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## City of Ventura's business loans Part 2: Player's Casino

by Tim Pompey

The city of Ventura has recently been involved in helping two local businesses secure sizeable loans for relocation and facility upgrades.

Barber Automotive Group received a loan for \$300,000 to help with its relocation from Thompson Boulevard to the former Todey Hyundai/Mitsubishi site at the Ventura Auto Center. The Player's Casino on Auto Center Drive received a loan for \$850,000 to help expand its current location to include a kitchen, restaurant and additional space for poker tables.

For Bill Kracht, asking the city to become involved in their loan process was a necessity. Kracht wanted to expand from 16 tables to his full state allotment of 20 tables. "We went to certain banks," he said. "For the amount of money that we were requesting, our financial criteria did not fall into the loan qualifications for most commercial banks. Most banks want two years' worth of financials. At the time we were processing this loan, we were only open four months in the current location."

As it turned out, the city of Ventura and the Player's Casino both banked at Rabobank. It was Kracht and Rabo that came to the city and asked if they could facilitate the loan.

For Jeff Lambert, Ventura's Community Development Director, facilitating the Player's Casino loan just made economic sense. When the club moved last year, the city's annual tax on the casino's gross receipts for the gaming business jumped from \$250,000 to more than \$1,000,000.

"It's a public/private partnership in the broadest sense," said Lambert. "It seemed to make sense for the city to support their expansion and secure that location and revenue source with limited risk."

Kracht agreed. "The city, seeing the potential income and the extra taxes that could be derived, helped me facilitate a loan with Rabobank," he said. "It's

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On Saturday, August 4 the Ventura County Fair Costume 5K Run/Walk was held. The event took place before the Ventura County Fair Parade and benefited the Ventura County Fair Foundation. Many participants were in costume that followed the fair theme "Rides, Ribbons & Rodeos".

The 5k run included every age from a 5-year-old to an 85-year old (the 5-year-old won) and was followed by a downhill 1 mile run that preceded the Ventura County Fair Parade on Main Street in downtown.



Pierpont resident's vision is to connect Ventura's Harbor, Beach, and Downtown areas via electric jitneys, small multi-passenger vehicles that will follow a regular route and schedule and be free to use. This is a conceptual drawing of what the "Moving Sidewalk" might look like, courtesy of Laudine Bourget

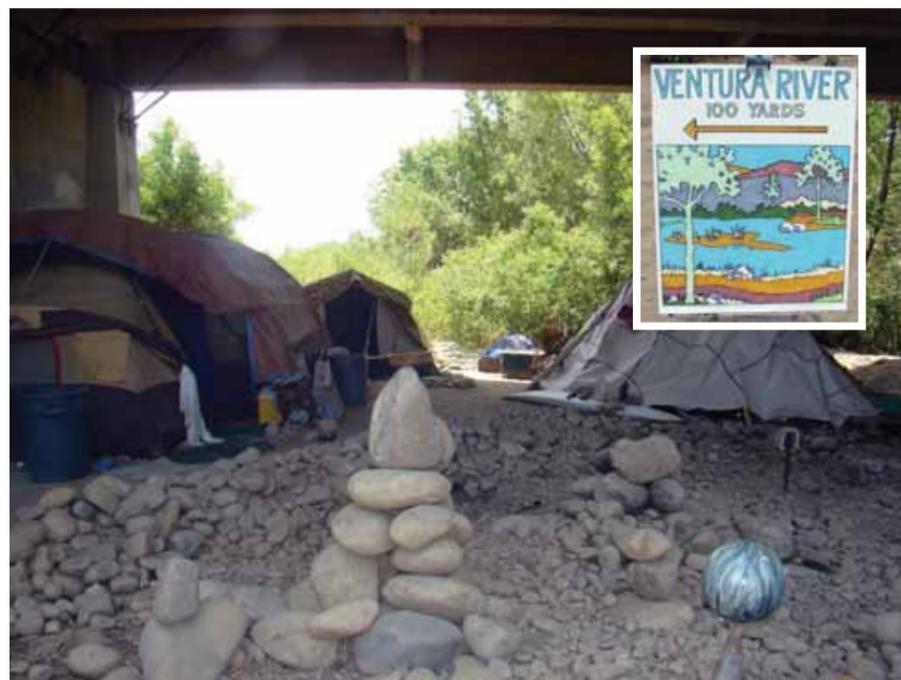
## "Moving Sidewalk" wins unanimous endorsement

by Mary Kay Williams

At the June 9, 2012 City Council planning session, volunteer activist Sam Povar came one step closer to making the Moving Sidewalk a reality, so that tourists and locals can see the best of Ventura without getting in their cars. Mr. Povar said that Ventura's Downtown is separated from its Harbor by eight miles of under-developed State Beach as well as the Pierpont and Ventura Keys residential areas. As a result, many tourists who stay near the Pier or Downtown never make it to Ventura Harbor and vice-versa. The way Mr. Povar sees it, the Moving Sidewalk brings two major wins to the City of Ventura: a big boost in tourism revenues and an exciting new transportation icon that enhances its brand as a modern beach town with lots of fun things to do. Ventura Now, the volunteer group Povar founded, has already contacted many business and city leaders who embraced the Moving Sidewalk without hesitation.

"The special endorsement from City Council is a critical milestone for the Moving Sidewalk. It will open a lot of doors as the Ventura Now team meets officially with potential corporate sponsors who will pay for the 10 vehicles and 20 stops, plus other key stakeholders, government officials, and vehicle designers," said Sam. In the next phase,

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"Imagine someone telling you that you have six months to leave your home after having lived there in some cases for decades."

## Many visions of trails and public access along Ventura River

by Rebecca Wicks

When you think of idyllic rivers, ours – the Ventura River – doesn't usually top the list. In fact, many have forgotten it or don't even know it's there.

"Ventura has a river?" said John Gonzales who lives just off of Ventura Avenue, less than a quarter mile from the river. "I thought that was an aqueduct or where the sewer water ran off or something."

Paul Jenkin and a slew of other organizations want to change that. Joining together under the name Friends of

Ventura River the coalition includes more than two dozen groups from Patagonia and the Sierra Club to the Downtown Ventura Organization and a number of local, state and federal government agencies.

The group's aim is fairly simple: to create trails and open access up to the public. The task is attainable as all 21 parcels and nine property owners of the Ventura River area are on board with the project in concept. And, there is no

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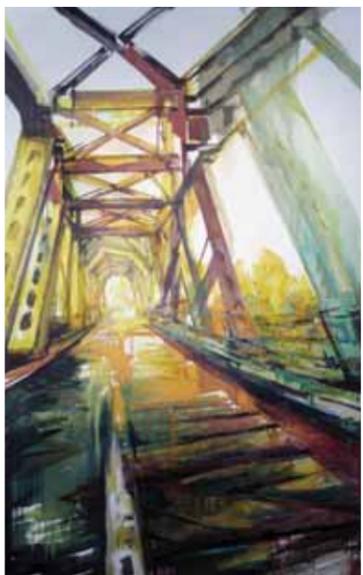
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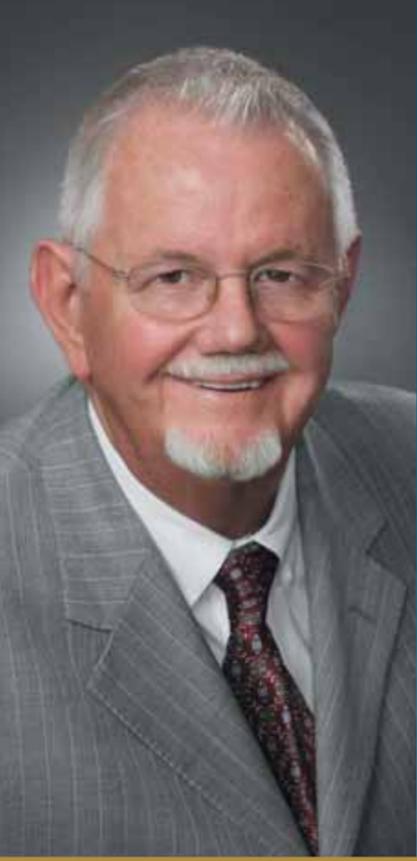
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## Cities deal with growing fiscal crisis

by Tim Pompey

Last month, three cities in California—San Bernardino, Stockton, and Mammoth Lakes—declared bankruptcy. Until Vallejo's bankruptcy in 2008, this type of outcome was practically unheard of. Now a growing number of cities appear to have reached their financial critical mass.

"This is the tip of the iceberg, for different reasons in different places," said Richard Brodsky, senior fellow at Demos.org and a former New York State assemblyman. "But we've seen it in Alabama, we've seen it in Pennsylvania, we've seen it in Rhode Island, and the dynamics, the way it plays out, is going to be different and troubling wherever it occurs."

Here in California, these three bankrupt cities were so broke, they couldn't meet their payroll and pension costs. Stockton was unable to reach agreement with its employees' unions and creditors to narrow its \$26-million shortfall. San Bernardino declared bankruptcy with only \$150,000 left in its bank account. Mammoth Lakes couldn't make its payroll because of an impending \$43-million court judgment.

While the great recession might bear some blame, it turns out this may not be the primary cause for cities going bankrupt. The real culprits may be failure to balance their budgets and plan for crisis.

"Of the four cities that have (or soon will have filed) in California,

three spend a disproportionate share of their general funds on public safety staffing which is most heavily burdened by pension costs," said Rick Cole, Ventura's city manager. "In three cases, the actual cause of bankruptcy is a failure to rein in spending and instead rely on 'creative accounting' that either hid or postponed the day of reckoning. And in the last two cases (Stockton and San Bernardino), this has been compounded by bond obligations related to development that can't be serviced due to the poor economy and the end of redevelopment by the state."

Cole credited city leaders in Ventura for making timely decisions after the financial crisis hit in 2008. "We cut our budget by more than 15% and won permanent pension cost sharing with all our employees," he explained. "We have not solved our fiscal challenges, but neither have we postponed or hidden them."

For Jay Panzica, Ventura's chief financial officer, keeping cities out of trouble comes down to one important word—planning. "Most of the time the issue is a lack of planning or a failure to respond to the plan," said Panzica. "A primary role of the finance department is to have meaningful economic models set up to predict or forecast future cash flow. It's a role that a finance department has to take seriously and implement with great care."

Panzica acknowledged how plummeting property and sales tax revenues have slammed city budgets, but he refused to use that as an excuse for fiscal mismanagement. "I don't believe anyone could have predicted what happened in 2008," he said. "However, how cities responded to it is a defining point for those cities who have fared

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well or who have not."

As in any business operation, it all comes down to keeping track of cash flow. "A city's cash position generally doesn't change overnight. That's the finance department's function—to predict as well as they can the cash inflow and make recommendations to adjust the outflow accordingly."

He believes that the financial extremes for most cities in the mid 2000s, particularly increased government spending based on overheated housing prices, gave city governments a warped picture of their fiscal soundness. "The revenue stream for most city governments was inflated by artificially overstated home values. As a result, they increased their cost structure accordingly."

As for the four California cities that have declared bankruptcy, Panzica puts the blame on city mismanagement. "I put the blame squarely on the decision makers who didn't address the decision when the facts were known," he said.

For Ventura city residents, the difficulty now is matching their expectations regarding city services with actual city dollars. For now, local residents may have only two choices if they want to maintain their current service levels. Either vote to raise local taxes or learn to live with less. "There's a fundamental change in a city's spending habits," said Panzica. "Their ability to spend at 2006 levels is no longer possible."

So, for Ventura residents, it's a new day. Most will have to accept this idea. City services will have to be paid for up front. And for most cities, this means getting the message out to their constituents. A balanced budget is better than bankruptcy, and if more services are needed, then comes the difficult question: How will we pay for it?

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Ventura City Corps has received a \$20,000 grant from Kaiser for hiring a garden manager for the Cornucopia FOODshare project. Kathleen Herriott pictured front left is the new garden manager. She has been volunteering with this project since April.

City Corps is seeking additional donations for hiring more leaders to be able to offer many more projects to Venturans. On August 18 City Corps is holding a shopping day for Ventura teachers for school supplies that they are currently collecting from local businesses.

## Moving Sidewalk

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Ventura Now will spearhead the strategic evaluation, which includes a feasibility study, business plan, project timeline, and multiple partnership agreements. The team will receive targeted assistance from the City and other experts as needed. Povar continued, "The success of our grass roots project will be in the execution. Our focused mission is to deliver a sleek, state-of-the-art, quiet, convenient, and reliable transit system for our extensive beach areas. The Moving Sidewalk fits perfectly with the recently proposed 101 Freeway Cap project, another important project to strengthen Ventura's identity as a beach town. We are working closely with architect Tyson Cline, who coordinated the 101 Freeway Cap study, to ensure that we remain in sync as both initiatives move forward."

"The Moving Sidewalk is a great opportunity to demonstrate how successful private/public partnerships can be for the City of Ventura," stated Rick Cole, City Manager. "Sam has shown what he can do over the years with the installation of Povar Plaza and the Mermaid at Soter Point. The Moving Sidewalk is a much bigger collaborative endeavor that will bring distinction to Ventura. As funding for cities languishes, we become ever more dependent on collaboration with the public to make impactful improvements like the Botanical Gardens and the Moving Sidewalk," Cole added.

Councilman Neal Andrews echoed Cole's enthusiasm for the project. "I absolutely agree we must have this connectivity. The City Council gave the Moving Sidewalk its special support to reinforce confidence in its viability and help mobilize Sam's effort. This is an incredible gift to the City and we need to appreciate it."

The Breeze will feature additional news about the Moving Sidewalk as the project develops.

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## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
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■ One more time I need to tell you how much I hate the red hands on street lights that are supposed to keep pedestrians from crossing the street. They are totally ignored and as soon as the light turns green people cross the street even if they are red so why have them?

All they do is aggravate drivers and pedestrians who yell at each other when the cars make a legal right turn and run over the pedestrians.

I am told by Corporal Al Gomez (Motor Officer) that "The base fine is approximately \$250, but if a violator goes to court and pleads guilty early...He or she can ask for a "bail reduction" and I've seen fines for this type of violation for \$100 to \$200."

So they should be removed or on weekends we should put an officer on every downtown corner and the city would be out of the red (no pun intended) before we know it.

Assuming 500 people walk through them on a weekend times \$200 that equals \$100,000 (minus my 10% for the suggestion).

■ Richard A. Muller, a professor of physics at UC Berkeley has been a constant critic of prevailing climate science but has now concluded that he was wrong and that global warming is real and is caused by greenhouse gas emissions from human activity.

So who am I to argue with a physicist? Global warming must exist.

And speaking of physicists they believe that they have found the Higgs boson, a subatomic particle that exists for a mere fraction of a second. So based upon something that lasts for a mere fraction of a second they think that they have found the key to understanding the existence of all mass in the universe.

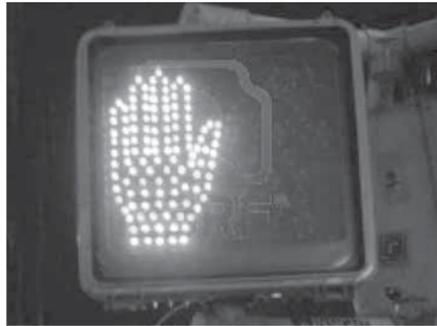
It was detected amid more than hundreds of trillions (that's a lot) of high speed collisions in the 17-mile underground "thing" near Geneva which

prompted a group of scientists to erupt with joy. Only physicists could erupt with joy over something that only lasted a mere fraction of a second

■ Local Ventura business woman Seana-Marie Sesma was named the people's choice winner at the recent Dancing With Our Community Stars at the Oxnard Salsa Festival.

Seana danced to raise funds for the Bell Arts Factory (artist studios located on Ventura Avenue) and raised over \$26,000 for Bell Arts.

There must be something in the Ventura water because another Venturan Sandra Laby previously won this award



Ticket or stickit

when she raised money for the Ventura Music Festival.

■ The trial of accused murderer Joshua Parker has been re-scheduled to start next January after a judge granted his attorney's request for more time to prepare for the case. This was based on the fact that a grand jury indictment alleging that he had also committed a sex crime changed the charges.

Twenty-two year old Parker is accused of fatally stabbing Brock and Davina Husted on May 20, 2009.

Not for this reason but the additional charges always seemed strange and unnecessary to me. If convicted on all charges would he receive 2 life terms plus 6 months?

■ You still have until Sunday to attend the Ventura County Fair so go do it. And this Saturday Porterhouse Bob will be appearing at Music Under the Stars at the Olivas Adobe. A great way to spend the

evening listening to a great entertainer and band, so go do this also.

It's just wonderful how much there is to enjoy in Ventura besides the weather. And sometimes how little the events are attended.

■ I'm shocked about the badminton scandal at the Olympics that ruins the purity of the Olympics. Almost as bad as the athletes representing countries that they have never even been to.

And how would you feel if you were the fourth best at something in the world and were considered to be a loser? Maybe they should only give Gold Medals?

It must be very exciting under water but water polo might be the most boring sport to watch. A bunch of people "standing" around just throwing the ball to each other and once in a while they throw it towards the goal and then they swim down to the other end to do it again.

■ After the horrible tragedy at the movie theater in Colorado it didn't take long for people to quickly react and suggest that costumes should be banned at movie theaters even though the constitution guarantees every citizen's right to wear costumes.

This idea might not go very far because the NCA (National Costume Association) has highly paid lobbyists in Washington that will do everything to stop this action.

Of course if everyone in the theater was packing a gun there might not have been 12 people dead there would probably have been a lot more as people panicked and just started randomly shooting.

We wish to inform our readers that Maxine Litman has left her position with the Ventura Breeze and will be pursuing other interests. We thank her for her contribution to the Breeze and wish her much success in her future adventures.

## Mailbox

Breeze:

Residents Need Voice in Alcohol Permits.

For nearly ten years the City of Ventura has saved money and improved safety through the local alcohol permit process: if a business wants to add a license to the 300+ already in place, they answer questions about their specific plans for responsible retailing as part of a public hearing. Problems have diminished under this policy scrutiny, while many restaurants and other businesses have flourished.

It works very, very well and while the City is still in growth mode, why change?

That's why we were surprised to find a proposal from city staff in front of the Planning Commission recently to do away with public input, and issue permits over the counter. This idea is penny wise and pound foolish! City staff should think twice...and not roll the dice. Taking the public out of the process may sound more efficient and 'business-friendly', but the truth is that Ventura's safety is everyone's business because we all pay a heavy price for problems caused by poor planning. This is one area where residents still need a say, it's too risky to switch back to no transparency by the community. Handing out alcohol permits and hoping for the best is a gamble the city can't afford, and our residents are sure to lose.

Suz Montgomery, Prevention Alliance  
Ventura



Breeze:

I recently visited the beautiful city of Victoria, Canada, where I was surprised to see a strikingly similar style of parking kiosk to those in Ventura. After reading so many opinions about the color I thought I would provide photos to show others that we're not the only ones who like blue.

Dave Cintron

Breeze: Blue, isn't that the color of our sky in the afternoon?

Governor:

You must be getting old because you are starting to step in it. Your comments about George Zimmerman were racist. "George Zimmerman" (what kind of name is that for a Hispanic?) Wow! Did you expect Jose Jimenez? How about in your next column you list the names you think are appropriate for Blacks, Asians, Whites, and Hispanics. I think on that point you went over the line. I don't know if this is news to you or not but sometimes a female Hispanic might marry outside of their culture and have a different last name. Pretty amazing but it happens a lot here in the US. And the last part of your article is out of line as well. I see by your masthead that you have several interns from local high schools. May I suggest that you teach them ethical journalism and lead by example and no longer use ad hominem attacks ie. "To further demonstrate what an idiot...". I think a different approach other than name calling would have been a better example to these students.

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I am not ashamed to confess that I am ignorant of what I do not know.

– Cicero

Naming the "Ventura Sea Creature"  
"Stick"

It is, after-all a cleverly carved sculpture of driftwood... technically a root, well-gnarled with a few seasons of Pacific-Rim growing-up. From a simple seed this ball of ugly delight aspired to wash away from it's homeland- 12-miles away. It's just a plant, but a very good one.

JC Rogers

Shooters Paradise

Breeze: A swell guess but it is not a piece of driftwood



## News and Notes

### Arundell Barranca Road Drain Project discussed at public meeting

by Richard Lieberman

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District, held a public meeting on Thursday, July 19 to discuss current plans regarding the Arundell Barranca Ventura Harbor to Mills Road Drain Project, including several alternatives, and inviting public comments and questions. The meeting was held at the mobile home community at 1215 Anchors Way Drive in Ventura.

Presentations were made by the agency and featured speakers from Ventura Public Works agency including, Jeff Pratt, Director, Peter Shaday Design, and Ed Wallace from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants. Also presenting was Kirk Norman who started the presentation with a detailed description of the current status of the project.

The project is designed to reduce local flooding along two segments of the Arundell Barranca Channel during severe rainstorms. The reduction in flooding potential is to be cured by increasing the current capacity of the channel to move storm water during a 100 year storm event to the ocean. The existing end of the channel is located at the Ventura harbor.

The proposal calls for the channel to be improved along two separate reaches. The first phase of the project begins in the Ventura Harbor near the Beaumont Street Bridge, and will extend upstream to slightly east of Harbor Boulevard extending into the agricultural area. First phase of the project is scheduled

to begin in spring 2013, followed by the second phase which is estimated to begin in spring 2014.

The proposal for the second phase will start further upstream and begins in the agricultural area, south of the Union Pacific Railroad, and will extend upstream along Arundell Avenue to the Mills Road Drain Culvert under Arundell Avenue approximately 300 feet east of Market Street.

Current drainage is running about 40% more than was originally designed for peak flow. This shortfall has in past years caused flooding conditions in 1992, 1995, and 1998.

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District is in the process of reviewing 9 alternative proposals to accomplish increased drainage capacity. The proposals are estimated to cost from a low of 13.6 million to 33.1 million, and total cost of repair to existing concrete structures, completion of Phase 1, and Phase 2, and the cost of maintenance, and management will exceed 50 million dollars.

There will be additional issues to address as the project nears approval. Increased capacity will also mean increases in sediment flowing into the harbor, which will translate into increases in dredging costs, increases in capacity will also mean more pollutants will be drained into the harbor. Pollutants will include, trash, debris, bacteria, nitrates, and pesticides.

Nine alternatives have been developed to address concerns during the initial study phase of the project. These nine alternatives are not mutually exclusive, and the study points out "no single alternative addresses all the concerns without secondary effects." The plan will likely combine alternatives using a phased approach addressing concerns as they arise during both phases. Some feasibility issues, and, many of the actual costs are still uncertain, and will depend on willing sellers for land, utility conflicts, and of course final funding.



Used oak wine barrels were used to make this chair by Phil Kuhn

#### Grape Expectations

### How green is your wine?

by Eric Garnier

Americans drank about 300 million cases of wine last year! So you can imagine the carbon foot print that this creates. It is the responsibility of every wine consumer to do his part to help in the reduction of wine items ending up in landfills. I have collected a few facts and thoughts that I thought might be interesting to all my readers.

The byproduct of winemaking, the seeds and stems, is called pomace. The pomace can end up as grape seed oil, marc or grappa, used in making a secondary wine, but most common is the adding of the pomace to compost.

Of the 300 million cases of wine purchased, only 30% of the bottles end up in the landfill. That glass ends up being recycled into other glass products or ends up in construction material such as asphalt.

What about all those corks? There are so many ideas about this subject. I've seen wreaths, table tops and many other arts and craft items. I've also seen them in flower pots and small planters all spread out and used instead of mulch. It works great in keeping the weeds suppressed and helps keep the moisture in.

I recently met with Phil Kuhn whose business is the recycling of used oak wine barrels into unique, usable furniture. With the staves Phil makes chairs, benches, legs for tables. The tops and bottoms of the barrels are transformed into beautiful lazy Susan food trays. Each piece is a one-of-a-kind, as no two pieces are exactly alike. The name of his company is "Wine Decor" and you can view and buy his creations at TLC Home Furnishings on Main Street in downtown Ventura.

Enjoy that next bottle of wine but be sure to recycle that bottle and find good

uses for those corks!

I will be skipping my September issue because my wife and I will be in France and Italy. More on that when I get back! Cheers,

Eric

Questions or comments  
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### Tim Pompey's new book deals with life in Tennessee

Breeze writer Tim Pompey has just published a new book of short stories titled *Burnt by Sun*, his second collection of short stories in the last year.

"These are four of my longer stories," said Pompey. "They all deal with life in east Tennessee, particularly during the long hot summers."

As a child, Pompey moved to Sevierville, Tennessee in 1965 and lived there until he graduated from high school in 1972. He then attended Lee University in southeast Tennessee and graduated from there in 1976.

Pompey's stories explore various realities in life, from family life to fantasy, magic, and horror. In this collection, he's also added a semi-autobiographical story about foster care and fishing. These are subjects he knows well, since he lived for seven years near a local river in a large foster care group home in Sevierville.

"This time around, I've included more drama than fantasy," he said. "I wanted to get into the grit of life in Tennessee Appalachia. I wanted to try and bring the mountains, rivers and Tennessee language and culture alive."

Pompey is a freelance writer, poet, and musician from Oxnard. He has been published in poetry journals throughout the U.S. and was awarded the Still Waters Press Winter Poetry Award 2000 for his chapbook *Getting Through the Fog*. His poems have been included in *Border-Senses*, *Best Poem*, and several anthologies, including *Poems for the Mountains*, and *The Venomed Kiss*. He has also had short stories published in *Necrology Shorts*, *Down in the Dirt*, and *Conceit Magazine*.

*Burnt by Sun* is available for \$10 as a paperback at Bank of Books in Ventura, online at Amazon, or as an ebook on Kindle. *One Side Leads to the Other* is also available at Bank of Books or at Amazon. For more information, contact tjpompey@gmail.com.

### Community garage sale to benefit veterans

The Veterans Home of California in Ventura will hold their Third Annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, August 18 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 10900 Telephone Road (at Wells Road).

There are two great ways to participate! Purchase a selling space, approximately 8' x 10' as space allows, for a \$20 donation to the Veterans Home of California-Ventura and sell your own items! Reserve your spot by August 10! Or just attend and pick up a fantastic bargain! Clothing, small furniture items, craft

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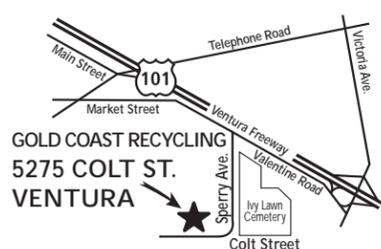
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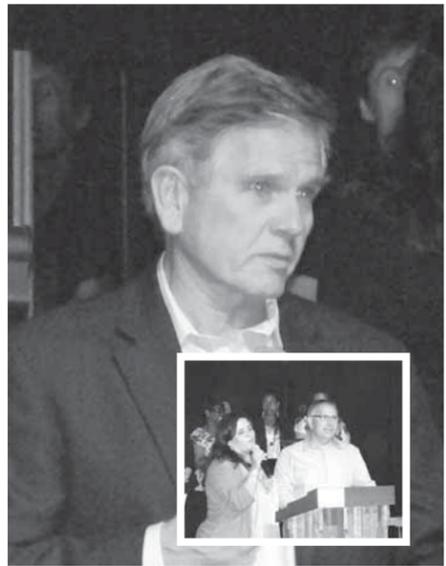
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supplies, knickknacks and other fun and useful items will be available.

"I would like to thank the local communities and Veteran Service Organizations for their support of our Community Garage Sale over the past two years," said Brenda Manke, Ventura Veterans Home Director.

Manke explained that all proceeds from the Community Garage Sale will go the Veterans Home residents' Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund. For additional information on the Community Garage Sale, please call 659-7506 or 659-7526.

For information about the Veterans Home of California – Ventura please call 659-7502. For information on all Veterans Homes of California, Veterans benefits and services, please log on to the CalVet website at [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov).



Mayor Mike Tracy welcomed all to the grand opening of The River Community (on behalf of the Ventura City Council) as did Pastor Jim and wife Pam

## The River flows through Ventura

On July 15 The River Community Church (TRC) held their grand opening at their new location at 1956 Palma Dr. The River Community was started 7 years ago by Pastor Jim Duran and wife Pam and has been serving the community since its inception.

Pastor Jim stated "We believe that everyone needs a place to grow spiritually without fear of being judged. Our doors are open for all who chose to walk through them. We are a community of servers that are committed to helping others in developing their God-given vision."

Ministry District Supervisor Dr. Dennis Easter also welcomed all to the grand opening.

Also included in the celebration was a viewing of a video showcasing Police Chief Ken Corney who thanked The River for providing pizza, bottled water, and most importantly rides home once a month to people partying in the nightclubs in downtown Ventura.

The event was standing room only and featured wonderful music by church members and food prepared by The Ventura Townhouse and desserts by Panera Bread.

TRC member Donna Geiser stated "Paying it forward is alive and well at The River Community Church, led by Jim Duran, Senior Pastor. He has a master's degree in theology. The pastor has been married for 23 years and is the father of six children. He is an unassum-

ing and humble man who insists you call him 'Jim'. The River (as we'll call it) celebrated seven years of partnering with local businesses and churches."

The River Community Church (TRC) will be giving out 300 backpacks for elementary to high school aged students that are in need of a little assistance. This event will take place on Saturday, August 11th from 8am until 11am at Skating Plus located at 1720 Mesa Verde Ave. The Palms Assisted Living will be cooking up an incredible pancake breakfast while the team of TRC will be providing free face painting and balloon animals as the backpacks loaded with school supplies get distributed.

If you would like to donate school supplies or backpacks, drop off boxes are located at the following businesses: First California Bank, Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, Buena Lanes, Skating Plus, YMCA, Gold Coast Broadcasting, Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant, Tangerenz Hair Salon, Legend's Barber Shop, Lux Salon & Day Spa, The Palms Assisted Living, Treacy Villa Assisted Living, Paradise Chevrolet, Meridian Private Wealth Management, City Hall of Ventura and Financial West Group.

Mel Sheeler, President of Sheeler Moving & Storage has donated all the boxes so local businesses can collect school supplies and backpacks.

To request a voucher for a free backpack and school supplies, please contact TRC at 212-8240 or at [info@therivercommunity.org](mailto:info@therivercommunity.org).

### Ventura River

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current opposition to the plan.

This however, does not make project Ventura River Parkway, as it has been dubbed by the coalition, an easy one to achieve. As many Venturans will tell you, the river bottom, especially near the ocean is dirty, overgrown and home to a number of homeless encampments.

"There is no trash or bathroom service out there so unless the people living there chose to truck out all of their waste materials, all that stuff goes into our waterways," said Peter Brown, community services manager for the city. "And, the way the water current travels, the waste goes past our entire community."

The area has also been a frequent site for crime, drug use and brush fires. The most recent fire occurred the last weekend in July and is believed by many to have been set by homeless individuals who live in the river bottom.

"There is a lot of emotion going on down there right now," said Brown. "Imagine someone telling you that you have six months to leave your home after having lived there in some cases for decades."

Much of this area has been overlooked until now because the overgrown vegetation, some of it on private property, provided a visual shield and shelter for the homeless to illegally set up camp. An environmental clean up is scheduled to take place in early September. After this, Brown described a grid-like approach to the clearing out of homeless encampments and brush, which will take place through March of next year. After that, city and county staff, contractors, volunteers and property owners will remove the illegal camps on an on-going basis.

Brown said help for those living in the river bottom will be available.

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Services, explained Brown are focused on assisting those who are seeking a "hand up" and not a "hand out."

"The reality is there will be services for people who are interested in receiving services," said Brown. He said the help available will be the same that is always available throughout the city, many of those services provided by non profit organizations.

Jenkin is optimistic about the coordination between organizations that stretch from the Matilija Dam to the ocean.

"Whether they are involved for social, environmental or economic reasons, all of these organizations see the need to solve the problems we have with our river bottom," said Jenkin, who serves as the Friends of Ventura River organizer. "It's a simple idea of transforming a current liability to a community asset."

Beyond clearing out non-native plants and homeless encampments, Jenkin said the group is working on looking for public access along the levy in order to continue the beach bike trail. And, while there has been a lot of impetus put on the lower river area, Jenkin is quick to point out the progress the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy has made in the last decade. The group has successfully acquired five miles of river land from Foster Park north toward Ojai.

The Ventura River Parkway project became a real possibility only recently when a final piece of private property was acquired by the Ventura Hillside Conservancy. It was the final piece of the "river puzzle" making a complete group of property owners – including government groups who were all on the same page and committed to the same vision.

Public land along the river was bequeathed by philanthropists E.P.

Foster and Adrian G. "Buddy" Wood. Foster gave land where the Ventura Fairgrounds and Foster County Park reside today while Wood left to the state the property on which Emma Wood State Beach sits.

The Ventura City Council as well as the Ventura County Board of Supervisors have both voted to support the vision of the Ventura River Parkway.



Project Understanding has announced the departure of Executive Director Rob Orth. On August 1, Mr. Orth left Project Understanding to become the Director of Social Services for The Salvation Army in Ventura.

The Board of Directors has appointed Sandra Turner Morales as interim Executive Director and they have begun the search for a new Executive Director.

When Salvation Army Captain Bill Finley was recently transferred to Alaska the position as Director of Social Services became available.



## The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks

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## Community Events

### Arts in the Park features Chalk Art for Charity

Ventura Chamber of Commerce's 4th Annual Arts in the Park festival showcases fine art and craft exhibitors as well as chalk paint artists on Saturday, August 18 from 10 am - 6 pm and Sunday, August 19 from 10am - 5pm at the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn. The free outdoor event features live music and over 40 art exhibitors offering a wide display of sculpture, photography, jewelry, and paintings.

Once again, Arts in the Park will include "Chalk Art for Charity" as part of the festivities. In addition to local chalk artists, several experienced street chalk artists from around Southern California will be participating in the event.

"Chalk Art for Charity" will raise funds for local non-profit Kids' Arts, located in Ventura. Kids' Arts offers a creative arts program for kids every Saturday morning at no cost to participants. Funds will be raised through the sponsorship of chalk art squares, which will include the sponsor's name. Sponsorships are still available from The Ventura Chamber of Commerce for companies or individuals: \$125 for Chamber members, \$150 for non-members.

Event entry and parking are free. While at the festival visit Ventura Harbor Village's boutiques, art galleries and restaurants or take a ride on the Harbor Water Taxi. Visit [www.venturachamber.com](http://www.venturachamber.com) for details. For more information or to sponsor a square, contact the Ventura Chamber of Commerce 643-7222.

### Rubicon Kids for Kids Benefit Concert

On Saturday, August 18, at 7 pm attend a youth-produced fundraiser to benefit the Rubicon Summer Youth Theatre Program with a special tribute to Rubicon's Education and Outreach Director Brian McDonald in celebration of his ten-year anniversary. This evening of story and song will feature Rubicon's students and special performances from Broadway and National Touring artists. Produced by Arielle Bracket. Directed by Nerris Nassiri. Hosted by Devin Dornbos. Tickets: [www.rubicontheatre.org](http://www.rubicontheatre.org) \$40/\$45 at the door.

### Meet and eat

On Thursday, August 23 the Pierpont Racquet Club (PRC) will be hosting a Ventura Chamber Mixer from 5:30-7:30. You are welcome to join in and network with local businesses while enjoying appetizers and beverages and being introduced to PRC if you have not been there.

The PRC is located at 500 Sanjon (right off of Harbor).

### Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Would you like to meet new friends? Do you need more than tweeting or blogging to express what's on your mind?

Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right outlet for you. This eclectic group meets **Wednesdays from 4p.m. to 6p.m.** at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street. People of all ethnicities, education, incomes, personalities, and interests are welcome. No topic is off limits. There is only one rule that applies to the Conversation Group: don't lecture and don't bore or you could get the hook from moderator Sam Povar, who makes sure the discussion is lively.

**Nosh, schmooze** and make business connections within the growing community of Jewish business people, professionals, trades people and corporate executives at non-profit JNET. No charge to attend 2 meetings and \$65 yearly dues. The meetings are held at Temple Beth Torah on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM to 9p.m. Go to [www.JNetOnline.org](http://www.JNetOnline.org) or [JNetVentura@gmail.com](mailto:JNetVentura@gmail.com) for further information.

**Aug. 10: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution** July meeting will feature the international arts program: *The Art of the Korean Dance* presented by the Sua Performing Arts group. The luncheon event will take place Friday at 11:30 a.m., in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave. 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, and please visit the Chapter website <http://pattonpatriots.org> for more information on SAR Chapter membership and activities.

**Aug. 11: The Ventura Beginners PC Users Group** will meet Saturday, in the third floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place, from 9:15a.m. to noon for workshop and featured speaker at 11a.m. The workshop topic will focus on pictures from camera to computer. The 11a.m. program will be Velma Lomax, speaking on hacking, security, and passwords. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about computer problems for beginners and intermediates.

Everyone who would like to know more about their computer is welcome to attend any or all sessions. For more information, call Marcie Malony @ 648-1368.

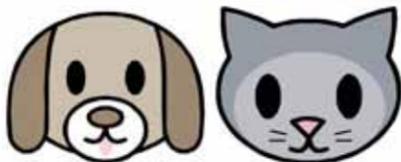
**Aug. 17: Ventura Baroque Presents The Baroque Chamber Players** in concert, on Friday, at 7p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 196 Ashwood Ave., in a program of works by Handel, Vivaldi, and featuring the premiering of G.P. Telemann *Concerto for 3 Oboes, 3 Violins and Continuo*.

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**Aug. 17: Kennedy Legacy Dinner:** Be a part of history and attend the Ventura County Democratic Party's Kennedy Legacy Dinner on Friday, at the Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel. The keynote speaker is Congresswoman Maxine Waters. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. with speakers and award presentations from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet like-minded Democrats! Purchase tickets at <https://secure.actblue.com/page/KLD>.

**Aug. 18:** To the benefit of Ventura County students, the Kiwanis Club of Ventura and Channel Islands Bicycle Club will conduct the **18th annual Cool Breeze Century**. The ride will start at the Ventura Educational Service Center



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## Community Events

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Over 100 volunteers support this ride which is primarily to fund community service and cycling programs in various schools, as well as to support other school and community programs and cycling interests.

### Aug. 18: Gena Philbert-Ortega will speak at the Genealogy Society's Mid Summer Seminar.

Topics will include *Social History Websites That Bring Your Ancestors' Story to Life*.

Saturday from 1p.m. to 4p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3501 Loma Vista Rd. , at Mills, free monthly meeting, guests always welcome. Website is <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cavcgs>. VCGS maintains a reference library which is located within the Camarillo Public Library at 4101 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, 93010.

For more information call Gayle Wolcott at 987-8614

### Aug. 20: The California Zeta Chi Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, in the Topping Room of E. P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street. Free parking is available behind the library. Sally LaMacchia, of Cayucos, will present a lesson called *What is the Right Motion?* The lesson will review various motions that achieve specific purposes, how to phrase them and when to use them. The Zeta Chi unit holds regular parliamentary study meetings in the Topping Room on the third Monday of each month except December. Its membership is drawn from the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura. For more information about the meeting, or the organization, contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or [sandy108@pacbell.net](mailto:sandy108@pacbell.net)

**Aug. 23: Democratic Club of Ventura:** Different speakers and political issues are addressed at each meeting. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7p.m. (except November when it is held on the 3rd Thursday and December when a holiday party is held.) Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are free, open to all registered Democrats and held at the Topping Room at the E.P. Foster Library. For information call 641-2400, email [SKinsler@Ventura-CountyDemocrats.com](mailto:SKinsler@Ventura-CountyDemocrats.com) or visit [Ventura-CountyDemocrats.com](http://Ventura-CountyDemocrats.com).

**Aug. 24: Summer Swing Big Band Dance** featuring the vocal styling's of Donna Greene and Glen Novack. Swing dance to a traditional 19 piece big band featuring music from the Great American Songbook. It will be held at the Poinsettia Pavilion Ballroom, 3451 Foothill Road, Friday, 8p.m. to 10:30p.m. Admission \$12 and free refreshments and parking, for more info call 648-1143.

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## Ojai happenings

The Ojai Retreat welcomes the community to see, hear and touch the universe at a Summer Stargazing Party. This special event will feature Jeff Schnauer, former astronomy guide at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles and stargazing columnist for the Los Angeles Times. With a pro as your guide, use your senses - touch, sight, taste, smell and sound - to learn about our universe and experience the ancient tales of the sky.

This program will be offered **August 11 and 12** from 8pm- 10pm. Tickets are \$10 per evening. Participants will gather at the Shangrila Garden at the Ojai Retreat, 160 Besant Rd. For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact the Ojai Retreat 640-1142.

The **Ojai Photography Club** welcomes **Nancy Lehrer** to its **August 21** meeting at 7:00 PM, in Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 Santa Ana St. In her presentation, Nancy will focus on training she has received from two master photographers, Jay Maisel and Sam Abell, and how she has applied these lessons in her street photography.

Lehrer is a computer scientist by profession, and currently develops IT strategy at a large Biotech firm in Ventura County. Having told stories with photography for as long as she can remember, she has become involved in a number of diverse photographic communities and begun pursuing photography with a sense of purpose.

The Ojai Photography Club, which is devoted to education, inspiration, and camaraderie, meets on the third Tuesday of each month, February - November. Visitors are always welcome, but only members may submit images for critique. For more information, please visit Ojai Photography Club at: <http://ojaiphoto.club.com/> and for Lehrer at - <http://www.inancyimages.com/>

**Transport Theatre** is proud to present the bawdy, restoration-era comedy, *The Provoked Wife* by John Vanbrugh at the Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio **Aug. 10** through **Aug. 26**.

Lady Brute (Vivien Latham) has married for money and now realizes that her decision was a huge mistake. Her husband, Sir John Brute (Nigel Chisholm) is a drunken lout who chose his wife for purely carnal reasons and now hates the arrangement more than she. Directed by Rick Kuhlman, *The Provoked Wife* defines the restoration comedy. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm with Sunday matinees at 3pm. Tickets available by phone at 1-800-838-3006 or online at <http://brownpapertickets.com/event/257629>

And visit their event page on facebook to see who's already attending! <http://www.facebook.com/#1/events/188972634566446/>

On Sun., **August 12**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Footnote*. Nominated for the 2012 Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, *Footnote* tells the story of a great academic rivalry between a father and son, both eccentric professors of Talmudic Studies, and their need for respect and recognition in the world.

On Sat., **Aug. 18** and Sun., **Aug. 19**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Moonrise Kingdom*. The critically acclaimed, star-studded film tells the story of two 12-year-olds who fall in love and make a pact to run away together while at camp on an island off the coast of New England in 1965.

Both screening at the Ojai Playhouse, 4:30 pm.

**Now through September 2** the **Ojai Valley Museum** is offering a rare opportunity to see a selection of Carlyle Montgomery's (1947 - 1998) wildlife sculptures from his intensely creative period of the 1990's. Most of these pieces are on loan from the private collections of friends and family. Montgomery rarely produced numbered editions of his sculptures. This exhibit of eleven, one-of-a-kind pieces is a unique opportunity to experience this particular selection of Montgomery's stonework. The legacy of Carlyle Montgomery



At Pirate Days, held on July 21 & 22 at the Ventura Harbor the Ventura Breeze sponsored a drawing contest at our booth. This is the July 21 winning drawing by Sarah Hofstedt who came all the way from Lancaster to attend the event (and get out of the heat).

Shown are the Hofstedt sisters Josephine, Sarah and Irene.

combines a deep love of nature with the desire to educate people, especially youthful viewers.

The museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Ave. Admission: free for current 2012 members, adults - \$4.00, children 6-18 - \$1.00 and children 5 and under - free. Gallery Hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10 to 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. Free parking is available off Blanche Street at back of museum.

For more information, call the museum at 640-1390, ext. 203, e-mail [oajaimuseum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oajaimuseum@sbcglobal.net) or visit the museum website at: [Ojai Valley Museum.org](http://OjaiValleyMuseum.org)

Find us on Facebook [Ojai Valley Museum](http://OjaiValleyMuseum).

The **Ojai Valley Green Coalition** invites you to the second film in its **Summer Film Series**, the inspiring documentary, *City Dark*. In this award winning film, director Ian Cheney blends visual poetry and hard facts for a film that chronicles the disappearance of night skies and what we can do about it. The screening will start with a short program on Saturday, **August 11** at 4:30 p.m. and takes place at the Ojai Theatre, 145 E. Ojai Ave. Suggested donation \$10 at the door. For more details visit [www.ojaivalleygreen-coalition.org](http://www.ojaivalleygreen-coalition.org).

*Much Ado About Nothing* is a classic William Shakespeare play that was performed recently at the Libbey Bowl, with the joint efforts of three theatre groups- **Thousand Oaks Repertory Co.**, **G.A.T.E. Players** and the **Ojai Players**. The twist put on this play, directed by Allen Hunt, was that it was set in the roaring 20's! These up and coming actors delivered clever, witty humor while presenting a story of love, lies and trickery. Great Job Everyone!



What started out, as a last minute decision has become a memory to last a lifetime. 12 year old Alexander Legaspi, of Ventura agreed to substitute drive a soap box derby car for an injured driver June 2, and Alex won the Ventura local and won the right to race in the 75th running of the All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio on July 21.

On Monday, July 16 Alex and some 500 other contestants began working on their cars to get them in perfect racing shape. Through the heat of Ohio in the summer the contestants made sure every last detail was seen to, and on Saturday they were ready.

All American Regional Director Bill Speeg puts it in perspective: "for a first time driver to get out of the first round is a major feat in itself, but to go on and out-drive hundreds of other drivers and finish 4th in the world, well that's just short of a miracle."

So what is next for this miracle worker? On that, Alex is silent, but you can be certain, whatever he sets his mind to, he will accomplish.

# The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



## Glenn Dale Gooss

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Glenn has never met anyone he considers a stranger. The first thing you notice about him is his quick wit and great sense of humor. Glenn will seize the moment with play on words and facial expressions as he relies on spontaneity and the burning desire to make you laugh. He is rarely found without a grin. If you happen to witness that trademark sparkle in his eye, you have been warned...laughter is on its way.

Glenn was born in St. Louis, MO on February 1, 1923. Nine years later the family moved to Saticoy, then Oxnard, Ojai and finally settling in Ventura in 1939. When he arrived in his knickers, he was teased. It didn't help matters that the family only had \$9.00 to their name, of which 10% was donated to their church. Eventually, the family owned and operated a grocery store, The Gooss Market, located on the corner of the Avenue and Lewis Street. In his younger years Glenn was a newspaper delivery boy. He was voted "most popular" five years in a row. He played the trumpet for the Ventura High School Marching Band that marched several years in the Rose Parade. Glenn graduated from High School in 1941, and on December 24, 1942, he joined the Army. While in basic training he applied for a chance to become an officer in the infantry. He was accepted and graduated from Officer's Candidate School in September of 1944 and married Phyllis Griggs, shortly thereafter. Glenn was sent to England just three months prior to D-Day. He served in the 29th Infantry Division as a First Lieutenant and landed on Omaha Beach just four days after D-Day. Glenn was deployed in the European Theatre until March 1946.

After returning from his service in the Army Glenn began working at the Post Office while also starting a family. His son, Jerry, resides in Ventura and his daughter, Pam Marshack, resides in Wilmington, DE. He later worked as an office manager at several car dealerships before becoming manager of Huffman Finance. Glenn retired in 1987.

Glenn is very civic-oriented. During his working and retirement years, Glenn has served as president of various organizations such as the 20-30 Club, Downtown Lions Club, and the Retired Men's Club. Over the years, Glenn has received many awards including the "Commendation Service Award" "Citizen of the Year", and "Lion of the Century". His crowning achievement, however, was being one of the organizers and the spirit behind Candy Cane Lane for over 38 years. Candy Cane Lane was special to Glenn because this was just one more opportunity to make people smile and laugh. He loved playing Santa Claus, standing in the middle of the street and greeting everyone.

Glenn enjoys life, each and every day. He wants to share his joy with everyone. At the age of 89, Glenn is not getting older...he is just getting better at what he does best...making people laugh.

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

I particularly enjoy the people who live and work in Ventura. The City has a lot of vitality and is very charming to visitors. Ventura has managed to maintain the small town feel, in spite of its growth over the 80 years I have lived here. The weather is near perfect. We are fortunate to have both the ocean and mountains surrounding the City, rich with history. For me, however, it is the residents of Ventura that make Ventura, Ventura.

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

She was wonderful. Her personality and professionalism immediately put me at ease. I was honored when Johanna requested I wear my military hat for the sitting. We shared some laughs and conversation during the portrait process. We had a lot of fun just getting to know each other. I thanked her for her project, "The Face of Ventura". I am honored. What a privilege this has been for me.



## 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 ongoing art project by award-winning portraitist Spinks to paint 55 worthy Venturans, **each in a single sitting**, painted directly from life at the artist's 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 until December after two years of wonderful portraits by Johanna.

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.

## Health

### Livingston Caregivers: new name, same quality care

As a valued partner and member of the Livingston Memorial family, Gold Coast CareGivers has been providing personal assistance and non-medical home care to Ventura county residents since 1999. Now, to strengthen that partnership, Gold Coast CareGivers has changed their name to Livingston CareGivers.

Needing help at home is an overwhelming challenge, whether it's caring for a loved one, concern for elderly parents, or recuperating from surgery. Statistics show that people heal and recover faster when they remain in their own home, thus obtaining help from an organization like Livingston CareGivers is so very beneficial.

As our Baby Boomers come of age, there will be more need for this kind of home care and it's important to be aware of available resources. When needing help at home, Livingston CareGivers is still the same fine compassionate and professional care that people have relied on for years, but now has a name that is recognized throughout Ventura County and one that is synonymous with quality – Livingston, one resource for all health care needs. You can reach Livingston CareGivers at 642-9570.

### Testosterone treatment seminar at CMH

Is testosterone treatment for the prevention of aging snake oil or is it the Fountain of Youth? Community Memorial Health System is holding a free seminar on Aug. 21 focusing on the controversial topic.

Rebecca Z. Sokol, M.D., specializing in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology will lead the seminar that will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the eighth-floor Nichols Auditorium at Community Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Sokol, who is an internationally recognized expert in the field of testosterone treatment, male reproduction and fertility, will discuss the common symptoms of low testosterone in men and women and how the diagnosis is made. She also will cover who would benefit from testosterone treatment and why, as well as the risks of testosterone therapy.

Dr. Sokol received her medical degree from the University of Southern California School of Medicine and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center of the UCLA School of Medicine.

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

### Joint replacement

Livingston Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Joint Replacement Class to prepare you for total knee or hip replacement surgery. Home preparation, exercises and rehabilitation information will be discussed. Open to the public and free of charge, the class is held the first Wednesday of the month, 10:00 – 11:00 am at Cypress Place, 1st floor private dining room, 1200 Cypress Point Ln. RSVP Diana Davis 642-0239 x 739.

## Kids

### Master Chorale Children's Choir

The Master Chorale Children's Choir is now receiving registrations for the 2012- 2013 session. The Children's Choir is a first place award winning group of 80 students who have traditionally sung with the Master Chorale as well as presenting their own beautiful concerts and participating in competitions and festivals. This year the choir participated in the New York City Children's Choir Festival.

There are three choirs for children 6 to 16 yrs. A training choir for 6-7 yr olds, one auditioned choir for 8-12 yrs, and one auditioned choir for teens and experienced singers. The students rehearse once a week on Mondays in our Ventura or Camarillo locations from September to May. Singing skills, music theory, rhythm reading, bel canto style singing, and performance opportunities are all part of the training the students receive.

Auditions required for ages 8 and up and will be held August 11. Please call 796-1951 for info or to schedule an audition.

### School on Wheels needs your help!

School on Wheels need volunteer tutors who can commit to one hour/week to tutor a homeless child in Ventura County. The start of the new school year is fast approaching and there are thousands of homeless children in Ventura County that need our help.

School on Wheels needs tutors in Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo and Santa Paula. Volunteers can apply online at [www.schoolonwheels.org](http://www.schoolonwheels.org). There are two upcoming opportunities in August to attend a Tutor Training in Ventura: one will be Thursday, August 9th from 5:30pm-8:30pm and the other on Saturday, August 18th from 9am-12pm.

For more information please contact Yadira Melgoza at [ymelgoza@schoolonwheels.org](mailto:ymelgoza@schoolonwheels.org)

School on Wheels, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1993 by Agnes Stevens, a retired teacher. After reading Jonathan Kozol's *Rachel and Her Children*, Agnes realized the extent of homelessness in the USA. She began tutoring homeless kids in a park in Santa Monica, encouraging them to stay in school and participate in school activities.

### Ventura Rotary assembles backpacks for back to school

The Ventura Rotary Club Downtown once again is preparing backpacks for children in need. The Club has a long-standing reputation for helping children from disadvantaged circumstances and the backpack project is just one of those emphasizing youth in need in the Ventura community.

This year the Club will collect, assemble and distribute 550 separate backpacks to be distributed throughout Ventura Unified School District. The packs will contain numerous school

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supply items such as notebooks, paper, pencils, markers, scissors, rulers, erasers, folders, glue sticks, flash drives, etc. The club is still seeking single subject notebooks and boxes of markers. All schools in the Ventura Unified School District are eligible to apply. The backpacks will be assembled on August 11 and distributed to schools on August 13 – just in time for school to begin.

Ventura Rotary Club is reputed to be the "Friendliest Club in Rotary" and was chartered in 1919. The Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at the Derby Club, Ventura Fairgrounds. Meetings begin promptly at noon and last until 1:30 pm. Guests are always welcome. For general information about the club visit the club's website at [www.venturarotary.org](http://www.venturarotary.org). For specific information on the backpack program or to donate items, contact Elyn Dembowski at 320.1206

## Youth

### The Boys & Girls Club in the news

The Boys & Girls Club of Ventura will hold their 29th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, August 13 at the Saticoy Country Club.

The registration, check-in and putting contest begin at 10:00 AM, Tee-Off with the Shotgun Start/Texas Scramble Format begins at 12:00 PM and includes awards for the top teams in the three flights and a woman's division. Contests include: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive (men/women), Hole in One sponsored by Lexus of Oxnard and includes a one year Lexus car lease and a Putting Contest with cash prizes.

The entry fee is \$275 per golfer with each reservation including: green and cart fees, tote prize bag with golf shirt and other goodies, lunch, beverages and a banquet awards dinner. (There is an additional \$50 fee for guests).

The winning ticket for the premium opportunity drawing will be drawn at the Golf Classic. Only 200 tickets at \$100 each will be sold. You need not be present to win.

For additional event information, to sponsor or register check their website at [www.bgclubventura.org](http://www.bgclubventura.org) or call Leilani at 641-5585.

Cathi Lambert, CEO and founder of Oxnard-based Exercise Technology, Inc. recently donated a Sportwall Xer Training System to the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura. It was delivered and installed in the gym at the Robert Addison Center.

Studies have shown that the Sportwall Xer Trainer positively affects multi-levels of brain-body fitness: teaches physical teamwork techniques, coordination and healthy competition in a fun, non-intimidating way. It also helps with cognitive abilities, academic performance and improves behavior.



On Aug. 2 the Wahine Project's "Project South Swell's" exciting 1 day international surfing program for the girls of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura was presented. This was the only Ventura County stop on their 14 city tour. Ventura's own world-famous surfer Mary Osborne conducted the class along with Margo Oberg at Surfer's Point. Photo by Carter Friedman



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## Senior Living

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### Let's talk Peripheral Artery Disease (part 1)

by Nanci Cone

According to the Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) is caused by plaque building up in the arteries that carry blood to your head, organs, and limbs. Plaque is made up of fat, cholesterol, calcium, fibrous tissue, and other substances in the blood. Over time, plaque can harden and narrow the arteries limiting the flow of oxygen-rich blood to your organs and other parts of your body.

PAD usually affects the arteries in the legs, but it also can affect the arteries that carry blood from your heart to your brain, arms, kidneys, and stomach. This article focuses on PAD that affects blood flow to the legs.

Blocked blood flow to your legs can cause pain, aching and numbness. If severe enough there may not be enough blood flow to fight off infections and to heal wounds and sores. This can lead to tissue loss and gangrene and may even require amputation.

The American Heart Association says the most common symptom of PAD is a painful muscle cramping in the hips, thighs or calves when

walking, climbing stairs or exercising. The pain of PAD usually goes away when you stop exercising, although this may take a few minutes. Working muscles need more blood flow. Resting muscles can get by with less. If there's a blood-flow blockage due to plaque buildup, the muscles won't get enough blood during exercise to meet the needs. The "crampy" pain, when caused by PAD, is the muscles' way of warning the body that it isn't receiving enough blood during exercise to meet the increased demand. Beware though because many people with PAD have no symptoms or mistake their symptoms for something else.

Symptoms of severe PAD include:  
Foot or toe wounds that won't heal or heal very slowly

Tissue loss and Gangrene  
A marked decrease in the temperature of your lower leg or foot particularly compared to the other leg or to the rest of your body

Dr. C. Shawn Skillern, Board Certified Vascular Surgeon at West Coast Vascular, says "I am seeing more and more patients with this disease lately. Many people dismiss leg pain as a normal sign of aging. You may think it's arthritis, sciatica or just "stiffness" from getting older." For an accurate diagnosis, consider the source of your pain. PAD leg pain occurs in the muscles, not the joints. People with diabetes and other conditions may confuse PAD pain with a neuropathy, a common diabetic symptom that is a burning or painful discomfort of the feet or legs. If you're having any kind of recurring pain, talk to your healthcare professional

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# Senior Living

and describe the pain as accurately as you can. If you have any of the risk factors for PAD, you should ask your healthcare professional about PAD even if you aren't having symptoms.

Next issue deals with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of further re-occurrences of Peripheral Artery Disease.

## Cypress Place hosting car show, roller derby girls and great food

Cypress Place Senior Living will host its 8th annual "A Taste of Cypress Classic Car Show and 50's Party" community event complete with great food from local restaurants such as, Tutti's Off Main, The Sidecar Restaurant, and Marie Callender's, among many others.

"For this year's event, however, we're changing things up a little bit," says Executive Director Robert Goldberg. Cypress Place Senior Living is teaming up with local nonprofit Interface Children & Family Services and this year's "A Taste of Cypress" is going to be a fundraiser for this stellar organization according to Goldberg.

This year's event will also have another exciting new twist. "Helping us in our fundraiser for Interface

will be The West Coast Derby Knockouts, an all-female roller derby league based in Ventura," says Goldberg.

Yvonne Knepper, community marketing director at the senior community, saw the Derby Knockouts at a recent outing. Knepper discovered that the proceeds from the Knockouts' roller derby bouts also benefit Interface. "It was a match made in heaven, or at least on the roller rink," said Knepper.

Back by popular demand, this year's fundraising event will also include the Classic Hot Rod Car Show and a 1950s themed party along with the #1 DJ in Ventura County, Bruce Barrios.

Festivities take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22nd. The suggested donation is \$10 per person, with all proceeds benefiting Interface Children & Family Services.

So dress to impress in your best '50s outfit, and get ready to shake, rattle and roll – and dine on sumptuous food from your favorite local restaurants, all while supporting a wonderful cause.

Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200/1220 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 805-650-8000.

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

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# Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp  
Ph.D

I received an email from Venturan Virgil Nelson regarding the "dog owner's" versus the "this should only be a cemetery" folks disagreements over the use of St. Mary's Cemetery (Cemetery Park) located in mid-town on Main. And it is this issue's Scamp article.

I guess because I'm a dog I completely agree with Virgil and have often thought of this solution myself. I think that dog people would honor these 2 sections. They could be separated by a low (sitting height) wall for folks to sit on and easily enjoy (and honor) both sides. And if dogs are in the cemetery part you could let me know and I will go beat them up. I have been taking "Tae Kwon Dog" lessons.

What do you think?

"Citizens of Ventura:

Sometimes a solution to a seemingly complex problem is so simple that it is overlooked.

In the Cemetery Park wars, those who have community founders and precious family members buried in the park want them honored and revered. They do not want dogs "doing their numbers" on their ancestors graves.

Dog lovers on the other hand see precious few places in the community where they can enjoy the exhilaration of playing with their dogs in complete abandonment. There are only two other parks in Ventura where the dogs can run free, and the State is clamping down on enforcement on the beaches.

One possible win-win solution to this ongoing war could be separate but shared use.

Cemetery Park has enough space to meet the needs of both groups. Imagine dividing the existing park into two sections. Measure the eastern section to include 65% of the space. Dedicate this as the "Cemetery Portion" of the park, in which dogs are totally forbidden. Then move, restore, replace all the headstones into this area. Divide the western 35% in two. Fence one half for free-play for the dogs. Leave the other half open for sun-bathing and picnicking, with leashes mandatory.

Over time, each of the areas could be progressively "enhanced". The "Cemetery" area could be tastefully landscaped into

sections with low traditional stone walls. Benches and tables could be "sponsored" by living relatives of those buried there. Additional historical and memorial panels could be created documenting the deeds and exploits of our City's founders. Missing headstones and crypts could be replaced. The fenced "dog-run" area could have additional trees planted, with paths, benches and tables. The artistic community could be invited to create thematic dog sculptures and other animal related art. The sun-bathing, picnic area, in addition to benches and tables, could have a children's play lot created similar to the ones in Plaza Park or Arroyo Verde. (It could even have a "dog/animal theme".)

Even without these creative enhancements, the newly re-created "Cemetery Memorial-Park" would continue to honor the City's ancestors, and bring joy to our community, and the initial cost of a fence would be far less than future anticipated legal fees.

It is time to lay down the weapons and stop the fighting. We are wasting the creative energies of our citizens and squandering the financial resources of our City and its staff. Let's work together to find and implement a creative solution which will meet the needs of both sides and benefit our entire community.

Virgil Nelson"



I met Gypsy, Olivia and William at the recent dog show but didn't have room in last issue for them so here they are. I asked Gypsy "So Gypsy, I hear you are being trained to be a therapy dog, that's so great but you must have a weakness; care to share?" Gypsy: "Sure, after I get a shampoo/conditioning treatment and my fur blown dry with a huge dryer, I lay on my back and get my tummy scratched and rubbed.....ahhhh!"

Ahhh is right I love it also.

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Hi: I'm Princess 2 a sweet and adorable female Parson Russell Terrier mix. I was rescued from Animal Regulation, pregnant and running out of time. I've been living with a foster family where I gave birth to my babies. I hope it's not long before we are all cherished members of a loving family. Stop by and meet us, we'll be waiting.



## Lost Cat

Hi: I'm lost maybe you can find me. I'm a female domestic short to medium hair, 4 years old, with a flea collar. Silky black all over with a hint of red on chest, Green eyes with a hint of gold. Human friend Dina. Phone (Daytime or evening) 300-5852. E-mail: ownedbytheking@gmail.com. When you've lost or found a cat in Ventura County go to LostCatVentura.com



## Scamp Club

Hi: My name is "Reese" and I am 6 months old. I love to hang out with my new wonderful family and with other dogs. As I get a little older I'll be doing lots of other things.

This is me at Pirate Days at the Harbor (you can tell from my collar).

## Join Scamp Club

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

## Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

### Vehicle Pursuit

On Sunday, July 22nd, at 5:15 a.m., an officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the area of Fremont Street and Hill Road. Randy Omega was located near the vehicle in possession of stolen property. While Omega was being detained, Juan Magana returned to the vehicle and drove away.

An officer followed the vehicle. Magana failed to stop and accelerated away. Eventually, Magana collided into a fence in the area of the Brookshire Frontage Road.

Magana was taken in to custody after a short foot pursuit. Further investigation revealed stolen property located in the

vehicle driven by Magana.

Magana was transported to VCMC where he was treated for minor injuries and later booked at the VC Jail, where Omega was booked as well.

### Stabbing Arrest

On Friday, July 20th, at 3:04 p.m., the VPD received a call of a stabbing at the intersection of Santa Clara Street and Figueroa Street. Eric Hurse was bleeding from a stab wound to his forearm.

Hurse told officers he was in an argument with suspect John Wood, the argument became physical and during the altercation, Wood stabbed Hurse. Hurse was transported to VCMC where he was treated for a significant but non life-threatening stab wound.

Officers located Wood in a vagrant camp at the south end of Palm Street. Officers surrounded the camp and took Wood into custody after a brief struggle. Wood was transported to VCMC where he

received medical treatment and was later booked into VC Jail.

### Resisting Arrest

On Friday, July 20th, at 3:38 p.m., Harbor patrol officers requested Ventura Police Department's assistance pursuing a fleeing subject in the 1500 block of Spinnaker Drive. Harbor Patrol stopped James Dalton for a traffic infraction. Dalton lied about his name and then ran.

Dalton was a wanted parolee absconding from parole. While being chased through the Ventura Harbor, Dalton physically fought with a civilian. Dalton told the civilian he had a gun, however none was found on him. Dalton failed to stop for officers and ran into a nearby shopping center, where he was apprehended.

Dalton was treated at VCMC for minor injuries sustained as a result of the K-9 deployment (lucky it wasn't Scamp).

### Robbery

On Monday, July 23rd, at 9:22 p.m., the

VPD received a call from Justice Cloney reporting that he had been robbed.

Cloney was alone in the 1100 block of South Victoria Avenue, wearing a backpack and carrying a Nook Tablet, when an unknown suspect approached him from behind and took the tablet. Cody Gibbs grabbed Cloney by the backpack and punched him in the face. Gibbs demanded Cloney give him his Ipod and wallet. Cloney refused and fled. Officers spotted Gibbs and a second subject walking through a nearby parking lot in the 5700 block of Ralston Street and detained them.

Gibbs was positively identified and arrested. He was later booked into the VC Jail. The second subject detained by officers was not identified as a suspect, but was arrested for an outstanding warrant. The unknown suspect was not located.

The property was recovered and

# Police Reports

returned to Cloney. Cloney was treated at the scene for minor injuries to his face and released.

## Armed Robbery

On Tuesday, July 24th, at 12:47 p.m., a subject wearing a bandana over his face entered Game Stop in the 4800 block of Telephone Road and demanded a Playstation 3 from the clerk, as well as money from the cashier. The clerk refused. The suspect then pulled out a handgun and demanded the Playstation 3 again. The clerk complied and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect. The suspect then fled the store.

Officers saw the suspect running east across Portola Drive carrying the PS3. The suspect was identified as Reshawn Blaney. At some point, Blaney hid his gun along the path of the foot pursuit prior to being arrested.

## Burglary

On Wednesday, July 25th, at 12:55 p.m., officers responded to a commercial burglary in progress at Arrowhead Water at 52 Julian. When they arrived, they could hear subjects opening and closing the cargo doors to the delivery trucks.

Officers contacted two suspects just outside the fencing of the property. Luis Reynoso fled. After a brief search, he was caught hiding in bushes. Sonia Robledo was also caught in the area.

Reynoso and Robledo had broken into the Arrowhead property, used Arrowhead hand dollies to remove numerous cases of drinks and water from trucks, and brought them to an area outside the property to retrieve at a later time.

## Vegetation Fire

On Sunday, July 29th, at 1:41 p.m., Ventura Fire Department responded to reports of a vegetation fire in the Ventura River. Crews found heavy fire activity threatening the 101 freeway. Due to the remote area, crews had lengthy hose lays to reach the fire. This incident caused the 101 freeway southbound and transition roads from the 33 freeway to be shut down. Spot fires occurred in the Cal Trans storage yard across the bike path. After a concerted effort to protect the freeway, railroad and natural resources, the fire was contained at an estimated three acres.

## Stolen Vehicle Pursuit

On Monday, July 30th, at 1:41 p.m., an officer observed a stolen vehicle driving south on Mills Road near Main Street. The driver failed to come to a complete stop at the intersection. The driver then proceeded on a green light.

The vehicle was located traveling east on Main Street near Callens Road. Officers initiated a traffic stop but the driver accelerated. Pursued to Market Street and Portola Road, the driver lost control and drove off the roadway into an agricultural field. Both the driver and passenger fled.

The suspects were apprehended. They were identified as Irvin Leon and Raymond Lucero. The vehicle was also reported stolen.

Both suspects were booked into VC Jail. No one was injured during this incident and the vehicle was returned to its owner.

## Criminal Threats

On Tuesday, July 31st, at 10:03 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of East Simpson after witnesses in the area reported a subject brandishing a handgun. Earlier in the day, Luis Camarena was involved in a confrontation with the parents of his girlfriend. During that argument, Camarena threatened to kill the parents but left the area before the victims could call the police.

Later the same night, Camarena returned to the parent's residence on

Simpson and got into another confrontation. Camarena pulled a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the victims. Camarena left before police arrived. Camarena was arrested as he walked out of the yard. The loaded handgun was found concealed in the same yard.

## Criminal Threats

On Wednesday, August 1st, at 10:50 p.m., the VPD received a call from a woman who was claiming her boyfriend had threatened to kill her and was currently following her in his car while she was driving.

As she pulled into the police station, her boyfriend, Carlos Renteria, continued driving away. An officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop. Renteria failed to stop.

In the area of Fix Way and Ventura Avenue, officers deployed a "Spike Strip" and flattened three of Renteria's tires. Renteria pulled over. At this point Renteria refused to exit his car.

Officers attempted to convince Renteria to get out of his car and surrender peacefully. Renteria peacefully gave up and was taken into custody.

Renteria was booked at VC Jail.

# Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**7-17** 12:48 p.m. Patrol received a cell phone call of an injured woman on a boat having difficulty breathing. The boat's ETA is 10-15 minutes. Relayed the report to FCC, who dispatched additional unit. Patrol met the vessel outside of the Harbor and escorted it to the Patrol Dock. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

**7-19** 1:55 p.m. The Marina Manager reported a vessel illegally secured to D-dock. This had been repeated several times before, and the person had become belligerent when the Dockmaster attempted to educate him. Patrol issued a citation to the subject for Mooring Without Permission.

3:38 p.m. Patrol observed a subject that matched the description of a man involved in stealing items out of a vehicle. As Patrol was speaking to him, he fled. PD apprehended him at Spinnaker and Harbor. PD booked him into jail.

**7-20** 6:18 p.m. Patrol received a report that a woman, with a cat, had been bitten by a dog. Patrol responded. The two subjects with dogs had departed the scene. Patrol provided first aid for the dog bite.

9:28 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a motorcycle injury at Navigator and Spinnaker Drive. Upon arrival, the patient was in the median. Patrol took c-spine precautions. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

**7-25** 5:27 p.m. Patrol observed a dismasted Hobie Cat a quarter mile from the Harbor. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at the launch ramp.

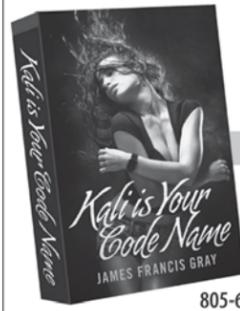
**7-27** 12:30 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a person not breathing at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. AMR and FD determined that the person was deceased upon arrival.

**7-28** 3:51 p.m. Patrol escorted a vessel that was being towed into the Harbor to the launch ramp where a safety inspection of the vessel was conducted.

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## Business loans, Player's Casino

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only a two-year loan. It's a very quick payback."

For the city's chief financial officer, Jay Panzica, it's a win-win situation. Other than staff time, no city money is involved in the deal. "We're the conduit for the loan," said Panzica. "The bank suggested that we use one of our accounts as collateral, so they wrote a check for \$850,000 and then we made a check to the Player's Casino for the same amount."

It also meant the city would draw their share of interest income from the loan. "I did an interest rate spread on it," said Panzica. "We're paying 4% and we're charging him 8%. We're winning all the way around on it. It's a win-win situation for both parties."

Panzica believes the deal is possible because both parties use the same bank. "It works because with the same bank, all the payments are automatically withdrawn from the Player's Casino account and put into the city's account, and then from the city's account, the loan payment is made back to the bank. It's a very seamless process."

How much additional tax revenue is at stake? Panzica estimated that when the remodel is finished and the casino expands to 20 tables, each table will add about \$40,000 annually in city tax revenue. With 4 additional tables, that's about \$160,000.

In addition, there will also be new tax revenues from restaurant and alcohol sales. Panzica estimated about \$165,000 per month in sales tax revenue. That extra revenue could add up to about \$20,000 per year.

All told, with the increase in both gross tax receipts and sales tax, the Player's

Casino could total about \$1,180,000 in city tax revenue, about 1.2% of the city's budget.

Kracht hopes his expansion will help improve his customer's experience at the casino. "It will help us reach our twenty table limit and service our customers in a way that is more customary for a casino," he explained. "I need to generate a spot which is convenient and comfortable for a person who is waiting for a seat."

He also feels his restaurant will add an important service to the city's east end. "We believe the restaurant fulfills a need for this side of the freeway as there is no restaurant that services the industrial area and car dealerships."

In the end, Kracht believes this type of private/public cooperation makes good business sense, especially since it takes place in one of the city's top priority areas for business development. "I'm a firm believer in public private partnerships," he stated. "I believe that in order for a community to grow, there has to be partnerships between businesses and a working relationship with the city."

## Mailbox

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We have enough bad journalism in this country and we don't need any more of it. Other than that, I do enjoy your paper and think it is the best source for what is really going on in our town.

Mike Mislina

Ventura

Governor: Actually I'm not getting old I've been there for a while, maybe just getting groucher. Your comments are well taken. And it was very nice meeting you at Music Under The Stars.

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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## Show Time

Where The Music Flows

### Sizzling summer sounds

by Michael Kohli

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Currently listening to: *Love Spent* by Madonna

Is anyone else here overwhelmed by how much new music is out there? This summer, we have new rock and pop music sizzling from the likes of Kiss, Smashing Pumpkins, Garbage, No Doubt, Madonna, Lit, 8Stops7, The Cult, Green Day, Aerosmith, Motley Crue, Queensryche (final single with Geoff Tate), Van Halen, The Darkness, Matchbox Twenty, George Michael, Alanis Morissette, Whitney Houston, Snoop Lion (aka Snoop Dogg "reggae album project), Linkin Park, Usher, Dave Matthews Band, Norah Jones, Fiona Apple, P!nk, The Killers and so much more. Check out these new songs /albums coming soon.

The new Madonna album is starting to spark again! In part to her new single and video launch of *Turn Up The Radio*. It's been announced that on August 7th, a remix of the song featuring Far East Movement will be released along with other remixes. On the Billboard Dance/Club chart, this week, the song has a Greatest Gainer tag on it, breaking into the top 20. The new music video currently has almost 4 million hits on youtube. Her album, MDNA, is possibly her deepest and darkest work yet. The music is candy coated pop, to keep her fans dancing. But, the lyrics may be her boldest yet. Tackling the subject of her ugly divorce. Showcasing, anger, revenge sex, settlement/lawyer frustrations, loss, and sadness. The closing bonus track, *Best Friend*, seems like the song Madonna faced closure with. You can hear her actually crying in her subtle way.

Tonight, I got to see Bret Michaels at the Ventura Fairgrounds. Awesome show. Performing many Poison classics, solo, and cover songs. I've written in articles and blogs about my Bret memories. Made my night, when I got a hand wave, nod and thumbs up from Bret! It had been since 2003, since I crossed paths with him. That night, he literally stood in front of two security guards by his bus, inviting me to walk with him. Asked me how my music shows and writing were going! It was an awesome feeling to know that he remembered what I did. To have one of your favorite singers since 4th grade, acknowledge that and to block security guards for you, perhaps one of my greatest music moments!

Also watched the last bit of local band, Mystery Band at the fair. Ran into many scene friends, musicians. Ed Kasper and Curtis RX, you guys both rule!

Thank you for reading! Rock on!

Two on the Aisle

### TV takes to the stage

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

It's estimated there are over 380 million televisions in American homes today, with 55% of all households boasting at least three sets.

Although the invention of TV was

one of the most significant events of the 20th Century, few have an inkling of the David and Goliath style rivalry that swirled around the development of television involving the inventor and a media giant.

A version of the tale, that is as charged with electricity as the electrons and photons in which TV technology is grounded, forms the subject of *The Farnsworth Invention*, now on stage at the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse at the Camarillo Airport until August 26.

The award winning script by the creator of television's *The West Wing*, Aaron Sorkin, is inspired by historical events. Although occasionally criticized for what some call a highly fictionalized ending, the show is great theater. Its story and periodic narrations are presented at a clip akin to that of a racing thoroughbred, propelling the audience deeper into the storyline with each new scene.

On one side of the story there is Philo Farnsworth, the real life genius farm boy who developed the foundational concepts for TV in 1921 while still in the ninth grade and who later formed a company to develop the technology into a commercial practicality. The Goliath of the piece is David Sarnoff, the young media mogul who headed Radio Corporation of America (RCA). Sarnoff instigates maneuvers to derail Farnsworth's development work because he wants RCA to be the first to produce for a viable television system, as well as control the patents for the invention. Along the way patents are filed, amended, challenged and litigated in an effort to crush Farnsworth's efforts and steal the essence of his work for the benefit of RCA.

The show opens with one of several multimedia segments that demonstrate the power and influence of television over the years through snippets of iconic images of TV history, from *I Love Lucy* to newsman Walter Cronkite.

Performances by the *Farnsworth* cast are uniformly strong. Patrick Beckstead engagingly plays the brilliant and dedicated Farnsworth with a balance of unquenchable optimism, creative urgency and entrepreneurial naiveté. Eric Mello as David Sarnoff is superbly unsympathetic, manipulative, angry and driven. Yet, Mello makes us understand the character, even if we don't like Sarnoff. Both characters participate in the action and separately deliver rapid fire, often lengthy, narratives directly to the audience. Each actor does so with aplomb.

The principals are supported by a large troupe of players, many with extensive experience. Many of the actors perform multiple roles to advance the saga. The talented cast includes Richard G. Abbott, Madeline Aflague, Fergielyn Aranzazu, Anthony Baldonado, Mat Bergstrom, William Carmichael, Gary Cunial, Megan Green, Mark Huelitt, Olivia Heulitt, Trevor Scott Kindel, Richard Little, Ken Mottard, Jennifer Narbonne, Michael Perlmutter, Juanita Seavey, Hayley, Jack and Steven Silvers, Robert G. Smith and Todd Tickner.

*The Farnsworth Invention* continues weekends to August 26 at the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse, 330 Skyway Dr. at the Camarillo Airport. Curtain: Fridays and Saturdays-8 p.m. Sundays-2 p.m. Tickets: \$18, \$16-Seniors & students. \$10-children. Information and reservations: 388-5716. [www.skywayplayhouse.com](http://www.skywayplayhouse.com)

## VFS@420EAST

### Mugabe & The White African

Reviewed by Steve Falconer

Ventura Film Society

This is a terrifying documentary (screening Tuesday August 21 @ 7:15pm), made in Zimbabwe by two very bold filmmakers, Lucy Bailey & Andrew Thompson. The film records the struggles of a family of white mango farmers trying to keep their land in spite of intense intimidation by the vicious regime of Robert Mugabe and his "Land Reform" program. Mike Campbell, the family's patriarch, puts himself and his kin directly in danger of having unspeakable horrors inflicted upon them for their unbending belief that what they are doing is right, not only for themselves but for their five hundred loyal employees. It's an intimate film. But to watch it is also to see a broader picture of how the megalomaniacs who rule

nations destroy so much and so many. It shows, too, the spiritual wasteland that countries become after being crushed by European Colonialism. That equally immoral domination, most notably by international corporations and the governments that support them, wreak even greater havoc and cause more widespread suffering today than ever before, proof that the lessons of Colonialism have not yet been learned. *Mugabe & The White African* is a disturbing and provocative investigation into the roots of racism, the legacy of colonization, and the heavy price paid by everyone caught up in their aftermath.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *Mugabe & The White African*, the 14th of 21 feature films screening @ 7:15pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays through December 4, 2012. Our new venue is located at 420 E. Santa Clara Street (@ Oak Street) in Downtown Ventura. Screening, Membership & Advance Ticket Information -[www.venturafilm-society.com](http://www.venturafilm-society.com) / (805) 628-2299 / [venturafilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:venturafilmsociety@gmail.com).

The Entertainment Report

### Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, these are my picks for the week



Ted

Produced, directed, and voiced by Seth Macfarlane, of *Family Guy* fame, *Ted* is an R rated adult comedy with a lot of heart. Ted is about a teddy bear that comes to life, a gift given to him by his parents.

At Christmas, 10-year-old John has his wish fulfilled to have a best friend to talk to and hang out with for the rest of his life. As the saying goes, "Be careful what you wish for". In this case, John Bennett played by Mark Wahlberg grows up and establishes a life for himself that still includes Ted. This adult life includes his girlfriend of four years, Lori played by (Mila Kunis). Ted, a rather mischievous and possessive companion threatens to derail their relationship. John is dealt a hard choice to either let go of his furry friend or lose his girlfriend. Ted hilariously finds his way in the human world by getting a job, an apartment and finds himself fending for himself. Coping with his so-called "new life" despite rejecting the idea, Ted is a romp in silliness and hilarity, as he tries to exist within the human world.

This story is about loyalty, friendship and dynamics, and while it's foul in many areas, the story is heartwarming. I loved the fact that the film centered on the romance between Wahlberg and Kunis, but still focused on the "Bromance" of the two pals. It had a lot of evenly created scenarios so there wasn't more focus on one aspect of the relationship, more than the other. However, it's not a fairy tale, its rather foul in parts. Not for children. Rated R Running time 106 minutes



The Dark Knight Rises

Absolutely the best of the Christopher Nolan action-thriller trilogies, captivating; a sprawling epic at its finest. In this film noir-esque version, the cin-

ematography surprises and allures as if you are walking through a comic book. Anne Hathaway surprises with a darker eminence, an appeal worthy of being a legendary super-hero.

The story was written in a tight, well thought out, emotionally driven curve. Keeping true to the mythos and characters, *The Dark Knight Rises* to the occasion with cataclysmic action, and depth.

Our favorite characters reprise their roles along with state of the art technology. A must see!

Rated PG-13 Running time 164 minutes

## Music Calendar 8/8 to 8/21

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

**Amigos Cafe & Cantina**

546 E. Main St., 805-874-2232

Wed 8/8 - Brian Nicolett

Thur 8/9 - Dirty Rice

Fri 8/10 - Sticks Randall

Sat 8/11 - Spencer the Gardner

Sun 8/12 - Preston Smith

Wed 8/15 - Brian Nicolett

Thur 8/16 - Forbidden Fruit

Fri 8/17 - Shoemakers

Sat 8/18 - Unkle Monkey

Sun 8/12 - Sound Effect

**Andre's Wine & Tapas Bar**

1575 Spinnaker Dr., 805-642-9463

Acoustic Tuesday with Bill McPherson & Friends every Tues 7-10pm

Jazz Jam every Wed

**Blackbeard's Seaside BBQ**

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

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

Blue Grass Jam featuring: The Bottom Feeders every Thur 6-9pm

Acoustic Jams with "Ken Kong" every

Fri, Sat & Sun 12pm

Fri 8/10 - 4XL 7-11pm

Sat 8/11 - Loose Canons 6-10pm

Sun 8/12 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 8/17 - Addicts Attic 7-11pm

Sat 8/18 - Masters of the Past 6-10pm

Sun 8/19 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

**Bombay Bar & Grill**

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

Local Live Music every Thur, Fri & Sat

Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm

Thur 8/9 - Chris Pureka & The Emy

Reynolds Band 7pm, Reggae Show with

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# Lighter Breeze

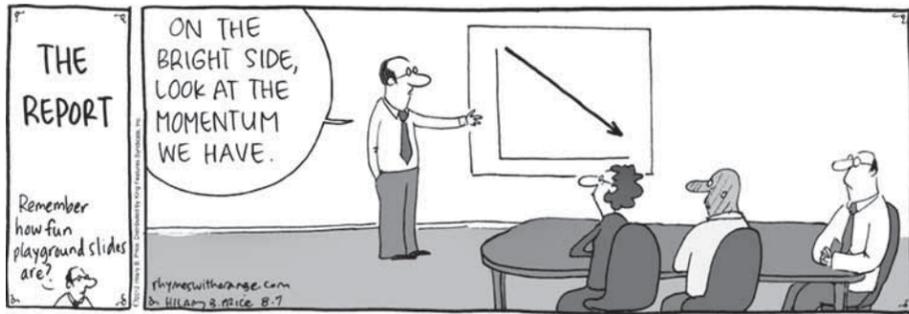
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## Todd the Dinosaur



## Rhymes With Orange



## Crock



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## Baby Blues



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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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Solutions on page 15

## King Crossword

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- 4 One of Hollywood's Wilson brothers
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- 13 Exceptional
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- 18 Tend a text
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- 20 Smaller map
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- 29 Hostel
- 30 Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle
- 31 Eggs
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- 28 Detective writer
- 30 Hairless
- 33 Cause
- 34 War god
- 36 Mimic's forte
- 37 Rebuff a masher
- 38 Grow weary
- 39 Advantage
- 40 Microwave, e.g.
- 42 Started
- 43 Have bills
- 44 "Eureka!"
- 45 Cowboy nickname

### DOWN

- 1 Solidify
- 2 Past
- 3 Serenade, often
- 4 Trip around the world?
- 5 Tarry
- 6 Bungle
- 7 Homer's neighbor

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Relationships continue to thrive, but watch for any telltale signs of potential problems. Take needed action now to set things straight before they become troublesome later.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your powers of persuasion, backed up, of course, by your considerable expertise, help you establish your case even to the most dubious decision-makers in your workplace.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might still be a bit reluctant to face up to some less-than-pleasant realities. But the sooner you accept the facts, the sooner you can set about making some needed changes.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Expect to make adjustments, even when things seem locked up and ready to go. But cheer up: At least one change could lead to something you've been hoping for.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The success of a recent project should do a lot to boost your self-confidence. You might want to start now to check out ways to make that long-deferred bigger and bolder move.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Ease up on the pressure you might be putting on the new person in your life. It takes time for a budding relationship to blossom. Show more

patience and understanding.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You have lots of inner strength in reserve. Use some of it to resist intimidation from those who might try to impose on your good nature for their own reasons.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your on-the-job status is improving. The one cautionary note, however, involves a personal situation you might have been ignoring for too long.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Congratulations. Once again, your sharp Sagittarian "horse sense" helps you work through a complicated situation that would leave most people confused.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Plan on indulging yourself in some well-earned good times through much of the week. Then be prepared to face some thought-provoking issues by the 18th.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Positive factors continue to dominate following a recent change in both your professional and personal lives. Expect to make contact with someone from your past.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Workplace stability allows you to continue making progress on your projects. But don't ignore your personal life. Spend more quality time with those special folks.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the gift for making people feel special. Maybe because you know how special you are.

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# Music Calendar

## Music calendar

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Herbal Rootz & After The Smoke 10pm

Fri 8/10 - VC AWARDS "Best new artist" showcase August Rising Condewit

Gypsy Death Star

Sat 8/11 - White elephant 6pm, Hindsite 9:30 pm

Sun 8/12 -The Shoemaker Brothers

4pm, Electro Shock 9pm

Thur 8/16 - Preachers and Pornstars, Small

Town Zero, Cupcake

Fri 8/17 - Le Meu Le Purr, Messenger

Sat 8/18 - The Shoemaker Brothers

5:30pm, The Reall Deall Band 9:30pm

Sun 8/20 - The Bombers

### GiGi's Coctail Lounge

2493 Grand Ave., 805-642-2411

Karaoke with Steve Luke every Sun & Wed

7pm-12am

Live Bands every Fri & Sat 9pm

### It's All Good Bar & Grill

533 E. Main St., 805-641-9951

Open Mike Night every Wed

### Majestic Theater

26 S. Chestnut St., 805-653-0721

Thur 8/9 - Los Enanitos Verdes, Ratasan,

Residuo, Audio Vita 8pm

Sat 8/11 - Kid Ink - Hosted by Miss Alynette

& Crisco Kidd of Q104.7, The Finatticz,

Luke Christopher 8pm

Sat 8/18 - The Cult, Murder of Crows

7:30pm

### Squashed Grapes

2351 E. Main St., 805-643-7300

Vocal Jazz Night every Tue 6:30-10pm

House Jazz Band every Fri 6:30-10pm

### The Tavern

211 Santa Clara St., 805-643-3264

Live Bands every Tue thru Sat

"Honky Tonk Tuesdays" Country Night,

Live Country Band every Tue 8pm

Ventura County Blues Society Jam session

hosted by Tommy Marsh every Wed 8pm

Thur 8/9 - Guest Band 9pm

Fri 8/10 - Basement Band 9pm

### Tutti's Off Main

34 N. Palm Ave., 805-643-0880

Every Fri - Chris Wooley (guitar) 6:30-

9:30pm

Every Sat - Steve Williams (guitar) 12-3pm,

6:30-9:30pm

Every Sun - Frank Barajas (guitar) 12-3pm

### Watermark On Main

598 E. Main St., 805-643-6800

Intimate Acoustic with Dano every Tue

Jazz at the Mark every Wed

### W20 Rooftop Lounge

598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)

805-643-6800

Live Bands every Thur thru Sun

Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm

Thur 8/9 - Nicole Lvoff

Fri 8/10 - Min Driver

Sat 8/11 - Area 51

Sun 8/12 - Shawn Jones

### Yolie's/Hi Hat Entertainment

138 W. Main St., 805-816-9663

Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri

8pm

Fri 8/10 - Teresa James & the Rythm Tramps

Fri 8/17 - Jerry McWorter featuring Jimmy

Calire

### Zoey's Café

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

Blue Grass Jam every Tue 6pm

Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm

Live Musicians & Bands every Wed thru Sat

8pm

Wed 8/8 - Davey Miller presents A Night of

Jazz with August Residency 8pm

Thur 8/9 - Naia Kete, August Residency,

Connie Lim 8pm

Fri 8/10 - Timmy Curran, Tony Ferrari 8pm

Sat 8/11 - Jesca Hoop & Jesse Harris 8pm

Tue 8/15 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

Wed 8/15 - Davey Miller presents A Night of

Jazz with August Residency 8pm

Thur 8/16 - Naia Kete, August Residency,

Connie Lim 8pm

Fri 8/17 - Matthew Santos & Tony Ferrari

8pm

Sat 8/18 - The Yeastie Boys, Gutter Poets,

The Dips 8pm

Sun 8/19 - Remembering Kenny Edwards

Tribute 7:30pm



## New green bike lanes increase driver awareness

Bike lanes along Main Street between Telephone Road and Mills Road have been painted solid green (and dashed) at turning and merging points where cyclists are most likely to mix with heavy auto traffic. The bright green lanes make bicyclists more visible to ensure safety.

Drivers should treat these as normal bike lanes, as the rules of the road are the same: motorists may not drive in the bike lane except to park, to enter or exit a driveway, or to prepare for a turn within 200 feet of an intersection.

In addition to the green bike lanes,

motorists will see a new two-stage bike box at Main Street and Telephone Road. The box allows bikes to gather in a protected area while waiting for the traffic signal to turn green, and offers bicyclists a safe way to make left turns at multi-lane signalized intersections from a right side bike lane. This is an alternative option for bicyclists but not a required route. Cyclists may still make use of the standard left lane for turns.

Breeze reader Luz Rule commented (on our Facebook) "Thanks for the info, wondered about the color but didn't put the 2 together. I think it's great."

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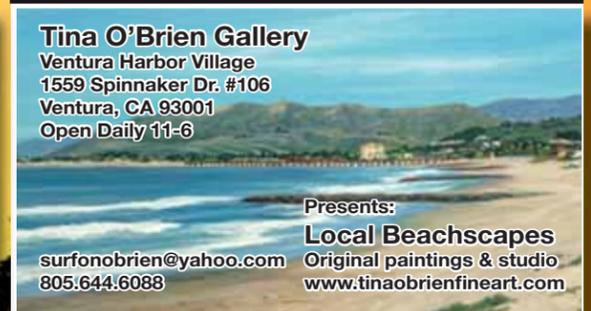
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# Art Scene



## Andrea Vargas-Mendoza at Gallery 28

Recent impressionistic landscape paintings by Andrea Vargas-Mendoza will be on exhibit and available for purchase at "Along the Water," at Kristine Dziak's Gallery 28 at Seabridge in Oxnard.

"This show proudly brings together my signature paintings from the last two years and will showcase my new work in a beautiful new location," said the Santa Paula artist, who promises "several surprises — pieces as large as 4 by 7 feet and many as small as 3 by 5 inches."

She will have about 20 pieces in the show, which will be on view until August. It is the first in a series of month long solo shows at the gallery featuring outstanding Ventura County artists.

Vargas-Mendoza will attend two Saturday evening events during the month:

a reception from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 11 and a Meet Our Artists night at the same hours on Aug. 25. At the second, she plans to demonstrate plein-air painting and hold an informal discussion with those present that will include a question-and-answer period.

Gallery 28 at Seabridge is at 1901 S. Victoria Ave., Suite 109. It is open noon-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays, and closed Mondays. Owner Dziak donates 10 percent of gallery profits to CurePSP, a nonprofit foundation working to cure and prevent the degenerative brain disease that claimed the life of her husband, Bob.

For more information about Gallery 28, visit the website [www.gallery28at-seabridge.com](http://www.gallery28at-seabridge.com) or call 985-1128.



Exquisite costumes highlight the George Stuart Historical Figures

## Art happenings at the Museum of Ventura County

Exquisite costumes and historically researched details highlight the George Stuart Historical Figures® of the Manchu Dynasty, on exhibit at the Museum of Ventura County through November 18.

The one-quarter life-size figures in The Dragon Awakens portray important personalities in China during the Manchu Dynasty, as well as those of nationalist and communist leaders who followed them.

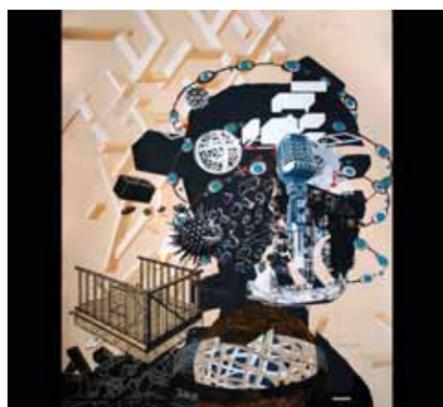
The exhibit-related monologues by historian and artist George Stuart will be held on Tuesday, September 11 (*Secrets of the Forbidden City*) and Tuesday, October 16 (*The Last of the Manchus*) at 2 p.m. in the Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion. Admission to each monologue is \$15 for the general public; \$10 for museum members, and includes admission to all museum galleries on the day of the event. For reservations please call the museum at 653.0323 x 7.

Ojai Valley's Chuck Testa attained unexpected cult status when an offbeat advertisement for his taxidermist business went

viral on YouTube. On Thursday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m., Testa presents *Taxidermy 101*, explaining the process used for museum mounts of fur-bearing animals. Admission is \$5 and includes entrance to all museum galleries until 8:00 p.m. For reservations, call 653-0323 x 7.

The talk sheds light on the Museum of Ventura County's current exhibition *Featured Creatures*, which includes now rarely seen mounted animals and birds from their collection, some almost 100 years old.

In his August 16 talk Testa will discuss innovations such as manufactured molds, as well as the importance of anatomical knowledge. He became interested in taxidermy in his mid-twenties and largely taught himself with the help of only a few mentors.



## Group show at the Sylvia White Gallery

*The Happy Homemaker* Screenprint Monoprint by Cedar Norbye is on display at the Sylvia White Gallery presents their 5th Annual 2012 Summer Juried Show!

A group show exhibiting work from the selected 41 of almost 500 artists weaves together connections within art from all around the globe. Over 2,000 images were submitted to the open call and 53 pieces have been chosen for this summer's Juried Show curated by Sylvia White. Sylvia White Gallery is located at 1783 E. Main St. The show runs through September 1.

# Art, a la Carte



At the Bell Arts Factory the illustrations of Matt Lieberman were displayed at his studio opened to the public during Westside ArtWalk 2012. Lieberman, who illustrates children's books, and comics, said he was pleased that young people liked his illustrations. "It's good that they like my artwork because that's who I'm trying to reach," he said.

Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery features ceramic artists Gayle Bentley Swanson and Emily Thiroux Threatt for September and October. The commonality of these two artists is their love of color and texture in their work. While Gayle's ware stretches from functional thrown pieces to sculptural and whimsical, she is mostly known for her bold color and unique style. Emily explores the beauty of nature and spirituality with her combining the sensual nature of clay with her love for varied color and her love for weaving.

Meet the artists and have the opportunity to purchase their latest creations at a wine and appetizer reception September 2 at the Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery from 3 to 5 PM. The Gallery is located in the Ventura Harbor Village across from the Carousel.



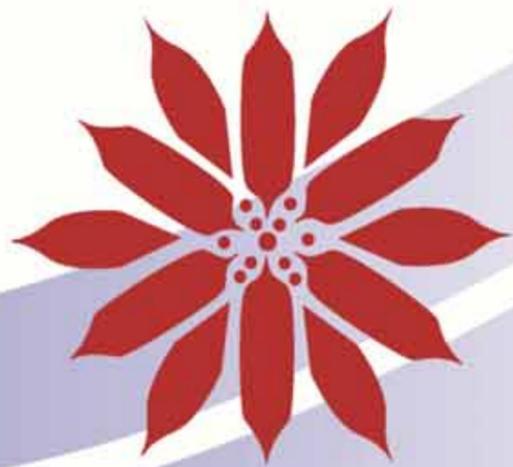
Recent paintings in watercolors and oils by Ventura artist and teacher Michele B. Baggenstoss will be exhibited Aug. 21-Sept. 17 at Harbor Village Gallery in a show titled "Games People Play: You Don't Bring Me Flowers Anymore."

She will be present for a reception from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 24, the Friday after the show opens.

Baggenstoss said she wanted to be an artist since the third grade and earned a bachelor's degree at the School of Visual Arts in New York City with the aim of illustrating books and record covers.

To see her take on "Games People Play," visit the gallery in Ventura Harbor Village at 1591

Spinnaker Drive, which is open noon-5 p.m. daily except Tuesdays. For more information about the exhibit or the nonprofit Buena Ventura Art Association, call 648-1235 or visit the website [www.buenaventuragallery.org](http://www.buenaventuragallery.org).



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