Ojai Film Society will screen *The Women on the 6th Floor*, a humorous French farce set in the 1960s where the Spanish maids upstairs turn the bourgeois household downstairs on end.

On **April 15** the Ojai Film Society will screen *Albert Nobbs*, the story of a woman masquerading as a man to support herself in late-19th-century Dublin, starring Glenn Close in an Oscar-nominated performance.

Sundays, 4:30 pm., Ojai Playhouse.



On March 29 Sandra and Jordon Laby invited a group of music supporters to their wonderful home to hear a presentation for the upcoming 66th Ojai Music Festival (from June 7-10) and to enjoy wonderful food and wine.

Music director Leif Ove Andsnes told the gathering that "Something happens with music-making when you get to Ojai. There is great camaraderie between the musicians and the audience."

## Art Scene



*Crowell, Weedon & Co.*  
Ventura is showcasing the works of two respected Ventura County artists, Lillian Bleuze-Nelson and Rex Kochel, at their office located at 5740 Ralston Street. Bleuze-Nelson seeks to combine her passion and joy in the discovery of form and color.

The firm is also pleased to display yet another remarkable collection by Rex Kochel, a skilled watercolorist based in Ojai. Kochel's artistic career began later in life due to his athletic pursuits in high school and in college at Oregon State University. He was in his 30's when he first enrolled in an art class at Ventura College, yet with time and practice, Kochel's skills developed and he became a full time art instructor at Ventura High School until retiring in 2004.

For artists interested in displaying at Crowell, Weedon & Co., please contact Cheryl Gooss.

620-4700 or cgooss@crowell-weedon.com, or Crowell Weedon's curator, Carrie Stanton, 816-9344.



Vita Art Center presents Colin Fraser-Gray, "Profiles" with an opening reception on Friday, April 6 from 6-9 p.m. exhibiting with special guest Larry Hulse.

The exhibit dates are from April 6 - 29.

Gallery hours: Mon-Fri. from 10-5, weekends by appointment.

Artist, Colin Fraser Gray, has taught drawing classes to the homeless population for the past 9 years at Casa Esperanza in Santa Barbara. This is where Colin first became interested in capturing the faces of the homeless through portraits. Also on exhibit will be one of Colin's students from Casa Esperanza, Larry Hulmes. Vita Art Center • 432 Ventura Ave

## Police Reports

### Police reports

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p.m., detectives with the VPD located a stolen vehicle in the 100 block of Frazier Lane. The vehicle was driven out of the area by Joseph Grazzaffi, with Natalie Torres and Michelle Geving as passengers. Detectives followed the vehicle out of the area into Oakview near Casitas Springs and Santa Ana Road. The suspects broke into several mailboxes and stole mail from residents.

As VCSO deputies arrived to assist, the suspect vehicle fled. The vehicle was found unoccupied and parked in the 100 block of Rockaway Drive. Grazzaffi was located, hiding in a residence in the 400 block of Riverside Drive. Torres and Geving were located hiding on a residential property on Rockaway Drive. Grazzaffi was booked into VC Jail. Geving and Torres were booked. No one was injured during this incident.

### Stolen Vehicle Pursuit

On Wednesday, March 28th, at 1:43 p.m., the VPD received several calls from citizens reporting subjects in a physical fight near the skate park at Chapel and Dean Drive. The suspects took off in a vehicle.

A patrol sergeant spotted the vehicle, which was occupied by several subjects, on Seaward Avenue and Thompson Boulevard. They initiated a traffic stop and the driver, Christian Munoz, failed to stop.

Munoz entered Oxnard. Eventually, Munoz and the four other occupants abandoned the vehicle in the 3100 block of Taffrail Street. Munoz and all four occupants were located and detained. The vehicle Munoz was driving was a stolen vehicle from Oxnard.

Munoz was arrested and booked into the VC Jail. One of the passengers, David Sanpivanez, was found to be in possession of stolen property. He was arrested by the Oxnard PD and booked into VC Jail.

medical response. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

**3-14** 2:49 p.m. The Dockmaster reports two women locked in a restroom at Harbor Village. Maintenance was able to remove a vent, enter the restroom, and open the broken door mechanism to release the women.

**3-17** 11:22 p.m. Monitored PD responding to a domestic dispute at VWM. A man from Canada contacted Patrol to report he received a text from a friend on the vessel saying she wants a man off the vessel. Patrol responded and staged for PD. The man left the vessel without further incident.

### Mailbox

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the defining aspect of this town, that is being an American beach town especially friendly to the average family, I must send major kudos to those responsible for getting the concept plan out for the "freeway cap" redesign. No doubt this report has been years in the works, has been sidetracked by any number of high-profile short-term issues, and has been (or will be) a target of criticism by community members for all manner of inadequacies and problems.

But, what a fabulous unexpected surprise that the city management stuck with it, and is steering Ventura toward a very bright future. This is why I love Ventura. Not great weather, not excellent schools, not neighbors who care for each other, not even a lively local arts scene. No, I love it here because things are done right. I don't have to bang my head against any walls in front of a council to request change. Ventura is the epitome of why living in the United States is the best in the world.

I look very much forward to studying the plan and participating in its becoming reality.  
Sincerely,  
Nina Danza  
Ventura  
Nina:

Wow...we need to bottle your positive energy...this is a very exciting project...stay tuned and stay involved...thanx.  
Jeffrey Lambert, AICP  
Community Development Director

## Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**2-28** 9:50 a.m. State Lifeguards report two outrigger canoes overturned in the entrance. Patrol responded. Upon arrival, one of the craft was able to self-rescue and had left the area. Patrol also responded the RWC. All paddlers were taken aboard the Patrol boat, and Patrol towed the outrigger canoe to Harbor Cove.

**2-29** 4:00 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol to a multiple agency rescue of an unoccupied PWC off Surfer's Point. The Patrol Officer in our office observed a person in a wet life-jacket come up the ramp of the Long Dock. He contacted the subject, who said he was the operator of the vessel. The search was called off. State Lifeguards delivered the PWC to its operator.

9:41 p.m. The Dockmaster contacted Patrol reporting that he had received a call of a disturbance at Margarita Villa. Patrol responded and found an intoxicated woman being calmed by her husband and a bartender. Patrol contacted PD. When she became combative, Patrol placed her in handcuffs for her safety. When PD arrived, they requested



Code Enforcement:

From what I understand these advertising flags are illegal...yet they are springing up everywhere in Ventura...expanding like rabbits and making for a pretty cheesy business district (and city). I thought we were going to get this under control. It is worse every time I go out. Absolutely nothing has been done to get the various retailers around town to pull down all of these illegal advertising flags. As I stated before, this would be a great job for our Police Volunteers. Murray Robertson  
A Very Concerned Ventura Resident

## Business

### Rincon Consultants is a top 50 growing company

Rincon Consultants, Inc. a multi-service environmental sciences and planning consultancy based in Ventura, was recently named to the Inc. 500|5,000 Fastest Growing Private Companies in America, The Zweig Letter Hot Firm 2011 List, and the Pacific Coast Business Times Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies. All awards were based on the company's business growth in gross revenues from 2008 to 2010. Rincon recently collaborated with Ventura, the 31st Agricultural District, California Coastal Commission and various other local interest groups on an acceptable

approach to address the shoreline erosion problems that plague Surfers Point.

Inc. magazine ranked Rincon No. 4,275 on its fifth annual Inc. 500|5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent entrepreneurs. Rincon was previously named to the Inc 500|5000 list in 2007 and 2009.

Rincon was ranked No. 122 on the ZweigWhite Hot Firm List for 2011.

Michael Gialketsis, President and CEO of Rincon Consultants, Inc., was pleased with the recognition. "All of our 60 professionals have worked hard to deliver excellent consulting products to government and industry during our 17-year history. This ongoing recognition is a testament to each of them, and confirms that quality is rewarded in the marketplace. We intend to continue our tradition of excellence as we expand our consulting practice during the coming years."

# Show Time

## Music Calendar

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### Blackbeards Seaside BBQ

**1591 Spinnaker Dr., #115, 805-650-7773**

Open Mic/Jam Night with "Shure Thing" every Mon 6-9pm  
Karaoke every Wed 6-9pm

Blue Grass Jam featuring: The Bottom Feeders every Thur 6-9pm  
Live Bands every Fri, Sat, Sun  
Fri 4/6 - The Ray Jay Band 7-11pm  
Sat 4/7- The Bar Stool Pigeons 6-11pm  
Sun 4/8 - Blue Stew 2-6pm  
Sun 4/15 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

### Bombay's Bar & Grill

**143 S. California St., 805-643-4404**

All Star Blues Hosted by Tommy Marsh every Wed  
Local Live Music every Thur, Fri & Sat  
Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm  
Fri 4/6 - Benefit Concert organized by Megan from Dusty Bottom Girls  
Sat 4/7 - Live Dance Music with Hindsite  
Sun 4/8 - Closed  
Fri 4/13 - Army of Freshmen, Zachary James & the All Seeing Eyes, Black Action Suit  
Sat 4/14 - Live Dance Music with The Reall Deall Band  
Sun 4/15 - House Arrest

### Cafe Fiore

**66 California St., 805-653-1266**

Live Bands every Tue thru Sat  
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Wed 4/7 - Big Adventure  
Thur 4/8 - Coso Live  
Wed 4/14 - Big Adventure  
Thur 4/15 - Bongo Town

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Open Mike Night every Wed

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**26 S. Chestnut St., 805-653-0721**  
Wed 4/4 - Gwar, Municipal Waste, Ghoul, Legacy of Disorder 7:30pm  
Fri 4/6 - Burlesque Jambor Tease 9pm, The Rocky Horror Picture Show 11:59pm  
Sat 4/7 - Diegos 30th Bday Bash 8pm  
Thur 4/12 - Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real, Big Tweed 8pm  
Fri 4/13 - DJ Shadow 9pm  
Sat 4/14 - Belanova, Ratasan with Vampiro, Residuo 8pm

**Tutti's Off Main**  
**34 N. Palm Ave., 805-643-0880**  
Every Fri - Chris Wooley (guitar) 6:30-9:30pm  
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Thur 4/12 - Paul Starling and Bearkat 8pm  
Fri 4/13 - Emry Reynolds Band and Opus Orange 8pm  
Sat 4/14 - Jaime Wyatt, The American Bloomers, Joel Eckels 8pm  
Sun 4/15 - Rooster Ra 7:30pm



*Next the homeless may come and cart your house off (perhaps this is how mobile homes came to be). Photo by George Robertson.*

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