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Ventura looks to jump-start building projects

by Rebecca Wicks

Last month the Ventura City Council made the decision to look into temporarily ending an ordinance that makes downtown developers include affordable housing in all new projects. The rule, which will suspend the law for five years if approved, is the city's "downtown inclusionary housing ordinance" which currently requires 15 percent of all new units be affordable residences - for both rental and for-sale properties.

A similar ordinance-applying to for-sale units only-for other parts of the city would stay in place. The move is being made in an effort to jump-start building projects downtown and, in part to push affordable housing to other parts of Ventura. The council voted 5-2 to have city staff develop a program for later approval after council members Christy Weir, Cheryl Heitmann and Brian Brennan proposed the idea.

City staff was also directed to make recommendations on creating a "rapid rehousing" fund and program that developers would contribute to in lieu of including low-income housing in their projects.

Councilmembers who proposed the modification cited a weak economy as a main reason for the ordinance change.

"The cost of building downtown is a lot tighter than it used to be just a handful of years ago," said Community Development Director Jeff Lambert. "A condo that might have sold for \$600,000 may only be worth \$350,000 in today's market - this means the developer needs to reduce costs."

According to Lambert there are a number of approved projects downtown that won't be built until developers figure out a way to cut costs.

Lambert admitted this change won't solve every problem developers face.

In their proposal, council members Weir, Heitmann and Brennan argued that downtown has more than its share of affordable housing with 38 percent of current downtown units falling in

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Moving people from their "homes" is a very emotional effort.

To the partners who participated in the Ventura River cleanup

by Rob Orth
The Salvation Army

First of all, a huge thank you to all state/county/city staff, faith groups and agency staff and volunteers. Moving people from their "homes" is a very emotional effort; this was handled with much compassion and grace given the location and circumstances. Thanks to Project Understanding for opening their facility to assist with the County HSA intake process Monday morning, the UU church for morning refreshments and their hospitality team and

Kate Mills for providing One Stop early on Tuesday for more intake.

We estimate that there were 40 or so displaced people Monday morning, 21 of which agreed to the case managed housing process (Hand up, not hand out). In addition to people, many were housed with their animals. As the week has progressed, others have continued to contact social service providers looking to change their circumstances.

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75 year old fatally struck by city school bus.

Bus driver booked for DUI

A school bus, driven by 54-year-old Joanne Madaule, fatally struck a 75-year-old pedestrian, Marguerita McIntosh, on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The accident occurred at Woodland Street and Brook-

shire Avenue. Madaule has been working for the VUSD for 15 years.

The bus was carrying less than 15 elementary school students at the time.

To make things even worse for the VUSD (if they could be) the bus driver, Joanne Madaule was booked into Ventura County jail on charges of felony driving under the influence (DUI)

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Don McPherson named new Ventura City Fire Chief

The City of Ventura has named Don McPherson its new Fire Chief. The 32-plus year veteran has completed assignments in most disciplines within the Ventura Fire Department and for the last three years has served as Assistant Chief.

"Working with other departments and creating relationships is important to me," McPherson said. "We will look at ways to provide the best service we can with the resources we have. We will continue to evaluate how we do what we do and if there is a better way now or in the years ahead, we will pursue it."

McPherson began serving the local community at the age of 15 when he worked in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) in Rose Valley and then at Point Mugu State Park. He also did seasonal work with California State Parks and started with the Ventura City Fire Department as a reserve in 1980 at the age of 18.

Don was hired as a full time Ventura Firefighter in March 1981. He was promoted to Fire Engineer in 1987, Fire Captain in 1991, Battalion Chief in 2002 and has been Acting Chief since the retirement of former Chief Kevin Rennie this past June. In addition, McPherson has completed assignments in almost all disciplines within the Ventura Fire Department including several years working with the joint Police/Fire

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While attending the Maschera di Ferro festival, in Pinerolo, Italy, you can always catch up with the Breeze at venturabreeze.com

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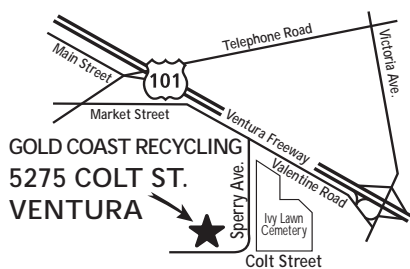


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14-19 years 10/13-11/3
Saturday 9:30-11:00 am \$70

Expect vigorous activity in this introduction to Aikido, a non-competitive, defensive Japanese martial art whose physical goal is to neutral-

ize attacks via deflective techniques, pins and throws. Instructor Dennis Belt. Classes held at Aikido Dojo Training Center, 3669-J Arundell Circle.

Classes held at Barranca Vista Center unless noted otherwise. 7050 Ralston St., Ventura. To register 805-658-4726.

Jump start building projects

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the affordable housing range. Housing Authority CEO Denise Wise understands the city's need to rethink its strategy in the face of a changing economy and is interested to see how the recommendations and programs will unfold.

Wise pointed out that affordable housing has traditionally been concentrated downtown because it is where the majority of services and transportation hubs are located.

"The further you push affordable housing out the more difficult it is to get to services many low-income residents need," added Wise.

Wise is also concerned about the fact that with this change there will be no requirement for low-income rentals anywhere in the city.

"The 15 percent requirement outside downtown applies only to for-sale units," said Wise. "And, let's be honest, very few people who are looking for low-income housing are in a position to buy today."

Wise acknowledged developers are currently stretched but believes there will always be complaints from these groups when it comes to costs.

"A developer will always make the argument that it will 'cost me more' to do this," said Wise. "I submit it's the cost of doing business."

The second component of the proposed change includes creating a pool of money to help with homeless issues that plague downtown.

"We are at the very beginning stages of developing what a rapid rehousing program might look like for Ventura," said Lambert. "But the idea is to get people off the streets and into housing faster."

It is common for rapid rehousing programs to provide monies for deposits and first and last month rents for individuals and families. Programs can be tailored to target specific groups of homeless people. For example, some are designed to help the working homeless others for families in particular.

The proposed ordinance would apply to projects that received a building permit after Aug. 1. City staff is expected to come back to the council next month to gain permission to hire a consultant. Final plans aren't expected to be voted on until the new year.

Lambert said a consultant would help determine how much of a fee should be accessed from developers for a program like this. Lambert also said the process for developing recommendations and a rapid rehousing program will include input from a number of city stakeholder groups.

Wise is eager to participate. "This is definitely an opportunity for a more comprehensive strategy," said Wise. "As long as everyone understands while the economy may have changed, the need for affordable housing is still there."

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ A search is on for a new city manager to replace Rick Cole. The first step is that each city council member is making a list of the attributes that they would like to see in the

new city manager.

They will then submit them to interim city manager Johnny Johnston who will compile them.

Then a "head hunter" that specializes in this type of search will be hired and Johnston will work closely with them in preparing a list of possible candidates for submittal to the city council who will make the final decision. It is unlikely that the new manager will come from Ventura.

■ Sorry to report that a few restaurants have recently closed in Ventura:

Tutti's Off Main (rumor is that they were closed by the feds and state for some employment problems). Owner of the complex Mark Hartley told me that he will take a few months finding a restaurant that he feels will be compatible with other downtown restaurants but that he is not interested in running another restaurant (The Watermark and the Star Lounge is plenty).

The patio there might be the nicest in Ventura so hopefully a real good restaurant will go in.

Franky's Place (for the umpteenth time) The restaurant is being remodeled so something will be opening up there again.

Himalaya Restaurant on the Avenue at Main. Hasn't been there very long, good looking place inside.

Not a restaurant but the **Hells Angels Clubhouse** (on Fix off of the Avenue and just around the corner from studioNothing) is gone. Always wanted to do a story on the clubhouse but just waited too long. Maybe if they open another one.

■ The Sondermann Ring Partners Mixed-Use project, to be located in the Harbor area is finally making some progress to someday becoming a reality some 10 years after it was first proposed.

It is too bad that between the Coastal Commission and the city council that projects can take this long, especially one that would be great for the Harbor. And the mobile home park right across the street even supports it.

Babbings by Brown. (You can babble also just send them to me.)

■ I'm told that the government is buying a lot of GM cars; is this what "Obama Car" is all about?

■ I was wondering if the child from a "legitimate rape" is a legitimate or an illegitimate child?

■ Texas County judge Tom Head recently stated that "The nation could descend into civil war if President Barack Obama is re-elected." And went on to call for a trained, well-equipped force to battle the United Nations troops that he said Obama would bring in.

What is amazing is that a man like this is making decisions that affect other people's lives. He should, obviously, resign.

■ Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant hopes to make the state abortion free by closing down the state's only abortion



This is me drawing raffle tickets at the last concert of Music Under The Stars at the Olivas Adobe. The photo was taken by Tan Aysen from Foothill Technology High School. With a little Photoshop I even look good.

clinic. If this happens, coupled with the fact that Mississippi has the highest rate of unwed mothers is certainly one way of assuring that there will always be lots of Mississippians.

■ The number of the unemployed in France has passed 3 million (and is getting worse) for the first time in many years increasing the pressure on President Hollande for not doing

enough to fix the economy. The economic problem is just not in the USA (and Ventura), but is worldwide.

■ This is hysterical; I recently received an offering from "Refinance Department" telling me that my loan with Bank of Stockton in the amount of \$255,000.00 could be reduced to a lower interest rate.

The only problem with this is that the property that they listed as being eligible is a PO Box that I have which makes it the highest priced property in the world at about \$500,000 per square foot.

■ For those of you that think Ventura is not doing enough to get "panhandling" banned, a Humboldt County Superior Court judge has struck down as un-constitutional most of an ordinance that banned non-aggressive panhandling in Arcata within 20 feet of any retail store, intersection, parking lot or bus station.

He stated, "Arcata may not restrict solicitation merely because it makes people uncomfortable. To put it simply, speech rights prevail in a public forum in the absence of unique circumstances."

So the best thing that you can do is to give to charities that provide meals, medical attention, case management and housing services that get people off the streets and focused on long-term solutions and not to the panhandlers. Reducing homelessness requires all of us to just say, "no," to panhandlers.

These are a few that are here to help:

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community.html

Salvation Army 648-4977

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And we do have a Debris Removal Hotline. Generally the City (they say), will have someone on site within 72 hours of a request. To report significant debris issues, call the Debris Removal Hotline at 677-3999 or log on to www.cityofventura.net/mva.

Mailbox

Dear Editor,

What happened to the American Flag atop the historic Erle Stanley Gardner (Perry Mason) building in downtown Ventura? I used to maintain it but over the last several years it has fallen in disrepair. In 1926 when the building was built, our flag had 48 stars. Out of respect for America, it would be best to replace it or at least take down the dilapidated pole if the Historic Preservation Committee would allow it. God bless Ventura, California and our great country.

Sincerely,
Randall Richman

Dear Friends of Education:

Thank you so much for your help in securing passage of Measure Q on November 6.

We have 2 urgent needs right now!!

We need volunteers to help with precinct walking during the week of October 8-12 (when absentee ballots are sent out) and November 3-6 (get out the vote on election day!) You'll be multi-tasking -- exercising while you help save our schools!! Please sign up today and find some friends to join us!

We need to raise funds in order to successfully get our message out to the voters. Please contribute to the campaign today! Make your check payable to YES ON MEASURE Q and mail to Yes on Measure Q, 821 Via Arroyo, Ventura 93003."

Kay Giles

Campaign Chair and parent volunteer for proposition Q

Sheldon,

Thank you so much for running the article in the Breeze about our opening. It really meant a lot. You are such a wonderful person to have in our community.

Best,

Barbara Brown

BBM&D Strategic Branding

Breeze:

Regarding the riverbed unfortunately, it is a bit of a shell game, chase

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ROBERT YVON, WHO FIRST DISCOVERED THE VENTURA SEA CREATURE (THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE BREEZE) HAS SELECTED TO NAME HER "VENTRESS THE VENTURA PIER CREATURE" AS SUGGESTED BY ONE OF OUR READERS. OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL HAVE MORE ABOUT HER AS SHE WAS RECENTLY HOOKED BY A LOCAL FISHING PERSON. YOU MAY CALL HER "VENTRE" FOR SHORT.

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

– John Wooden



Community Events



This arts and crafts-styled kitchen in the Skyline area of Ventura is one of 5 designer homes that will be featured

Is the kitchen the heart of the home?

Many exclaim that the kitchen is the heart of the home. Those who love kitchens will enjoy spending a day visiting 5 recently-remodeled gourmet kitchens in Ventura. The tour is an inaugural event for Project Understanding and it will occur on Sunday, October 14th from 11 am to 4 pm.

The purchase of a modestly priced ticket provides a map to the five Ventura homes which run along Foothill Road. The design styles, sizes and materials differ greatly from one home to another.

The funds raised will be used for H2H (Homeless to Home) to assist those who are on the brink of or just over the brink of homelessness. In other words, it will help those who do

not have a kitchen to obtain one.

All of the homes on the tour were designed and remodeled by Ventura-based Kitchen Places, a company with nearly 20 years' experience remodeling homes in the area.

Designer Ronni Fryman explains that kitchen design is truly a process of problem solving. "Initially, one thinks of cooking in a kitchen, but so many other activities take place in that room."

Unlike reading a magazine for ideas, the best part of attending a kitchen tour is seeing and touching the elements.

Tickets are \$25.00 if purchased prior to October 5 and \$30.00 afterward. They can be purchased in person at Kitchen Places, 4125 Market Street, or by phone from Kitchen Places using a credit card at 658-0440. If preferred, a check can be mailed to Project Understanding at P. O. Box 25460, Ventura 93002-2280 or via Pay Pal at their website: <http://projectunderstanding.org/kitchen-tour-2012> To purchase tickets on the day of the tour, report to the parking lot at Ventura High School, corner of Poli and Hall Canyon.

West coast's ultimate craft show

Indulge in the ultimate shopping and entertainment experience at the Ventura Harvest Festival® Original Art & Craft Show on October 5-7, at Seaside Park at the Ventura County Fairgrounds with more than 24,000 hand-crafted originals, live music, culinary

chef demonstrations, strolling performers, contests, specialty foods, and more. Patrons who bring non-perishable foods for donation to FOOD Share receive \$2 off the admission price.

Celebrating 40 years as the west coast's largest and finest indoor craft show, the fall tradition brings together more than 200 exhibitors from across the nation for a shopping extravaganza like no other. The festive atmosphere makes exploring the array of exhibits an exciting discovery of ceramics, paintings, jewelry, blown glass, hand woven clothing, photography, candles, woodwork, garden designs, homemade sauces and soups, antique treasures, children's accessories, sculptures, holiday ornaments, and more.

Connecting with the community, the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura will greet guests at the parcel check and Gull Wings Children's Museum hosts the Kidzone featuring interactive play and Halloween crafts. A pumpkin patch offers the perfect setting for seasonal photos and Kids Are 1st will be on hand offering free child fingerprint IDs.

Friday and Saturday: 10:00am to 6:00pm Sunday: 10:00am to 5:00pm Adults: \$9, seniors (62+) \$7, youths (13-17) \$4, kids 12 and under are free,

Seaside Highland Games

The Seaside Highland Games are having their Tenth Anniversary Year! Great plans are coming together for the full-blown Scottish Festival visitors have always loved: the bagpipe and drum bands, the Highland (and Irish) dancers galore, the Scottish Heavy Athletes and 3 stages offering an array of the best Scottish/Celtic entertainers to be found anywhere. Look for the only Scottish Fiddle Competition on the West Coast conducted and taught by Champion Fiddler Colyn Fischer and his Peat-Fire Flame partner, Shauna Pickett-Gordon.

Sara Goodman's All Breed Herding Dogs will show their skills at rounding up the flock in their own arena near the Highland Heavies and Bydand Forever, the commemorative company of the Gordon Highlanders will do their amazing black powder drill on both days and, the United States Marine Corps 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton will be on hand for the entire weekend!

The Marine Band will take part in all major Festival Parades and Ceremonies starting with the Games Grand Parade and Opening Ceremonies at noon on Saturday.

Many of you know about the Friday night pre-Games functions at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel—the Single Malt Scotch Tasting and the "A Scottish Evening" dinner, entertainment, fashion show event immediately following. At least the 350 of you who attend are aware.... but, what even the most hip among you do not know is that there will be an all new Scottish Ceilidh (a fun and lively gathering) in that same venue on Saturday evening, October 13, featuring some of the winning bands from the day's competitions. An entirely new event at Seaside, you will not want to miss what will likely become a tradition at the Festival!

Back to the field on Sunday for more of everything plus the beautiful Drum

Major Competition which follows the morning Kirkin' Service.

So much more you will just have to come and see for yourself. AMTRAK stops at the front gate. The Games are on Oct. 13&14 from 9-5pm.

Benefit for the Ventura Pier

Tickets are now on sale for Pier Under the Stars—the 19th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier on Saturday, October 6th, from 5-8pm. Each year more than 800 residents and visitors attend this beachfront culinary fair adjacent to the pier to sample the county's best food and spirits provided by over 50 area businesses.

Restaurants, cafes, wineries and breweries serve their signature dishes and beverages from tented booths along the seaside Promenade while guests will enjoy live music and dancing by The MiniDriver Band and bid on silent auction items—all to benefit the city's 139-year-old pier.

The sell-out event hosted by Pier into the Future—a non-profit 501 c (3)—"is a much anticipated community gathering of friends that raises funds for our beloved Pier", said Pier Into the Future Executive Director Jenise Wagar. The organization was founded by a group of dedicated community leaders, in partnership with the City of Ventura, to establish an endowment fund to preserve, maintain and enhance the historic Ventura Pier for future generations to enjoy.

General admission tickets are \$55.00 and include food and beverage tasting, a commemorative Pier wine glass and complementary parking.

Tickets are available on line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/250291 or by calling 800.838.3006. Additional information can be found at www.pierintothefuture.org or by calling 797.7544.

Searching for the "Ugly Fish"

This rare, unidentified species (not the sea creature previously featured in the Breeze) tends to rear its head in Ventura County's local waters in the fall, about the same time as the 11th annual SAILATHON to benefit CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly on Oct. 14.

At times, the "Ugly Fish" has been mistaken for the blue whale, which also has been spotted off the Channel Islands, but the distinct colors of the "Ugly Fish" give reason to believe that it is not part of the musculus species.

"I hear it's good eatin'" said Capt. Stephen Taylor of the tall ship, Bill of Rights, who is also participating in this year's SAILATHON. "Just take the eyeballs out and you'll have the key ingredient for an excellent ceviche."

Multihull, monohull, paddleboats, power boats and canoes will assemble off the Ventura Pier in Pierpont Bay on Sunday, Oct. 14 for the 11th Annual SAILATHON vying for a glimpse of the "Ugly Fish."

The best way to have a chance at an "Ugly Fish" sighting is to participate in the Oct. 14 SAILATHON to benefit CAREGIVERS.

Since 1984, CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly has been serving Ventura County, California, which has one of the nation's largest

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For more information, call 658-8530 or visit www.vcCAREGIVERS.org.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Oct. 4: English and Louise is a vivacious female folk music duo comprised of two songwriters, both of whom are consummate musicians and powerful singers. Erin English has a passion for sustainability and social justice and is a native of the California Central Coast. She plays solid Scruggs-style banjo giving her a unique and superb presentation of voice and banjo. Gabrielle Louise is folkie and ethereal, and hails from the Rocky Mountain state of Colorado. She is a nationally touring troubadour noted for her poignant lyrics and incredible, lush voice. Performing at the WAV Theater Gallery, Thursday, at 8p.m. \$10 at the door. WAV Theater Gallery, 175 S. Ventura Ave.

Oct. 6 – 7: Ventura Unified School District's Open Classroom K-8 is proud to present the **20th annual Harvest Moon Festival** Saturday, at Great Pacific Pumpkin Patch, 5100 Olivas Park Drive, October 6th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 7th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Come enjoy live entertainment, inflatables and face painting, a raffle and silent auction, food and beverages, and even a junior haunted house. For more information, please visit www.theopenclassroom.org.

Oct. 6: Sade Champagne presents Ventura County's **2012 Vocal Superstar Competition** to raise money for BrittiCares International to help children with cancer. Celebrity guests to be featured, Saturday at the Thousand Oaks Teen Center at 6:30p.m. Cost is \$10. Fantastic amateur teen singers from all over Southern California will be competing for awards and prizes to be crowned Ventura County's 2012 Vocal Champ! Enjoy celebrity guests like Drew Seeley from Disney Channel, radio, films, TV, social media and more.

Oct. 7: Welcome to the **Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra's 10th anniversary season**. First concert starts off this anniversary season in fine form, celebrating John Biggs' 80th year by presenting his *Concerto for Cello* and Orchestra, Virginia Kron, soloist. And the orchestra will present the overture to Rossini's *The Italian Girl in Algiers* and Schubert's *Symphony No. 6*. The concert will be performed at 4p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Ventura, 1338 East Santa Clara St. **Audubon field trips**

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

Oct. 7: Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Restoration Program, **Restoration Work Day**, Santa Paula from 9am to 12pm. Contact Sandy Hedrick at 340-0478. Arrive at 8am for birding which usually yields some interesting birds. Long pants and boots or closed shoes are required. Bring water, gloves & sun protection.

Oct. 9: General Membership Meeting, Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. Peter Pyle will speak on Transpacific Migration, discussing the amazing movement patterns of albatross, sharks and other ocean species

at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Pyle is employed by the Institute for Bird Populations and is an expert on the abundance, distribution and ecology of avian species.

Oct. 14: Camino Real Park, Leader: Raeann Koerner 701-1919. Meet outside the park at 8a.m. Start birding along the Barranca and go into the park. A variety of birds can be found here including warblers, juncos and raptors.

Oct. 7: Two distinguished jurists will explain the November ballot propositions at a free presentation on Sunday, at 1:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church. Justice Steven Z. Perren, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, and retired Superior Court Judge Melinda Johnson will provide an informed and unbiased explanation of each of the ballot propositions. First United Methodist Church is located at 1338 E. Santa Clara St. The program is cosponsored by the Ventura County League of Women Voters.

Oct. 7: The July 11, 1938 broadcast of *Dracula* by Orson Welles' Mercury Theater and 1923 to 1929 recordings of the legendary Fats Waller will be featured in the Dudley House historic recording series during the **Dudley House open house**. The house will be open from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Admission to the house and the refurbished lavender garden with over 60 varieties of lavender is free. The Dudley House is located at 197 N. Ashwood.

Oct. 7: The American Handwriting Analysis Foundation's SoCal Chapter invites the public to join them as they discuss the handwritings and drawings of children and teens, and the implications for their personality from 10a.m. to 1p.m. A \$10 donation is suggested for nonmembers but not required. Refreshments are available. EP Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, the Topping Room.

Oct. 7: Free Film screening at the Museum followed by Q & A. *Courage & Contribution: The Chinese in Ventura County* will screen at the Museum of Ventura County on Sunday, at 2p.m. followed by a question and answer session with members of the Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society, which produced the film, as well as with the film's director, Ojai filmmaker George J. Sandoval. The event is free, as is admission to all museum galleries (First Free Sunday of the month).

Oct. 11: The Ventura County Professional Women's Network (VCPWN), one of the county's long standing organizations supporting the interests of women business owners and professionals, is hosting its fourth annual mixer and business showcase event from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event, held at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, will provide a lively environment for business networking while showcasing area businesses owned by women. Admission to the event will be \$5. For more information about the event or to register, contact VCPWN at 866-275-4134, or at info@vcpwn.org.

Oct. 11: October Sports Networking Mixer on Thursday, 10, 11, and 12, from 5p.m. to 7p.m. Watch sports, play some games, drink some beer and nibble on some appetizers! We are Ventura Executive Suites (VES), a local business building with over 50 tenants. Our beautiful building hosts a Business Networking Mixer once a month. This is a free event held to encourage the growth of locally owned businesses. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. This night of networking is

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Oct. 12: Juanamaria Elementary School will host its **50th anniversary reunion** and family dinner Friday, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on its campus, 100 S. Crocker Avenue. The elementary school invites alumni to return and visit the campus and share their grade-school memories with teachers, staff and fellow students. In addition to music and face painting, the evening will include a pasta dinner and a chance to purchase a tile to decorate for a wall mural to commemorate the school's golden anniversary. Dinner tickets are available and must be purchased in advance. For more information or to order dinner, call Daniel Wolowicz at 415-9177 or email juanamaria50th@gmail.com.

Oct. 13: The Ventura Beginners P C Users Group will meet Saturday, in the third floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place, from 9:15 a.m. to noon for workshop and featured speaker. The 11 a.m. program will be **Mark Lager**, technology manager, speaking on services of the Ventura public libraries. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about computer problems for beginners and intermediates. For more information, call Marcie Malony 648-1368.

Oct. 13: Every year CPR presents **Earth Charter Awards** to those community activists who best embody the Earth Charter's core values. Ventura College's Guthrie Hall at 3p.m. The event is co-sponsored by Ventura College's International Studies Program. There is no charge to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please join us on this joyous occasion to honor the local heroes

selected as this year's Ventura County ambassadors of the Earth Charter Principles.

Oct. 13: The San Buenaventura Friends of the Library are holding a **Book Sale** at the Historic Dudley House on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 14, 11 a.m. to 2p.m. For more information, Kathy Thomson katbarcat@aol.com 750-6630

Oct. 13: 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. Lee Riggan, of Thousand Oaks, will present information about **Rules of Deliberative Assemblies**. Knowledge about the application of all these is imperative in order to avoid subsequent challenges to an organization's decisions. For more information about the meeting, or the organization, contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or sandy108@pacbell.net.

Oct. 16: The Ventura County Credit Union (VCCU), has teamed up with the local United Blood Services to host a **blood drive** from 11a.m. to 3p.m. at VCCU's Ventura office, located at 6026 Telephone Rd. "A goal of ours is to actively support the community," says Joe Schroeder, president and CEO of VCCU, "and this blood drive is a great way for us to continue to work toward making a positive impact where it counts." United Blood Services serves local hospitals and communities by bringing together people to donate blood, producing safe and ample blood supplies. VCCU will also be hosting Free Shred Day on October 18, 2012 from 11a.m. to 1p.m. at their Thousand Oaks and Ventura offices.

Oct. 20: Celebrate the release of local

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Maria Mayo, Robert Barrett, Dr. Gwendolyn Huddleston, a CAPS Board Member and Arthur Sailer attended the CAPPIE awards CAPS Chat

And the winner is...

by Elizabeth Rodeno

The winners of this year's CAPPIE Awards are Flicker Pictures for the music video, Whiskey Glass Eye in the Arts and Culture category, Our Ventura, The Legacy of Tortilla Flats, produced by George Alger awarded the CAPPIE in the Civic and Community category, Gail Nordskog's Hearts of Purpose, Tuskegee Airman/ Major Steward won in the Inspirational and Spiritual category. The winner in the Informational and Educational category was Discovering Our Mothers, produced by Justin Wayoro. The Variety and Other category's winner was Be the DD and Win Recruitment video, produced by Straight Up Ventura County. Our final award for the Educational and Government programs which aired on VTV's Channel 15 went to Ventura's Environment, The Treasure of San Buenaventura, Part 4.

We are proud of our winners and all the nominees. Our producers are what keep us running and providing you, the viewers with interesting and stimulating programming. CAPS would like to thank the presenters of this year's CAPPIES - Dr. Trudy Arriaga, Superintendent of the VUSD; Shana Epstein of Ventura Water; Maria Sanchez, talk show host; Pastor Merrick Carter; and Dr. Gwendolyn Huddleston, Dean of Academics at Ventura College. We appreciate the community's dedication to the CAPS vision.

As the elections are arriving shortly, be sure to watch CAPS Channel 6 for our unique Video Voter programs. We feature interviews and statements from the candidates for County Supervisor, State Assembly and Senate and U.S. Congress. With the new redistricting, there are lots of new issues the candi-

dates are addressing. Check our website and our Facebook page for air times. We are also running a Ballot Initiative show addressing issues of vital concern to our residents. Thanks to all the candidates for taking time from campaigning to share your stories with our viewers.

We have posted all the winners on our Vimeo page @ <http://vimeo.com/capstv/albums>. Learn to use our cameras, editing bays and studio to produce your own show and submit it to the 2013 CAPPIE Awards. You could be a winner! Call (805)658-0500 for more information about joining. Check out our website at www.capstv.org, Facebook at CAPS-TV Ventura and our Vimeo page www.vimeo.com/capstv.



Charrette advisors Architect Nick Deitch, Dale Jaetke and Architect Curtis Cormane; Students of architecture Kathleen Middlebrooks, Janina Mancilla, Tana Hayes, and Caroline Raftery were there to discuss Seaward's future.

Charrette reveals potential

by Tim Pompey

The neighborhood around lower Seaward has a quaint small town feel to it. But for those who live there, it also has its problems. Traffic congestion, limited parking, hazardous cycling, and heavy pedestrian traffic. What's more, most local residents agree that the business district could use a facelift.

All this was on the mind of Seaward residents and a group of students and professional advisors connected to the Ventura College Architecture Program. They had been invited by the Pierpont Neighborhood Council last June to take a crack at envisioning a redesign during a three-day charrette called "The Lower Seaward Design Workshop."

After months of compiling the data and creating a series of drawings and maps, the students revealed their hopes for lower Seaward during the Pierpont Council's monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 18.

The charrette was overseen by local architect-instructor Curtis Cormane, Nick Deitch of Mainstreet Architects, and Dale Jaetke, the Community Development Chair for the Pierpont Community Council.

Cormane believes the charrette was important because it encouraged community input and the potential for quick and decisive action. "One of the missing elements in trying to redesign this area as an academic exercise is working with clients and resolving issues that are real," said Cormane. "One of the exciting things about this was that students could do it with the public in a quick fashion, in a period over three days."

For Deitch, redesigning the lower Seaward area is both unique and difficult. "Lower Seaward is very distinct and very identifiable, like a village," he said. "That's part of its richness and part of its challenge."

8 students and local professionals worked on the project. Four of them were at the council meeting to make their presentation. They included Caroline Raftery, a Ventura College architecture student who previously attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to study city planning; Tana Hayes who owns a local landscape firm called Syndicate Design Group in midtown; Kathleen Middlebrooks, an environmental research management student at Ventura College; and Janina Mancilla, a graduate of the Ventura College architectural program.

For each student, the opportunity to participate in the charrette was a chance to make a tangible difference in their community. "It functioned on two levels," said Middlebrooks. "It provided the design forum for the community council as well as a learning experience for students."

Mancilla enjoyed the chance to talk to people about what they wanted to change in their community. "It was a very enlightening experience to be able to work with the community, especially a smaller community, because there was a lot of interaction and reaction," she said.

Raftery was excited about having the opportunity to put her classroom skills to work. "I have a background in planning from Cal Poly," she said, "and I was able to apply what I learned there while getting my degree in the city I'm from."

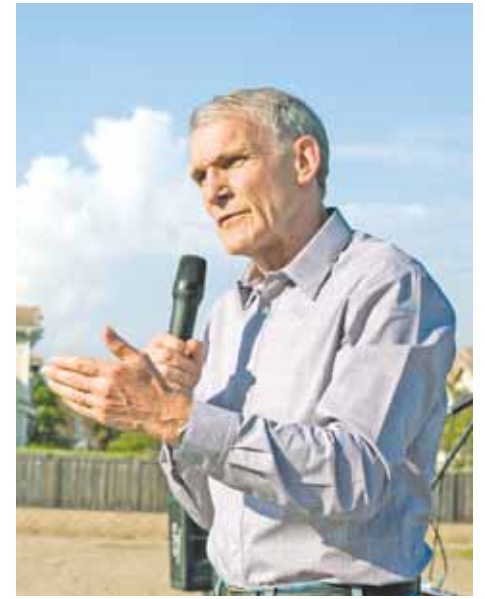
The group provided a series of slides that outlined the redesign of the beach, local business fronts, the streets, and the beach area at the end of Seaward.

According to Hayes, the goal in mind was to include a "multifunctional area" at the end of Seaward that would be more enjoyable and include such things as trees, a fountain, an expanded play area, and various public art works.

The charrette was intended to allow for creative discussion and to encourage residents to move forward with community improvements. "People prioritized and gave us their boundaries and realized what was more important and feasible to them," said Raftery.

With these ideas on the table, the Pierpont Council will work together over the coming months to create their own presentation and, at some point in the future, share their ideas with the Ventura City Council.

The members of the charrette are excited to see what will come out of that discussion. As Raftery stated, "This is not the end of the story."



Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett asked for the public's support for Measure Q at the recent family picnic supporting Measure Q. Photo by Mitch Viquez/Brooks Institute.

Ventura Breeze supporting Steve Bennett for re-election

Steve Bennett has been a resident of Ventura County since 1977 and is a resident of the City of Ventura.

He has a Bachelors degree in Economics from Brown University and a Masters in Education from Butler University

He has been the District 1 Supervisor, Ventura County Board of Supervisors since 2000 and was a councilman, City of Ventura City Council from 1993-1997.

He was a teacher, head of the Guidance Department and Assistant Principal at Nordhoff High School until 1999.

He co-authored the SOAR initiatives to protect our remarkable quality of life and continues to protect our natural environment by improving beach and stream water quality and preserving county open spaces and agricultural lands from urban sprawl by blocking special interests' efforts to weaken SOAR.

The Breeze feels that Steve fights for decisions in the public's interest, not special interests. His tough campaign reform law makes Ventura County a statewide leader in decreasing big-money's influence on County government.

And being a Ventura resident he is very involved in looking out for our interests and can be found at many-many Ventura functions and fund-raisers lending a hand.

This is our opinion but in our wonderful country you can make your own decision and we would love to hear your opinions.



After much discussion and debate, between the library commission and the Historical Preservation Committee about what color to paint the downtown E.P. Foster Library, the library has finally been painted. On May 7th, 2012 the City Council ruled in favor of the paint palate recommended by the Library Advisory Commission. The main building has been painted Parchment, with the trim painted Historical Green and Cream. E. P. Foster Library was built in 1959, and was last painted in 1998.

Denise Sindelar, the city's community partnerships manager, stated "It's been a long time coming."



Even though the railroad trestle is still looking great where there is a will there is a way as the first major graffiti has been applied to the trestle. If you ever see graffiti being applied to any surface by these criminals please immediately call 911.



News and Notes



Beautiful weather greeted those attending the Music Festival

Hillsides Music Festival another great success

On Sept. 22, the 10 year anniversary of the Ventura Hillsides Music Festival was held at Arroyo Verde Park on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. The Ventura Hillsides Conservancy benefit featured the music of Elvin Bishop, Dr. John & The Lower 911 featuring Jon Cleary and the Blues Traveler. The event also provided food, beer and wine for sale and booths by the Friends of Ventura River, Los Padres Forest Watch, Ojai Raptor Center (and their wonderful birds), Ventura Water, the Ventura Botanical Gardens, others and a children's activities area. And even had "signing" by Deby Tygell.

Besides their concern for our hillsides the Conservancy now has 25 acres in the Ventura River bottom that it is restoring to its natural state. The concert was attended by an estimated 2,000 who are looking forward to next year's event.



PRC tennis players Dick Baldwin, Jim Minas, John Tepaske and Governor Brown are much too young to be 35 year members

The PRC is 35 and getting younger every day

Recently the Pierpont Racquet Club celebrated their 35th Anniversary of the opening of the clubhouse. Tennis play began on Christmas Day in 1976 when General Partners Spencer and Scott Garrett raised the nets with the assistance of their parents Joe and Betty Garrett. On October 1st of 1977, the Clubhouse opened, and today 59 of those original members are still members. Of those 59, more than half showed up on September 17th when the PRC reopened after their annual maintenance week. Each year the PRC closes for a week to perform a thorough cleaning while making improvements to the Club. This year, the major project was the demolition and renovation of the tennis patio - a focal point of the Club which counts as its members various dignitaries. In seven long days the crews of Halter Enterprises transformed the tennis patio.

Interested parties are invited to

tour the Pierpont Racquet Club to see the tennis patio and other improvements. The PRC is a private membership club offering indoor and outdoor pools in addition to tennis, racquetball, squash and, of course, a full range of fitness offerings.

For more information on the Club, please visit the Club at 500 Sanjon Road adjacent to the Pierpont Inn or visit their website at www.pierpontrc.com.

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the vagrants/transients out of the Ventura Riverbed and they end up in the downtown area, on the promenade, in the State Beach Park, on Pierpont Beach and in the Santa Clara Riverbed. I cycle daily and am seeing exactly this. Hopefully, organizations like Project Understanding can help the truly homeless with a hand up and get them out of their situation but I am very concerned about all the others (the transients and the vagrants) causing problems in our community.

Also, it was nice for the County to cough up \$100,000 to put some of these individuals in motels but I truly hope they all aren't ending up in Ventura motels since most are in the downtown and midtown area. Hopefully, they are being spread throughout the county. But what are the chances that this is being done? Slim and none. Also, temporary stop gap measures often become permanent stop gap measures, meaning these individuals instead of being placed in permanent housing simply end up filling our downtown motels for a long time and loitering in our parks as they do now. Both the City and County should have been dealing with this situation all along. It has never been legal to camp in the riverbeds. By never taking action they are complicit in creating an environment where Ventura has more homeless/transients than any other City in the county including Oxnard which is almost twice as big. The City and County still don't really have a plan in place to deal with the issue as far as I am concerned. Next we will be hearing about a huge Santa Clara Riverbed cleanup because of the threat of a \$25,000 a day fine (by the State) because that environment is being destroyed and the shell game will continue.

It is just as illegal to camp in the Santa Clara riverbed or on Pierpont Beach as it is in the Ventura Riverbed. Why not enforce the laws? When you don't, you are complicit and basically condoning this type of behavior. And no one should be under the illusion that these transients are all from the Ventura or even California. They are here for the weather just like the rest of us. Simply put our City and County are supporting a lot of individuals that aren't even from here. And don't think just because someone is "living off the land" they aren't costing our local government lots of money. Think about all the police, fire, environmental cleanup that these individuals are using. I have heard from a reliable source that it costs almost as much to support these individuals "living off the land" as it would to house them.

George Robertson
Ventura

Breeze: Read the article by Rob Orth, on page 1 regarding the river bottom cleanup.

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Thursday, December 6, 13, 20 6pm- 8pm
Friday, December 7, 14, 21 - 6-8pm

Contact: Linde819@aol.com

Ventura River clean up

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Those desiring to engage in the housing process exceeded our expectations.

Interesting aspects of the people housed:

Most were older and had lived in the river for years.

Many had significant physical health issues – cancer, back/knee injuries.

This effort could not have taken place without all the extensive pre-planning efforts, leadership, financing and partner collaboration that was created and continues to develop in addressing one of our greatest community challenges. At each step of this process, adjustments were constantly made as needed, dates shifted to accommodate other issues and a willingness to evaluate as we moved forward keeping a very complicated process moving. Additionally, I know there were many "behind the scenes" people who worked extensively to facilitate this effort and bring us to the point. We will continue this process and keep everyone posted to next steps once they are in place.

Bus driver booked

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causing injury and felony vehicular manslaughter. She posted a \$50,000 bail and was released on Thursday. The CHP would not state what the controlled substance was.

McIntosh (who had lived in Ventura for over 50 years) was crossing Woodland Avenue legally when she was struck by the bus. She was taken

to Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) in critical condition around 3pm and died at 6:40 from the injuries sustained in the accident.

Neither the students nor Madaule were injured in the incident because the bus was traveling at a slow speed.

Ventura Breeze reader Fred Bailey told us "So sad, my friend's mother was a great person," and Lesa Jensen "Tears, that was my friend that died! Knew her my whole life."

New Fire Chief

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dispatch center as the Fire liaison and trainer; managing many of the computer dispatch system data files; and serving as co-chair of the Paramedic Operations Committee to successfully integrate paramedics into the Ventura Fire Department.

"Don McPherson is a lifelong Venturan who has devoted his career to serving our community," said City Manager Rick Cole, who made the appointment. "He is a strategic planner, cool under fire and a leader who sets the example for tireless dedication and setting high standards. He is also a person of uncommon character and integrity. I'm proud to leave the department in capable hands to meet the challenges of emergency response, disaster preparedness and developing a plan for sustainable operations after the end of the grant funding that restored Station Four."

Born and raised in Ventura, McPherson lives in Ventura with his wife Patricia. They have two children: daughter Samantha, a senior at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and son Hayden, a freshman at CSU Channel Islands.

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Dr. Robin Calote

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Dr. Robin Calote was born in New York City and was constantly on the move with her parents. In the middle of her senior year of high school, her family settled in Santa Cruz where she attended UC Santa Cruz.

Calote worked her way up through various low-wage jobs while attending college, including positions selling popcorn in a movie theater and working as a billing clerk in a hospital. She remembers taking a break from “washing dishes in a restaurant when they announced that man had landed on the moon.” Anxious to complete her education, she took extra classes each quarter and graduated a year earlier than scheduled in the subject field of sociology. While she had an excellent academic background, she found that there were few jobs for which she was qualified, putting her at a personal crossroads.

At the time, there was a nationwide shortage of librarians. Although working in a library had not been her ambition, she wanted to find meaningful employment and so she went back to school to obtain her master’s degree in library science. By the time she finished her degree, the shortage of librarians had disappeared, but after sending out many applications, Calote was still able to find a job at San Bernardino Valley College as a reference librarian.

Calote worked her way up and eventually landed a job as Library Director, then Dean, and then Vice President of Instruction. During this time, she married her husband, an art history teacher and her college boyfriend, and they eventually had two children. And true to the family tradition, both of her children grew up to be public school teachers.

In 2005, Calote was selected for presidency of Ventura College. Since then, she has worked with the Ventura College Foundation on the Ventura College Promise program, which underwrites the first year of enrollment fees for recent high school graduates. Assisting in the development of this program has been a highlight of her professional career. She

is especially gratified by evidence that shows that students who participate in the Promise program persist in their education at approximately twice the rate of their counterparts who are not in the program. A variation of this, the Ventura College Corporate Promise, was initiated by Ann Deal (A Face Of Ventura) and Fashion Forms, which underwrites enrollment fees for all interested employees in Deal’s organization.

The last few years have been challenging ones for community colleges, especially as financial constraints have made it necessary to make difficult choices about which classes Ventura College can afford to offer. Calote says she has been impressed by the ability of the faculty and staff to join with her “in finding solutions to live within our means,” and that she has “enjoyed working with the college community to address the many challenges that have faced us.”

We asked her what she likes most about Ventura?

There are so many things to like about Ventura that it’s hard to narrow it to one! The members of the community are warm, generous, and caring. There is a lively arts scene, with support for theater, music, dance, and art. There are wonderful local restaurants and movie theaters to patronize. The weather is perfect and the ocean is just minutes away. This is the ideal place to live, and my husband and I hope to spend the rest of our days here.

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

I enjoyed learning more about the concept of the “Faces” project as she painted my portrait. I love the idea of portraying a cross section of the community as an artistic statement. This is truly a gift of love that Johanna is providing to our community, and she deserves our thanks for donating her time and energy to this project. Johanna was easy to talk to and overall it was a very positive and pleasant experience!



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

Health

5K run/walk to benefit the mentally ill

On Saturday, October 13, the Bob Benedetto Memorial Scholarship Fund will hold its 10th and final Annual 5K Run/Walk. The race is a 3.1-mile loop starting at San Buenaventura State Beach. All ages and abilities are welcome! Water and refreshments will be provided. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. Cash prizes and gift certificates are awarded to men and women overall winners.

This race supports causes for the mentally ill and professional social worker education. Over the years, it has contributed over twenty-one thousand dollars in scholarships to social work students and grants to agencies in our community that work with the mentally ill.

The Fund was created in memory of Bob Benedetto, a Ventura County social worker who dedicated his professional and personal life to improving the lives of mentally ill persons. The Fund is operated under the auspices of the Ventura County Community Foundation (501C3), and donations are tax deductible.

The registration fee is \$20 post-marked by October 5, or \$25 after that date. Commemorative T-shirts are available to the first 100 registrants. Youths 12 years and younger may participate free!

Registration is available online at www.active.com or applications can be requested by calling Maryellen Benedetto at 644-1831.

CMHS offerings in Ventura, Ojai and Oxnard

Community Memorial Health System holds regularly scheduled free "Stop Smoking" Tobacco Cessation classes in Ventura, Ojai and Oxnard.

The 8-session classes include sessions on how to handle smoking urges, how to handle stress and moods and how to handle slips. Sessions on weight and exercise, lifestyle balance and life without cigarettes also will be covered.

Tuesdays: 168 N. Brent St., 3rd Floor/Outpatient Radiology, Ventura.
Wednesdays: 1306 Maricopa Hwy., Conference/Boardroom, Ojai.
Thursdays: 2361 E. Vineyard Ave., reception area, Oxnard.

Class dates and times are subject to change without notice. Registration is required by calling the CMHS HealthAware office at 667-2818 or email healthaware@cmhshealth.org.

Also in recognition of Breast

Cancer Awareness Month, Community Memorial Health System is offering low-cost early breast cancer detection services to women who schedule a screening mammogram during October through the Breast Center at Community Memorial Hospital and Ojai Valley Community Hospital. The cost is \$65.

In addition, their Healthy Women's Program provides early breast cancer detection and surgical intervention for uninsured or under-insured women who qualify.

To schedule a mammogram call Community Memorial Hospital at 652-5093 or Ojai Valley Community Hospital at 640-2250. Digital Mammography is available in Ventura.

Community Memorial Health System is a not-for-profit health system, which is comprised of Community Memorial Hospital, Ojai Valley Community Hospital, and eleven family-practice health centers entitled Centers for Family Health.

The Jolly Oyster

by Staci Brown

In August, the Jolly Oyster celebrated their one year anniversary with an oyster recipe contest, wine, beer and music. If you missed out, the first annual Oysterfest will be there on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11am to 6pm bringing crafted beer, local wine, California Oyster Farms, Ventura food vendors, a kids area and five fabulous bands with Ray Fresco headlining! We are honored to have this delicious food stand located at the San Buenaventura Beach where you can bring your own wine and beer, purchase fresh oysters and clams, light the grill and have a fantastic meal outside at the park. The stand sells clams and oysters by the piece or by the pound. They also sell shucking knives which is a must, unless you want to throw them on the "Barbie" in which case the clams and oysters open up on their own. Bring some wine, olive oil, garlic and pasta and you can cook up a delectable linguine and clams meal.

The benches and grills are provided but bring your utensils, pots, table cloth and plenty of napkins. If you want to shuck the oysters, bring a towel to hold the oyster in while you are shucking them. If you want to throw something else on the BBQ, bring that too. The atmosphere is friendly and social.

The Jolly Oyster grows its own Kumamoto and Pacific oysters as well as Manila clams. If you like oysters, you will love these. So pungent, fresh and flavorful; after your first taste, you will be craving these crustaceans. They are grown in the waters off the coast of Baja California and shipped in the morning so they are really fresh and delicious.

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Medicare information

by Nanci Cone

On Monday, October 8th, from 10 am-1 pm at the Marriott Courtyard, 600 E. Esplanade Drive in Oxnard, the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), County of Ventura Area Agency on Aging, will be hosting a Medicare information event for 2013.

Medicare beneficiaries, pre-Medicare beneficiaries, Medicare disabled and caregivers will have the opportunity to meet and discuss all their Medicare plan options for 2013 at this free event. No reservations are required – you just need to show up!

Everyone attending will be able to fill out a Part D Plan worksheet for a free, unbiased Part D comparison of three prescription plans for next year. HICAP will be there to help participants with their worksheets.

The Medicare Advantage Plans attending are: Aetna Medicare Select Plan, Anthem Blue Cross PPO, AARP Medicare Complete (Secure Horizons), Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage, Physicians Choice Medicare Plus, and SCAN Classic.

HICAP Program Manager, Katharine Raley, notes, “The representatives from each of these plans will be able to go over all the changes seniors can expect to find for next year. In addition to professionals from the insurance companies, other resource representatives attending will be: Medi-Cal Eligibility & Veteran Services, of the Ventura County Human Services Agency,

Gold Coast Health Plan (Medi-Cal payer), Livingston Memorial Nursing Association and Hospice, Grey Law Legal Services for Elders, and Cal Fresh – the government food assistance program.”

Katharine goes on to add, “Ventura County Health Care Agency’s Public Health will be administering free flu shots to the first 300 Medicare beneficiaries so you will want to get here early. Also, all participants will receive handouts on all plans, and from all other resources that attend this event. There may be additional resource participants than what I’ve listed here.”

Attendees will be able to talk to professionals about Medi-Cal eligibility, veterans service’s available to them, learn whether they qualify for Cal Fresh and talk to the professionals about various health plans available to seniors that work in conjunction to Medicare. There will be a breakdown on what these plans cost and a list of what services are offered to find out which plan best suits each individual.

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging HICAP program provides free and unbiased counseling to, and advocacy for, Medicare beneficiaries and those who will soon be receiving Medicare. Trained, registered volunteer counselors offer objective information and provide assistance with problems relating to Medicare, Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage plans, supplemental (Medigap) insurance policies, long-term care insurance, prescription drugs and other insurance issues.

If you wish to access this service, you may contact your local senior center to make an appointment or contact our local office at (805) 477-7310. In Ventura, the number for the Ventura Avenue Adult Center is (805) 648-3035 Remember, HICAP services are free; there are never any fees!

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Officer Scott Garrett and his partner officer Eros answered questions about the K9 program

for the senior community's upcoming Country Hoedown event and fundraiser to benefit the National Police Dog Foundation to be held on Oct. 6.

Officer Garrett was able to answer questions about the K9 program and his work with K9 Eros, as well as allow residents to meet K9 Eros up close and personal.

The event will feature a live K-9 demonstration with several police dogs and their handlers from the Ventura Police Department and the Ventura Sheriff's Department. The dogs and their trainers will demonstrate how they work together as a team to carry out their duties.

Attendees will also enjoy live country music by the Sweet Country Band, line dancing, pony rides for the kids, an animal petting zoo, and raffle prizes.

Activities at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center

Westside Cafe now open Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri. Closed Thursday. Lunch Hours: 11:30am-1:00pm. Cost: \$3 suggested donation for adults 60+ \$5 set price for everyone else.

Free Dance Class: "On with the Dance!" Adults 50+. Starts: Monday, October 8, 2012 (ongoing). Time: 9am-9:45am.

Join this self-expressive class and dance to a mix of music to move you from the inside out.

Free Flu Shots: Thursday, October 18 at 9:00am. Adults 50 years and older, and adults with a chronic, or high risk, condition. Bring: Medicare insurance card if available.

Cypress Place seniors have a surprise visitor

Every Friday afternoon, residents at Cypress Place Senior Living enjoy a happy hour with live entertainment, finger sandwiches, soda and punch, and the warm camaraderie of good friends and family. But on Friday, September 21 they also enjoyed a surprise visit from Ventura Police Department Officer Scott Garrett and his partner, K9 officer Eros.

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■ The Humane Society of Ventura County will celebrate 80 years of service to the community on Sunday, October 7th at its annual Cats in the Canyon, Hounds in the Hollow Fundraiser. A private, nonprofit organization, the Humane Society relies on this fundraiser, and private donations to support its work to protect animals throughout Ventura County.

Meet some of the shelter pets; enjoy an Italian Buffet catered by Ottavio's Restaurant, and shop at a fantastic silent auction. The auction will feature 80 different auction packages, including a date with me and a bottle of my vintage wine. Get a great deal on products and services you already use, from all over the county. The event will run from 2pm until dusk at Arroyo Verde Park. Admission is \$40 in advance and includes dinner, entertainment and a free parking pass. The event is located at the end of the park road, where there is plenty of parking for ticket holders. For more information or to get your tickets, visit www.hsvc.org/cchh/ or call 646.6505.

■ Greyfoot Cat Rescue and Sanctuary, a California nonprofit organization 501(c)(3), finds homes for abandoned cats in our community. They foster



I'll bet Scamp wishes that he could relax like I can. -Savana

unwanted, abandoned, and homeless cats and kittens and then adopt them out to permanent, loving homes. And some of the cats are even lucky enough to have a dog to play with.

Almost entirely run by volunteers, Greyfoot has placed more than 5,000 cats into loving homes since their inception in 1999 and have also

trapped, neutered, and released almost 3,000 feral cats.

They have cats and kittens available for adoption at PetSmart on Saturdays from 12-4 p.m. and Sundays from 12-3 p.m. The cats can also be viewed at greyfoot.rescuegroups.org. All cats & kittens are neutered, vaccinated, de-wormed and micro-chipped.

Greyfoot relies almost exclusively on private donations to fund their services. Every dollar donated is spent towards the care of rescued cats and kittens. Please join them in their mission to end the needless suffering and deaths of companion and community cats and kittens in our county each year.

Cats aren't nearly as much fun as dogs but they are kind of cute in their own way.

■ A little doggy police report. Recently Ventura Police officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle and subject. An officer observed Jeremy Seymour (29 year old Ventura vagrant) carrying a large duffle bag and when he saw the officer he dropped the bag and ran into a nearby yard then jumped a fence into a backyard in the 7200 Block of Bristol Road.

Additional officers arrived and set up a perimeter in the area. With the use of a Police K-9, Seymour was found hiding in a camper in the backyard where he was seen going into. Seymour refused to exit the camper and the K-9 was successfully deployed to assist in safely removing Seymour from the camper.

Seymour was arrested for assault on a police dog, resisting an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia and a parole violation. There were no injuries to the police dog or officers. Seymour was transported to VCMC where he was treated for wounds from dog bites and was later booked at Ventura County Jail.

How dare him assault a police dog, I hope that the dog bites hurt.

■ And I hope that you showed even more love than usual during National Dog Week that was founded in 1928 by Captain Will Judy, a former publisher of Dog World Magazine and a dog judge. He created National Dog Week to educate all dog owners in their responsibilities to their pets and to their communities.

■ The origin of "man's best friend" is alleged to have come from a closing

If your vehicle breaks down, remove it from the public street or parking lot as soon as possible. If you have a garage, use it rather than parking outside where your vehicle is more vulnerable. Share this type of information with people you know. Keep up with the department by following their website at: www.venturapd.org.

Commercial Burglary

On Monday, September 17th, at 4:15 p.m., employees at Play-it-Again Sports, located at 4705 Telephone Road, called the VPD to report a subject attempting to pawn stolen property at their business. Officers detained the subject identified as Matthew Merrion. Merrion was attempting to pawn a surfboard that was reported stolen by Brian Stimson. Stimson had two surfboards stolen from the back of his truck.

Merrion had Stimson's other stolen surfboard hidden in his residence. Both surf boards were returned to Stimson.

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Scamp Club



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argument given by Sen. George Graham Vest. Vest was representing a man whose dog was shot and killed by a neighbor. In his closing statement, Vest gave what has become the famous "Tribute to the American Dog." The speech was so powerful that it won the case. Here is an excerpt from this famous speech that truly shows how much a dog means to his owner, "The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog."

And don't you forget!

■ On Wednesday, October 17th, from

10am to 2pm The Bonaventure, an independent retirement community located at 10949 Telegraph Rd. will have the Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center (SPARC) on hand with rescued animals that need good homes. The adoption will be open to the public. Attendees are also invited to lunch at The Bonaventure at 12:30. Come out and visit for a good cause and take home a new friend! Maybe you will even meet me but you can't take me home (unless you have exceptional treats). Please contact The Bonaventure at (805) 671-9700 or the SPARC at (805) 525-8609 for more information.

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.

Community Crime Alert

On Saturday, September 22nd, the VPD received several theft reports in the Pierpont area. Five of these reports were classified as theft reports, while an additional four crimes were classified as vehicle burglaries. The VPD advises that everyone be responsible neighbors. Report all suspicious activity to 805-650-8010 or 911.

The majority of these crimes are crimes of opportunity. Lock your doors and remove your valuables from your vehicle. Pay attention and be aware of your surroundings. Set your alarm if you have one. Park in a well lit area whenever possible. Do not leave the keys in the ignition.

Merrion was also determined to be in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Merrion was taken into custody and booked at the VC Jail.

Stabbing

On Tuesday, September 18th, at 9:05 p.m., officers responded to the area of Prime Steakhouse on Thompson Boulevard regarding a report of a stabbing victim. The victim, 28 year old Curtis French, arrived at VCMC to get treatment for two non-life threatening stab wounds. One stab wound was to his left bicep and the other was to his chest.

The stabbing occurred inside a house in the 190 block of South Santa Cruz Street. Officers learned the suspect was an acquaintance of French's and lived in the house where the stabbing occurred.

Officers contacted the suspect, Ryan Capdeville. They ultimately arrested Capdeville for the stabbing. Capdeville

was later booked at VC Jail.

Stolen Property

On Thursday, August 30th, at 12:00 p.m., the Street Crimes Unit began a vehicle burglary investigation where a police radio, belonging to the VPD, had been stolen. Detectives were able to locate the suspect in the 1700 block of South Victoria. He was in possession of the stolen police radio. The suspect was also actively involved in the sales of narcotics.

A few hours later, a search warrant was served at the suspect's residence in the 2700 block of Pierpont Boulevard. Detectives found the remaining accessories for the stolen police radio, a handgun, quantities of controlled substances indicative of sales, and additional stolen property including ballistic vests, helmets and gas masks belonging to the military. Additionally, a large quantity of professional, explosive fireworks were

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found inside the house.

Robbery

On Thursday, September 20th, at 2:57 a.m., Angela Monroe, was walking near the front of the Circle K convenience store, located at the 1000 block of Main Street. The suspect, Scott Flemming, was standing nearby and rushed Monroe, forcibly removing her purse. A patrol officer located Flemming walking a block away on Santa Clara Street. Flemming was in possession of property belonging to the victim and was arrested for robbery.

Flemming attempted to kick and head butt the arresting officers. He was booked into VC Jail.

Stabbing

On Thursday, September 20th, at 9:25 a.m., Jerry Hooper was walking in the area of California Street and Main Street when he told a citizen that he had been stabbed. The citizen called the VPD. Officers located Hooper and called for medical assistance. Hooper told officers that he had been stabbed 30 minutes prior while attempting to break up a fight at Promenade Park, 398 South Figueroa. Hooper was uncooperative and refused to provide any suspect description.

Hooper was transported to VCMC where he was treated for a non-life threatening injury.

Stolen Vehicle

On Friday, September 21st, at 1:20 a.m., an alert citizen called the VPD after observing several subjects taking property from a parked vehicle near the intersection of Pomona Street and Ashwood Avenue.

Officers observed Nicholas Gebber, Roderick Nava and Frank Palafox exiting the parked vehicle. The vehicle had recently been reported stolen.

Gebber was arrested for possession of the stolen vehicle along with possessing property taken from a separate theft.

Palafox was arrested for possessing property that had been taken from an unrelated vehicle burglary that occurred on 09/20/12. All three were booked into the VC Jail.

Robbery

On Friday, September 21st, at 8:14 p.m., officers responded to a report of a robbery that had just occurred at Simone's Coffee, on 7818 Telegraph Road.

The suspect entered the coffee shop and asked the employee for a drink. After several minutes of being inside the business, the suspect approached the counter a second time and demanded the employee give him all the money from the cash register. The suspect threatened the employee that he had a gun, although no gun was seen. The employee complied and gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect took the money and fled.

Officers were unable to locate the suspect. The victim did not sustain any injuries during the robbery.

Possession of a Concealed Weapon

On Tuesday, September 25th, at 12:40 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance at Camino Real Park where it was reported that one person had brandished a gun. Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect John Donati. Donati was found in possession of a concealed tire iron, which from a distance could resemble a gun. Donati was arrested and booked at VC Jail.

Possession of Fire Arms

On Wednesday, September 26th, at 11:00 a.m., detectives began an investigation into a suspect possessing firearms. Jacob Aydelotte is a convicted felon and narcotics addict, which makes him prohibited from possessing firearms. Detectives conducted a search of his residence and located a stolen 9mm handgun, a sawed

off/ under the legal length .22 rifle, an extensive amount of ammunition, additional stolen property from recent burglaries and narcotics paraphernalia. Additionally, items located indicated the suspect has recently been involved in narcotics sales.

Aydelotte was located in a vehicle traveling in the area of North Bank Drive and Montgomery Avenue. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, and the suspect was taken into custody.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

9-19 2:10 p.m. Patrol monitored a radio call from a boater reporting his boat was disabled behind the breakwater. Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow and released it at the entrance.

9-20 12:57 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Holiday Inn Express. Patrol responded. AMR transported the subject to the hospital.

9-21 1:11 FCC dispatched Patrol to a medical assist at Harbor Village. Upon arrival, no treatment was given because the patient was on Hospice.

9-22 7:39 a.m. Patrol received a report of a sailboat on the beach south of Surfer's Knoll. Upon arrival, the vessel was aground and the person had walked ashore with no injuries. Patrol contacted Vessel Assist. Vessel Assist was able to get the vessel off the beach, but not before its hull had split.

4:03 p.m. Patrol took over a tow at the entrance and released the vessel at the launch ramp.

5:45 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at VWM. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

Ventura events

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writer (and Breeze contributor) Tim Pompey's new horror novel, *Freeland*. **Author appearance and book signing** to take place on Saturday, 6p.m. to 8 p.m., at Fox Fine Jewelry, 210 East Main Street, downtown Ventura. Book will be available to sell. Refreshments included, plus a short reading from the novel by Mr. Pompey. For more information contact Fox Fine Jewelry at 652-1800 or via email at tjpompey@gmail.com.

Ojai events

On **Oct. 6** and **Oct. 7** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *The Intouchables*, the irreverent and uplifting French comedy of an unlikely friendship between a handicapped millionaire and his street-smart ex-con caretaker that has broken box office records across Europe.

And on **Oct. 14**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Pink Ribbons, Inc.*, a Canadian documentary that takes an in-depth look at the ubiquitous pink ribbon breast cancer research campaign and the corporate philanthropy it has spawned. Each year, millions of dollars are raised in the name of breast cancer, but where does this money go and what does it actually achieve? Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave., 4:30 pm.

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. Tickets are \$45 and are available by phone at 805-646-8907 or on the website at www.ojaiworldmusic.org. A special VIP ticket is available with reserved seating in the first 5 rows for \$100 along with a special reception.

More than 25 local restaurants, as well as local wineries and breweries, will join together to share the fruits of their labor on Saturday, **October 27**, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 10th green at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. This year's **Taste of Ojai** will include local wines and beers, food tastings from Ojai's finest restaurants, and great music for dancing. There are a couple of sponsorship opportunities still available. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Peter Bowen at 832.5382.

Proceeds from this event will support the Rotary Club of Ojai's Educational Foundation, which helps more than 15 local, non-profit organizations serving the Ojai Valley.

Tickets are available online at www.tasteofojai.com. For more information, contact Peter Bowen.

The **Montessori School of Ojai (MSO)** will host its **annual rummage sale** on **October 13th** from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and **October 14th** from 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. The school is currently accepting donations of furniture, appliances, electronics, toys, clothing and other saleable items. Donations may be dropped off during regular school hours. In addition to the shopping extravaganza participants will enjoy a barbecue and bake sale. Plants from the MSO garden will be available for purchase as well.

Proceeds will benefit Montessori School of Ojai programs and on-campus improvements. Admission is free. MSO is located at 806 W. Baldwin Rd. (Highway 150 near Lake Casitas).

Plan to join in the **Ojai Valley Green**

Coalition Green Home and Building Tour, Saturday, **October 6** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's tour focuses on the beauty of marrying form and function with clean, green sustainable building design. Designers, contractors and "Green Guides" will be on site to answer your questions about the beautiful eco-friendly features. Also on Saturday you can stop in at the Green Home Show at The MOB Shop, 110 W. Ojai Ave. Tickets are \$10 for the tour; the Green Home Show is free and open to the public. Special opportunity to bike the tour this year, too! For more information and advance ticket purchases go to www.ojaivalleygreentour.com or call (805) 669-8445.

A **library fundraiser** will be held in the Ojai Library courtyard where hundreds of books will be displayed by category. Children's books, special editions, classics, fiction and self help books will be on sale for 50 cents to \$2.00. Do not pass up this opportunity to find that very special edition or enchanting children's book you have been searching for!

Dedicated volunteers from the **Ojai Valley Friends and Foundation (OVLFF)** and the community have spent months going through a huge amount of books. Long hours of sorting, labeling and tagging an endless supply of hardback, paperback and specialized volumes donated by residents and organizations. In addition to the books, a colorful quilt designed by a local artist will be raffled off and the winner will be chosen on Saturday, Ojai Day, **October 20** at 3:45 p.m. The proceeds from the book sale and the raffle will benefit the three Ojai Libraries. This commitment to public libraries, made by the Friends (OVLFF) has never been more crucial than at the present time when funds have been severely cut back for libraries everywhere. For further information or to become a member, please visit website www.ovlff.com or call 646-1639.



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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Show Time

Two on the Aisle

Skyway Playhouse takes a shot

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Wallowing in dissolution and desperation, a number of misguided souls have felt assassinating the President of the United States would generate the changes they craved when their peculiar views of the American dream were not met.

Assassins, the surreal psychological musical drama by Stephen Sondheim currently playing at the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse, speculates on the forces that might have motivated some in this diverse band of would-be and actual slayers. The group includes John Wilkes Booth (President Lincoln), Charles Guiteau (Garfield), Leon Czolgosz (McKinley), Guiseppe Zangara (attempted FDR), Samuel Byck (attempted Nixon), Lee Harvey Oswald (Kennedy), Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme and Sara Jane Moore (attempted Ford) and John Hinckley (attempted Reagan).

The show, for us, must be viewed from the perspectives of the local offering and the piece itself.

The production values of the Skyway Playhouse production are excellent. The direction is smooth, the use of multi-media and historical film clips is enriching, the lighting and technical touches are effective, and the live musical accompaniment is well modulated for a building that has built-in challenges.

One of the challenges is air flow and large fans are sometimes used.. However, the night we attended most of the dialogue and song lyrics could not be easily heard or understood until the fans were turned off midway through the first act.

The cast boasts a number of strong voices, extensive credits and strong performances. The depth of Julie Bermel's professional experience shines through as her characterization of Sara Jane Moore is both deliciously inept, which makes her scary, and generally a hoot. Alex Choate as 19th Century actor John Wilkes Booth carries the action well, while local stage veteran Jim Seerden is equally impressive as Nixon's would-be assassin, Sam Byck.

Little verifiable information exists about the actual mental status and motivations of most of the slayers. So, the script relies on twisted history and literary license to accommodate the psychological conjecture on which it is grounded. While there is music, none is truly memorable.

The play begins as the assassins from the various eras gather at a shooting gallery somewhere in a state of limbo where each receives a hand gun. In their subsequent exchanges they variously whine, justify, taunt and encourage one another in their perverted missions, each dipping out of the action periodically to take their shot.

Several times the characters aim and fire blanks at the audience. For many having weapons pointed and discharged directly their way may be such an overly dramatic take-away experience that the show's underlying message may be lost or neutralized.

Assassins opened Off Broadway in 1991 for just 76 performances. It didn't

appear on Broadway until 13 years later in 2004 where it had a total run of only 101 performances.

In Camarillo *Assassins* plays until November 4 at the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse, 330 Skyway Drive on the Camarillo Airport. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. \$18. Not for children. (805) 388-5716. www.skywayplayhouse.org.

The Entertainment Report Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello, Ventura, this is my pick of the week...



Lawless

Written by Matt Bondurant, an ancestor of the real life bootlegging gang, tells his true to life tale for the big screen. The story takes place in the depression era 1931, in Franklin County, Virginia. This was an era of illegal liquor production run by the bootlegging clan, the Bondurant brothers.

The boys are threatened by a new deputy in town Charlie Rakes (Guy Pearce) whose ruthless, greedy, weasel-like character along with other backstabbing authorities wants a cut of the moonshine profits. Pearce is the type of character you love to hate. He is so creepy and obnoxiously relentless. The boys tussle with the Chicago mob until they come out as heroes just trying to survive the changing times.

The film was well cast with Jessica Chastain as the quiet, secretive, waitress taken in by the brothers, quickly becoming entrenched in their lives. Tom Hardy plays the elder brother Forrest Bondurant, who maintains an authoritative, protective appeal. The middle brother Howard, (Jason Clarke) is the silent, crazy one, who you see a lot in the background making faces and howling a lot, and the youngest sibling Jack (Shia LaBeouf) the innocent, love struck, ambitious brother who needs to man-up, seems to get himself stuck in the middle of all the chaos. Real and heartfelt, the chemistry between the brothers gave one the opportunity to easily grow attached to them.

While the film has its fair share of violence and shootings, I enjoyed the film for its historical quality, giving us enough unpredictable scenes and situations, while leaving just enough to the imagination. A must see!

Rated R Running time 116 minutes

VHS is having a concert

The Ventura High School (VHS) Music Boosters invites the community to attend a Benefit Concert on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the VHS Auditorium, preceded by a 5:00 p.m. benefit dinner catered by Milano's Italian Restaurant in the VHS High School cafeteria.

The entire proceeds will support the VHS instrumental music program through its all-volunteer VHS Music Boosters group.

The concert will feature the VHS music department's Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra and Jazz Band music groups in a program of classical and jazz music.

Tickets for the event are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and students for the combined dinner and concert, or \$10 for

VFS@420EAST

In Love With Alma Cogan

(Producer Anwen Rees-Myers will attend)

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano
Ventura Film Society

In Love with Alma Cogan (Tuesday, Oct. 16th @ 7:15pm), is a charming romantic comedy from the U.K, written and directed by Tony Britten. Set in the once-grand holiday resort of Cromer, in North Norfolk, it tells the story of Norman (Roger Lloyd Pack), the manager of the Pavilion theatre on Cromer pier. He has worked here all his life and, despite the efforts of Sandra (Niamh Cusack), his long-serving, long-suffering assistant, he will not accept that the local council that owns the theatre is planning on

phasing him out and putting operations into the hands of commercial management. Norman realizes, reluctantly at first, that it may be time to move on and put behind him the ghost of the famous 1950s & '60s singing star Alma Cogan (Catrine Kirkman), whose lingering presence has overshadowed his life since she played his theatre for one night over forty years ago. Producer Anwen Rees-Myers will attend.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *In Love with Alma Cogan* as the 18th 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 and Advance Ticket Information – www.venturafilm.com / (805) 628-2299 / info@venturafilmsociety.com.

adults, \$6 for children and students for the concert alone. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 218-1127.

If you would like more information or make an online donation, go to www.venturahsmusic.org/ or call 218-1127.

Music Calendar 10/3 to 10/16

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Live Bands and Musicians Wed thru Sun
Brian Nicolette from 3 Man Weave Wed

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 10/5 - Ray Jay Band 7-11pm

Sat 10/6 - Barstool Pigeons 6-10pm

Sun 10/7 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 10/12 - Crosscut 7-11pm

Sat 10/13 - Fish Fry 6-10pm

Sun 10/14 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Bombay Bar & Grill

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

Local Live Music every Thur, Fri & Sat
Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm

Thur 10/4 - Ire Army

Fri 10/5 - White Elephant, Angie's Curse, 8 Stops 7

Sat 10/6 - New Libery, Reall Deall Band

Sun 10/7 - House Arrest

Thur 10/11 - Local Rock Show

Fri 10/12 - Lion I's Show

Sat 10/13 - Shoemaker Brothers

Sun 10/14 - 4 On The Floor

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 10/4 - Kamelot, Space Panter, Knights of the Fallen Empire, Mantre, Edge of Paradise 9pm

Tue 10/9 - Deftones, Scars on Broadway 8pm

Wed 10/10 - The Hives, Fidler 8pm

Fri 10/12 - Less Than Jake, Reel Big Fish, Flat Foot 56, The Grittys 8pm

Squashed Grapes

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

Vocal Jazz Night every Tue 6:30-10pm

House Jazz Band every Fri 6:30-10pm

The Tavern

211 Santa Clara St., 805-643-3264

Live Bands every Tue thru Sat

"Honky Tonk Tuesdays" Country Night, Live Country Band every Tue 8pm

Ventura County Blues Society Jam session hosted by Tommy Marsh every Wed 8pm

Thur 10/4 - Howlin Woods 9pm

Fri 10/5 - Good Drops 9pm

Sat 10/6 - Dub Step Thiefs 9pm

Tue 10/9 - Podunk Poets 9pm

Thur 10/11 - The Train Hoppers 9pm

Fri 10/12 - Shawn Jones 9pm

Sat 10/13 - Brothers Gow 9pm, Shakey Feeling 10pm

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

598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)
805-643-6800

Live Bands every Wed thru Sun

Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm

Wed 10/3 - John Koah

Thur 10/4 - Crows Foot

Fri 10/5 - Mini Driver

Sat 10/6 - The Bomb

Sun 10/7 - Simple Creation

Thur 10/11 - Malibu Unplugged

Fri 10/12 - Drunken Monkeys

Sat 10/13 - Soulamente

Sun 10/14 - Shawn Jones

Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment

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

Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm

Fri 10/5 - Candy Kane (Blues Singer)

Fri 10/12 - Rob Rio (Rockin Boogie Woogie Piano)

Zoey's Café

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

Blue Grass Jam every Tue 6pm

Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm

Live Musicians & Bands every Wed thru Sat 8pm

Wed 10/3 - Amazing Jazz with Special Guests 8pm

Thur 10/4 - Salvador Santana, Xocoyotzin 8pm

Fri 10/5 - Lainey Taylor (Soul/Jazz/Pop) 8pm

Sat 10/6 - Rocky Gundersen and Helicoats 8pm

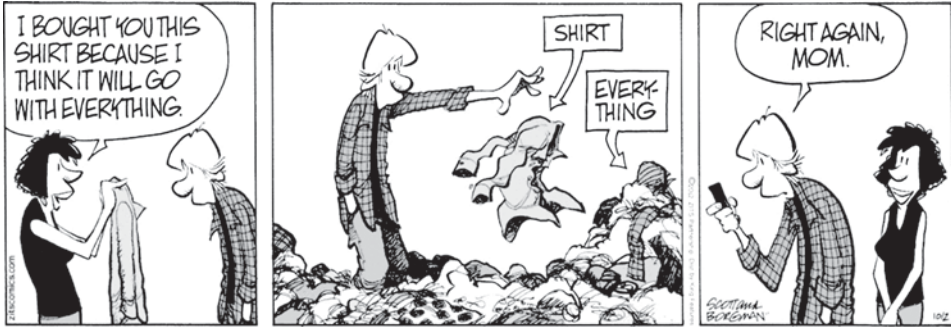
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Sun 10/8 - Miggs 7:30pm

Tue 10/10 - Singer/Song Writers Competition 7:30

Lighter Breeze

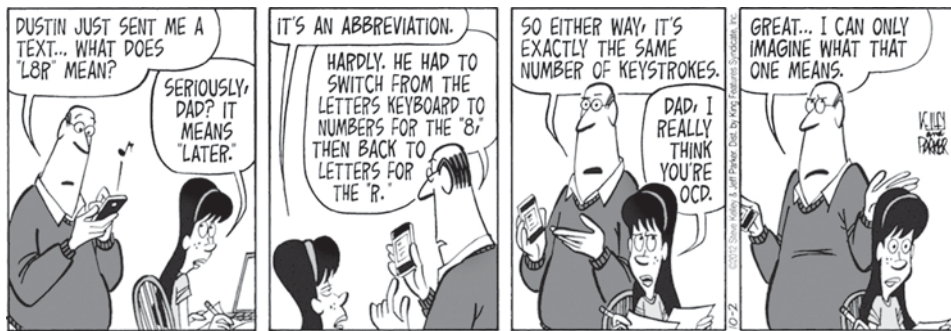
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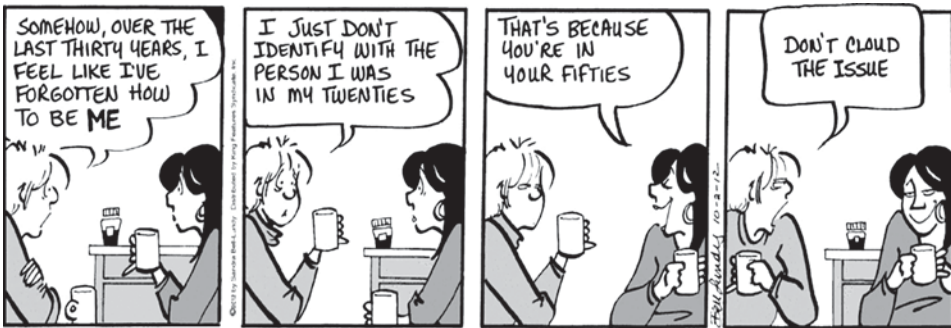
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Between Friends



Hagar the Horrible



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 Navigator's stack
- 5 Deck in the ring
- 9 Upper surface
- 12 Oil cartel
- 13 Leading man?
- 14 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 15 Pianist's ticker
- 17 Barbie's companion
- 18 Agreement
- 19 No stay-at-homes
- 21 Lindbergh book
- 22 Plot mathematically
- 24 Back talk
- 27 Greet the villain
- 28 Grant's —
- 31 Thickness
- 32 Once around the track
- 33 Long March leader
- 34 Yin counterpart
- 36 Salt Lake athlete
- 37 Titanic's destroyer
- 38 Knighted women
- 40 "Monopoly" square
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- 4 Threaded nails
- 5 Philosopher Immanuel
- 6 Big bother
- 7 Sweet potato
- 8 Last letter
- 9 After-taxes
- 10 Finished contents
- 16 Indivisible
- 20 Choose (for)
- 22 "The Men Who Stare at —"
- 23 Lasso
- 24 Agent
- 25 In the manner of
- 26 Stockholm —
- 27 Sad
- 29 Scratch
- 30 Cranberry territory
- 35 Joke
- 37 Edge
- 39 Butcher's wares
- 40 Earth (Pref.)
- 41 Pop
- 42 Troop group
- 43 Weaponry
- 44 Midwest state
- 45 "So be it"
- 46 For fear that
- 49 Witness
- 50 Playing marble

DOWN

- 1 NYC cultural center
- 2 "Planet of the —"
- 3 Household critters

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you love being the focus of attention, it's a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action. What you see can help with an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) "Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking that **Cancer** Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A widening distance between you and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Don't let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. Your handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-

job problem.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new relationship could create resentment among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You'll then be able to use this freed-up time to research new career opportunities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity and avoid showing any favoritism 'twixt the two sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

BORN THIS WEEK: People of all ages look to you for advice and encouragement. You would make an excellent counselor.

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Business



Launched in 2009, AllGuard has four full-time employees

Business Profile

AllGuard Termite and Pest Control

by Mira Reverente

Steve Holt was in another industry when he was told that he could be a game changer in the termite and pest control business.

"Being in residential real estate for 12 years, I've had a lot of first-hand experience with termite companies during that time,"

said Holt, owner of AllGuard Termite and Pest Control in Ventura.

Launched in 2009, AllGuard has four full-time employees, who help Holt carry out a professional and eco-friendly approach to termite and pest control.

California is home primarily to the dry

wood and subterranean termites. Holt recommends getting a yearly inspection which AllGuard provides for free.

Holt's staff does a 30 to 40-minute on-site inspection and written report. If termites are found on the property, the homeowner will be presented with various treatment options.

"Whenever possible, we use the more green and non-toxic approach to eradicating termites," said Holt.

Among the eco-friendly treatment options that AllGuard offers for killing termites is orange oil, which contains the active ingredient D-limonene, an extract from orange rinds.

Injected into the wood, orange oil moves through porous lumber cells and directly attacks termites. Many homeowners favor this approach, as they don't need to vacate their homes during orange oil treatment.

Timbor is another green treatment option. Featuring borate mineral salt as an active ingredient, Timbor is also used as a pre-treatment option in new construction for termites and other wood-destroying insects.

Approximately 80 percent of AllGuard's business consists of termite eradication while the remaining 20 percent is pest control.

Holt works with at least a hundred realtors in the area spanning Santa Barbara County to West Los Angeles.

"I am able to work with them well because I can speak their language," said the former realtor. "I understand the importance of the 'closing' process and sticking to a closing schedule."

Being a stickler for tight schedules has definitely appealed to Alheli Miranda, transaction manager for Mark Moscovitz at Keller Williams Realty in Westlake Village.

"We do a lot of short sales and they bend over backwards for us, even with the volume of last-minute requests that we make," she said.

Said Miranda, "It's comforting to know that a company like them is only a phone call away because the nature of our business demands a lot of flexibility."

Aside from his close and reciprocal ties with the real estate industry, Holt

also relies on personal referrals, local advertising, Internet search engines and the phone book to get the word out about his business.

"While other pest control companies won't answer the phone after 5 p.m. or until after the weekend, I do," said Holt, describing his commitment and work ethic.

Jennifer Murray of Simi Valley has been a customer for two years now and attests to AllGuard's professionalism.

"They come in every month, spray outside and they're always on time," she said. "I had a rat problem one time and they came back several times to follow up."

Said Murray, "Aside from being the most economical, they also offer the longest warranty around here."

As every entrepreneur dreams of growth, Holt is no exception. He foresees expanding towards the West Valley, building his clientele some more and the possibility of adding another office.

He said, "Expansion is definitely in the works but I want to do it slowly, carefully and greener."

For more information, please visit: www.allguardtermite.net or call 877.642.BUGS

Anacapa Ukulele is moving

Anacapa Ukulele is Ventura County's only full-service, ukulele-specific music store. Opened by two professional musicians in October, 2011.

Owners Cary Hitsman and Brad Ranola have created a "central-hub" for the ukulele community.

Anacapa Ukulele offers ukuleles for sale, workshops, accessories, books, and repair, restoration, and maintenance service. Everyone from true beginners to seasoned professionals are welcome. Shop local and try out your instrument before you buy or just stop by to say hi and talk Uke!

They will be at their new location starting on October 9 which is located at 1899 Main St. (Between Santa Cruz & Santa Rosa)

For more information call, 500-6848 or email info@anacapaukulele.com.

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Art Scene



Anjelica Rose Bonewitz (age 7) is a steady customer at the Art Barn that is run by Program Director Jerrica Van Nest



Kids' Arts fosters creativity!

by Nanci Cone

Kids' Arts was first conceived of and pursued by Joan Roberts, the current treasurer on the board of directors. This program, further developed by Lynne Thurston, one of the teachers and the president of the board, who comments, "I'm delighted to say this year Kids' Arts celebrates 20 years of providing professional creative arts programs to children from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. We're also honored to receive another grant this year from the Ventura Cultural Funding program in support of our service to the community." Another founder, Judy Adams, not actively working with Kids' Arts at this time, is a life-long booster.

Kids' Arts Program Director Jerrica Van Nest notes, "Our teachers are local artists connected to KA by word of mouth and outreach events. We have 6-8 teachers on staff who work on a rotating schedule to offer variety in our classes from week to week. Several families have been participating in our program for many years and have invited their friends and family to join us along the way. We have also had kids referred to our program by teachers and other child educators or some have even found us on the Internet. We typically have between 10-20 kids participating each Saturday. Our program is free of charge but thrives from the donations of money, time and materials from the community."

She goes on to add, "The drop-by nature of our program means that families are free to participate whenever they like - no enrollment is necessary! We have several kids between the ages of five and 14 who have been coming to Kids' Arts for years and participate nearly every week; some join us whenever it works for them! For example, we see a few kids each summer who live out of town or even out of the country. This year saw a Kids' Arts first - a second generation participant. Jennifer P. started attending our program when she was 11 and she now brings her daughter to us!"

The instructors offer a one-hour visual art class and a one-hour performing art class each Saturday between 10am-noon. The kids are divided between the two classes by age group, with each group taking a turn in each class. Kids learn a variety of techniques and projects in the visual arts classes: water color, self-portraits, paper doll and puppet making have been some recent favorites. The performing arts teachers lead classes in storytelling, acting, music, yoga and more!

Thanks to the efforts of local artist and former director, Lynn Okun,

the Art Barn at 856 E. Thompson Boulevard has been the home of Kids' Arts for many years. The staff also organizes field trips of classes off-site. In October there will be a field trip to a puppet-crafting studio and through collaboration with The WAV there will be classes with guest artists at their location every other month.

Jerrica concludes by saying, "Look for us at StoryFest-Ventura Education Partnership's fun family event focusing on encouraging literacy and a love for literature. It's an event not to be missed! It is on Oct. 13 from 9-3 at the Education Service Center located at 255 W. Stanley."

Also, please "like us" on Facebook-Kids' Arts Ventura - for weekly updates on what's happening at Kids' Arts!"

Dragon Lap-A-Thon to raise funds for enrichment programs

Lincoln Elementary School is holding their 6th annual Dragon Lap-A-Thon on October 5th. Children will run with their classmates to raise money for important enrichment programs: art and music education, additional library books, cultural assemblies and field trips. These programs are only made possible by donations received from members of the community - people like you! Each student has been asked to get members of their family, friends, neighbors and local businesses to sponsor them by donating money towards their effort. With school budgets slashed, our students need your support now more than ever. The best part in helping out is that they are going to have a great day.

This event is doubly important because it encourages children to be physically active.

Lincoln Elementary School has received California's Title I Academic Award and was recognized by Disney as the "Best Green School in America", plus was honored as the City of Ventura's "Greenest School". Through their on-site recycling program, their families have recycled more than 7 tons of glass, plastic and cans into money for the school. Lincoln's successful recycling program is now a model for schools within the Ventura Unified School District.

Art, a la Carte



See artist Hilda Kilpatrick create a painting on site at the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula, on Saturday, October 13, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The demonstration is free with paid museum admission. Visitors can also see her work in the exhibition entitled: *Fields of Flowers: Paintings by Hilda Kilpatrick*, at the Agriculture Museum through October 28.

Inspired by California landscapes since moving here from her native Peru in 1988, Ventura resident Kilpatrick paints the local scenery with concern that it may be gone or drastically different in the future. Her colors and brushstrokes reflect the influence of early California painters as well as the Impressionists.

The Museum of Ventura County's Agriculture Museum is located at 926 Railroad Avenue, Santa Paula. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4

p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, free for Museum of Ventura County members, and for children ages 5 and younger. On first Sundays of the month, admission is free. For more information, go to www.ventura-museum.org or call (805) 525-3100.

Oil and water mix beautifully when the added ingredient is painter Roxie Ray, whose recent artworks will be exhibited starting Oct. 9 at the Buenaventura Gallery in downtown Ventura.

Ray's solo show, "The Value of Water," will feature more than a dozen oil paintings on canvas, acrylics on canvas and photographs ranging from 6 by 8 inches to 4 by 5 feet. She will be present for a Meet the Artist reception from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, and the First Friday Ventura Gallery Crawl from 5-8 p.m., Nov. 2.

California-born Ray has lived most of her life in sight of the Pacific Ocean and it's a frequent subject in her 20 years of painting. Some works vividly express water's raw power in roiling breakers, but many explore how human beings relate to it - often at the moment of contact - and surrender to being submerged.

Examples of her artwork, some from her series of portraits of local and migrant field workers, can be found online at www.roxieray.com.

"The Value of Water" will be on exhibit through Nov. 3 at the Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St., which is open noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit the nonprofit Buenaventura Art Association's website at www.buenaventuragallery.org.



An emergency can happen anytime so be prepared

by Kris McDonald, Fire Captain
Ventura City Fire Department

A medical emergency occurred during the recent Ventura County Kiwanis "Fire Services & Heroes Celebration," which honors Fire Service personnel for meritorious service and citizens for heroic actions. One of the event attendees experienced a sudden and complete airway obstruction during the ceremony. Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy was seated next to the man and, recognizing the man's struggle to breathe, immediately summoned for help.

Fire Captain Ben Davis, being honored at the event as Ventura City Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year, was able to quickly assess and treat the man. Captain Davis first confirmed that the man was choking, then he performed the Heimlich maneuver. After several firm abdominal thrusts, the obstruction was dislodged and the man began breathing again. Since

the man's airway was cleared quickly and prior to losing consciousness, there were no adverse effects to his brain or other vital organs. Brain death occurs in as little as 4 minutes once oxygen delivery stops.

This event heavily underscores the importance of everyone, not just emergency response personnel, being trained and certified in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). The keys to the positive outcome of this event were early recognition and intervention. However, this event is very similar to ones that occur each and every day. The delivery of bystander CPR frequently means the difference between survivability and death during emergencies.

We encourage people of all ages to obtain CPR training. Certification can be obtained through any local CPR training provider, most notably The American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org).

You never know when someone in your presence will choke, suffer a heart attack, or have some other medical or traumatic emergency. The person that you save could be a family member, someone you know...or even a complete stranger. Are you ready to act?

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This 'n' That



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This was no ordinary game

A special day for Ventura County was held on Sunday September 23 as people came together for one purpose to play a game most of us love, baseball. Only this was no ordinary game. The players were our friends with special needs (physically or mentally challenged) and their buddies were athletes who play baseball for Buena High School and Westmont College. And together they were All Stars for the day. Others who came out to celebrate our young people and support our event were Senator Tony Strickland who threw out the game's first pitch and Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy. There was also physical and financial support from the Lions Club, Ventura First Assembly and many, many more.

The Miracle League of Ventura County has been hosting events for the past 4 years and each year there comes a sense of family on the field. Community could be felt from all who were in attendance who celebrated those with special needs and applauded our community for their support.

You can find out more about this wonderful program at www.miracleleagueventura.org.

will explain what it takes to be an effective leader who can grow with an organization, build a committed team and achieve prize-winning results.

Ms. Bailey is also the founder and CEO of the Small Business Loan Fund of Santa Barbara. Since 1991, WEV has provided entrepreneurial training and technical assistance to over 15,000 women and men and loaned more than \$2.8 million to pre-bankable small businesses.

Registration is open to all, and admission is just \$25 for Ventura Chamber members and the Chamber's Young Professionals Group's (YPG) members, and \$35 for the general public. Tickets are \$5 more at the door. Attendees will enjoy networking to begin the program, and a buffet lunch will be served. For details or to register, visit www.VenturaChamber.com/events or call Charleen Morla at the Ventura Chamber at 643-7222.

And on Friday, September 21, the Crowne Plaza Hotel hosted Ventura Chamber YPG's 2nd annual "Work It 2" Business Fashion Show. The young professionals networking event highlighted fashionable apparel for morning, noon, and night and featured food prepared by the Crowne Plaza chefs.

Members and participants of the Young Professionals Group (YPG) work together to develop leadership skills to grow professionally. They make connections through social networking and support the mission of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce which in turn benefits our businesses and our community.

Organic Ventura Project launch

by Jeffrey Sloane

Local author (contributor to the Breeze), artist and public speaker Bianca Martinez is showcasing some of Ventura County's most beautiful organic farms in her new book to be called "Compassionate Eating: Organic Ventura."

The book will showcase 4 local farms, the crops they grow, and will include hand painted illustrations of those farms. The book promotes how Ventura's organic agriculture provides food for the community without the use of harsh pesticides, chemicals and other genetic manipulation that has been proven harmful to the consumer and the environment as well.

"Ventura County owes much of its economy and visual splendor to its incredibly fertile and productive farmland," says Martinez. The author, who received a degree in communications and design with a theme in environmental studies from Chico State University, is confident that the book will also promote the practice of chemical free farming to grow healthy, nutritious food which is safe to eat and beneficial to the environment. "Sustainable practices that preserve our precious resources only make good common sense!"

The book will also feature recipes using local organic produce and include a DVD with step-by-step videos of how to prepare selected recipes.

Dovetailed into this project will be a photographic exposé of each farm, which the Ventura Breeze promises to publish as the project develops.

To view a synopsis of the book and contribute to the independent fundraising for publishing costs, please log on to www.kickstarter.com and search Organic Ventura.



At the YPG fashion show artist Danielle Martinez-Hunt, from West End Tattoo Studio-Art Gallery located in downtown Ventura was seen applying her art on model Piper Ziv

The YPG in the news

Building any organization, whether it is a for-profit business or a non-profit cause takes more than a good idea. Marsha Bailey, Founder and CEO of Women's Economic Ventures (WEV), will be the featured speaker at the 2nd Ventura Chamber Young Professionals Roundtable event set for October 9th, from 10:30am - 1:30pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Ms. Bailey will be speaking about the important challenges she's faced and the sometimes painful lessons she's learned as WEV's leader for nearly 25 years. She

Family Calendar Highlights

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Saturday, October 6th and Sunday, October 7th
Open Classroom presents their 30th Annual Harvest Moon Festival at Great Pacific Pumpkin in Ventura.

Sunday, October 7th
Don't miss Carnevale Ventura's Designers Fashion Show at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Sunday, October 7th
Join the Humane Society of Ventura County at Arroyo Verde Park for "Cats in the Canyon and Hounds in the Hollow."

Friday, October 12th through Sunday, October 14th
The premier Scottish event, Seaside Highland Games, offers an experience you won't soon forget!

Saturday, October 13th
Make it out to the VUSD Education Center for StoryFest, a FREE storytime event for young children and their families. Every child attending will receive a FREE book.

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