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## Ventura City Manager Rick Cole to resign

Mayor Mike Tracy and City Manager Rick Cole, who is 59, have announced that “during City Manager Rick Cole’s annual evaluation, it became clear that a majority of the City Council believes that it is time for a change in leadership. In response to the Council’s evaluation and respecting the Council’s responsibility, Mr. Cole offered to resign and retire subject to a mutually agreeable application of the severance provisions of his existing employment agreement and certain other terms.” The terms of the Separation Agreement will be reviewed and ratified at the City Council meeting on September 10. He has been City Manager since 2004.

Cole will receive the remainder of his \$174,000 salary through the end of the year. He will also need to repay the city the housing assistance money loaned to him by 2016.

Mayor Tracy said, “The Council recognizes Mr. Cole’s vision and dedication during his time as our City Manager and the many accomplishments during the past eight and a half years, notably the adoption and implementation of our General Plan and making the hard choices that have ensured Ventura has lived within our means during tough economic times. We appreciate his service to our community and wish him well in his future endeavors.”

Regarding Cole’s replacement Tracy went on to tell the Breeze “That has yet to be decided. A council subcommittee has identified a possible “interim” manager who would serve for 4-5 months and

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“All of these people look awfully familiar.” Photo copyright Jim Martin.

## Face of Ventura brings city together, part 1

by Tim Pompey

After almost two years and 57 portraits, Johanna Spinks’ Face of Ventura portrait project has finally concluded, but not without some fanfare and celebration.

Gathering at the Ventura County Museum of History in downtown Ventura, some 400+ people were able to see the entire collection and personally meet the artist and her subjects.

Using a quote from portraitist Alice Neel, Spinks described to the audience how she felt about painting the people of Ventura. “I know I painted my time,” she said. “Through thick and thin, I know I have painted 57 of the most generous

people from all walks of life in Ventura—the people as evidence of this Face of Ventura wall today.”

Spinks acknowledges that one of her major inspirations for creating the Face of Ventura was Normal Rockwell, the Saturday Evening Post artist noted for his many cover portraits of small town life in America. “I’ve always been a fan of Norman Rockwell and how he put people in his paintings,” she said.

But the origin of this particular project began in Oxnard. As Spinks explained: “In my studio in Oxnard, I thought about doing people living and

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Ventura City Corps Coby Morales, Site Director Ken Cuzzens and Colby Rogers are always ready to help the community as they painted the racks that held up the Face Of Ventura portraits at the recent Face Of Ventura gala held at the County Museum.



Rust has taken over much of the play structure at Marina Park and is an impending danger to small children

## New playground equipment to be installed

Two City of Ventura parks, Marina Park and Westpark, will receive new playground equipment and rubberized play area surfaces. Beginning September 4, the children’s playground at both parks will be closed for demolition and community members are asked to avoid the fenced-off construction sites. The parks will, however, remain open during the improvement projects. Installation of the new equipment and surface is expected to be completed by mid-October.

Based on a replacement project included in the city’s 2011-2017 Capital Improvement Plan, both Marina Park and Westpark playgrounds were identified as a high priority for the improvements. The new playground equipment and play surfaces are funded by \$124,800 of a State Resources Grant Program along with \$100,200 of Park and Recreation Dedication in Lieu (Quimby) funds. The total cost of the project is \$225,000.

“We’re excited to bring these well-designed play structures to children, and help them gain important development skills, exercise and enjoyment,” said Nancy O’Connor, Parks Manager for the City of Ventura. There will be two new site installations at Westpark with slides, swings and a climbing area; one site designed for children ages 2 – 5 years and another specifically for children ages 5 – 12 years. Marina Park’s nautical-themed play structures will also feature age-appropriate equipment to accommodate children 2- 5 and 5-12 years.

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



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## City News



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### West Ventura to get a community park

The Ventura City Council has committed \$600,000 toward the purchase of this vacant lot located at Ventura Avenue and Kellogg Street that will someday become a community park. As part of the unanimous vote in favor of allocating the money, the council agreed to work with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to find the remaining \$1.5 million needed to acquire and develop the 2.4 acres at Ventura Avenue and Kellogg Street. TPL will be paid between \$100,000 and \$200,000 depending on what services they provide. Several council members expressed concerns about proceeding but voted to go ahead because they want a park on the Avenue.

Residents in west Ventura have sought city help for more open space in their neighborhood for sometime, and their efforts became possible when the site went on the market in March.

### City of Ventura Classes

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### Rick Cole to resign

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possibly help on the recruitment of a new CM. He is local, with many years of executive experience, and not interested in the permanent position. That is on a closed session agenda for Sept 10."

He went on to say "Most cities use a recruiting firm (Ventura has in the past) for CM and some department heads, and that is a possibility. There are several good firms, so there are some decisions to be made. That will all happen within a couple of weeks, with input from all of the council members."

"Whatever process we use, there will likely be an opportunity in the selection of a new city manager for input from a representative group from the community."

In a statement to City staff, Cole expressed his gratitude to them and that he has had the "opportunity to work with you during challenging and eventful times." He continued by saying, "The work we do together keeps Ventura safe, sustainable and a great place to live."

In a statement to the Breeze Cole stated "The readers of the Breeze know that controversy and criticism come with the territory. But being City Manager has not just been a job for me. Like so many passionate citizens, I care deeply about keeping what's good about our town and improving what's not. I'm looking forward to joining them as a citizen to work toward positive results in our community."

"I've spent nearly 30 years in public service in local government, the last fifteen as a City Manager. Since 2004, I've had the privilege of being City Manager of Ventura. It's here I will stay, although no longer as City Manager after September 15."

Before coming to Ventura Cole was the city manager of Azusa. He is best remembered for his efforts in reducing sprawl, working with a terrible budget crisis (as every city is) and revitalizing a struggling downtown and his integrity in serving Ventura and the City Council.

His term will also be remembered for the ill fated fees that were placed on 911 emergency calls (that were quickly abandoned because of the huge amount of opposition to it) and the ongoing controversy regarding the downtown parking meters.

The Council is holding a reception on Wed. Sept. 12 from 5:30-7 at City Hall to say good bye to Rick and it is open to the public.

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## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher

On Sunday, August 26 at the Museum of Ventura County a special showing of the "Face Of Ventura" by portraitist Johanna Spinks was presented (see article on page 1).

Folks enjoyed music, free food, socializing with other Venturans and the amazing portraits.

The day could not possibly have been any better or more enjoyable; it was the perfect end to what will become an historical part of Ventura's history.

If you weren't able to attend, or want to enjoy the day again go to [www.kadytv.com](http://www.kadytv.com) or <http://youtu.be/yvFvZVOLDlw> and look at the wonderful videos by KADYTV and Mark Tovar.

This portrait series represents the diversity of what makes Ventura so special. It represents all of Ventura, not just celebrities or the well known or the deserving.

We have local Venturans who support the arts, a fireman who pulls weeds, a movie star (young and old), an opera singer, a few restaurant owners, our chief of police, a reverend, a 10-year old runner and Salvation Army Captain Bill Finley who was the first face and appeared in the Breeze issue of December 29, 2010.

People often ask me (not always nicely) just how the faces are selected, just who "deserves" to be painted? Some of the faces have been recommended by Breeze readers, some by me and some that Johanna found and chose to paint.

We met to discuss possibilities and the final decision is always made by her because there are thousands of these she would be painting for "free" the rest of her life and she does do this for a living. So who "deserves" it, is who she decides that she wants to paint.

At the event, Johanna said "I wish to thank co-creator Sheldon Brown, publisher of the Ventura Breeze, who brought the personal stories of each sitter to life in each edition of his well-loved publication through the written word. The project would have been faceless

without The Breeze. and Sheldon's considerable input, time and dedication. Thank you to him and his wife Diane."

"There was Bonnie Weigel, CEO and president of FOOD Share, a woman I really admire, and a Face sitter, who mentored me through the project at times when I needed it most. And then got this show on the road here today through FOOD Share's Art Share Program to raise hunger awareness through art partnerships. I would not be standing in this room today without Bonnie."

And each of our thanks goes to the following for making the gala the wonderful success that it was:

Bonnie Weigel and all of the wonderful FOOD Share volunteers who were there.

Ellie Vacca from FOOD Share who did most anything that we asked of her.

Pablo Plasencia and the VJC Ventura Jazz Collective for providing the wonderful music.

Alfred Lewis of studioNothing for all of his wonderful design (and printing services).

Manager Kurt Robbins from Stock Building Supply for giving us all the building materials that were used.

Peter Godinez, from Xerox for printing the wonderful commemorative books.

Ventura City Corps and Ken Cozzens for just helping.

Museum Pavilion Manager Shannon Rice for her planning of the event and making it happen.

George Alger from CAPSTV and Bob

Allen from KADYTV for videotaping the event for later showing and enjoyment.

Johanna also wants to thank the following:

*There was my family, Paddy, Jessie and Rosie who have heard all about me painting the portraits, probably far more than they would ever have wished.*

*Lastly, I have dedicated this show to my mentor Mr. Everett Raymond Kinstler, painter of seven American presidents and a virtual who's who of America for over 60 years.*

*Ray Kinstler and his teachings, his confidence in me, his direction and love for people and the life painting skill set, are in each and every one of these sketches.*

*Lyn Fairly, of the Lyn Fairly and Friends Radio Show on KVTVA who interviews each Face.*

*There was Mark Hartley who allowed each sitter's sketch and their story to be displayed in his old bank building window on Main Street twice a month adding an extra element.*

*There was the Ventura Executive Suites who hosted the halfway point of the project with a great show and displayed those halfway portraits for six months, also hosting some of the life sittings there.*

*And, of course each of the 57 sitters who shared so generously with me and touched me deeply. Each one holds a special place in my heart.*

And my special thanks goes to Johanna, without her talent and commitment to this series none of this would have taken place.

She has become a very special friend and shall remain such long after this series of portraits.



Many of the faces of the Face OF Ventura were present at the wonderful gala event to view the entire Johanna Spinks' series at the Museum of Ventura County

## Mailbox

Editor:

While out doing my usual cycling I ran into two Ventura Patrolman on bikes in Marina Park. Personally, I think patrolling the beach area on bikes is the smartest way to do it. Having a patrol car on the promenade or bike path is much less effective because the bad guys can see you coming. Kudos to the police for doing this.

George Robertson

George:

Now....if we could just get them to patrol the lanes by day on bikes if need be....and by car at night. Folks on the lanes also pay taxes....if night patrol were happening; there would never be a fire on the beach. Quinn (Assistant Chief of Police), you live amongst us... please make this happens, the bad guys know there are no patrols on the lanes or beach and this is where an increasing amount of bad behavior is happening!!!!

Thanks,  
Dan Scully

Hi Sheldon -

Thank you so very much for putting Foot by Foot on the front page. And the boot! We're beyond delighted.

You're just about the best friend the Gardens has.

Can't stop smiling...  
Holly

Breeze:

As a design professional (5 years on the DRC) who has followed Cemetery Park, read the lengthy reports, including that of the 'arborist', I was profoundly taken aback today upon seeing the trees having been removed. There was no need for any of this. This was simply a staff member who didn't like the trees and wanted backup.

I stopped at the site today and asked whether someone from the city was present, Lucho Rodriguez was pointed out, but refused to provide a business card or name. He then became arrogant. Of course Elena Brokaw stuck up for him - "he's a gentle soul" she said. When I suggested to Elena that the massive trees on the lower street were irreplaceable and provided a screen from the rather ordinary architecture across the street, she exclaimed "I hadn't thought of that" but she did volunteer that she "liked" the proposed new flagpole agenda. It

is a totally unacceptable proposal, yet it is being jammed up our collective derrieres. I, for one, am sick of this Rick Cole crap (*You won't need to be sick much longer. - Ed.*)

Here is my concern:

This matter was not reviewed by DRC. It should have been. The city has free professional design advice in the DRC members, yet the planners and public works people think they know best. They do not.

Elena Brokaw told me today in her office that she likes the proposed plan. Bless her heart, but Elena Brokaw is not a design professional.

If I were still on DRC I would have voted against the removal of the trees based on the rather flimsy theory offered that the wall was 'too weak'. That is simply pure and unadulterated crap. Those trees are irreplaceable. They did not damage the wall. The wall could have been reinforced cheaply if needed.

The plan proposed is very weak as a  
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**The trouble with most of us is that we know too much that ain't so.**

**- Mark Twain**

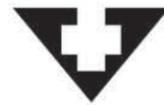


# Because my kids were born at Community Memorial Hospital.

*“I am proud to be a local worker helping to build a new CMH. This is our community hospital.”*

– Danny Nunez

*Danny Nunez is a local construction worker with Hayward Baker, Inc. This Santa Paula company will be on site for the first year installing 2,240 soil enhancement columns for the new Community Memorial Hospital.*



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## Community Events

### YMCA celebrates 125th year

2012 marks the 125th anniversary of the Ventura Family YMCA, which has been serving the city of Ventura since 1887. The Y got its start on September 26th, 1887 in a house on the corner of Santa Clara and Oak Street, in downtown Ventura. Today, the Ventura Family YMCA has grown with an expansive 6,000 facility members and provides childcare to over 300 children in its after-school programs. To commemorate its anniversary the Y will be throwing a birthday bash on September 7th at 6:00 pm and everyone is invited!

Bring your own blanket to enjoy traditional BBQ dinner, live music, Jolly Jump and games and of course birthday cake! Top it all off with a movie under the stars, we will be featuring the *The Parent Trap*.

Please RSVP at their Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/VenturaFamilyYMCA](http://www.facebook.com/VenturaFamilyYMCA) or for more information about this event, visit [ciymca.org](http://ciymca.org) or contact the YMCA directly at 642.2131

### Music Festival turns ten

The Ventura Hillside Music Festival is turning ten! To celebrate this milestone and thank their supporters, this year kids 10 and under will be admitted free. Join at 1pm in Arroyo Verde Park, Saturday, September 22 to celebrate ten years of open space preser-

vation and resource conservation!

All proceeds support conservation of our hillsides as well as restoration efforts on our properties in the Ventura River. Each ticket sold brings us closer to the goal of creating a Ventura River Parkway.

General Admission tickets are on sale at Patagonia, Salzers and Simone's Coffee & Tea, or through their website at [www.venturahillside.org](http://www.venturahillside.org). Individual tickets are \$50 each, Gold Circle Front & Center seats are \$150 with packages available for families and groups. For details call 643-8044.

### Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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 p.m. to 9p.m. Go to [www.JNetOnline.com](http://www.JNetOnline.com) or [JNetVentura@gmail.com](mailto:JNetVentura@gmail.com) for further information.

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 meets **Wednesdays** from 4p.m. to 6p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street. People of all ethnicities, education, incomes, per-

sonalities, 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.

**Sept. 7, 8, 14, 15, 16:** Performance Theatre for Young Artists presents *The Light of Evermore*. Written and directed by Marta Dewey, with choreography by Assistant Director/Choreographer Linda DuMont. A local playwright and director will bring magic, mystery and adventure to life on stage with the dramatic fantasy in the second part of a trilogy, and will feature youth actors from throughout Ventura County. Presented at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road. Show times are at 7 p.m. on the 7, 8, and 14, 15; 2 p.m. on the 9; and 6 p.m. on the 16. A gala buffet at 6 p.m. will precede the Sept. 8 show. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for children, seniors and students through high school. Groups of 10 or more receive a \$2 discount on individual tickets. Tickets for the gala buffet and show cost \$25. To order tickets or for more information, go to [www.ptya.org](http://www.ptya.org), call 653-1962, or [ptya@ptya.org](mailto:ptya@ptya.org).

**Sept. 8:** The Ventura Beginners PC Users Group will meet Saturday, on the 3rd floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place, from 9:15a.m. to noon. The workshop topic will focus on pictures to computer. Zack Harvey will be speaking on computer maintenance. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about

computer problems for beginners and intermediates. For more information, call Marcie Malony 648-1368.

**Sept. 14:** The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution meeting will feature an annual service awards program honoring its members for SAR and civic service. The luncheon event will take place at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant. All SAR Compatriots, friends and visitors are welcome at this special event. The self-pay luncheon cost is \$20 per person, which includes a slice of Marie Callender's pie. Call Bill Hurley 492-2583, Robert Taylor 216-7992, or Ron Risley 647-0751 if you desire more information visit the chapter website <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

**Sept. 15:** Veterans for Peace and Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions in collaboration with Invisible No More, will be screening, *The Invisible War*, a groundbreaking investigative documentary about the epidemic of rape within the US military.

*Invisible No More* is a non-partisan coalition working to end sexual assault within the U.S. military and to help survivors of Military Sexual Assault heal.

The Invisible No More coalition seeks to ensure that the theatrical release of the film *The Invisible War* serves as a catalyst in creating a movement to cause lasting change in how the military handles sexual assault.

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. at the UU Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston St.



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A \$10 donation is being requested (nobody will be turned away for lack of funds).

**Sept. 15 & 16: California Beer Festival** in Ventura's Mission Park is one of the year's biggest entertainment events featuring everyone's favorite three B's: Beer, Barbeque and Blues! Saturday, (12:30-5:00 p.m.) features a Craft Beer Festival with 130 varieties of specialty beers on tap plus 70 microbreweries, great food and music by 14-piece Michael Jackson tribute group, Foreverland. Sunday, (11 a.m.-6 p.m.) is a Blues Brews, & BBQ Blues Festival, with 15 barbeque teams competing for a \$3,000 first-place cash prize and 15 craft beers on tap, plus some of the biggest names in blues – The Fabulous Thunderbirds; Tribute To Stevie Ray Vaughan with Crossfire; guitarist Walter Trout; Rod Piazza And the Mighty Flyers; guitarist, Chris Cain; plus Michael John & The Bottom Line. Sample great barbeque from the Blue Moon Barbeque Cook-off while getting marinated by an All-Star Blues Line up! Info./advance tickets: [www.californiabeerfestival.com](http://www.californiabeerfestival.com).

**Sept. 17: 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. Free parking is available behind the library. Gerald Olsen, of Camarillo, will present information about Nominations and Elections. The Zeta Chi unit holds regular parliamentary study meetings in the Topping Room on the third Monday of each month except December. For more information about the meeting, or the organization, contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or [sandy108@pacbell.net](mailto:sandy108@pacbell.net)

**Sept. 20: Barbershop Chorus for Women**, Thursdays, September thru October 18th, 9:30 to 11:30, at Barranca Vista Center. Come join the fun, and learn the art of barbershop singing. Drop the kids off at school, set housework aside, take a 2 hour break and reap the rewards that singing will bring. For more information and to register call 654-7552.

**Sept. 25:** Recent changes in the law now support fostering young people up to their 21st birthday. Attend this month's **informational meeting** to learn about the difference you can make to a child as they start their journey as a young adult. Become a foster parent; it's quite possibly the best thing one human can do for another. This month's event is Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County 855 Partridge Drive, Call 654-3456 or go to [www.vchsa.org/foster](http://www.vchsa.org/foster) for more dates and an online meeting option.

## Ojai events

On Sat., **Sept. 8** and Sun., Sept. 9 the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Bernie*, a true-crime comedy set in rural Texas starring Jack Black as the well-loved Bernie whose kindness is tested to the limit. Shirley MacLaine plays Marjorie, the most hated woman in town and Matthew McConaughey stars as the local prosecutor. Interviews with the town's actual citizens contribute a steady stream of wry observations.

On Sun., **Sept. 16** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Sound of Noise*, a Swedish comedy that pits a police officer who was born into a musical family but hates music

against a band of crazy musicians staging musical happenings throughout the city. *Sound of Noise* is a dry treat—a solid, self-aware cult pleasure.”—David DeWitt, New York Times. 4:30 pm at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave. General Admission: \$10, Seniors & Students: \$7, Free for OFS 2012 Subscribers

**The Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts & Happy Valley Cultural Center** will present *Brilliance: Recent Work by Gerri, Russ and Tom McMillin* and *Vessels That Dance: Recent Work by Derek Bencomo*, until October 27. Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts, 8560 Ojai-Santa Paula Road in Upper Ojai

For more information, contact: Kevin Wallace, Director, Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts. 646-3381 or [KevinW3306@gmail.com](mailto:KevinW3306@gmail.com)

Come Hear the World at the **2nd Annual Ojai World Music Festival** on **Oct. 6** in the new Libbey Bowl. This fall, Ojai's Libbey Bowl will be the site of the valley's newest festival when the Ojai World Music Festival takes the stage with music from the far corners of the world. The Ojai World Music Festival will present the acclaimed ukulele player, Jake Shimabukuro and the Cedric Watson Band in a magical evening of music under the stars on Oct. 6 starting at 7 pm.

The **28th annual Ojai Peddler's Fair** is being held from 9am – 4pm, Saturday and Sunday, **September 15 & 16**. The bustling Peddler's Fair is located inside the Chapparral Auditorium at 414 E. Ojai Ave. Parking is free in the adjacent municipal parking lot, and admission is always free.

Held rain or shine, the Peddler's Fair is chock-full of quality antiques, collectibles, jewelry, handcrafts and international crafts. This is a benefit for the Mira Monte PTO.

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

### Mailbox

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design. The public deserves better. The staff can get anyone to state in a report whatever they want.  
John Stewart

Hello, I stopped reading your paper a whole back as I found it to be quite a waste of ink, time and space. I was extremely bored the other day and picked it up only to be reminded of the reason I never wanted to pick it up again. I read what you wrote and scoffed at all your negativity and your very uneducated opinions. Maybe you should stick to cleaning the bathrooms at the marina. That at least looks more suited for you. Your comment about Joshua Parker not needing additional charges spoke volumes about your narrow mindedness. It's people like you that make me want to punch people like you in the face while intoxicated and driving by. As far as water polo being boring, well sitting in your diaper eating prunes must be where all the action is at I take it? Ok well my rant is over; I must get back to lining my rat cage with this handy mini un resourceful paper. You have a wonderful night... and a better attitude!!!

Ella Coursen

*Ella: One of my favorites you say that you stopped reading the Breeze, but now only read it to make sure that you don't want to read it anymore. Obviously you won't be reading this or your rants would continue. Too bad you couldn't just tell our readers your opinions about anything (assuming that you have any).*

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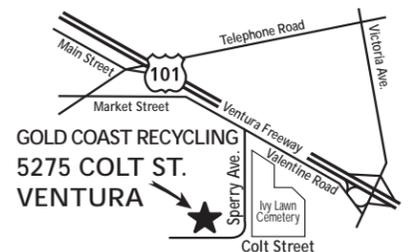


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## News and Notes



Perhaps the two eminent Morton Bay fig trees appeared as sentinels for the prison

# Ventura's hidden gem with a history-part 1

by Danielle Peak

Nestled into the hills on the west end of Ventura at the top of Seneca Drive, Aurora Vista Del Mar Hospital lies in a location renowned for its landscape and views of the Pacific Ocean. But while the location is celebrated for being a pretty place, its history—dating back to the founding of Mission San Buenaventura by Father Junipero Serra in 1783—is what makes it all the more noteworthy and attractive.

The land presently occupied by Aurora and much of the surrounding hillside housing area was purchased by the state in 1914 and transformed from the San Buenaventura Mission Rancho into the Ventura School for Girls, the first state-run reformatory. A starred mark on Ventura's historical timeline, the Ventura School for Girls became a practice site for psychiatrist William Glasser's reality theory—by Mr. Glasser himself over 50 years ago during his employment there.

Of course it is only speculation, but the beauty of the landscape and the serenity it is wont to invoke may be partially to thank for the alleged success of Glasser's methods. The Ventura School for Girls spanned 127 acres adorned with orchards, palm trees, and large, white, columned buildings reminiscent

of east coast colonial architecture. These opulent, albeit prisoners', grounds were punctuated by the picturesque aqueduct, built by the Chumash Mission Indians, which delivered water to the Mission from the upper reaches of the Ventura River. And like the euphemistic name of the institution, the original white and blue Midi uniforms worn by the inmates sided more with the landscape than with the function of the place, making the girls appear more like students at a finishing school than inmates at a prison. Perhaps the two eminent Morton Bay fig trees planted in the 1870s appeared as sentinels for the prison or as a warning to the outside public at the time, though this is unlikely. Today they stand as an enveloping banner of welcome over the main building of Aurora Vista del Mar Hospital.

Having stood the test of time and renovation, the two fig trees are a signature of sorts to the property and to the city itself, and in fact have a claim to fame as some of the largest Morton bay figs in the state. When the Ventura School for Girls relocated to Camarillo in 1962, the figs may have even played a role in entertainer Dean Martin's decision to purchase the property and potentially open a resort and mobile home park.

## The homeless in Ventura

by Rob Orth  
Director of Social Services  
The Salvation Army

Social services are now gathering better "location" information on chronic homeless residents living in Ventura who agree to case management assistance through the Homeless 2 Home program. Knowing where people live in their homelessness has a number of benefits for both the person/family and the agencies providing assistance. Services available for people living in cars differ from those who might be couch surfing and different again for those who sleep outside. We receive many queries about how many people live in the river areas. As far as actual numbers, we can only estimate, our

estimate right now is 100-150. This is a highly fluid population; some stay put for years if not displaced, others shift frequently, staying only briefly. Given the arundo clearing that has occurred and will continue to occur, people are moving further upstream, into hill areas and into the Santa Clara river area. We can also assume some will settle into the city brush areas, along freeways, etc.

In our effort to provide appropriate services to homeless households, we do try and find out specifically where they are living. This helps our organizations understand where people are to better direct our outreach efforts. This requires self-reporting and not everyone is inclined to being truthful or wanting us to know exactly where they live in fear of losing their camps. We also determine where people came from prior to their becoming homeless; have they been local residents or are they from another area. This information is important in our

effort to assist people getting back on their feet and into housing.

Through our "H2H social service collaboration" (Salvation Army, Turning Point & Project Understanding), we are now working with approx. 150 homeless people, 50 of which have been become housed and are receiving case management services to maintain housing and moving forward in life. The challenge we now face is we have reached capacity with our existing staffing and funding level.

Right now, most of our very low cost housing is in the downtown, west side area. Without appropriate low cost housing availability, across all our communities, no matter how much case management we offer, we cannot resolve the homeless issue. It is unwise to house everyone into one building or concentrated in a few places in one general area. This is not good for the residents or the community. It is important to house people in a community that provides the best opportunity for their success. This may be the community they are from or in some cases re-housing elsewhere.

There are many pieces to the puzzle of resolving a community's homeless issues. Strategic funding, relational case management, housing and employment are keys to the process and ultimate success. It has taken 40+ years to get where we are but if we focus our resources and address the issue from as many directions as we can, we will resolve a good portion of homelessness. This is a community challenge and it will take the whole community, working together to resolve it through compassion, accountability, sustainable resources, well thought out strategies and patience.

Rob Orth can be reached at Rob.Orth@usw.salvationarmy.org.



Barbara Pavin still sets off bells and whistles

## Corey's mum

by Es Cole

Corey's Mum. That was Barbara Pavin's nom de plume in Wales in 2010 at the Ryder's Cup Golf Tournament – a huge golf event held every 4 years.

Corey Pavin, our local golf champion, had the high honor of being appointed captain of the American team, and his family – wife, children, and mum – were included as part of his all-expenses-paid entourage. They were put up in a lovely hotel, the Radisson Blu in Cardiff. They were catered to during the entire event. And Barbara Pavin became "Corey's Mum."

Barbara Pavin does not need to bask in the glory of her son as a million-dollar star golfer. She has been a dynamo all her life. As a wife and mother, she raised three sons and was a helpmate in her husband's businesses. Jack Pavin

was president of Temple Beth Torah twice, and as president's wife, Barbara produced fund raising events, such as The Kosher Luau; was active in the Sisterhood; chaired donor programs; and ran the Bridge Marathon.

The whole family played golf; Barbara and Jack and the three boys were capable and adept at whatever they set their hands to. Corey showed promise as a teen-ager and went to college on a golf scholarship. The Pavins joined the Las Posas Country Club in 1963.

Meanwhile, Barbara, with the boys grown and her yen to see the world, started a travel business. Jack thought this was great and took over some of the household chores. Barbara's business flourished, as did Barbara. She has accumulated about 110 countries over the last forty years, and is still going on cruises.

Barbara and Jack were a great partnership. Sadly, Jack died ten years ago. Barbara's numerous activities helped her through this difficult time.

Barbara's notoriety sets off bells and whistles in airports. Not that she's on a watch list. Her siren quality is from metal in her shoulders, knees, and other joints. All those years of running around, playing golf, organizing for Temple Beth Torah, golfing events at the country club and abroad, going on cruises, and checking out foreign countries have taken a toll on her joints but doesn't stop this lady. Nor does it interfere with her ribald sense of humor.

There's a saying, "if you want to get something done, give the job to a busy person."

Barbara Pavin is exactly that kind of get-things-done busy person.

Guest reporter

## City Council answers Grand Jury Charges

by Camille Harris

Following an in-depth year-long investigation which included interviews of city staff, citizens, and site visits, the Grand Jury found that the citizens have been treated unfairly by code enforcement for the purpose of generating revenue for the city.

In answering the charges on August 6th, Mayor Tracy stood firmly with his brethren in code enforcement to deny the Grand Jury's charges of unfair and aggressive treatment of the citizens. His opinion was clear, "The only thing wrong with code enforcement is that we don't do enough of it."

Charges by the Grand Jury of willful misconduct by public officials or their employees can lead to removal from office, so it is no surprise that the staff denied the charges. The surprise was the disparaging tone. Shopworn tactics were used: Cast doubt on the charges by questioning the methodology and the credentials of the people who lodge the charge or question.

Council Members Jim Monahan and Neal Andrews dissented, citing continuing complaints from citizens and recommending a council workshop to address the charges.

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Heitmann, probed the city staff on some of the recommendations of the Grand Jury. She asked if code enforcement planned to redefine the word "Substandard" to prevent citizens from having their homes deemed substandard for simply missing a permit. Andrew Stuffer from code enforcement replied that



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a refined definition was being done. Upon asking "When?" Ms. Heitmann learned it would not be done for yet another year. Mr. Stuffer stated it was more convenient to do it when they updated the codes in September of 2013.

Ms. Heitmann asked that the 2nd unit amnesty ordinance be extended for a year and hinted it could need some modifications. The ordinance, loaded up with booby traps by the staff, has kept people from applying. After more than a year, the ordinance is an embarrassing failure with only 25 participants, when thousands are needed.

Ms. Heitmann's questioning is helpful because the staff's partial answers can be misleading. For instance, the council did not question when told that the need for time payments had been addressed. An astute reporter learned the amount that can be financed is a token \$1,000 for a year. With just the "parking mitigation" fee at \$3,000. Grandma can either kiss her granny flat goodbye or continue to live in fear of losing it.

George Martin, member of the Grand Jury, emphasized that the charges against the city had been fully investigated by highly qualified members and had been approved by County Counsel and a judge.

Because the city council's intentions have been sidetracked, citizens are forced to go to ballot to ensure they do not lose their safe homes. The Safe City Initiative is moving forward, and will give every Venturan who is missing a permit for a replaced faucet or a water heater, a good reason to vote!

Camille Harris can be reached at harris.cam@gmail.com



Jim Duran has done a lot of community outreach in Ventura

## Project Understanding appoints first bi-lingual director

by Sheli Ellsworth

Jim Duran will take office the first week in September as the executive director of Project Understanding. Duran is the founder of River Community Church and former executive director of Cypress Place Senior Living. Duran is no stranger to the challenges Ventura faces. He grew up in the city on Sunny Way Drive across from where Project Understanding is located, "My father's family is from Mexico so I learned to speak Spanish and embrace the Hispanic culture." Duran received the Excellence in Service Award in 2010 from the California Assisted Living association, and in 2010, the Ventura City Chamber of

Commerce named him the 2009 Citizen of the Year.

"Because of my work with River Community Church I have done a lot of community outreach in Ventura," says Duran. "Project Understanding has been around for forty years but many residents are unaware of the many services we offer. One of the best things we do is offer tutoring services for students in grades 1-12." Duran says there are tutoring centers located throughout the city and all of them are constantly supervised. "We offer bilingual tutors and tutoring in all subjects at no charge." All of the program's volunteers including tutors go through a complete background check. Parents seeking help for their children's schoolwork can contact Kathy at 805.642.1326. Anyone interested in volunteering for tutoring services may contact the same number.

"Project Understanding is known for providing services for Ventura's homeless—but we do so much more. We offer life skills and survival tools for those who have had ongoing challenges as well as immediate help for those who have found themselves in crisis due to illness or job loss." Duran has been helping homeless families for several years already. "I have been living this job through my church work. We recently got 12 families out of hotels and into residences. There are excellent resources available but many people are unaware of them."

Duran plans to continue this momentum in his new position. "I am very excited. I had a working relationship with the previous director, Rob Orth, because of my position on the board. He and I worked on several projects together so I have a good idea of where our strengths are and I know many of the people and resources available in the Ventura Community."

Orth is also continuing his community service. He has accepted a position as director of social services for the Salvation Army in Ventura.

## No-cost career shops

Wednesday, September 19 - Resumes that Sell, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - Hands-on workshop providing assistance in completing a resume, cover and thank-you letters. Walk away with a portfolio that shows off professional skills and experience. Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center at 805-654-3435 to enroll.

Wednesday, September 26 - Winning Interviews, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - Supplies the tools to make a lasting first impression when interviewing. Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers. Space is limited. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center at 805-654-3435 to enroll.

## Jury finds man guilty

A jury found Gregorio Aguilar from Fillmore, guilty of first degree murder in connection with the shooting of Sean Odle, of Ventura. The killing occurred on December 26, 2008, at a Circle K in Ventura. Aguilar was also convicted of attempted robbery of the Central Market in Santa Paula on December 12, 2008 and a robbery at a Fillmore gas station.

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## Election 2012

by Elizabeth Rodeno

Summer is wrapping up. We have completed our Digital Storytelling program for Summer 2012. It was a rousing success. We had many returning students who say this is the best program around. We also had many new students walk through the doors of CAPS. Some started with one course and convinced their parents to let them attend the next two sessions. Check out their completed projects on our Vimeo channel, [www.vimeo.com/capstv](http://www.vimeo.com/capstv).

CAPS covered the Fair Parade Live on Channel 6. We thank Jerry Breiner and Tim O'Neill for their great reporting and lovely repartee. We have posted it on our website so you can relive the magic, see your friends, or view the parade for the first time.

Election 2012 is ramping up. We have just completed a show covering the Ballot Initiatives. Look for it on Channel 6. Be sure to also look for our coverage of Video Voter with candidate statements and interviews coming in September. Let us know if you have any questions for the candidates by emailing us at [media@capstv.org](mailto:media@capstv.org). CAPS TV is a great way to be informed of the election issues that affect us all.

Our members are looking forward to the annual CAPPIE Awards this September. Every year our members submit their projects to be judged by a panel of Venturans with awards presented mid-September. You too, can be part of it all by joining CAPS and creating a show.

Go to [www.capstv.org](http://www.capstv.org) and join our mailing list. We will keep you up to date on what is coming up.

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## Two Venturans are helping with storm relief efforts

Five women from the Central Coast Red Cross are helping with the relief efforts for Tropical Storm Isaac and 2 are from Ventura, Eleanor Guzik and Kelly Whitaker.

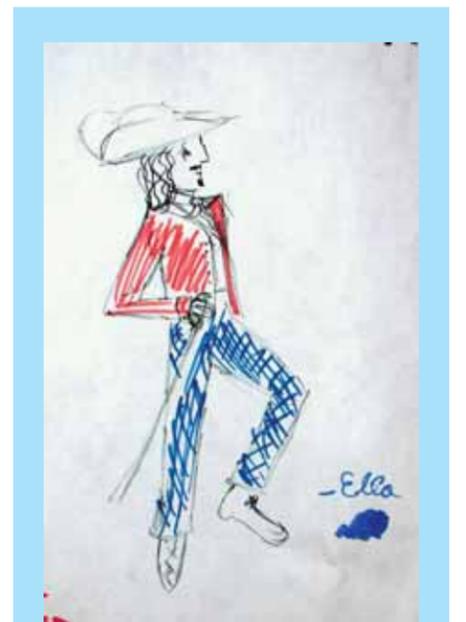
The Red Cross has launched a large disaster response that could last for weeks across multiple states along the Gulf of Mexico as Tropical Storm Isaac affects millions of lives with strong winds, heavy rains, flooding and coastal surges.

Ms. Guzik is a former nurse practitioner with Kaiser Permanente, and a long time Red Cross volunteer. She recently spoke at a Red Cross event at the Ventura Mission, sharing her experiences about the Red Cross with more than 65 attendees.

Ms. Whitaker is an AmeriCorps member, and has just joined the Central Coast Red Cross Team.

Following the footsteps of founder Clara Barton, these Red Cross women will be working to provide a dry place to stay, a warm meal, and hope to those affected by Isaac.

The Red Cross is opening evacuation shelters in several Gulf Coast states and is providing relief supplies for those affected by this storm.



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 22 winning drawing by Ella Onishuk. A very talented young lady indeed.

# The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



## Trudy Tuttle Arriaga

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Trudy Tuttle Arriaga is a hometown girl! She was born in Ventura and grew up in the very district in which she is now the superintendent. Trudy grew up in Ventura when two trees was five trees, avocado and lemon orchards were her backyard above Ventura College, cruising Main always ended at Foster Freeze and the East end was Victoria Avenue. Much has changed since that time, but she continues to be the head cheerleader of Ventura Unified as the District Superintendent. She was appointed as first female superintendent of the district in May of 2000.

Trudy graduated from Ventura High School in 1973 and followed the family footsteps of getting her degrees in education. She earned a doctorate of education at University of Southern California...Fight on! Her professional career started right here in Ventura as a teaching assistant. She earned her teaching credential and taught in grades K-8 in VUSD. After earning her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, she began her journey in educational administration as an assistant principal at De Anza and principal of Sheridan Way Elementary, Pacific and El Camino High Schools. There are very few people in the district who are unknown to Trudy, as she has spent 32 years as an employee and 13 years as a student!

Trudy comes from a lineage of educators and community activists. Her father, Coach Bob Tuttle was the legendary Ventura High School basketball coach. The VHS Gymnasium was named Bob Tuttle Gym in the 1970s. Her extraordinary mother, Arlys Tuttle was a teacher in Ventura Unified and at Ventura College. Trudy's brother, Gary Tuttle is the former national marathon champion, City Council member and owner of Inside Track. Trudy is also lucky to have her sisters, Gayle and Toni, in Ventura. All her siblings live in Ventura. It is true that nobody wants to leave Ventura...and when they do, they always want to return!

Trudy and her husband, Raymundo, have raised their family in Ventura. They have two beautiful and talented daughters, Andrea and Daniela. Andrea leads yoga retreats and currently resides in Nayarit, Mexico. Daniela is an accomplished artist and lives in Oahu, Hawaii. The newest joy in Trudy's life is her 10 month old grandson, Rayo!

*We asked her what she likes most about Ventura?*

My favorite part about Ventura is the people who live here. It has been such an honor to share a small part in the lives of families throughout Ventura. What a thrill to look into the eyes of a VUSD parent and know they were once my student! I have yet to find a more beautiful place to live than Ventura. To step outside and see the islands on a clear day and then turn around and see the snow on the mountains is breathtaking. Of course, I think we have the best school district in the State with the incredible staff members, board members, parents and students. There is no place I would rather live than right here in Ventura.

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

What a pleasure to get to sit for Johanna. Somehow it felt like home in her presence. As she painted, we found ourselves connecting in a very personal way as we talked about life, motherhood, setbacks, hopes and dreams. We had a unique connection because of my daughter, Daniela's gift as an artist. I appreciated the time Johanna took to do some research on my life prior to meeting me. She was able to paint my portrait from the perspective of one who could see my physical features with a glimpse of who I was on the inside. We ended the session feeling like old friends...and shared a lunch at the Vagabond with Sheldon Brown. A hometown girl can't ask for more than that!



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### THE FACE OF VENTURA BY JOHANNA SPINKS

I have always been inspired by the great illustrator Norman Rockwell—fascinated both by the way he put his townsfolk into his famous paintings, and how those people and town remained forever recorded because of it.

Always on the look-out for my very own Norman Rockwell town, I finally found it when I began working from a studio based in the historic seaside town of Ventura. Suddenly, the diverse faces of Ventura were literally jumping out at me from every street corner. Something had to be done!

What you see here today is a result of an almost two year journey: 56 very real people from all walks of Ventura life, painted in 56 single sittings of about two hours each, with no photos used ever. Each painted shorthand sketch was an attempt not only to document my sitter's life story with my brush, but also to expose them to the relevant world of contemporary portraiture. My modern-day interactions with each of my sitters—arranged with the help of iPhones and promoted via social media—captured how the Old Masters worked long before cameras came along. It was, quite simply, artist versus brush and canvas.

From the proverbial butcher, baker and candlestick maker to the harbor master, police chief, and of course, local homegrown movie star, each sketch you see here appeared in each edition of The Ventura Breeze accompanied by an article detailing the sitter's story as well as on The Lyn Fairly and Friends Radio Show. Sitters were nominated by the readership and ultimately chosen by my art vision, in consultation with Breeze publisher Sheldon Brown.

I dedicate this show to my mentor Mr. Everett Raymond Kinstler, N.A., painter of seven American presidents. His guidance and inspiration is present in every single one of these sketches.

Special thanks also to FOOD Share's CEO Bonnie Weigel who mentored me through this project, helping me in more ways than she could ever know.

To publisher Sheldon Brown...a co-creator par excellence!  
And lastly to each and every sitter who shared so much with me. Each and every one of you holds a special place in my heart.

## Health

### Local cleaner promoting breast cancer awareness

Four Seasons Cleaners is promoting breast cancer awareness by donating 1% of all orders received for the entire month of September directly to the Ribbons of Life Breast Cancer Foundation to assist women in Ventura County who are diagnosed with breast cancer.

By participating in Ribbons of Life's "Keep the Money Local Campaign", Four Seasons Cleaners is committed towards educating and encouraging their customers to keep the money local so that Ribbon of Life can continue to provide breast cancer education, advocacy, and emotional and social support within Ventura County.

Four Seasons Cleaners has two locations in Ventura, one in Oxnard and one in Carpinteria. Customers are invited to bring all their dry cleaning orders in September to any one of the following locations below:

Ventura: 1746 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite A (Montalvo Square Center). Ventura: 4020 E. Main St., #B 3-2 (Target/Bed Bath-Beyond Center).

### NAMI course presents a penetrating view of family and consumer experiences

NAMI (The National Alliance of Mental Illness) presents the Provider Education Program on Mental Illness, a 5-week course that presents a penetrating, subjective view of family and consumer experiences. The class is specially designed for staff at public agencies or private practitioners, who work directly with people with severe and persistent mental illnesses. The course helps providers better serve consumers by understanding the issues faced by them and their families.

Class Begins: September 19, 5 Wednesdays, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Aliso Escrow, Meeting Room  
4522 Market Street, Ventura.

Go to [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) for more information and to register.

## Sports

### California Street Classic Surf Contest returns

The "California Street Classic Surf Contest" celebrates over a quarter century of surf stoke this September 15-16 at Surfer's Point.

The contest, held in the waves off Ventura's newly remodeled

promenade, isn't just for surfers. Vendors and artisans sell everything from surf wear to locally crafted clothing and jewelry.

But it's the surfers who put on the show, and this year's contest promises some serious saltwater pyrotechnics thanks to the recently added, highly popular short board divisions. Cutting edge short board performances, featuring explosive aerials and spray-throwing cutbacks by some of the area's most talented young surfers, were a highlight at last year's contest.

Ventura has a rich surfing history. This contest traces its roots back to one of the first professional surf contests held in California. Tom Morey's Nose Riding Contest, held in 1965.

Interested surfers can sign up online at [www.venturasurfclub.org](http://www.venturasurfclub.org).

## Religion



### High Holy Days begin with S'lichot

Join in for a musical evening that will transport you to the "starting line" of the High Holy Day season. Bahram Osqueezadeh, a master of the santur (a Persian hammered dulcimer), and Reyhan Mehrzad, a superb pianist will amaze you with their artistry.

Reyhan and Bahram will share with the audience the immense Jewish impact upon Persian folk song. Reyhan and Bahram will perform at the pre-Slichot program on Saturday night, September 8. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. followed by the Slichot services that follow at an earlier time of 9 pm.

For families with young children there will be a wonderful Havdalah & Slichot program that will be about 50 minutes long, to begin at 6:30, to welcome in the beginning of the High Holy Days. At this time the program will be very child friendly with the changing of the mantels of the Torahs.

At Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Rd, call 647-4181 for more information and exact times.

Please join the celebration of a joyful Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) at Jacob's Ladder, Sunday, September 16, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., near Ventura Harbor. The event is free but registration is required so please call to register and for directions to the venue, Liliana McDermott at 289-4835.

Featuring a special program of Simcha Dancers and music with flamenco guitarist Ben Shearer.

Jacob's Ladder is a community of Jewish and Gentile people celebrating the Goodness of Hashem for Shabbat, Holy Days and feasts.

## Senior Living



John Jensen and Lilly Diehm are crowned king and queen of independent living during the recently held "A Taste of Cypress Classic Car Show & '50s Party". Anna-Marie and Walter Luxford are the newly crowned queen and king of assisted living.

### A whole lot of shaking going on

On Aug. 22 there was a whole lot of shaking going on and it was all for a good cause as the senior community held its eighth annual "A Taste of Cypress" community event.

In addition, this year's event included a Classic Hot Rod Car Show, a '50s themed party, a dance contest, coronation of a king and queen and raffles and prizes.

"We need to do everything we can to support local children and families here in Ventura county," said Mike Macke, marketing director at Cypress Place. "And tonight, with the help of all these wonderful people in attendance, we are making a difference."

The senior community raised \$2400 for Interface Children & Family Services in the course of the 2 hour event. Close to three hundred people were estimated to be in attendance. Dressed in their best '50 outfits attendees sampled sumptuous foods from some of Ventura's best restaurants, slurped down cherry soda and homemade shakes, strolled through a parking lot brimming with classic cars, and danced to '50s style music emceed by Bruce Barrios, 14 time winner "Ventura County's Best Disc Jockey".

"This is just an awesome event," said Marti DeLaO, director of fund development at Interface Children & Family Services. "It's so great to see how much fun everyone is having."

Helping out with the fundraising effort were the West Coast Derby Knockouts, an all-female roller derby league based in Ventura. During the event they went through the crowd with fake food trays, like from the old carhop days, selling raffle tickets to raise money for Interface.

Cypress Place Senior Living is a premiere senior community in Ventura County. The beautiful senior living campus features an Active Senior Living community and adjacent Assisted Living and Alzheimer's/Dementia Care community connected by a lushly landscaped courtyard. This safe, loving environment offers residents a continuum of care through life's transitions.

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

Interface Children & Family Services focuses on strengthening children and families through core program areas such as family violence intervention, youth and family strengthening and mental health services. In addition Interface maintains the 2-1-1 information & referral hot line resource for Ventura and outlying communities.

To learn more about Interface Children & Family Services, please visit <http://www.icfs.org/>.



Bonaventure residents Lynn White, Carol Brow, Ed Gafford, Jennifer Tom, Ken Rogers and Ron Perkovich are enjoying the Hawaiian lunch and festivities at the Bonaventure Independent Retirement Community annual Luau on Saturday, August 18. The event is held for the residents but was open to the community as well. The event began with a Hawaiian style buffet and concluded with a show by traditional Polynesian Hula dancers. It was easy to see the fun-loving attitude of the residents by their brightly colored ensembles, their festive leis and their contagious smiles.

The Bonaventure provides gracious retirement living for independent seniors. They are located at 10949 Telegraph Road on the corner of Wells and Telegraph Roads in Ventura. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 671-9700. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

Please Join Cypress Place Senior Living

# Yesterday's Cafe

SUPPORTED BY THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The 1st Wednesday of Every Month

1:30-3:30pm

*Yesterday's Café, is an educational and social event. It provides information, emotional support, social support, informal consultations, encourages peer support and offers the opportunity to meet with professionals in a social setting.*

**A place where ALL are welcome!**

*Yesterday's Café is a monthly gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, along with families, caregivers, and professionals.*

*A time to exchange ideas, thoughts, and experiences; share laughter and each other's good company; munch on snacks, make art and music.*

Free refreshments are available.



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## Senior Living

Senior Cone-nection

### Senior Nutrition

by Nanci Cone

The Senior Nutrition Garden is entering its third year since its conception in 2009. The County of Ventura Probation Agency and Ventura County Area Agency on Aging partnered to establish a vegetable garden serving the nutritional needs of seniors throughout Ventura County. With tremendous support from the local agriculture and business community, fresh produce is planted, grown, harvested and delivered to most of the Senior Nutrition Program that serves home-delivered as well as communal participants with over 200,000 healthy meals served annually. This program provides an opportunity for seniors to stay active through volunteerism and socialization. The produce is also used by FOOD Share as part of their Brown Bag Program to feed the low-income seniors in the community.

According to Patti Jaeger, Registered Dietitian for the Area Agency on Aging, "The primary goal of the Senior Nutrition Program Garden is to grow local organic produce for Ventura County seniors. Additionally, both volunteers, and seniors receiving the produce, receive nutrition education on enjoying a healthy lifestyle by eating more fruits and vegetables. The volunteers also get the benefit of social interaction and community service."

Young adults from Oxnard's City Corps, together with senior and other volunteers from the community and FOOD Share have joined our project manager in

transforming previously fallow farmland into a viable garden serving seniors in our community. In the first year alone, the volunteers successfully harvested 29,000 tomatoes. In the second year, the program moved towards a more dynamic garden setting to include a congregation area that utilized recycled concrete pieces to create a circular patio and planters for future fruit trees."

She goes on to add, "The garden is both organic and water-wise. Drip irrigation provides water at the root zone of each plant so there is no waste. Beneficial insect attracting flowers are planted to eliminate the use of pesticides. While we have access to a total of 3 acres, we are currently growing crops on about 1/2 an acre. In 2012-13 we will double the size of the area for growing seasonal crops and add a peach and nectarine orchard as well. The expansion will result in utilization of approximately half of the total available land for growing food, teaching about good nutrition, and educating on a healthy life style. Crops planned for the expansion include: tomatoes, beans, carrots, squash, watermelon, asparagus, blueberries, plums, grapes, peaches and nectarines."

The main key to success is the concept of a senior garden where youth learn new skills, the middle aged partners contribute and create, and together everyone provides direct benefit to the area's seniors. If you would like to become a participant, and help the Senior Nutrition garden to continue to build a permanent, long standing tradition, please call the Area Agency on Aging at 477-7300 to volunteer your time or to make a donation so others can continue to serve the community's valuable and respected seniors so they can continue to benefit from this program.

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# Senior Living Things are happening at the Ventura Townehouse

Looking to learn more about computers? Visit the Ventura Townehouse, on Thursday, Sept. 13th from 10am-2pm. A free gourmet lunch will be provided courtesy of the Ventura Townehouse for all in attendance. Shuttle parking will be available!

Guests will be treated to free live seminars that include:

**Understanding Social Media**

(Facebook, Twitter, Youtube)

**E-mail 101** (Sending and receiving attachments)

**Terminology of Computers**

Seniors will have a chance to ask the experts about software, hardware, computer programs and how to use them and Velma Lomax, and her team of students from ROP at Ventura High School will be doing one-on-one training.

Ken May of Swift Chip will also be on hand to address any concerns and answer questions about computers. He says, "I guarantee I can have anyone feeling comfortable at a computer with- in a very short time."

The Ventura Townehouse has brought together specialists from such well-known organizations as AT&T, Apple, The Office of Education, Swift Chip and Life Event Networks, Inc. to teach interested parties about modern

technology and to help them learn just how easy it is to use computers.

And please join the Townehouse on Wednesday September 19th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for their Alzheimer's Café support group in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association.

Al'z Café is a monthly gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, along with families, caregivers, and professionals. It is open to the public and is free.

Jim Duran, 2010 California Assisted Living Association's Executive Director of the year says, "The program is unique because caregivers attend at the same time with those they care for who are afflicted with Alzheimer's and dementia. The meetings are both educational and informal social events."

The Ventura Townehouse is currently building a state of the art Memory Care Wing.

The monthly gatherings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Ventura Townehouse prides itself on forty years of developing a lifestyle that offers seniors deluxe meals, maid service and social facilities with the opportunity to enjoy lasting friendships and is situated on spectacularly landscaped grounds.

The Ventura Townehouse is located at 4900 Telegraph Rd. For more information or to RSVP, please call 642-3263.

Visit their website at [www.venturatownehouse.com](http://www.venturatownehouse.com) to learn more about the Ventura Townehouse or to schedule an early tour of facility.

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# Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp  
Ph.D

■ Dr. Peddie has been a wonderful vet for 40 years and deserved an article about his contributions to caring for animals. Because I'm not very good at interviewing people I asked my good friend Tim Pompey to write this article for me. He gets 4 woofs from me.

## Venturan receives top vet award

by Tim Pompey

Dr. James Peddie of Faria Beach was recently awarded the 2012 American Veterinary Medical Association Award in recognition of his 40 years of work as a veterinarian in Southern California.

Peddie and his wife Linda are both 1965 graduates of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Peddie joked about how he and Linda met and fell in love. "In that class there



Dr. James Peddie recently received the 2012 American Veterinary Medical Association Award for service to the industry

were 59 men and 1 woman," he said, "and I won."

His interest in veterinary medicine began with a career day at his elementary school in central Pennsylvania. "When I was in the 4th grade, they had a career day at the grade school where I attended," he said. "They had people from various professions come in and give talks to us. I spent three consecutive periods listening to the veterinarian."

He also credited his grandfather with giving him his first lessons in animal anatomy. "My grandfather was a butcher

and he used to take delight in showing me the animal parts. I remember thinking one day that rabbits had livers, cows had livers, pigs had livers, and chickens had livers. And since they all had livers, I realized we must have one too."

Peddie started his first practice in Los Angeles, but was quickly drafted into the Army. "I was drafted in 1965 and served as a post veterinarian at Fort Lee, Virginia for 2 years."

After he was discharged in 1968, he moved to Thousand Oaks, where he practiced veterinary medicine for 22 years. While in Thousand Oaks, his clinic assumed care for the animals at Jungleland.

Peddie admitted that when it came to working with exotic species, he had to learn the hard way. "We had no training working with exotic animals," he explained. "When I was presented with an animal I was not familiar with, I would put it in context with a species with which I had some familiarity."

In the early 1970s, he began working with the Exotic Animal Management and Training Program at Moorpark College, but not without some resistance. "Bill Brisby came to me in the early 1970s and said 'I need a veterinarian to work in this program.' At first I thought he was joking, but I did work with the program and eventually I became a teacher."

The Peddies sold their practice in 1991. Shortly thereafter, he received a call from Universal Studios. He recalled the conversation: "They told me that they wanted to hire a full-time veterinarian and I told them no, I couldn't do it. I had just sold the practice and had nothing left but my stethoscope. Still, they managed to convince me to change my mind."

He and Linda launched new careers as vets for the film industry, including films such as *Water for Elephants* and *Dances with Wolves*.

Today, even though the Peddies have retired from regular veterinary practice, they've made one exception. "We have one client left," said Jim, "which includes the elephant Tai (from the movie *Water for Elephants*) and 5 others. We do the veterinary service for the organization Have Trunk will Travel."

Peddie admitted that he was surprised by the AVMA award. "I'm incredibly honored," he said. "I know most of those who have preceded me with this award and several of them are close personal friends. I'm incredibly honored to be part of that group."

He described his association with

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## 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.

his fellow AVMA vets as very rewarding. "I did it because I enjoyed working with the other veterinarians," he said. "They're stimulating and forward thinking. These are bright, bright people and they're all our personal friends today."

In addition to his award by the AVMA, Peddie received the 2011 California Veterinary Medical Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

In recognition for his 27 years as a faculty member, Moorpark College gave

him the Distinguished Faculty Chair Award in 2004.

■ On Saturday Sept. 8, from 10am-2pm on the Village Main Lawn at the Ventura Harbor there will be a dog event featuring agility demonstrations, live music, local kennel clubs and rescue groups to celebrate the deep bond between dogs and humans. Learn the importance of being a responsible owner on National Responsible Dog Ownerships Day and have fun with furry friends!

And maybe you will see me there.

## 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.

### Catalytic Converter Thefts

The VPD department has seen a significant increase in the number of reported catalytic converter thefts.

The suspects appear to either saw off the converter or unbolt it from the vehicle. Since July 1st, Toyota pickup trucks were targeted in five incidents, 4-Runners in five incidents, and three reported as unknown Toyota models. From January to June 30th, pickup trucks were targeted twice, 4-Runners three times, and unknown Toyota models twice.

### Vehicle Burglary Arrest

On Tuesday, August 21st, at 9:54

p.m., the VPD received a call from a citizen in reference to a vehicle burglary in progress at the Scandia Lofts Apartments located in the 1000 block of Scandia Avenue. The citizen heard a window smash and then saw the suspect removing property from inside the victim's vehicle. The suspect got into a vehicle and drove away. An officer stopped the suspect's vehicle.

The suspect, Ernesto Duran, was taken into custody. The victim's property was located inside Duran's vehicle. Duran was booked at VC Jail.

### Armed Robbery Arrest

On Wednesday, August 22nd, at 6:45 a.m., officers responded to an armed robbery that had just occurred in the McDonald's restaurant parking lot located at 4110 East Main Street.

The victim was seated inside his vehicle when the suspect confronted him. The suspect displayed a small

handgun through an open window and demanded the victim's property. The victim complied with the suspect's demand and surrendered an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect was last seen running west through the parking lot.

Officers searched the surrounding area but were unable to locate the suspect. The victim was not injured during the robbery.



Suspected bank robber at Chase Bank

### Bank Robbery

On Thursday, August 23rd, at 12:52 p.m., the VPD responded to a hold up alarm at Chase Bank in the 2000 block of Victoria Avenue.

The suspect entered the bank and presented a demand note to the bank clerk. The teller complied and the suspect received an undisclosed amount of money. Then the suspect fled the bank. No one was injured during this crime.

### DUI Checkpoint

On Saturday, August 25th, at 1:32 p.m., the VPD was conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on Harbor Boulevard. An officer observed a vehicle make an unsafe U-turn. In the area of Oyster and Harbor, the vehicle collided with a city owned sign pole on the corner of the intersection. The vehicle then backed up from the pole and fled. The officer went in pursuit

# Police Reports

of the vehicle until it collided with two parked cars on Seahorse Avenue.

The driver and passenger of the vehicle fled on foot after the second collision. The passenger was detained by responding officers. The driver fled into an alley behind some stores in the Vons shopping center. The driver, Hector Aguayo, suffered a broken ankle from jumping over the fence and landing in the alley. Aguayo was arrested and booked at VC Jail.

## Injured Hiker

On Friday, August 17th, at 10:25 a.m., VC Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a possible hiker calling for help on the hillside above Cedar Street and Prospect Street. At no time did any bystanders see a victim. Due to the inability to rule out a victim, a search of the hillside was initiated. A helicopter performed a detailed search of the entire area from the air. Following these searches, no victim was found and units cleared the scene.

## Hot Prowl Arrest

On Saturday, August 25th, at 5:15 a.m., officers responded to a prowler that left a house in the 200 block of North Aliso Street. The suspect left behind a new bike. Officers found the suspect hiding in a parked car in the 500 block of North Aliso. He refused to exit the car and force was used to take him into custody after he violently resisted arrest.

Brandon Harman was medically cleared at VCMC for minor injuries and booked into VC Jail. He was a post-release offender.

## Structure Fire

On Saturday, August 25th, at 4:03 p.m., a small fire started in downtown Ventura at a local self-storage facility. VC Fire units responded to a reported structure in the 300 block of South Laurel Street. The first arriving Engine Company reported light smoke showing from a center hallway leading to multiple mini-storage units. Firefighters located the source of the smoke inside a locked storage unit. A burning pile of debris was removed from the storage building and extinguished. No other property was damaged as a result of the fire.

Causal investigation revealed the ignition source to be heat from a cigarette coming into contact with flammable materials. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

## Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On Sunday, August 26th, at 4:21 a.m., a citizen called the VPD about a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of East Santa Clara. Officers located the vehicle in a nearby parking lot. Officers located a suspect.

The owner of the vehicle confirmed that the vehicle had been stolen from his business. The suspect, Jamaar Smith, was positively identified. A search of the stolen vehicle revealed narcotics paraphernalia and burglary tools that were left by Smith. Smith was arrested and booked into the VC Jail. He was a post-release offender.

## Thefts from Unlocked Vehicles

On Sunday, August 26th, at 5:30 a.m., a citizen called to report a possible vehicle burglary in progress in the 1200 Block of South Petit Avenue. Officers contacted 3 juveniles matching the description. All 3 juveniles jumped a wall and fled. All juveniles were apprehended.

The juveniles were in possession of stolen property from at least two unlocked vehicles. The juveniles were cited and released.

## Ocean Rescue

On Friday, August 17th, VC Firefighters responded to a reported ocean

rescue at the Ventura Pier. Witnesses reported a woman jumping from the pier and clinging to the pilings. Bystanders attempted to throw a rope to the victim without success. Two VC Fire Department Rescue Swimmers tethered the victim into a floatation device and swam her to shore. The 50-year-old female victim was transported to VCMC.

## Vehicle Pursuit

On Wednesday, August 29th, at 3:49 p.m., officers conducted a stop on a vehicle containing two wanted subjects. Robert Taylor fled from the moving vehicle into a nearby residential neighborhood off of Telegraph Road. Officers apprehended Taylor in a nearby mobile home park. A loaded firearm discarded in the grass was found.

Kelly Copus, the driver, continued driving after Taylor jumped out of the vehicle. Copus drove around various streets at low speeds. Copus stopped where he was taken into custody without incident. Copus was in possession of controlled substance and had an active felony warrant for his arrest.

Taylor was transported to VCMC where he was treated for minor injuries.

Copus and Taylor were booked into VC Jail.

# Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

**8-20 11:45 a.m.** Patrol observed an electric boat disabled in the Stub Channel. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at its dock in the Keys.

**1:17 p.m.** FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Upon arrival, the patient needed assistance being lifted, but was also showing need for medical care. AMR and FD attempted to get the patient to accept medical care.

**10:50 p.m.** Patrol received a request for assistance from a sailboat becalmed and anchored off the Santa Clara River. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at the launch ramp.

**8-22 8:24 p.m.** FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

**8-26 6:55 p.m.** A boater contacted Patrol to advise that he accidentally pumped diesel into the water at his slip as he was transferring fuel from one tank to the other. Patrol checked the situation and found it was as reported. No citation was issued because Patrol determined it was an accident and the party reported it and was cleaning up the spill.

**9:42 p.m.** FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at Brophy's. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

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## Face of Ventura

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working in Heritage Square in Oxnard. That's where the seed of the idea was planted."

It never quite worked out, but after she relocated to the Bell Arts Factory, the pieces began to fall in place. "When I moved to Ventura, I thought it would be an interesting place to record people in my paintings and to do it in one sitting and just do a very honest capturing of someone. I said "This would be a great place to sit and paint people."

Her two major partners in this effort were Sheldon Brown, publisher and editor of the Ventura Breeze, and Bonnie Weigel, president and chief executive officer for FOOD Share.

"It started when Johanna did a portrait of me during a First Friday at the Bell Arts Factory in July, 2009," said Brown. "The next couple of months we had lunch a few times, and, as an admirer of Normal Rockwell, she proposed to me that she would like to paint portraits of folks in Ventura for the next two years for free. I thought it was a wonderful idea and we decided that all the faces would appear in the Breeze. And we named the series the Face Of Ventura."

Weigel described FOOD Share's sponsorship of the Face of Ventura celebration as a happy accident. "Heifer International had rented the Smith Pavilion and they donated it to FOOD Share," said Weigel. "And so FOOD Share had it for a while. Then we ended up meeting with Johanna and we asked her what she wanted to do with it. She said she wanted to have

people enjoy it. She wanted a day of celebration after it was all completed as a collection so that everyone would get to see all of them."

The connection of FOOD Share to Spinks' art is intentional. "We have something called Art Share, which started two years ago," said Weigel. "The idea was to help artists build awareness about their art and help them sell it by sharing with our stakeholders about them and their art. And every time a piece of art is sold by the artist, they give a part of their proceeds to FOOD Share."

FOOD Share and Spinks have joined together as partners for a charitable cause. "For FOOD Share and Johanna, this is the ultimate Art Share event," Weigel noted. "Eventually we would like to see the entire collection purchased and that would provide a large donation to FOOD Share."

For local residents like Mayor Mike Tracy, Spinks portrait project has been nothing short of fascinating. "I've been following this," said Tracy. "This is one of those projects that could only work in Ventura because it brings all these people together who have different backgrounds and different perspectives and who all love Ventura."

Weigel talked about why Venturans make excellent portrait subjects. "We enjoy being together," she said. "We enjoy that we're not the same and I think we enjoy that we have this beach, almost hippie vibe about us. But at the end of the day, we are also our best source of economic viability. Because when you like each other, you do business together."

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Bottom; 2. Curve;  
3. Hollow; 4. Idiom

Today's Word:  
**OLIVE-HOLIC**

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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# Show Time

Where The Music Flows

## Weird Al Yankovic

by Michael Kohli

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Currently listening to: *Legendary Child* by Aerosmith

On August 26, 2012: "Weird Al" Yankovic delighted fans with a performance at the Majestic Ventura Theater. I've always respected Weird Al and own many of his albums. Kicking off his show with his newest polka medley titled, *Polka Face*. Polking fun with songs from Lady Gaga, P!nk, Katy Perry, Britney Spears and more. The nearly 2 hour set featured many favorites: *Amish Paradise*, *I Want A New Duck*, *Spam*, *Smells Like Nirvana*, *Party In The CIA*, *Canadian Idiot*, *Fat*, *The Saga Begins*, *Yoda*, and many more. It was a hilarious show all around.

Fangboy And The Ghouls announced on Facebook today that they will join forces with Angie's Curse for a gig at The Golden China on Friday, Sept. 21. Fangboy features members from another known Ventura band called, The Kill Junkies (Who just recently released their debut album, *Steamroller*, on iTunes.). The story of Fangboy And The Ghouls goes way back to when I first started booking bands. It was actually my 2nd full band booking at a short-lived venue called, Spaceplay. Awesome metal band. Good guys in the band as well. Stop by the Golden China for a kick ass show!

Bombay Bar & Grill is hosting a benefit show for Lupus. Local music fan and friend, Jennifer Johnson will take part in Walk for Lupus Now in Los Angeles. The show will take place on Sept. 7. And feature music acts: Joey Peate and Flashman, Cirque Noir, Spivey and The Tail Feathers, & The Thumpers. Event is free, donations are encouraged.

Thank you for reading! Oh, I'm putting together a comedy music event at Zoey's Cafe on Friday, Sept. 28. Drag Comedian Coco Peru is slated to perform a "best of" set. You may recall Coco Peru from her appearances on Will & Grace, To Wong Foo (cameo appearance), Trick, and Girls Will Be Girls. You can often catch her on various comedy specials on Logo. Tickets will go on sale early Sept. at Zoeyscave.com. This is a big dream come true for me. I've been a Coco Peru fan for years! Looking forward to this event. Musical Guest – to be announced – will open the event.

Two on the Aisle

## Private Lives opens at Rubicon

by Jim Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

Ever wondered what might happen if you ran into an old flame and felt that former attraction re-erupting? And what if you were on your honeymoon at the time...and so was your opposite number?

These are just two of the complex premises that generate the hilarity in Sir Noel Coward's most stylish and endearing romantic farce, *Private Lives*, which opens at Ventura's Rubicon Theatre Company on September 8.

The Rubicon is co-producing the

show with the Laguna Playhouse where it recently enjoyed an acclaimed run and is now being reconstituted with essentially the same cast and crew to continue delighting audiences here in Ventura through September 30.

*Private Lives* is directed by the thoughtful, energetic and charismatic Andrew Barnicle. As the artistic director of the Laguna Playhouse he helmed the show's successful run down south. Since the play features the same artistic cadre, Ventura audiences can expect to see the added degree of sparkle that often results when a director again has opportunities for creative enhancement and reclarification.

Barnicle notes that, while the high comedic content of a Noel Coward script is assured and well known, the depth of understanding he gives his characters is often covered over by the laughter they can generate. This production promises to draw out all of the high comedy built into the piece while retaining the underlying substance of the characters.

Co-sponsorship among independent theater companies is a newer trend in the theater world. Such collaboration permits the same show to be presented in different locales using the identical actors and creative team. The companies share the essential production costs and, at the same time, save on the duplicative expenditures each would otherwise incur in mounting the show from scratch. The approach saves money for the theaters and produces a high quality experience for their audiences.

*Private Lives* features Rubicon Theater Company member Joseph Fuqua in the role of Elyot Chase, the man who discovers his ex-wife is honeymooning in the suite next to the one he and his new bride occupy. Now a Ventura resident, Fuqua is a Broadway veteran whose memorable performances in a broad range of roles mark him as one of the more versatile, consistent and impactful stage actors around.

Julia Granata plays Amanda, the former Mrs. Elyot Chase. Fuqua and Granata garnered accolades for the chemistry they created for the same characters during the run at the Laguna Playhouse.

Matthew Floyd Miller reprises the role of Victor, Amanda's new husband, and Ventura native Alyson Lindsay (nee Schuster) plays Elyot Chase's new bride. No classic bedroom farce is complete without a French maid, and playwright Coward has supplied one. She is given life by Eileen DeSandre.

*Private Lives* will play Wednesdays through Sundays until September 30, 2012. Curtain times are: Wednesdays – 2 & 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays – 8 p.m. Saturdays – 2 & 8 p.m. Sundays – 2 p.m. Tickets \$25–84. Rubicon Theatre Company, 1006 E. Main St., Ventura. (805) 667-2900. www.rubicontheatre.org

The Entertainment Report

## Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, these are my picks for the week.



### The Odd Life of Timothy Green

Written by Ahmet Zappa, the son of the late iconic musician Frank Zappa, *The Odd Life of Timothy Green* unfolds as parents Cindy (Jennifer Garner) and

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## Cautiva (Captive)

(Writer/Director Gastón Biraben will attend)

Reviewed by Robert Chianese

Ventura Film Society

Who has held you captive? *Cautiva* (Tuesday, Sept. 18 @ 7:15pm), by Argentine filmmaker Gastón Biraben, is part mystery story, part political intrigue, and a very unsettling coming-of-age film about discovering who one really is. Teenager Christina Quadri inhabits an upper-middle-class world, but gradually learns that her parents are not who they appear to be. In fact, she is a child of political activists persecuted and killed by the Argentine dictatorship in the 1970's. The focus of the award-winning film is how this young woman negotiates the shift from an ordinary though somewhat haunted teenager to someone who can accept an anguished past from which she was protected. Viewers will have to decide if she has matured and

Jim Green (Joel Edgerton) wish desperately for a child. Frustrated with not being able to conceive, they playfully discuss their dreams and most wished for characteristics in a child should they have one.

Writing attributes and scenarios on pieces of notebook paper, the pair lovingly hide them away in a treasure chest, a small box which they implant in the ground for safe keeping.

One unusually rainy night, though it's not raining anywhere else in Stanleyville, the box they have planted seemingly grows foliage, and out pops a young boy whose name is Timothy, a name given to him by his soon-to-be parents.

Given the fact this is pure fantasy, fast forward to a 10 year old boy who walks out of this planted hole adorned with leaves on his legs. Scenarios that take place are based on exactly what was written on those pieces of paper unfolding one by one, luring you in, tugging at your heart strings..

The story is magical, charming, heartwarming, and CJ Adams who plays Timothy is quite precocious and sweet natured. It teaches you about the expectations and precious things in life one is unprepared for. This was a sweet movie that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Rated PG Running time 105 minutes



### Celeste and Jesse Forever

Written and executive produced by Rashida Jones who also plays Celeste, brilliantly weaves reality, emotion, and a self proclaimed independent spirit and longing for love all in the same breathe.

*Celeste and Jesse* (Andy Samberg) are high school sweethearts/best friends who marry young. Despite the obvious they belong together, Celeste has lost her patience with Jesse's lack of ambition and they decide to split. Jesse wastes no time trying to find companionship, sex and love and ultimately finds a new love interest which hurts Celeste deeply but tries to maintain her independent philosophy, though deep down inside its killing her.

Jesse and Celeste have reservations about splitting up, but when Jesse gets his girlfriend pregnant, he steps up to do what he think is right. The film is so emotionally driven with many relatable sequences and scenarios, it's rather hard

suffered enough to accept who she is, which means accepting the fate of her country and that of her own real parents. Actress Barbara Lombardo expresses that inner confusion quite well, though we wonder if anyone can really recover from such a revelation. It's as if she has to live in a completely different personality, along with knowledge of who she thought she once was. This is a powerful, troubling film that holds viewers captive as we watch Christina come to awareness of what Writer/Director Biraben and history have already shown us.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *CAUTIVA*, sponsored by Eunice Koch, as the 16th 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.venturafilmsociety.com / 628-2299 / venturafilmsociety@gmail.com.

to take at some point; you just want to scream out – YOU FOOL!

Rashida Jones is quirky, refreshing, and emotionally versatile stepping over corny dialogue by her supporting cast members, making up for it with intelligent and poignant lines, saving the script from bordering on simplicity. Andy Samberg is at his best, with a down-to-earth straightforward portrayal of a man who has just lost the love of his life and trying to move forward; an honesty and sincerity at its best. I thoroughly enjoyed the story.

Rated R Running time 92 minutes

## Music Calendar 9/5 to 9/18

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

### Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Live Bands and Musicians every Wed thru Sun

### 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

### Blackbeards 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 9/7 - Ray Jay Band 7-11pm

Sat 9/8 - Barstool Pigeons 6-10pm

Sun 9/9 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 9/14 - Catfish Fry Blues Band 7-11pm

Sat 9/15 - Live Bait 6-10pm

Sun 9/16 - 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

### 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 9/13 - Pinback, Clownvis Presley 8pm

Sun 9/16 - The Dirty Heads, Pacific Dub, HB Surround Sound 8pm

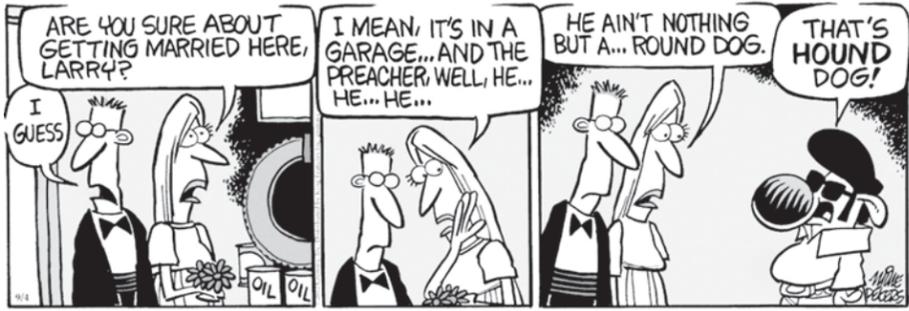
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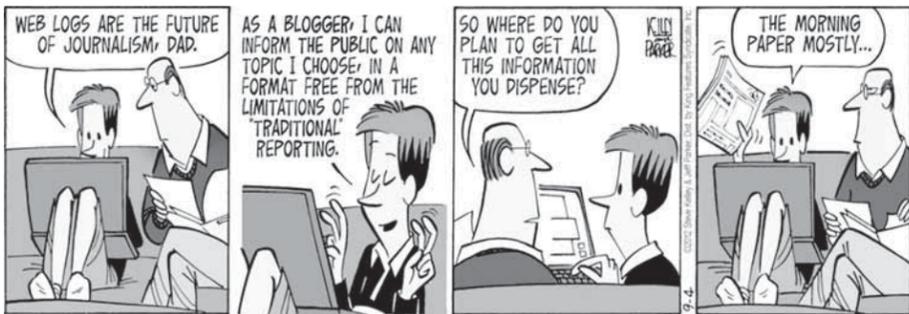
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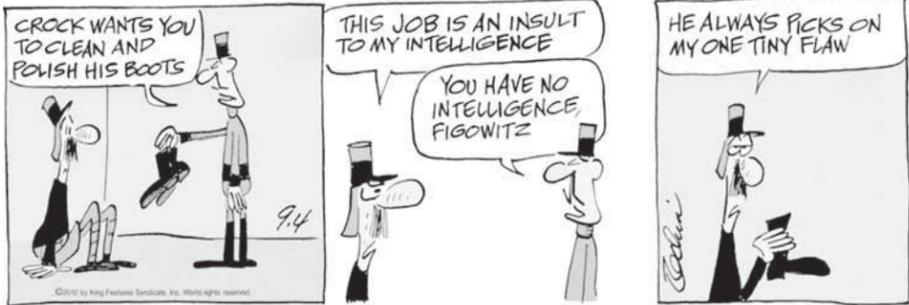
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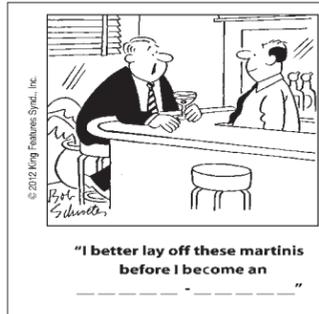
## Crock



## Blondie



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### SCRAMBLERS

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

Last  
**TOMBOT**        

Bend  
**COVER**        

Empty  
**LOWLOH**        

Jargon  
**IODIM**        

**TODAY'S WORD**

Solutions on page 15

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Solutions on page 15

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 DNA sharer
- 4 Venomous vipers
- 8 Exploding star
- 12 Praise in verse
- 13 Other people
- 14 Final notice
- 15 Supporting
- 16 Put under
- 18 Pond cover
- 20 Actor McBride
- 21 Peace-keeping org.
- 24 Decorator's theme
- 28 Spoof
- 32 1492 ship
- 33 Work with
- 34 Valuable collection
- 36 Door opener
- 37 Chinese dynasty
- 39 Fill with 6-Down
- 41 Turkish official
- 43 Birthright barterer
- 44 Sprite
- 46 Between-meal munchie
- 50 Dangle a carrot
- 55 Hawaiian garland
- 56 Help a thief
- 57 Stench

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- 58 Diner order, briefly
- 59 Pedestal part
- 60 Courts
- 61 Brewery product
- 10 Namely (Abbr.)
- 11 Chowd down
- 17 Resistance measure
- 19 Blackbird
- 22 Grow weary
- 23 Pure air
- 25 Polynesian icon
- 26 Don Juan's mother
- 27 Actress Dunaway
- 28 Draining reservoir
- 29 Largest of the seven
- 30 Sawbucks
- 31 Prior nights
- 35 Chalk-board accessories
- 38 Depressed urban area
- 40 Pistol
- 42 — carte
- 45 Go smoothly
- 47 Actress Jessica
- 48 Honeycomb compartment
- 49 Prop for Ben Franklin
- 50 Tiny bit
- 51 Lawyers' org.
- 52 Homer's neighbor
- 53 Altar affirmative
- 54 Menagerie

### DOWN

- 1 Couch
- 2 Pedestal occupant
- 3 Longtime "Mad" cartoonist Dave
- 4 Essentially
- 5 Bashful
- 6 Vigor
- 7 Harmonization
- 8 Idea
- 9 Sapporo

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Think about it.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Resist making impulsive decisions. Stay on that steady course as you continue to work out workplace problems. Be patient. All will soon be back in balance.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A change that you'd hoped for is down the line. But you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might feel confident about taking a promising offer, but continue to be alert for what you're not being told about it. Don't fret. Time is on your side.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But while you're having fun, your practical side also sees some positive business potential within your new circle.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) People dear to you might be planning a way to show appreciation for all you've done for them. Accept the honor graciously. Remember: You deserve it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages you might have missed while all the changes were going on around you. That trusted colleague can help.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle those bothersome situations you've avoided both at home and at work.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of that woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends and make new ones.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You feel obligated to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But heed advice from those close to you and do nothing until you know for sure what's being asked of you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel re-energized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing those big, bold plans of yours to completion.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A former friend would like to repair a relationship you two once enjoyed. Your positive response could have an equally positive impact on your life.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a wonderful matchmaker who can bring people together to form long-lasting relationships.

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# Business



Ventura's finest were on hand for the BBM&D celebration

## BBM&D Strategic Branding celebrates two decades

On Aug. 15, BBM&D Strategic Branding, a Ventura-based design firm, celebrated a landmark anniversary this year: two decades in business. BBM&D has helped clients build strong brands since its founding in 1992—during another economic recession—and in the past 20 years has become an award-winning company that serves local, regional, national, and international clients.

Recently, the firm moved from its former location, in the heart of the city, to its new location bordering the picturesque pumpkin fields on McGrath.

"It's a great space to be creative," states Keir DuBois, BBM&D's chief creative officer. "Ordinary offices can stifle inspiration, but we don't have that problem here." DuBois joined the firm almost a decade ago as a web developer.

"The whole space really reflects who we are and what inspires us," agrees Arrate Zavala, BBM&D's art director. "Our entire team helped develop the interior look. There's plenty of room to spread out and visualize a company's brand in creative ways."

Entertainer Danny Delurgio held

court with Sinatra-esque style music; gourmet food truck Rock Chef Rolls, featuring chef Alberto Vasquez, provided delectable delights.

"This is BBM&D's way of thanking our clients and friends—those wonderful people who have worked with us over the past twenty years," stated Barbara Brown, CEO and founder. "We are proud of the reputation we've built, and we couldn't have done it without their support."

The firm has won over 300 awards for creative excellence, but doesn't dwell on that number. "We don't display most of our awards," continues Brown. "We do show off a very special few throughout the studio, peer recognition is gratifying, but we prefer to emphasize the work we create for our clients."

The firm's solutions differentiate top-tier companies and organizations such as General Motors, Kinkos, WellPoint, Venture Strategies Innovations and Patagonia. One of the historic highlights in the firm's tenure is the brand development for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation including the opening of the Air Force One Pavilion.

## Want to get organized?

Many of us have more responsibilities and less time to deal with them than ever before. A new personal organizing company, The Wiser Organizer, is now available to help those who feel overwhelmed with clutter, assistance staging their homes for sale, setting up garage sales, selling items on eBay or Craigslist, or sorting and packing for their upcoming move. The Wiser Organizer will also aid small business owners in resolving ergonomic, work flow, paper and inventory issues.

David Harris, the founder of The Wiser Organizer, has two years' formal – and many years' informal – experience in organizing. He has a natural talent for, and lifelong history of, systematizing living and working spaces. The Wiser Organizer is a great choice for those wanting to restore order in any area.

On one project, David pulled out the entire contents of a two-car garage that had been accumulating increasingly unused items in it for over a decade. After cleaning it from top to bottom, he helped his client determine what to keep, sell, give away, and throw away. The client was so inspired that he built additional shelves so he could fine tune the process even more.

On yet another, he helped a client consolidate her storage unit into a smaller size, saving her \$25 per month in rent. "David put our house in such good order! He found useful, creative ways to organize, label, and make things easy to find. Plus, he did it at a rate I found fair and affordable!" stated Esther Cole of Ventura.

The Wiser Organizer operates in Ventura and southern Santa Barbara counties. He can be reached toll free at (855) 771-4858 or [TheWiserOrganizer@gmail.com](mailto:TheWiserOrganizer@gmail.com).

**Music calendar**  
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**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

**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

**W2O Rooftop Lounge**  
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Live Bands every Thur thru Sun  
Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm  
Wed 9/5 - Matthew Zeltzer  
Thur 9/6 - Train Stoppers  
Fri 9/7 - Legalizers  
Sat 9/8 - Orlando Napier  
Sun 9/9 - Raw Silk  
Wed 9/12 - Steve Williams  
Thur 9/13 - Dirty Rice  
Fri 9/14 - Legalizers  
Sat 9/15 - The Bomb  
Sun 9/16 - Privateers

**Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment**  
138 W. Main St., 805-816-9663  
Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm  
Fri 9/7 - James Harmon (Hall Fame R&B Harmonica)  
Fri 9/14 - Grant Langston & Supermodels (Country Rock, Old School Country)

**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

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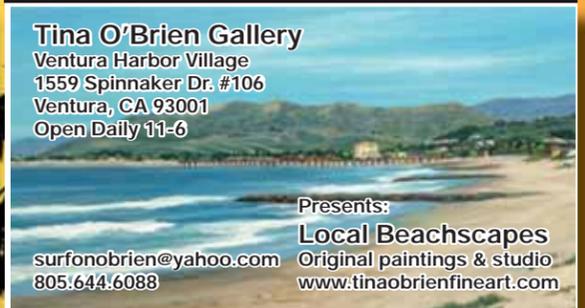
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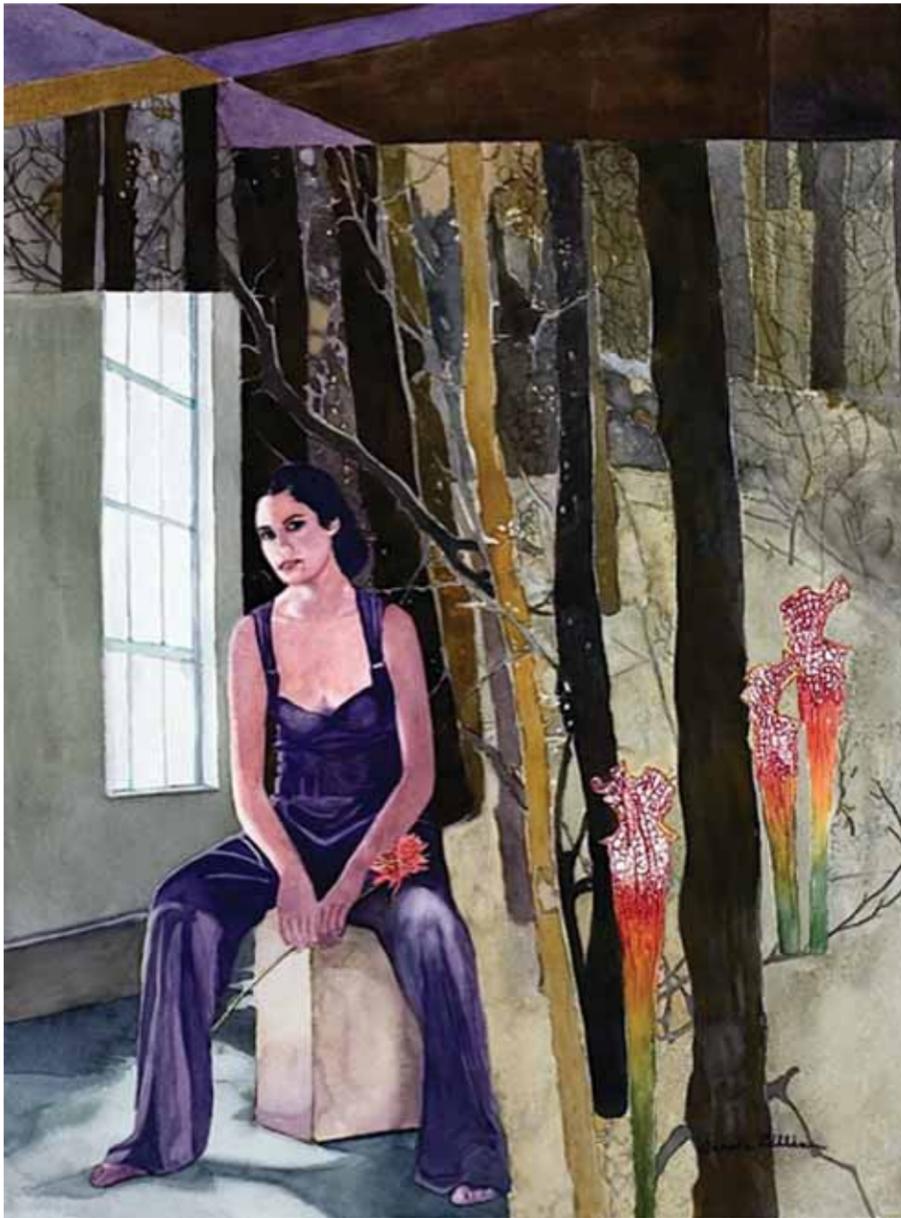
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# Art Scene



*Transcending Seasons, by Carol Gillin, Best of Show winner 2011.*

## 4th annual Watercolor & Aqua Media Open Competition.

The Buenaventura Art Association, in partnership with the California Gold Coast Watercolor Society, is pleased to announce the 4th annual Watercolor & Aqua Media Open Competition. This competition is open to professional and amateur artists from Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles counties. The exhibition of selected entries will run from September 19 to October 22, 2012 at BAA's Harbor Village Gallery, 1591 Spinnaker Drive.

One Best of Show will be awarded with an accompanying \$250 prize and a one-year membership to Buenaven-

tura Art Association. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Friday, September 21, from 5pm to 8pm at the gallery.

Peggy Morgan Stenmark will be the juror for this competition. She is on staff at the Art Student's League of Denver, Colorado, and teaches watercolor workshops around the country.

Download the prospectus from the Buenaventura Gallery website, [www.buenaventuragallery.org](http://www.buenaventuragallery.org), for more information. Entries must be submitted online via that same website no later than midnight, Monday, September 10.

## Artist proposals for Coastal Communities Cancer Center

The City of Ventura Public Art Program in partnership with Community Memorial Hospital invites area artists to submit proposals by September 19 to exhibit original art at the Coastal Communities Cancer Center on Loma Vista between Brent and Joanne Streets.

The primary goal of the artwork is to inspire residents and visiting patients alike with the inspirational qualities of art. The gallery spaces at the facility, situated in the lighted glass windows on three exterior walls, provide an exceptional gallery space for rotating exhibits. Each rotation will exhibit the work of three artists – one for each side of the facility. Selected works will be on display for a period of three months per rotation.

Download the application (Request for Proposal) on the city's website.

For more information contact Tobie Roach, Public Art Project Manager, City of Ventura Community Partnerships Division, Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships, at 658-4759 or [troach@cityofventura.net](mailto:troach@cityofventura.net).

## New head of Bell Arts

Jim Rice has been elected to the position of President and Executive Director of the Bell Arts Factory Corporation by the board of directors.

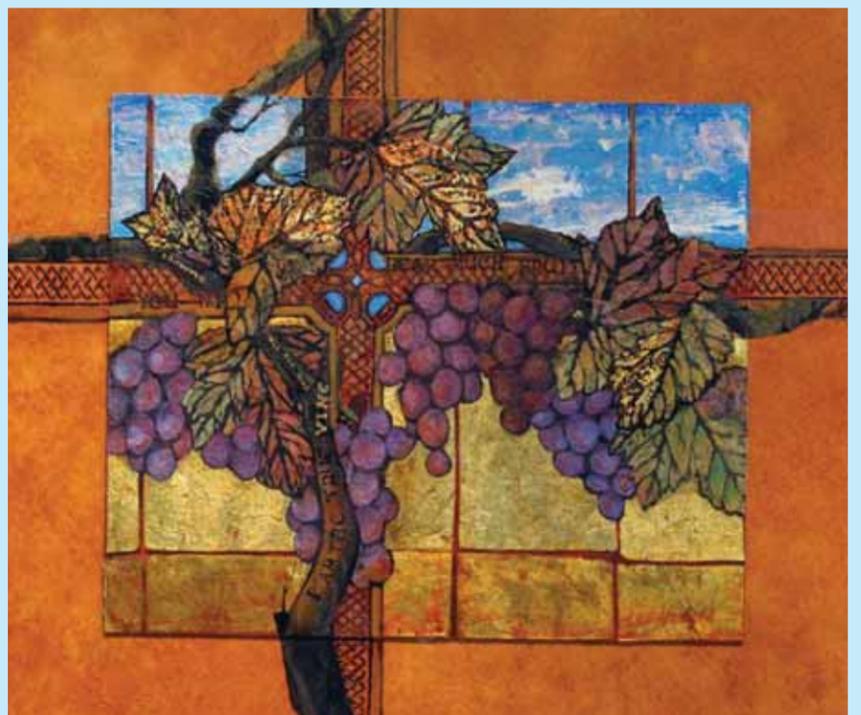
He stated "I am excited about the challenge and the possibilities that lie ahead; our community outreach, children's education programs, gardening program and music. We will make a positive impact in our community. It's not just about the love of the arts. It's about love, period."

# Art, a la Carte



Vita Art Center presents Len Potesman with an opening reception Friday Sept. 7 from 6-9 p.m with exhibit dates Sept. 7 – 30. Gallery hours are Mon-Fri. from 10- and weekends by appointment

Len Potesman describes himself as a non-conceptual artist, and studied at the Chicago Art Institute, the American Academy of the Arts, the Los Angeles Art Center, and the Chouinard Institute, and graduated from the University of Guadalajara with a Master of Arts degree.



Lee Hodges' "I Am the True Vine II" will be on display at the first reception that she has had in 3 years on Sat. 15, from 2-5pm. At the Art Gallery of Grace, 1560 E. Main St., 302-3167.



Carol Rosenak (1925-2002) was known for her meticulous and mysterious still life paintings. Her best-known works are carefully rendered tabletop scenes that highlight an unexpected combination of objects – dolls, marbles, eggs, and bright silks- sometimes with surreal elements.

Curated by Ventura art collector and arts advocate Ed Elrod, the exhibition will include paintings from private collections as well as from the museum's collection, many of which were gifts from the artist's estate. Realism and Representation commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Ventura artist's death, and will be on exhibition at the Museum of Ventura County through November 25.

Photo by Donna Granata.

## Poetry corner

Artists Union Gallery  
Poetry every Tuesday at 7:30pm  
89 S. California Street  
Host: Phil Taggart  
open-mic

- September 11 Kevin Patrick & Patti Sullivan
- September 18 Polly Bee
- September 25 Tree Bernstein
- October 2 Ruth Thompson

# WORK IT 2

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The Ventura Chamber Young Professionals Group presents another over-the-top, high-end event that is a must attend! Come experience the red carpet, lights and VIP treatment at "WORK IT 2", a fashion show that will bring together business professionals and showcase a wide array of fashion from vintage/hipster wear, day wear, work to evening attire and more that will turn heads!

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On Aug. 27, at 9:20pm, Ventura Police Department received calls of a driver traveling west bound on Thompson Blvd. at a high rate of speed. Swerving to avoid a vehicle, he collided with a building at 2047 Thompson Blvd. The driver, a 24-year-old male from Oxnard, was arrested for misdemeanor DUI.

Ventura City Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue unit was called to the scene to secure the damaged building. With the safety of shoring in place, business owners were escorted into the building to retrieve valuables.

Luckily, because of the hour, no injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

Reader Barbara Hynes commented on our Facebook "Apparently, the driver thought Progressive had drive-in service."

## Youth



Steve Bradvica, Susan Bryant, Patty York and Curt York participated in the B&G golf classic

## Boys & Girls Club in the news

More than \$70,000 was raised at the 29th Annual Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Golf Classic, Monday, August 13 at the Saticoy Country Club. VENOCO, INC. returned this year as the Title Sponsor.

The winner of the Lexus Champions for Charity' Play Pebble Beach Golf Tournament Opportunity Drawing was Carolyn Hoffman.

The proceeds from the event go to support the on-going programs at the five Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Centers in Ventura (including one in public housing), Oak View and Saticoy. For additional Club information or to

schedule a tour, check their website at [www.bgclubventura.org](http://www.bgclubventura.org) or call 641-5585.

Thee 'Day For Kids', the annual Boys & Girls Club of Ventura family community celebration will be held Saturday, September 15, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Bill LeFevre Center, 1929 Johnson Dr. This free admission event will feature Jolly Jumpers, carnival games, dunk tank, life-size Candy-Land game, animal balloon creations, snacks, dental and family health checks, etc. The day's DJ is David Gallegos and entertainment will include performances by Araceli (Johnson staff member), La Ketch, Junior Mariachi Group, etc.

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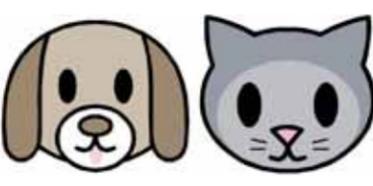
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They are part of the Junior Fair Board that was established in the early 1970's, the Ventura County Fair's Junior Fair Board was created to provide young adults with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, perform community service, and become aware of business and the operations of Agricultural District Fairs.

Potential Junior Fair Board members must be between the ages of 15 and 20 at the time they begin their service on the Junior Fair Board, and must be a resident of Ventura County. An application for membership may be submitted anytime during the year.