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Someday the Ventura River will always look like this for our enjoyment
Part One

The Ventura River cleanup: interview with Peter Brown

by Tim Pompey

It's happening again—the cleanup of the Ventura River—but this time there's more government, community, and social capital behind the effort.

What's different this time around? According to Peter Brown, Ventura's Community Services Manager, two things have pushed this process forward.

First, the threat of fines from the state of California. "The state is wielding a big stick," said Brown, meaning that the state's Regional Water Quality Management District has laid down the law for river property owners. Either clean up their properties or be fined \$25,000 per day. And the deadline for finishing the cleanup is now rapidly approaching.

Second, the city has found it more difficult to deal with increased criminal behavior in the river. "The calls for fire and paramedic service in the Ventura River are dramatic," said Brown. "It really is a drain on public safety services."

It's been a yeoman's effort for the state, the county, the city, and several nonprofit landowners, including The Ventura Hillside Conservancy and the Wood-Claeysens Foundation, but it appears that after months of planning and several concerted efforts to clean up tons of trash and remove river residents, the effort is starting to pay off. "It's been a multi-pronged approach," said Brown. "People who no longer want to live in an untenable situation are getting assistance."

He points out that the city and
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While attending the Día de Todos los Santos (All Saints Day), in Chile, you can always catch up with the Breeze at venturabreeze.com



A local fisherman (we don't know his name but he is a handsome devil) recently caught the newly named Ventura sea creature "Ventress The Ventura Pier Creature" off the Ventura Pier. Ventress was too small (only 15 feet, the law requires sea creatures to be at least 20 feet to keep) so she was returned to the ocean so you might just see more of her in the future.



This year, Scott has decided to make it even bigger and better.

Pirate ship hoists its sails for a good cause

by Angela Rosales

When you first meet the Robinsons, it's clear that 7-year old Reece is the apple of his family's eye. Reece joyfully reciprocates his parents' love by greeting them each morning with hugs and jokes before they head out to drop him off at school and make it to work on time.

The Robinsons are a pretty typical Ventura family. Father Scott makes a living as a carpenter, wife Judy is a software project manager, 21-yr old, Amanda, a college student blossoming into adulthood, and Reece is a busy 2nd-grader. Reece also happens to be one in about 400,000 Americans born with an extra copy of Chromosome

21. This means he was born with the United States' most common genetic condition known as Down syndrome. But the family story is not one of struggle, but of love.

"Reece is incredibly fun, loving and caring. I wish more people were like Reece. Every morning is like Christmas morning" says Scott. Judy agrees, "He's the sweetest kid. He just lights up my world when I look at him." In fact, Reece has brought so much joy to the Robinson family that they are now two-months into the process of adopting a 2-year old boy with Down syndrome from an

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"This worked just fine on my driveway."
Photo by Bill King.

Kinetic Sculpture Race – where art and engineering collide

Racers from all over the West demonstrate their engineering ingenuity, creativity, whimsy, and nautical know-how on Saturday, October 20th at the 15th Annual Kinetic Sculpture Race at the Ventura Harbor. The fun starts with brake testing and the water launch at 10:20 am at the Ventura Harbor Boat Launch.

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The event is a fundraiser for Turning Point Foundation. The mission of Turning Point is to provide housing, rehabilitation, recovery and support services to help mentally ill adults overcome barriers and reach their highest potential as contributing members of the community.

Join in the fun of the Kinetic Race by rummaging through boxes, attic or a thrift store to put together the perfect outfit to wear at the water launch. Cheer on the racers with their innovative designs and win prizes for the most creative and innovative Costume and Best Crazy Costume by a spectator.

And bring those \$1s and vote for your favorite Kinetic vehicle and raise money for Turning Point Foundation! Each vote gets a ticket!!

For more information on the Kinetic Race, contact Princess Kinetic/Christy Cantrell at 216-5216 or Jane Lax at 652-0000 ext. 102. Admission and parking are free. Event details, race schedule and photo contest rules are posted on www.kineticrace.com.



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by Johanna Spinks
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Ventura River cleanup

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county, in coordination with nonprofits like The Salvation Army and the Turning Point Foundation, have banded together to provide extensive services to displaced river dwellers, including free storage of possessions, individual case management, assistance with housing and relocation, and medical and mental health services.

But Brown believes it's also important that the city send a message. "We are a compassionate community," he said, "but we do not want to be known as a destination for someone who lives a destructive lifestyle. It's a delicate balance that we're trying to figure out every day."

So what's next for the city? According to Brown, now that the larger cleanup is nearly complete, the city's river property has been divided up into smaller grids that will be cleaned up acre by acre. The first major grid cleanup happens on October 25 in perhaps the dirtiest part of the Ventura River—underneath the Main Street Bridge. "This is going to be the first and the most concentrated grid section that we'll encounter," he said.

There's also an effort by the city and its local businesses in Mission Plaza to address the plaza's reputation as a hangout for panhandlers and the homeless. "In the next two weeks," said Brown, "the Mission Plaza is going to install 23 seven-foot tall banners on every light post in the plaza encouraging a safe and clean Ventura, giving to charity, and not giving to panhandlers."

The cost for this is being absorbed by the plaza's business owners, with whom Brown has been meeting for the last six months. Along with the new signage, the plaza will also update its landscaping and lighting, turn off the electric boxes used for cell phones, and bring in a new security service.

How much is this costing the city? The short answer is, less than you might think. "We're all cooperating together," said Brown. "The cost depends on how much debris and how many people are in the area."

For the city, most of the direct cost includes the handling and storage of possessions, cleaning out the debris and removing the Arundo (estimated at about \$5,000 an acre), providing some additional police and fire services, and the cost of animal regulation.

But for Brown, what cost the city incurs is minimal compared to the pending cost of fines and the increased pressure on public safety agencies. "It's a very minimal direct impact on the city's budget, but it has promise of saving the city a significant amount of money in fines and response calls for service."

And Brown believes that coordinating with other landowners in the cleanup helps defray some costs and directly benefits the city. "When the homeless walk out of the river," he explained, "they don't walk into the downtown county of Ventura, or the downtown Wood-Claeysens or the downtown Ventura Hillside Conservancy, or the downtown State of California. They walk into downtown Ventura. We're a cautionary tale that when you spill the beans or invigorate the hive, they're coming to the west side. When people are displaced, they are displaced into downtown Ventura."

Pirate ship

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orphange in Bulgaria. Scott explains their well-thought-out decision to adopt, "through our experience of raising Reece we have learned that having a child with Down syndrome is a blessing, not a constant challenge."

But the adoption price is hefty. A

single adoption could cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000 once the agency and background check fees are factored in along with travel expenses. The Robinsons need to raise an amount in the mid-\$30k range to bring their new son home. Though this is a staggering sum for the family living on a modest income, it's not a deterrent. "A child with Down syndrome is so opposite of what people think," says Judy.

To raise the funds needed, they've begun hosting several fundraisers. This includes turning their Halloween tradition into an adoption fundraising event fun for the whole family. But this year, Scott has decided to make it even bigger and better. "Every Halloween our family decorates our house with a pirate ship with cannons that fire, but it will be nothing like last year" Scott promises. He's right, considering the 35' long and 20' tall pirate ship anchored on their mid-town front lawn.

Parents can bring their children to

tour the ship the weekend before and after Halloween by appointment and drop by between 4-9pm on Halloween night. A donation of any size would be appreciated, but is not necessary to gain access into the ship. Children can have fun steering the ship and collect candy booty from the pirates treasure chest. On Halloween, there will also be a pirate crew on hand to help it all run smoothly. A pirate crew "who can't act," jokes Scott, "but it's going to be a lot of fun. The community has enjoyed and celebrated with us each year and this is a special year." Reece agrees and invites you to come see for yourself Halloween night. 397 Emma Avenue, Ventura.

For more information contact Scott at scottrob31505@yahoo.com. To keep up with the Robinsons' adoption journey, go to www.robinsoncrewadoption.blogspot.com. To learn more about adopting children with Down syndrome, go to www.recesrainbow.org.

Family Calendar Highlights

Find a Full List of Events on ventura-ca.parentclick.com

- Saturday, October 20th**
Something Spooktacular is an inaugural event that will bring contests, children's entertainment, crafts, vendors and a screening of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" to Downtown Ventura.
- Saturday, October 20th**
Learn about stamp collecting when thousands of free stamps will be given away during the 22nd Annual Youth Stamp Fair at the historic Dudley House.
- Saturday, October 20th**
The annual Kinetic Sculpture Race features some of the most amazing people-powered works of art that will travel an all-terrain course through the Ventura Harbor.
- Saturday, October 20th and 27th**
Kids, put on your costumes and bring your candy bags to Golf N' Stuff for "King Putt's Dungeon: The Maze of Fun."
- Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th**
Ventura Family Fun Fest kicks off Friday with a wine-tasting and live art auction. On Saturday, the fun begins with 5k and 1k runs, a family festival and hot air balloon rides, all to benefit Children's Miracle Network.





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Dance & Date Night at House of Dance

18 years-Adult 10/28-12/9
Sunday 7:00-8:00 pm
\$78 per couple

Learn swing together. Wear leather or suede shoes or order two weeks prior to class at www.dance-shoesnow.com. Classes held at House of Dance, 3007 Bunsen Ave., Suite E & F.

Beach Yoga

18 years-Adult
10/30-11/20 Tuesday 9:00-10:10 am
10/25-11/15 Thursday 9:00-10:10 am
\$40/\$70 for both classes

Head to the beach for ocean, sand, fresh air and yoga. Postures and breathing heal and release stress as you regain balance and well-being. Bring yoga mat, towel, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses. Class meets on beach behind Pierpont School, 1254 Martha's Vineyard.

Line Dance with a Twist

18 years-Adult 10/31-12/5
M/W 1:00-2:00 pm \$60

Line dance with a twist of salsa, ballroom and jazz. Great exercise, great fun. No class 11/12. Classes held at Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston St., Ventura.

Halloween Party

2-5 years 10/31
Wednesday 9:30-10:30 am \$10

Parents join your child for this fun themes party with snacks, crafts and stories. Take one or take them all. Classes held at Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston St., Ventura.

Ventura Botanical Gardens grand opening

The Ventura Botanical Gardens is celebrating the Grand Opening of its first installation, the Demonstration Trail, on Saturday, October 20th at noon. After six years of planning and community outreach and fundraising the Gardens is becoming a reality.

The 6' wide Trail is divided into 3 sections. An ADA accessible portion from the upper parking lot behind Ventura City Hall gently climbs 1400 feet to a viewing area overlooking the city and the ocean. The next portion follows the existing ridge line to Summit Drive. The third portion connects Summit Drive to the barbecue area on a meandering path giving walkers more dramatic views of the hillside and ocean beyond.

The entire community is invited to join in at the upper parking lot behind City Hall. Bring your friends and your family. Your dogs are welcome, too! It's going to be a great day.

It's not too late to see your own name on the Trail. If you become a donor before the Grand Opening you'll also be invited to the VIP party that morning. The Foot by Foot campaign raised the funds for this exciting first step. You can take part right now by sponsoring a foot of trail for \$50. Donations can be made at VenturaBotanicalGardens.com.

The Ventura Botanical Gardens is in immediate need of volunteers with some survey/sampling experience to design a plan to collect data on trail usage. This data is critical for grants and other purposes.

If you are able to help us out please contact volunteer@venturabotanicalgardens.com.

And don't forget the regular, guided trail walks on the fourth Saturday of each month. Meet at 10am in the upper parking lot.



One of Ventura's most beloved artists Warren Gauvin (known by friends and admirers as gauvin), succumbed to Hodgkin's disease on October 8. Gauvin's life as an artist was a spiritual experience that consumed every fiber of his being. His presence here for nearly 20 years allowed us to experience his tremendous artistic talents.

A life celebration was held at the Bell Arts Factory for him on Oct. 14 where his work was on display and for sale to help pay for his funeral expenses.

Correction...



Whoops, oops and sorry, we really made a boo-boo. The Himalaya Restaurant is not closed as mentioned in the last Breeze. Was just remodeling and appeared to be closed. Still serving their fine Nepal, India and Tibet cuisine so go check 'em out. They are located at 35 W. Main (Von's shopping center). 643-0795.



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Freeland

by Tim Pompey

Tim Pompey's first full novel titled **Freeland** was released in early October.

To celebrate the event, he will be having a book signing on Saturday, October 20 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Come and join the party.

The event will feature a short reading by Tim from the book and will be at Fox Fine Jewelry, 210 E. Main St., Downtown Ventura.

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ According to city planning technician Kathy Payne the Ventura Planning Commission has directed staff members to do more research on residents keeping chickens at home which requires a permit (unless they're frozen). As go chicken coops goes Ventura.

■ Kelly Flanders, Senior Management Analyst at the City Manager's Office told me "Regarding the graffiti picture included in the Oct. 3 issue of the Breeze (on the newly painted train trestle). Our goal is to complete the graffiti abatement within a reasonable timeframe after coordination and scheduling with UPRR, CalTrans, and CHP. The process for accessing the bridge for graffiti abatement requires a UPRR flagger, CalTrans, California Highway Patrol, and city or contractor personnel to safely remove the graffiti on the bridge trestle. The City coordinated with these agencies and the graffiti was removed in only 8 days! Ventura's Clark Engineering Construction Inc. is a strong community partner and has agreed to take care of the labor for the graffiti touch-up free of charge for a year.

"Residents can promptly report graffiti to the City of Ventura's Graffiti Hotline at 654-7805, or send an e-mail to graffiti@ci.ventura.ca.us."

So far the trestle looks great and the graffiti abatement is working very nicely. Quick removal of graffiti is very important.

It is too bad that the silver-grey was the only color that was approved to be used because this could have been a great piece of art welcoming all to Ventura.

■ Authorities have identified the 2 people recently killed in a multiple car crash as being Laura Stewart, 56 and Henry Stewart, 53 of Ventura. They were killed at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Olivas Park Drive after their vehicle was struck by a car traveling in the opposite direction.

A preliminary investigation showed

that the Stewarts ran a red light at the intersection, but Ventura police investigators are continuing to investigate the scene. The intersection was briefly shut down for the investigation.

Computer software was used to calculate exact distances, and other information to produce a two-dimensional diagram of the intersection to scale with equipment that the VPD purchased several years ago that will aid in their investigation.

■ Satnam Singh, 50, of Ventura, who has been accused of killing 20-year-old Ventura College student Nick Haverland while driving under the influence of alcohol, has been jailed after his bail was revoked because he received 2 speeding tickets while out on bail.

Singh is charged with second-degree murder, felony drunken driving, felony



hit-and-run, and a misdemeanor hit-and-run. He also is charged with two counts of inflicting great bodily injury.

It's amazing to me that he was allowed out on bail to begin with.

■ Boy did this make me feel old. Having lunch with a younger woman (they are all younger than me) and the name of Paul Newman came up and she said "The one that makes salad dressing?"

Yes he is, and by the way he also won an Academy Award and an Emmy and made a couple of movies.

His non-profit salad dressing has contributed over \$330 million for charity.

■ Recently an appeal was filed and heard by the Ventura City Council to reverse the findings of the planning

commission's approval of a proposed 154 unit apartment residential development on a vacant parcel south of the Montalvo Shopping Center (off of Victoria).

The City Council denied the appellants' appeal on a close 4-3 vote which will allow the project to proceed.

I really don't know enough about the proposed project to have an opinion regarding its merits but I think that the City Council did an outstanding job in their handling of the appeal. Respecting those at the meeting that opposed the project (they spoke for 2-hours), asking mostly logical questions of the speakers, of staff, of Community Development Director Jeff Lambert and City Attorney Ariel Calone and of each other. The meeting adjourned at 12:30am.

I think that it was one of their finer moments, I'm sure that the appellants don't think so (They could still sue the city to have this decision reversed).

■ Recently a Connecticut grade-school teacher accidentally shot, and killed his 15-year-old son during what he apparently thought was the attempted robbery of a neighbor's house. Luckily the father still owns the gun so next time maybe he can shoot a real crook.

■ Using a new technique for determining the age of ancient art it has been determined that cave paintings in northern Spain are so old that they may have been painted by Neanderthals and were 41,000 years old. How could this be if "we" are only 9,000 years old?

■ Scamp made me write this. Proposition 37, which calls for the labeling of some genetically engineered foods, exempts fresh meat from being labeled but requires dog food to be labeled which must mean that dogs are more important than people.

■ Recently Japanese and Taiwanese ships fired water cannons at each other in the latest confrontation over some tiny islands that only have goats living on them.

Now this is my kind of war. "Okay, we give up you got my pants wet".

It is feared that they might step up the conflict and start shooting paint balls at each other.

Mailbox

Sheldon

To be truthful the number of stolen/abandoned shopping carts that I see has greatly declined because the stores know the law goes into effect Nov 1, the cadets are out there retrieving the carts along with the cart retrieval and the transients are using their bikes to cart their stuff around. Most all of the transients that I see are now on bikes...probably purchased from the Ventura Riverbed bike theft ring.
Murray Robertson

Venturans

Our right to vote is an opportunity to voice what we value and believe in. If you value education and believe in working toward a future of opportunity for this community's children, vote YES on Measure Q. Public schools are the anchor of our community. Our children are in the midst of experiencing the sharpest and most dramatic decline in resources ever. What is happening is unprecedented. As one County Superintendent of Schools stated, "the depth of the effect of this current economic crisis on public education is more significant than

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up and out of poverty and thus less dependent on social welfare, is to invest in the education of our young people. An educated workforce increases the tax base and reduces the cost of publicly funded social programs. Education lowers crime. At every turn we should jump at the chance to support public education.

California's decision to disinvest in education does not have to be Ventura's choice. Especially at a time when a significant number of children live in poverty and our communities suffer from a range of social problems, the need for strong public education is greater than ever. And remember, education's importance transcends partisan ideology. Our priority should be the children of our community and the support of their future success and opportunity. Yes on Measure Q.

Mary Haffner

Member, Board of Education

Ventura Unified School District

Carpenters bend wood; fletchers bend arrows; wise men fashion themselves.

– Buddha



Community Events

1776 in 2012

Just in time to launch the 2012-2013 season, the Tony Award-winning *1776* makes its Cabrillo Music Theatre and Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza debut. The musical about the writing of the Declaration of Independence brings the most significant moment in American history to life with wit, wisdom and humanity. The result is a musical theatre classic that will have audiences cheering for the creation of democracy. *1776* opened on October 19, and plays until Sunday, October 28th, at the 1,800-seat Kavli Theatre at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza Box Office located at 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd. or through any Ticketmaster location or by phone (800) 745-3000. For groups of 10 or more, please call Group Sales, Cabrillo Music Theatre at (805) 497-8613. Ticket prices range from \$30-\$65. For ticket and theatre information, call (805) 449-ARTS (2787).

Ventura Hillsides Conservancy – Fall 2012 events

Thanks to all of you who enjoyed the Ventura Hillsides Music Festival last month. What a great day! Here's some ways to get involved this Fall with the Conservancy.

Patagonia Salmon Run / Arroyo Verde Park Clean-up - Sunday, October 21 from 2-4pm. (Every third Sunday of the month) If you need to stretch out your legs after the Patagonia Salmon Run to benefit Friends of the Ventura River come to Arroyo Verde and help clean up. Meet at the first parking lot on the left. Tell the booth attendant you are there for the clean-up so you don't get charged for parking. Grabbers, buckets and gloves are provided.

Volunteer Restoration Project: River Clean-Up - Saturday, October 27 9am-Noon. This event is part of the Points of Light Institute's "Make a Difference" Day of Service. We've cut the grass, now it's time to take out the trash. Yes, we have quite a schedule of chores ahead of us on the Willoughby Property. If you have looked over the Main Street Bridge lately you know what we mean. The crew has cleared a great deal of Arundo exposing mounds of trash and debris. Park at the Main Street lot or along Peking or better yet ride your bike! Together we can make a big difference in the River.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic - Sunday, November 4, Noon – 2pm, Foster Park Preserve. Come out and help us show them how much we appreciate them and get a tour of the Conservancy's preserve below Foster Park. Bring a picnic blanket, some river wading shoes and a towel. Food, snacks and drinks will be provided and they will be thanking their Volunteer of the Year. Where will it be? Park on Casitas Vista beneath the Hwy 33 overpass and head south down the Ventura River Trail (bike path) to the mural. Or better yet ride your bike! Please RSVP to lsherman@

venturahill sides.org.

2012 Aloha Turkey Round-up - Sunday, November 11. Hopefully this year is a dry one! Those pancakes never tasted better, though! Help is needed in a few areas on the day of the event. Volunteers will assist runner registration, handing out numbers and t-shirts and getting people their breakfast afterwards. Let them know if you can help!

Ventura County's Chinese American History

Community historian and filmmaker William Gow, a descendant of 19th century arrivals from China, discusses the role Chinese immigrants played in the evolution of Ventura County when he appears at the Museum of Ventura County on Saturday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m. After his talk, Gow answers questions and signs the just released book *Hidden Lives: A Century of Chinese American History in Ventura County*, which he co-authored with researcher Linda Bentz, historian for the Ventura County Chinese American Historical Society. The Chinese of Ventura County will be on exhibition at the museum through November 25. Admission to the lecture is \$5 for the general public, free for museum members. For reservations to the event or to reserve copies of the book in advance, call 653-0323 x7.

Gow is a community-based historian, educator and filmmaker. Until recently, he served as a public historian for the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, where he ran the Chinatown Remembered project documenting the history of Los Angeles Chinatown in the 1930s and 1940s.

The Museum of Ventura County is located at 100 East Main Street in downtown Ventura. Hours are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.



Rubicon Theatre Company kicks off its 15th Anniversary Season with *La Razón Blindada*, written and directed by Aristides Vargas. Starring Jesús Castaños-Chima and Tony Duran. Photo by Loli Castaños.

La Razón Blindada (The Armored Reason)

El Rubicon Theatre de Ventura abre su quinzava temporada de la compañía, titulada "Nuestro Pueblo / Tu Teatro", el 17 de octubre de 2012 con *La Razón Blindada* (The Armored Reason), escrita y dirigida por Aristides Vargas. *La Razón Blindada* viene a Rubicon del 24th Street Theatre en Los Ángeles y es producida en asociación con el Instituto de México de Cultura de Baja California y La Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa.

La Razón Blindada fue llamada en LA

Weekly 2011 "Producción del Año" y fue "Elección de la Crítica", en el LA Times y "Crítica Selección" en Backstage West. Con este espectáculo de dos hombres, el argentino Aristides Vargas, dramaturgo y director, impregna la obra con la novela clásica *El Quijote* de Miguel de Cervantes, con *La Verdad Sobre Sancho Panza* de Franz Kafka, y con los testimonios de su hermano Chicho Vargas y otros presos políticos recluidos en la década del 1970 en la cárcel de Rawson durante la dictadura Argentina. Dos presos políticos, oprimidos por el abuso físico y emocional, encuentran consuelo en el encontrarse todos los domingos al atardecer para contar la historia de Don Quijote y Sancho Panza. Sus cuentos se desenredan dentro las extremas limitaciones impuestas por su condición de presos en una cárcel de máxima seguridad.

Esta presentación de *La Razón Blindada* es un momento histórico en la historia de Rubicon ya que la producción es la primera que se realiza en español en el escenario del teatro. "La idea de la 'Our Town / Tu Teatro' 'La iniciativa surgió de un deseo de conectar con nuestra comunidad en una manera más profunda y más significativa", dijo Directora de Producción Artística y Co-Fundador Karyl Lynn Burns. "Con cada obra en nuestra Temporada del Quinzavo Aniversario, vamos a alcanzar a nuevas audiencias, explorar ideas que se relacionen con nuestra comunidad local, o la celebración de artistas locales - algunos que viven aquí ahora, y algunos de los que crecieron en Ventura y han ido hacia el éxito nacional e internacional. Con un nuevo Comité Hispano presidido por Adela Trainor y la añadidura de un miembro del personal bilingüe, la junta directiva y la administración en Rubicon esperamos llegar a los miembros de la próspera y culturalmente activa comunidad hispana de Ventura con una producción que se dirige específicamente a ellos - a través de artistas de su cultura y en su propio idioma."

Con el uso de super-títulos y el aspecto físico de la obra, *La Razón Blindada* sigue siendo accesible a gran parte de la audiencia de Rubicon del idioma inglés. "La obra fue la elección perfecta para nuestra temporada", dijo el Director Artístico y Co-Fundador James O'Neil. "La Razón Blindada es apropiada tomando en cuenta las luchas y los triunfos de nuestra comunidad -hispanoparlante y sin embargo, los temas de la opresión y la resistencia son universales".

La producción se presenta en preestreno el 17 de octubre con la inauguración oficial el sábado, 20 de octubre. La función continúa los de miércoles a domingo hasta el 11 de noviembre, 2012 en Rubicon Theatre Company, 1006 E. Main Street en el centro del Distrito Cultural de Ventura. Para boletos, llame al (805) 667-2900 o visite www.rubicontheatre.org. Un boleto de descuento 50% está disponible con el código 1218 (PARA LOS QUE VIENEN POR PRIMERA VEZ).

Halloween Fun at Olivas Adobe!

Join the docents at the historic Olivas Adobe for traditional Halloween/Day of the Dead arts and crafts, entertainment by Karosene Cal and snacks on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 1 to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Bring the whole family for this free event. Show off your Halloween costumes.

A donation of canned food for FOOD Share will be appreciated.

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Community Events

Holiday Boutique at CMH

Community Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary Gift Shop is having its annual Holiday Boutique. The boutique will be held November 1st (8am to 5pm) and Friday November 2nd (8am to 3pm) on the 8th floor of CMH in the Auditorium.

There are over 15 vendors and many Auxiliary members are providing hand crafted items and homemade baked goods. Additionally, there will be raffle tickets available both days. Each vendor will donate a gift for the raffle. One drawing for all combined gifts will occur at the close of the boutique approximately 3:00 on Friday November 2nd. Some of these items will make great gifts.

All profit from the Boutique will be donated back to Community Memorial Hospital, your local nonprofit hospital. If you are interested in becoming a member of CMH Auxiliary, please call Judy Miller at 746-7856.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Would you like to meet new friends? Do you need more than tweeting or blogging to express what's on your mind? Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right outlet for you. This eclectic group meets **Wednesdays from 4p.m. to 6p.m.** at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street. There is only one rule that applies to the Conversation Group: don't lecture and don't bore or you could get the hook from moderator Sam Povar, who makes sure the discussion is lively.

Oct. 20: Ventura County Genealogical Society's (VCGS) Fall Seminar on Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3501 Loma Vista Rd, at Mills Rd. The seminar speaker will be George G. Morgan. For more information and to register for the VCGS Fall Seminar, visit the VCGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cavcgs/Seminar12.html> or Gayle Wolcott, 987-8614.

Oct. 20: Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream Symposium presented by the Ventura Awakening the Dreamer Team, Co-sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura. They will be talking on our biggest global challenges and opportunities from the environment to peace to social and economic justice in a whole new way, empowering people to realize their hopes and dreams for the future through environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just means. Saturday 9a.m. to 4p.m. at the UU Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston Street

Oct. 26: The "Monster Jam Fest" a 3 Day Annual October Fall Halloween Harvest Festival. With live music, car show, haunted house, carnival and sideshow performers, celebrity guests, Local Battle of the Bands talent contest, Halloween costume contest, children's trick or treating, children's bouncy houses, and a flea and farmers market. The event will be held at the Ventura County Fairgrounds beginning Friday and ending with the main event on Sunday, October 28th. The Fest is an

all day event. Gates open at 10a.m. and close at 11p.m. All tickets are general admission with no preferred seating. To learn more and to purchase tickets, visit www.MonsterJamFest.com.

Nov. 4: A February 4, 1953 broadcast of the Bob Hope Show and 1905-06 recordings of opera singer Emma Eames will be featured in the **Dudley House historic recording series.** The house will be open from 1p.m. to 4p.m. The Dudley Docents will give tours of the history of the house with its Dudley family furniture. Admission to the house and the refurbished lavender garden with over 60 varieties of lavender is free. Located at 197 N. Ashwood at the corner of Loma Vista. Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house, the lavender garden, or the lavender program, call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

Nov. 5 & 12: The Ventura County Philatelic Society will meet **Mondays from 7:30 to 9p.m.** at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road. Admission and parking are free. Stamp trading and a stamp dealer will be present. Come for a great evening. They are a fun group. Contact: vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 320-1601

Nov. 6: Mended Hearts 101 of Ventura. Come share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant. This month they are meeting at Unitarian Universalist Church, 5654 Ralston St. on Tuesday from 7p.m. to 9p.m. The speaker is Aaron Gaston, Vice-president of Infogrip in Ventura. He will speak on Visual Enhancements for handicapped individuals.

Contact: Richard Hatcher 644-2733

Ojai events

The **Ojai Film Festival** kicks off with a free community screening of *Yellow Submarine* this classic animated feature at Libbey Bowl starting at 7 p.m. on **October 25.** This newly restored print features an epic story of good Beatles vs. evil Blue Meanies, quirky metaphysical allusions, and 14 Beatles' songs. Guest appearance by Animation Director Robert Balser. Bring the whole family! For more info, see ojiafilmfestival.com.

The **Fresh Roasted Concert Series** opens Sat., **Nov. 10** with Andy Hackbarth and Friends at Matilija Auditorium at 7:30 pm. Hailing from Denver, Andy is an award-winning singer-songwriter that injects the energy of classical and Spanish guitar into upbeat, folk and indie pop songs, which tastefully combine musical innovation with the accessibility of pop music. Backed by a wonderful ensemble of musicians that includes stand-up bass, fiddle, keyboards, guitar, the band creates a lush but gritty sound. Several of Andy's original songs have received substantial radio play and in addition to headlining his own national tours, Andy has recently shared the stage with Melissa Etheridge, Los Lobos, Keb Mo and John Oates among others.

"While it may be risky to present talent that is not well known to our audience, we have never shied away from taking chances. People coming to the Fresh Roasted concerts have grown to expect the unusual and the kind of performers that deeply connect with an audience.... Andy is that kind of performer"-Brian Bemel, Artistic Director, Fresh Roasted Concert Series.

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\$25 for seniors, \$27 for adults, \$3 more at the door. Tickets are available at Ojai Roasting, by phone at 646-8907 or online at www.ptgo.org (click on Fresh Roasted). The Fresh Roasted Series also includes: John McCutcheon on Jan. 25, Jazz Reach of New York on Feb. 9, On Ensemble Taiko on March 30 and Robert Michaels on May 25. A series ticket is available for the entire series with reserved seating for each performance.

On Sun., **Oct. 21**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *The Matchmaker*, a charming Israeli comedy/drama about a teenage boy whose life is forever changed when he takes a summer job working for a matchmaker in 1968 Haifa. Adir Miller's portrayal of Yankle, the matchmaker, and Maya Dagan's portrayal of Clara, his assistant, earned them best actor and actress awards from the Israeli Film Academy.

On **Nov. 10** enjoy the **third annual open house at Ojai Raptor Center's Rehabilitation Center** at 370 Baldwin Rd., from noon-4pm.

Since the Center is not open to the public, (rehabilitating wild birds of prey require minimal contact with humans for successful release back into the wild) this is a unique opportunity to see Ventura County's leading wildlife rehabilitation Center.

Ojai Raptor Center, (ORC) a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of birds of prey and other wildlife, and to providing educational programs to teach communities about raptors and our shared environment.

Hawks, falcons, eagles, and owls will be on hand to greet guests on this wonderful afternoon. Drinks and snacks will be provided as well as activities for kids.

Halloween can be dangerous

by Kris McDonald

Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

Halloween is an exciting holiday. Halloween activities such as parties, trick-or-treating, and neighborhood haunted-houses are pastimes enjoyed by both children and adults alike. Halloween can also be dangerous however, particularly for children. Statistics show that twice as many children are killed while walking on Halloween as compared to any other day of the year. Please take the time to consider the following safety guidelines, and talk about them with your children before they go out trick-or-treating.

Commercially available costumes come in an infinite number of shapes, colors, and sizes. Choose one that fits properly and is made of fire-resistant materials. Tell children to stay away from open flames, be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. When possible, use flashlights or battery operated candles as alternatives when decorating walkways or lighting pumpkins, they are much safer for the children walking by who may brush against them. If you do light a pumpkin with a candle place it away from where trick-or-treaters will likely be.

Light or bright colors are much more visible than dark or all-black costume materials. Rethink wearing any mask, hood, or other part of a costume that impairs the ability to see or walk effectively. Face painting is a safer alternative to bulky masks with small eye holes. While it may not be the coolest part of a kid's costume, adding some reflective material or glow sticks will make them

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Bianca met Phil McGrath, one of the great grandchildren of the family lineage.

Organic Ventura Project gains support

by Bianca Martinez

The journey of Compassionate Eating has led me to many wonderful experiences and amazing people over the years, and I have to say that this new project, *Organic Ventura* an illustrated book about local organic farms in Ventura County, has continued to do so.

After meeting with a number of local organic farmers that I will be featuring in my new book, the joy and appreciation of eating local food has deepened. I took a little trip to McGrath Family Farms last week where I met with Phil McGrath, one of the great grandchildren of the family lineage. We talked about his farm, his family heritage and the important role of organic food in our conventional world. Phil emphasized the importance of not only eating locally but seasonally. If more people made these simple choices it would create a more sustainable community and maybe even planet.

My travels in seeking local organic farms also took me up to Ojai where I had the pleasure of meeting with Steve Sprinkel who owns Rancho Del Pueblo. Steve is a dedicated farmer and gifted writer. He has also been an advocate of organic farming practices for many years and has been actively writing and speaking out about the dangers of GMOs since their widespread use began in the mid-90s. He recently spoke at an event at Ventura

College with author Jeffrey Smith as part of the label GMO education outreach.

A little down the road from Rancho Del Pueblo is Earth Trine Farm where I met with BD, a soft spoken bright-eyed man whose love for nature and his community radiates from his very being. As he bagged oranges from his citrus trees he told me about his farm and how he ended up growing up in Southern California. I got to walk through his orchards where he also grows a variety of fresh herbs. My senses were delighted by the fragrant rows of sage, basil, oregano and (my favorite) cilantro! After an informal interview, BD sent me home with a fresh picked herb bundle, which I used to season a delicious soup made with all the local veggies from these wonderful farms.

Ventura is so blessed to have such beautiful farmland and people who are dedicated to preserving it for future generations. I am excited to be creating the first book that will feature them and bring more awareness to our community about the importance of organic foods. The book will also include a DVD with cooking videos of how to prepare locally grown goodness right in your own kitchen.

We are getting closer to our fundraising goal but we still need your help! If you would like to contribute to the Organic Ventura Farm Book and DVD project help us by pre-ordering a copy on kickstarter.com/organic-ventura. We are planning to have the book available in December, just in time for the holidays.

The Passionate Vegetable

Book review by Staci Brown

Released on July 1, *The Passionate Vegetable* is a beautiful full sized color paperback cookbook written by Wellness Educator and Fresh Food Chef, Suzanne Landry. She wrote this book for parents and adults wanting to add more vegetables to their own and their families diets, giving the reader interesting and tasty recipes. Suzanne taught vegetarian cooking classes for over 30 years to sold out audiences and since 2005, she has taught a nutrition education program for cancer recovery patients that she developed herself. Suzanne is certified

by the world-renowned Kushi Institute as a Macrobiotic Chef and Counselor and lives here in our beautiful city of Ventura with her husband, and is the mother to three very healthy sons.

When I first glanced at the book, because of the title, I was surprised to see a few recipes made with meat, but Suzanne has geared her cookbook towards those wishing to try more delicious vegetarian recipes, while slowly taking out animal protein if desired. She calls this population “flexatarians.”

She begins the book with a chapter explaining how food affects us and the benefits of organic minimally processed foods and dietary requirements, as well as chapters on how to get the nutrition we need for our bodies, and making the change to Natural foods. It is informative and excellent knowledge. This is not just a cookbook, it is a health manual that will help you become more conscientious and mindful of your diet which could only lead to positive, overall health.

The photos of the recipes are magnificent and this is a beautifully laid out book. There are recipes ranging from healthy breakfasts, soups, salads, veggies, grains and beans, desserts and for me, a carnivore, some recipes with meat, chicken or fish. I decided to try the Turkey Burgers and boy, were they delicious. This book is a must buy for anyone who cooks and wants to try new healthy delicious recipes. I was at Lassens the other day and there it was! Happy cooking!

And on Oct. 22, from 6-8pm Suzanne will be at Lassens for a book signing and to give a talk on “Tips Chefs Love” and will give some knife skills demonstrations.



Jeffrey Smith, Executive Director of the Institute for Responsible Technology, speaks to standing room only at the newly renovated Performing Arts Center Auditorium at Ventura College.

It's in your food in Tour de Pink

Recently more than 300 people turned out when the Ventura College Health Department and Ventura College Holistic Health Club teamed up with Pesticide Action Network and the California Right To Know Campaign to host Jeffrey M. Smith and other local VIPs in a panel discussion of issues surrounding genetically modified organisms (GMOs). It was the inaugural event at the renovated Performing Arts Center at Ventura College.

Jeffrey Smith, an internationally acclaimed best-selling author, also produced and directed the latest film about genetic engineering, *Genetic Roulette: The Gamble of Our Lives*. “As thousands of physicians are now telling patients to avoid genetically engineered (GE) foods, we're hearing reports of rapid and often dramatic health improvements that result” Smith told the audience.

United by their alarm over the health

risks of genetically engineered foods, distinguished physicians, scientists, authors, celebrities, lifestyle experts, researchers, documentarians, teachers and others, have been speaking out in support of Proposition 37.

For the Ventura stop on the tour, Smith was joined by Dr. Robin Bernhoft MD, the former president of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, and the Medical Director of the Bernhoft Center for Advanced Medicine.

Catie Wyman Norris, a researcher and wellness advocate inspired by her own family's health issues to join the movement to label GE foods, and Steve Sprinkel, president of Cornucopia Institute and director of the Ojai Center for Regenerative Agriculture, also spoke.

With the election just a few short weeks away, the fight for Proposition 37 is heating up and gaining national attention. Should Proposition 37 pass, it would be the first legislation of its kind in the United States.

But there is opposition to Proposition 37 that have stated “Although we generally endorse people's right to know what goes into their food, this initiative is problematic on a number of levels and should be rejected. Genetic engineering — tinkering with genes in a laboratory to produce desirable qualities — has dominated the production of certain crops for years. Today, somewhere between 85% and 95% of the corn and soybeans grown in this country, for example, have altered genes.”

For their thoughts look at <http://www.noprop37.com>.



Sometimes Jill Sarick Santos trains with her 3-year-old son in hot pursuit

Local woman rides 200 miles in Tour de Pink

When she's not working for the City of Ventura's Environmental Sustainability and Water Efficiency Divisions or spending time with her 3-year-old son, Jill Sarick Santos is training for the Tour de Pink, a ride to raise awareness and funding for Young Survivor's Coalition, a premier national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting women under 40 when diagnosed with breast cancer.

“I rode in the Tour de Pink last year and this year, when I saw the registration come again, I couldn't resist signing up again” says Jill. In order to ride in the 3 day ride from Ventura County to Dana Point, she needed to raise a minimum of \$2500. Many friends, family and local businesses and non-profits supported her fundraising efforts.

“It's intimidating to raise that much money,” says Jill, “but I've had

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nothing but a positive response.” This year she received a large donation from the Knights of Columbus Sacred Hearts Council. “I work with two members of the Council, and when I mentioned the ride they simply said that they’d ask the board to support me” she shares.

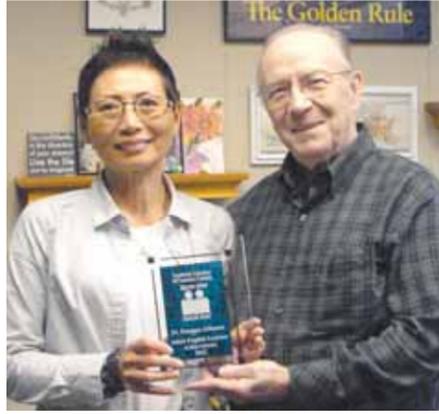
Red Brick Pizza’s Charity Café contributed over \$440 towards her fundraising goal and the mechanics at Ventura Bike Depot helped Jill source parts for and build her a new bike from the ground up.

“I’ve had donations as small as \$20 and as large as \$300 from friends and family. I kept saying that every \$1 raised saves a priceless pair!” laughs Jill.

Jill is part of a team who rode in honor of many cancer survivors who are members of the Ventura Center for Spiritual Living. Two other riders who attend the church also participated in the 3 day ride.

YSC is unique in that no money goes towards research. All of the programs YSC sponsors are to support, educate and inspire women and their families to ensure that no one faces this journey alone. Much of the funds that support YSC’s programming comes from corporate and individual donations. The Tour de Pink, hosted in several locations annually throughout the US, is one of their top fundraisers. \$.52 of every program dollar provides direct services to women with breast cancer.

The ride left from Giant Bicycle’s Headquarters in Thousand Oaks and traversed the coast and mountains south towards Dana Point. For more information on the ride and YSC’s programs, check out: http://www.ysctourdepink.org/site/PageServer?pagename=tdp_about_ysc_westcoastand to donate to Jill’s campaign directly, go to: <http://bit.ly/GzuNvj>.



Ventura school official receives award

Dr. Kunghee Schwartz, Director of Student Support Services for the Ventura Unified School District, recently received the Adult English Learner Achievement Award from Laubach Literacy of Ventura County, an all-volunteer non-profit corporation that supports volunteers who tutor adult English learners. Ed Lynch, LLVC treasurer made the presentation.

Dr. Schwartz, a middle school teacher in Korea; came to the U.S. in 1986 with a three year old daughter and an American husband. She mastered English as an Adult English Learner while working at a variety of jobs.

She obtained an M.A. degree from CSUN with an administrative credential and Ed.D from USC that led to holding school site administrator positions in Oxnard and Ventura. Now she is working at the Ventura Unified School District office.

Laubach Literacy of Ventura County is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and has been active for over forty years using the Laubach teaching methodology and materials published by the Laubach organization. Each year a hundred or so tutors have gifted about 10,000 hours of time, patience, and encouragement to adult English learners.

Many more tutors are needed, there are always adult English learners from many countries around the world waiting for a tutor.

Learn about this unique opportunity and organization at www.laubachventura.org or 385-9584.

Grape expectations Burgundy, a wonderful experience

by Eric Garnier

Last month, my wife and I vacationed on a barge through some of the canals in Burgundy. Burgundy is about two hours drive southeast of Paris by car and is a huge wine growing region that grows Chardonnay and Pinot Noir almost exclusively. French wines do not name the grape on their bottles like we do. They label their wines by the region or appellation as we call it.

Simply stated, if you see a Chablis or red Burgundy, it’s either made from Chardonnay or Pinot Noir. What gets tricky is that there are hundreds of sub-appellations. As with any other wine region in the world, some of the small villages or appellations are world famous and the prices go along with it. The acres planted in this area are nearly double in size to Napa Valley.

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Teacher of the Month

On September 26, the Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation (VCEF) named Teresa Ruvalcaba September’s Teacher of the Month. Ms. Ruvalcaba is a kindergarten teacher at Montalvo Elementary School, and has been teaching for 16 years.

Teresa has played an integral role in the implementation of the Targeted Academic Intervention Plan (TAIP) at Montalvo Elementary. This strategy involves the close monitoring of student progress based on assessments given throughout the year. Ms. Ruvalcaba also coordinates the annual Read Across America event with Anacapa School.

Principals and parent-teacher organizations from schools within the Ventura Unified School District are all eligible to nominate any teacher.

For more information about the Teacher of the Month program, please contact Pattie Braga, Chair, at PBraga@VCCUonline.net or 477-4052.

were always served with wines from this region, from different villages and different producers. Every day the wines got better and the food was always spectacular.

The wines from Burgundy are very different from their California counterparts. The Chardonnays tend to be from areas heavy in limestone and rocks. This makes the roots starve and grow 10-20 feet down to try to get to the water table. This gives the Chardonnay minerality and acidity. These wines see little or no oak, which make the Chablis fresh and clean. These are wines that can age well and make great wines to drink with shellfish and other light foods.

The red Burgundy wines, Pinot noir grapes, tend to grow from older vines than the California vines. Most of the California Pinots clones come from French rootstock. I find the Burgundian Pinots to be much more masculine in taste. They are very different than many of the California Pinots in that they do not have as many of the cherry notes. I found them to be very full flavored and big enough to handle any kind of meal or sauce.

So, next time you are shopping for a Chardonnay or a Pinot Noir, don’t forget that you can buy a Chablis or a red Burgundy wine from France.

Cheers,
Eric
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La Cucaracha

On Sunday, Oct. 7 Cats in the Canyon & Hounds in the Hollow, helping to support the animals of the Humane Society of Ventura County was held at Arroyo Verde Park.

Celebrating 80 years of service with 80 silent auction packages, music, Italian food, dog events and adoptions.

On hand was Dawn Reily, Humane Society Humane Educator who does educational outreach programs at schools, organizations, and events on a variety of animal related topics. She brought many of her “pets” including 5 of her 150 adorable little Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches.



On Saturday, October 6 nearly 1,000 cyclists participated with friends to show their commitment to finding an end to MS. The goal was to raise \$1.1 million to help to create a world free of multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable and often disabling disease of the central nervous system.

The event was held at San Buenaventura State Park and included a 100-mile century ride to Montecito, Santa Barbara, Goleta and back, a 65-mile metric century to Montecito and then back and a small 30-mile route that followed the Ventura River Bike Path to Lake Casitas and back.

The National MS Society’s Bike MS Ride is the country’s largest organized charity bicycling event series. Last year, cyclists raised \$85 million to support MS research and programs delivered by the Society’s 50-state network of chapters. Since the series began as one ride in Minnesota in 1980, cyclists have raised more than \$1 billion to support MS.

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The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Marlene Elias and Annie-G

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Marlene Elias and her daughter, Annie-Gabriel, have been involved in Ventura and County Community outreach/volunteerism for as long as they can remember.

Affectionately known as “The Lucy & Ethel of Ventura”, this comedic mother-daughter humanitarian duo, know how to bring positive energy to the many community endeavors they’re invited to speak at.

The thread that ties their separate-but-unified experiences together is none other than Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Marlene’s best friend and mentor.

Marlene is best known for her Ventura Seminars at the Crowne Plaza, and the many church organizations and women’s groups; which includes singing the songs written for Mother Teresa at her request, and stories of her years of travels and working with this modern-day Saint, as well as being her personal singer/songwriter since the 1980s. Marlene would write the songs and sing melody, and Annie would lay all the harmony, guitar and percussion tracks for her mom’s albums. Marlene was flown to Calcutta to sing her songs at Mother Teresa’s Funeral; and then invited to the Vatican to sing for the Pope.

Annie-G, though known mostly for her “all-Media” ventures; a regular Host on “Our Ventura” at CAPS-TV, a contributing writer for The Breeze, freelance publicist/documentarian, is now also synonymous with Lyme-literacy outreach for the city and county, via published health articles, lectures, CAPS-TV shows (she not only won the CAPPIE Award a few years back for her documentary on her mom’s work, (entitled, “Mother Teresa And Me”), but, was instrumental in helping CAPS put on the only “Red-Carpet” Cappie Award show on record.

Chronic Lyme disease, a systemic spirochetal bacterial illness, which is caused by bites from not only infected ticks, but also spiders, fleas, mosquitoes, and scorpions, is gaining in numbers rapidly in Ventura, the

County, Ojai and Malibu. Due to a disconnect in East/West-Coast curriculum, combined with no definitive test or medication yet, most people can go for years without a proper diagnosis.

Annie has been near-death many times since the 90s, but, Mother Teresa prophetically told her that, yes...she would have a rough road ahead with this little-known disease, but, would be instrumental in saving hundreds of thousands of lives with her expertise for this new “hidden epidemic”. Her words have come to pass, as she is now known as the longest Lyme-Survivor in So Cal. Though disabled, she still does pro bono radio and TV appearances, lectures, PSAs, and articles, as a Lyme-Literate Health Coach and Far-Infrared Sauna technology expert. She has now put together a “Layman’s Integrative Protocol for Lyme-Remission”, which she shares with other Lyme-sufferers.

Both Marlene and Annie-G are asked to speak about their outreach together. Both ladies have written books: Marlene’s book: *Adventures With Mother Teresa: One Woman’s Journey*. Annie-G’s book: *From Limelight To Lyme-Hell...And Back!* Their love for each other and what they each do, individually-but-together, is inspiring, refreshing and unique in this day and age.

We asked her what she likes most about Ventura?

Where do we begin? The sea-air, the people, the ocean, the arts, the peace!

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

This once-in-a-lifetime sitting was most definitely surreal, yet very cool! Seriously, it was an honor to be painted by such an accomplished internationally known Portrait Artisté, Johanna Spinks. To think that the same person who painted Norman Rockwell, was painting little-old-us! Also, many thanks to Sheldon Brown, Publisher of the Ventura Breeze for this unique collaborative project.



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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.

News and Notes



Wilfred Garand brings 20 years of experience to CMHS

CMHS announces new VP of Planning and Managed Care

Community Memorial Health System has hired Wilfred G. Garand as its Vice President of Planning and Managed Care, replacing Michael Lurie who retired after over 30 years of service to Community Memorial Health System.

Wilfred comes to CMHS with 20 years experience at hospitals and health-care systems in the Southern California area.

In his position, Garand will focus on managed care payer relationships and negotiations/re-negotiations of related payer arrangements, as well as providing leadership of business development activities and strategic planning process.

Will received his Masters in Health Information Management and MBA from Claremont Graduate University, and his Bachelor's Degree in Industrial & Labor Relations from Cornell University, New York.

FOOD Share, Feeding America and Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf team up

The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® and Feeding America, a national hunger relief charity, will continue their commitment to fight hunger through their budding partnership with a can't-miss promotion that will run throughout the fall season.

Until Sunday, Nov. 25, coffee lovers in Ventura County will feel an extra shot of goodwill when they stop by the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® for their daily pick-me-up. Participating Ventura locations will donate \$1 from the purchase of each Harvest Blend coffee bag and gift card sold to FOOD Share, Ventura County's local food bank, and Feeding America.

"We are so grateful to be included in this great partnership with the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® and Feeding America," said FOOD Share CEO, Bonnie Weigel. "Their generous contribution of 75 percent of the total proceeds to our community food bank will ensure the hungry in the community will be well taken care of for the fall and winter months."

Patrons may donate at any of the following participating Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® Ventura locations:

- 1780 S. Victoria Ave. Suite A, Ventura, Calif. 93003
- 3301 E. Main St. Suite #1066, Ventura, Calif. 93003
- 4360 Main St. Suite #3, Ventura, Calif. 93003



Angela Rosales, Michael Mendelson, Nanci Cone and Fred Kastel joined approximately 1,000 others in enjoying the wonderful "Pier Under the Stars" held on Oct. 6, all to benefit the city's 139-year-old pier.

More than abundant food and wine, music by the MiniDriver Band, a silent auction and perfect weather greeted those at the 19th annual benefit for the historic Ventura 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 to establish an endowment fund to preserve, maintain and enhance the historic Ventura Pier for future generations to enjoy.

Attendee Nanci Cone stated "Let me tell you - there was delicious food and wine, great bands, and terrific people who were most definitely enjoying themselves as much as Fred and me! The evening was an unqualified success and, hopefully, it made lots of money for the pier. Congratulations to the organizers - it was a lot of fun!"

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Health

Stop smoking and get a flu shot

Free to the public, Community Memorial Health System holds regularly scheduled "Stop Smoking" Tobacco Cessation classes.

Each 8-session class includes sessions on lifestyle balance, weight and exercise, life without cigarettes, including handling urges, stress, moods and slips. Registered participants receive free nicotine replacement therapy products.

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Ventura: Ventura County Public Health, 3147 Loma Vista Rd., Room 5F.

The sessions are co-sponsored by Ventura County Public Health and funded by the Ventura County Tobacco Settlement Program.

Class dates and times are subject to change and registration is required by calling CMHS's HealthAware office at 667-2818 or email healthaware@cmh shealth.org.

Through the months of October and November Community Memorial Health System is offering free flu vaccinations at a variety of the Centers for Family Health locations.

The free vaccinations, co-sponsored by the Ventura County Public Health Department, are for the seasonal flu and will incorporate the H1N1 (swine flu) vaccination. Vaccinations are encouraged for those most

vulnerable to catching the flu. The flu clinics are located throughout Western Ventura County at the Center for Family Health at 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. October 20
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CROP Walk Against Hunger

Each year hundreds of volunteers gather to raise funds and awareness to fight hunger. This year's CROP Walk Against Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 28 starting at 2p.m. Walkers can complete either a 5 or 10 k route beginning at First United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara St.

CROP Walk participants collect pledges to support anti-hunger in Ventura and around the world. Funds raised by the walk provide much needed aid for FOOD Share, the food pantry at Project Understanding, the Family to Family meals program and the local office of Catholic Charities. In addition, the walk raises support for the domestic and international development and emergency relief efforts of Church World Service. Each year the walk raises tens of thousands of dollars.

Walkers can participate individually or as part of a congregation or other group. Additional information about the walk is available at <http://venturacropwalk.blogspot.com/>. Contact: Dan Wakelee dan.wakelee@att.net (805) 642-5582



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Advanced care directives

by Nanci Cone

Advance Care Planning is a process through which you can:

- Consider your wishes for care as you near the end of your life
- Select your spokesperson (agent, proxy, decision maker) who would speak for you if you were unable to
- Discuss wishes with your agent, loved ones, MD, so that they understand and will ensure your wishes are met
- Give copies to agent, loved ones and MD
- Periodically review and make any changes.

An Advance Healthcare Directive:

- Is a document that communicates your healthcare wishes when you are incapacitated and cannot speak for yourself
- Allows you to do either or both of the following:
 - Appoint a power of attorney for healthcare
 - State your instructions for future health care decisions.

Debbie Ringen, Community Outreach Liaison, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association, notes, "You can get an advanced care directive on the internet, from your physician, local hospitals, social workers etc. Without an advance directive you may have no control over important medical decisions if you become seriously ill. Everyone has different wishes and values related to end of life care, we cannot expect our wishes to be followed unless we communicate clearly with the doctor, family and friends."

What makes the document legal?

- Your signature and date
- The signatures of two witnesses, or a notary
- If in a Skilled Nursing Facility, the Long Term Care Ombudsman must be

a witness

Witnesses must be:

- Over 18 years
- Not the agent
- Not your healthcare provider or an employee of the provider
- One witness must not be related to you or entitled to any part of your estate
- Witnesses are only testifying that you are the person signing the document

What kind of instructions?

- Accepting (or refusing) life sustaining treatment
- Quality of life considerations; religious and cultural values
- Organ/tissue donation instructions.

According to Sandy Morse (RN), Director of Community and Professional Relations at Livingston Memorial VNA, "One way to help ensure your wishes are followed is to complete the physician order for life sustaining treatment (POLST) with your physician, who also signs it. POLST complements, but does not replace, an advance directive."

Sandy goes on to say, "Most of us have very specific ideas as to how we would want to spend our final days but shy away from talking about it. This lack of discussion and planning is the major barrier to effective end-of-life planning. Although people consistently stress they want to die comfortably and without pain, unless you put your wishes in writing, what you would like to happen, most likely will not happen. To ensure your requests actually happen it is important to discuss your wishes with your loved ones and healthcare providers. Livingston believes everyone deserves to have their wishes honored and provides various classes on advance care planning. National Health care decisions week is October 28-November 3, 2012; for information, go to <http://www.coalitionccc.org/public-policy.php>. For more information, contact Debbie Ringen, RN, MSN, at 642-0239 ext. 708.

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Senior Living



VPD K-9 Ferro wags his tail (you can't see it) in delight at the check for over \$3100 presented to the National Police Dog Foundation. VPD Officer Mike Hibdon along with Yvonne Knepper of Cypress Place, National Police Dog Foundation board member Debbie Inglis, and Robert Goldberg and Mike Macke of Cypress Place were also at the presentation.

Senior community fundraiser a success for local K-9 units

A Country Hoedown celebration and fundraiser to benefit the National Police Dog Foundation exceeded the expectations of the organizers at Cypress Place Senior Living. On October 6, the senior living community raised over \$3100 for the foundation, which raises funds to support K-9 programs for various law enforcement agencies, including the Ventura Police and Sheriff's K-9 units.

Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy and

Ventura Police Chief Ken Corney were on hand as guest speakers and expressed their appreciation to Cypress Place for this fundraiser.

An estimated 300 attendees enjoyed live country music by the Sweet Country Band, line dancing, pony rides for the kids, an animal petting zoo, and raffle prizes. A sumptuous BBQ buffet was served up by the chefs at Cypress.

But the highlight of the event was a K-9 demonstration with canines and their handlers from the Ventura Police Department. The canines and their handlers demonstrated how they work together as a team to carry out their duties.

"We want to thank everyone at Cypress Place for this fabulous event," said Judi Reilly, a member of the National Police Dog Foundation board of directors. "These types of fundraisers are vital to K-9 programs. Without them, some agencies might not be able to have K-9 units."

Cypress Place Senior Living is a premiere senior community in Ventura County. The beautiful senior living campus features an Active Senior Living community and adjacent Assisted Living and Alzheimer's/Dementia Care community connected by a lushly landscaped courtyard.

For more information about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura please call 805-650-8000 or visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com. To learn more about the National Police Dog Foundation, visit their web site at <http://www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org>.

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Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



Have you ever seen a homeless person with a dog and wondered how he could possibly afford to feed it? Most people never even think about it. Almost 1/4 of homeless people

have a pet. To them, a pet represents a non-judgmental companionship and even security. Many share their own food with their pets. For a homeless person or a low income person a pet is important to their well being and state of mind.

Furry Feeders is a Ventura County program that collects food for pets of the homeless and the low-income who cannot afford to feed their pets on a daily basis. Businesses provide drop-off locations for food, used bowls, toys, leashes or other items for any type of pet. Volunteers then pick up the donations and take them to the Ventura County Animal Shelter or the Humane Society which then distributes them to the homeless and needy.

Helping them provide for their pet is beneficial. It allows lower income and homeless people to keep animals they otherwise might not be able to feed and it avoids abandonment of animals by those who cannot care for them.

Today, there are about 1,900 homeless people in Ventura County which means pets numbers are almost 500 and some have multiple pets.

Currently there are 7 drop-off locations across Ventura County and 6 volunteers. They need more locations where lots of pet lovers go to place donation barrels and are always interested in new volunteers to pick up and deliver the donations. You can donate at any pet store or other business with a "Furry Feeder" barrel.

Furry Feeders was established as a Community Service Project by the 2012 Leadership Ventura Program of the Ventura Chamber Of Commerce through its Ventura Commerce and Education Foundation. For a list of drop-off locations or to volunteer please visit <http://furryfeeder.cqm.cc>. All dogs aren't as lucky as me and my readers.



"What page is Professor Scamp on? He is my favorite Breeze writer even though he picks on cats sometimes but I know that he loves us (thanks to Savana who lets him have his way)." Chloe



Recently Mindy Benezra (From CABODOGZ) brought three of her "babies" to visit Coastal View Care for pet therapy for the students in Suz Montgomery's class at the senior facility located on Telegraph. And as a bonus one of the dogs, "Lima Bean" was adopted by their bookkeeper Susie Smith.

In November I will be going there once a month for pet therapy. Just as much therapy for me having all the people pet and cuddle me, I'm such a lucky dog.



During September photos of dogs playing at the Ventura Harbor were sent to the Harbor Facebook, one to be selected as the best dog photo and become a "star".

Well the winning "star" was Angel Davis, a 4 year old Morkie (Maltese/Yorkshire Terrier).

Lucky Angel lives on a 41 foot sailboat in Ventura Harbor (I would probably get sea sick, I don't even like to take baths). As a resident Angel enjoys walking to the many shops at Ventura Harbor Village, meeting new friends that he can play with. He loves the attention and the pet friendly atmosphere that adds to the enjoyment at the harbor. There are many pet friendly patios that allow him to sit and enjoy the gleanings that may fall from lunch or dinner tables.

When not in the Harbor his favorite things to do are just being around people. He has close relationships with the people and dogs on D dock in the Ventura West Marina and other docks as well. Angel enjoys spending quality time with his human parents John and Catherine Davis playing tug a war with his stuffed toys or just laying on the deck enjoying a beautiful day.

If you see Angel at the Harbor stop and say hello, Angel would love it (just like Scamp does).

Forever homes wanted



HI: My name is Pinto (Bean) and I was rescued by CABODOGZ from the Ventura County Animal Shelter just last month. I am a French Bulldog/Jack Russell and I am about 5 years old. I love to play with squeaky toys and I will entertain you with my antics. I am a little shy at first but I warm up quickly to a kind voice. I can be seen with some of my friends at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs...4692 Ventura Ave. 643-3647.

Hi, I'm Bruno, a handsome male Pit Bull mix. I was rescued from Animal Regulation where I was picked up as a stray. I'm one of the lucky ones who has been given a second chance to become a cherished member of a loving family. I'm very fun loving, affectionate, sweet and have a great smile. I have a lot of energy and would make a great running, hiking and/or beach partner. I have impeccable leash manners and I listen very well. I hope you'll stop by to meet me; I may be the addition to your family that you've been looking for. The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place, 3203 E. Main St., 644-7387 www.carlvorg



Scamp Club



Hi: I'm LuLu and I'm two and a half. I'm an English bulldog who likes visiting people because it means I can get all dressed up (Especially for Pirate Day in the Ventura Harbor).

Join Scamp Club

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



Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

Crime Arrest

On Saturday, September 22nd, the VPD received several theft reports in the Pierpont area. Five of these reports were classified as theft, while an additional four crimes were classified as vehicle burglaries. During one of the burglaries, a mountain bike was stolen from a vehicle on Brunswick Lane.

On, September 28th, a motor officer noticed Brian Krufft riding the bike on Thompson Boulevard and Sanjon Road. The motor officer

approached Kraft. The officer cut off Kraft's path with his motorcycle and took him into custody without incident.

The mountain bike was returned to the owner and the suspect was booked into VC Jail.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Tuesday, October 2nd, at 1:00 a.m., the victim was riding his bicycle home from work. He was traveling north on Seaward when the suspects made a u-turn in their car and drove back. They blocked his path with their car.

The suspects confronted the victim and demanded money from him. The victim initially refused. The suspects punched and kicked the victim. One suspect hit the victim in the head with a beer bottle. Another

suspect reached into the victim's pocket and removed his wallet. The victim sustained moderate injuries to his head and face.

An officer on his way to VC Jail happened to see the suspect vehicle getting on the freeway at the Seaward onramp.

Jose Lira, Juan Moreno, and Anthony Rodriguez were booked into VC Jail.

Hit and Run

On Wednesday, October 3rd, at 2:00 a.m., officers responded to the area of Ferro Drive and Cedar Street regarding a single vehicle that crashed into a power pole. The driver and a passenger had fled the accident scene on foot.

Officers found a female teenage victim still inside the vehicle suffering

from severe trauma to her back and abdominal area. She was later transported to VCMC for treatment.

Other responding officers located two subjects walking on Ventura Avenue a short distance from the accident scene. The officers noticed one of the subjects had a visible head injury consistent with being involved in a traffic collision.

The subject identified as being the driver, Spencer Ereshan, was arrested and later booked at VC Jail.

Possession of a Firearm

On Wednesday, October 3rd, at 1:11 p.m., VPD detectives received information that Pablo Reyes was living inside a vacant home in the 2200 block of Johnson Drive. Reyes had two outstanding felony warrants. Reyes also had a no bail warrant. De-

Police Reports

tectives had information that Reyes was in possession of a handgun.

When Reyes saw the officers he retreated into the home and refused to exit. A perimeter was established at which point two other occupants, a male and female, walked outside. The male, Richard Fish, was arrested. The female was not charged with any crime and was released at the scene.

Reyes was located hiding in a bathtub inside the home. Officers also located a concrete nailing device that resembled a handgun however no real firearm was located. Reyes was arrested and booked at VC Jail.

Armed Robbery

On Thursday, October 4th, at 2:34 a.m., the VPD received a call in reference to a victim being robbed at gunpoint.

The victim was walking on the sidewalk in the 700 block of South Seaward when a red sedan pulled up next to him and stopped in the roadway. The driver and a passenger exited the car and approached the victim. One of the suspects was holding a rifle, which he pointed at the victim and the other suspect held a handgun to his side. The two suspects demanded the victim's backpack which he handed over to them. The suspects then fled.

Vehicle Pursuit

On Friday, October 5th, at 5:29 p.m., the VPD received a call from agents working a fugitive recovery detail, who reported seeing a wanted subject, later identified as Antonio Chavez, driving a vehicle in the area of Stanley Avenue and North Olive Street. In addition to the warrants, he was considered possibly armed and dangerous.

The first patrol officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop on Chavez's vehicle. Chavez failed to yield and exited the highway. Chavez then turned northbound on San Jon Road and stopped his vehicle. Chavez was taken into custody without further incident.

Chavez was later booked into VC Jail. No weapons were located.

Armed Robbery

On Saturday, October 6th, at 1:12 a.m., officers responded to Lincoln Elementary School in the 1100 Block of East Santa Clara Street, contacting several victims of an armed robbery that had just occurred. All four victims were on the campus of the school when they were approached by the two suspects. A suspect produced a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at all of the victims. The suspect demanded their property. The victims complied, giving them a cell phone and other electronic devices. The suspects fled the area.

Officers detained several subjects at a residence nearby. The suspect, a male juvenile, was positively identified by the victims and later arrested. The second suspect was not identified.

Possession of Stolen Property

On Saturday, October 6th, at 11:00 p.m., an alert citizen telephoned the VPD and reported two males peering into parked vehicles in the area of Porter Lane and Dos Caminos Avenue.

A patrol officer was responding to the call when a second citizen hailed them near Borchard Drive and Ocean Avenue. This citizen was reporting they had just had several items taken from the interior of their unlocked vehicle.

Both males ran after observing

the approaching officers. Cameron Ziegler and Charles Batchley were detained after a brief foot pursuit and each was found to be in possession of property taken from the vehicle theft.

The investigation revealed Ziegler and Batchley conspired to commit the thefts and were targeting unlocked vehicles. They were booked into VC Jail.

Robbery

On Monday, October 8th, at about 12:58 a.m., the VPD received a call reporting a robbery at gunpoint in the 200 block of North Olive Street. Derek Allen told responding Officers 5-6 Hispanic males stopped him while he was riding his bicycle. The suspects surrounded him, grabbed his bicycle, and began assaulting him. One suspect struck Allen with a rock causing a minor injury to his arm, and then displayed a handgun.

An officer noticed suspects matching the description traveling south on Olive Street, one of which was riding a bicycle. The subjects fled immediately. Jose Lorenzo was identified, taken into custody without incident, and transported to VC Jail.

Responding Officers canvassed the area but were unable to locate the victim's property or the additional suspects who are still outstanding.

Assault with a Fire Arm

On Sunday, October 7th, the victim was riding his bicycle in the area of Dakota Drive and Sioux Avenue when two suspects approached him. The suspects became confrontational with the victim and asked him repeatedly if he was from a gang. The victim rode his bike away from the area.

On Monday, at 10:34 p.m., the victim was riding his bicycle in the 300 block of West Ramona Street when he was again approached. The victim denied any type of gang affiliation and attempted to flee. One suspect grabbed his bicycle and began punching and kicking him. The victim was able to run from the scene, leaving his bicycle. He heard one of the suspects shooting at him. Once at a safe location, the victim called the police.

Jacob Mendoza was identified as the suspect with the handgun. Mendoza was taken into custody and booked at the VC Jail.

Fire Arrest

On Tuesday, October 9th, at 6:57 a.m., VC Fire Department and VPD responded to a fire in the Ventura River bottom under the 101 southbound freeway. A sergeant saw smoke coming from underneath the overpass. He then observed Jarrett Bruck walk out from where the fire was started. Other officers arrived on scene and detained the suspect on the river bike path. Bruck had freshly burnt electrical cords in the bag. He was arrested for recklessly starting a fire and booked into VC Jail.

Bank Robbery

On Tuesday, October 9th, at 1:22 p.m., the VPD received calls of a bank robbery in progress. Officers apprehended the suspect exiting the bank. Noah Bickler was taken into custody without incident.

Bickler had entered the bank with a demand note and presented it to the bank teller. The bank teller went to the manager and called the police.

Bickler, whose demands for money were taking too long, exited the bank where he was met by officers.

Bickler was booked into VC Jail. Juanamaria Elementary School was locked down temporarily during this incident.

Fatal Traffic Collision

On Tuesday, October 9th, at 4:32 p.m., the VPD received calls regarding a motorcyclist that had crashed on Seaward Avenue. A victim and Allie Dunning were on the west sidewalk of Seaward Avenue. The officer assessed the victim and noticed that he was unresponsive and not breathing. Both parties were transported to the VCMC. The victim was pronounced deceased. Dunning was treated for minor injuries.

The victim was riding his motorcycle southbound on Seaward Avenue with Dunning riding on the back as a passenger. As the victim passed under the railroad over crossing

and began to negotiate a curve in the roadway, he lost control of the motorcycle and collided with the west curb of Seaward Avenue. The motorcycle then collided with the guardrail. Both parties were ejected off of the motorcycle.

Strong Arm Robbery

On Thursday, October 11th, at 4:00 p.m., a 23 year old woman was walking in the area of the Pacific View Mall when she noticed Jose Bravo following her. When the bus stopped for the waiting passengers, the victim started to get on the bus. Bravo grabbed the victim's purse and tried to pull it forcefully off of her shoulder. Bravo was unsuccessful and the victim was able to get on the bus.

Officers were able to locate Bravo in the area of the same bus stop. Bravo was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to the VC Jail where he was booked.

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Abby Posner

by DJ Kohli Rocks!

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One of my live music favorites, Abby Posner just released two albums online. For You, This Spring & The Fall Sessions EP. Known from her other band, Fearmia; Abby is always a delight to see in concert. She plays so many instruments in such a passionate way. A lot of bluegrass, acoustic sizzle...she leaves you wanting more song by song. Check out her site: AbbyPosner.com.

Ojai Nights

Dirty Rice, Kyle Hunt and the King Gypsy, Shaky Feelin', and Ska Daddyz are joining forces for a night brought to you by the Ojai Valley Lions Club. Event will be held on Saturday, October 20. Event begins at 4pm at the Los Coporales Parking Lot (307 E. Ojai Ave.) Big Dictator

One of Ventura's longest running original rock bands, Big Dictator will perform at the Ventura County Fairgrounds on October 20. Acting as the featured musical guest for the Banked Track Roller Derby. Doors open at 4:30pm.

Kohli Rocks: 17 Years!

October 27, 2012 will mark 17 years that I've been honored to be involved with Ventura County's music scene. It's been an amazing journey. My first DJ show was held on that date on the outdoor stage at Ventura College. Since then, I've booked 17 years of live band shows. Ventura has always been a great music community to be a part of. To every band, musician, singer, venue, and everyone who's been a part of my journey, Thank you! There may be a party/event in the works. Stay tuned to my website for details: kohlismusicpit.com

Thank you for your reading time!

Two On The Aisle

Happiness proves elusive at the Elite

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Escape From Happiness is the final offering of the Elite Theater Company's 2012 season entitled "Deliverance." The Elite has taken chances this season, presenting stagings that challenge not only the actors, but the audience as well.

Escape is a darkly caustic comedy by George F. Walker, known to be one of Canada's most prolific playwrights. One can only assume he is prolific because he feels he has to share his innermost feelings on most every subject. In *Escape*, he could easily have cut back on the sermonizing which seemed to serve little purpose but to stretch the running time to nearly three hours.

The play involves a convoluted plot featuring three shrieking sisters, a mother who appears to be off her rocker, a semi-invalid older gentleman whose identity is in question, bumbling crooks and crooked cops. The characters tackle themes of alcoholism, mental illness, anger, thievery, drugs, pornography and more, all with a liberal sprinkling of raunchy language. Each is given way too much introspec-

tive musing which goes nowhere and adds little to understanding their character.

To be sure, the acting is admirable throughout. However, we found the material they have to work with simply repetitive and tiresome. Rewritten and shortened, this could actually be quite a comical play as the twists and turns just keep coming. Each character seems unable to withhold saying exactly what they mean, and then repeat it in case it was missed the first time. While honest repartee can be quite refreshing, it is carried to extremes which ultimately cloud the original thought.

Director Peter Krause has assembled a cast filled with experience. Notably, Andy Brasted, Kimberly Demmary and Ghislane Sopher-Phillips deliver performances that rise well above the script. Each adds the physical and reactionary nuances that give their portrayals an extra edge of believability and depth.

Also delivering solid characterizations (within the scattered scope provided) are Lynn Van Emmerik and Robert Sabotka as a young married couple who each practice their own deceptions.

Production values, as we've come to expect at the Elite, are solid. The set is detailed and sound cues are expertly handled.

Because the acting and the production itself is quality, it is worth attending, if only to witness how a troupe can be more than the sum of its parts. Along the way, some of the introspective monologues may stir up your own questions about life and your role in it.

Escape From Happiness runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through November 11, 2012. Elite Theatre Company 730 South "B" Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 805-483-5118. info@elitetheatre.org

Music Calendar 10/17 to 10/30

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Live Bands and Musicians every Wed

thru Sun

Brian Nicolette from 3 Man Weave every 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 10/19 - Addicts Attic 7-11pm

Sat 10/20 - Masters of the Past 6-10pm

Sun 10/21 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 10/26 - TBA 7-11pm

Sat 10/27 - Magnificent Bastards

10am-6pm, Loose Canons 6pm-10pm

Sun 10/28 - 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 10/18 - Doom Metal Show -

Alucarda, Power

Fri 10/19 - Bloody Mary Morning +

Special Guests

Sat 10/20 - Shoemaker Brothers 5:30pm,

Reall Deall Band 10pm

Sun 10/21 - R&B Bombers 5pm

Thur 10/25 - RAW Artists Show, Dirty Rice Band

Fri 10/26 - Alexandra & the Starlight

Band, La Vonnets, Space Panthers

GiGi's Cocktail Lounge

2493 Grand Ave., 805-642-2411

Karaoke with Steve Luke every Sun & Wed 7pm- 12am

Live Bands every Fri & Sat 9pm

It's All Good Bar & Grill

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

Open Mike Night every Wed

Majestic Theater

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

Thur 10/18 - Matisyahu, The Constellations 8pm

Fri 10/19 - Adam Ant 8pm

Sat 10/20 - Prince Royce, RPM-7, El Nene & O.G., Bachata, Maxsik Y Remik 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 10/18 - Chris Hawley 9pm

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

Sat 10/27 - Halloween Rooftop Party & Costume Contest, Live music by The Bomb

Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment

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

Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm

Fri 10/19 - I See Hawks (Psychedelic, Country, Folk)

Fri 10/26 - Sugaray Rayford (Funky Soulful Blues)

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

Thur 10/18 - 50 Sticks of Dynamite, Julie Nuemark 8pm

Fri 10/19 - Charlie Peacock (Grammy Award Winning Artist) 8pm

Sat 10/20 - Tony Lucca, Justn Hopkins 7pm & 9pm

Sun 10/21 - Naia Kete, Erin Willett (From The Voice) 7:30pm

Mon 10/22 - Lee Koch, Dan Grimm (Folk, Rock, Blues) 8pm

Tue 10/23 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

Wed 10/24 - Jazz Trio Gerowitz, Woodford & Lopez, Lainey Taylor 8pm

Thur 10/25 - Abrams Brothers on tour (Rockin Bluegrass) 8pm

Fri 10/26 - Ernie Halter (Acoustic/Pop), Tony Ferrari 8pm

Sat 10/27 - Emy Reynolds Band & the Cabin Project 8pm

Sun 10/28 - Naked Walrus, Hunter & The Prey 7pm



How many Venturans does it take to cut a curb?

Can curb cuts and rain gardens save us millions?

by John Burk

Landscape Architect

Activists and enthusiasts gathered in Ventura for a curb cutting on the last Saturday in September. Why cut gaps in a perfectly good street curb? To create a rain garden of course.

Curb cuts are two-foot wide gaps cut into the street curb. Scoop out enough dirt to create a little ditch called a swale. Line the swale with plants and you have a biofilter or rain garden or if you prefer a "green street".

The rain garden can't hold all the water that flows into it so you cut a second gap to let water flow back into the street. This detour slows down the flow, reduces flooding and lets some pollutants settle out. Later you pick up the trash. The plants, worms and bacteria in the soil devour some of the pollution; the rest sinks into the soil.

When it rains storm water rushes off all the hard surfaces needed to make a city. That quick flush of pollution is one of the costs of modern life. Every surfer knows you don't go into the ocean after a big rain. Those tall waves might look inviting but they will make you itch.

Even if you don't surf you pay a price. Cities like Ventura pay huge fines every time our runoff fouls the ocean. It can amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. For decades landscape architects and others have explored ways to solve the problem. If it were easy cities wouldn't be paying millions of dollars in fines.

Rain gardens are like little sponges. Repeat this little solution hundreds or thousands of times and not only will you be able to surf after a storm, your city won't have to pay a fine.

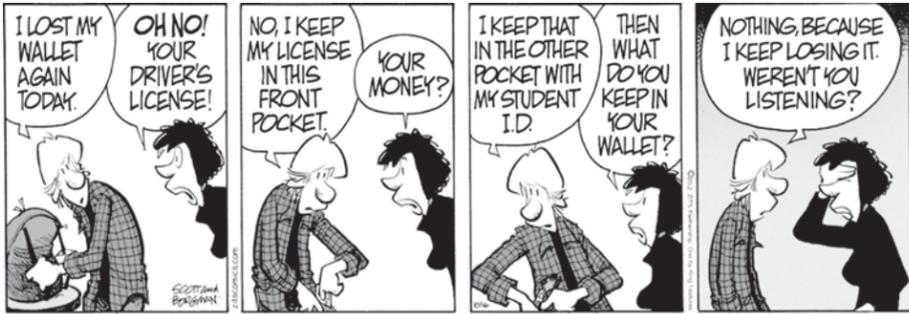
The solution is simple; getting thousands of property owners to join the effort is not. Venturan Dan Long is leading by example at his San Nicholas Street home. Jill Sarick, environmental coordinator for the city's Public Works Department helped Dan get a free permit to cut the curb and replace the parkway turf with a rain garden. Jill hopes this pilot program will lead to a standard plan any homeowner can use.

Over the course of a Saturday about a hundred people showed up to help with what Dan described as a modern day barn raising. Jill Sarick worked with Paul Herzog from the

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Lighter Breeze

Zits



Mother Goose and Grimm



Dustin



Crock



Beetle Bailey



Rhymes with Orange



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 Cleo's slayer
- 4 Not many
- 8 Manufactured
- 12 Debtor's letters
- 13 Continental coin
- 14 Teen's skin woe
- 15 Tyrannize
- 17 "Let's Make a —"
- 18 Tooth coating
- 19 Spectra automaker
- 21 Faux —
- 22 Part of A.D.
- 26 Seethes
- 29 Prohibit
- 30 Moines lead-in
- 31 Bohemian
- 32 Festive
- 33 Dog bane
- 34 Born
- 35 Understood
- 36 Toboggans
- 37 "Blueberry Hill" singer
- 39 Whatever number
- 40 Pie ingredient?
- 41 Praying bug
- 45 "— and Circumstance"
- 48 "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles" author Dunne

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- 51 Kazakhstan's — Sea
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- 53 Healthy
- 54 Longings
- 55 Recipe meas.
- 8 Sir's counterpart
- 9 Expert
- 10 "CSI" evidence
- 11 Lamprey, for one
- 16 Suggest
- 20 Charged bit
- 23 Between jobs
- 24 Gotta have
- 25 "Handsome — ..."
- 26 Musical combo
- 27 Sandwich cookie
- 28 Particular
- 29 Cudgel
- 32 Farewell
- 33 Swash-buckling movie star
- 35 Wildebeest
- 36 Escargots
- 38 Urge on
- 39 Jordan's capital
- 42 Pinball no-no
- 43 Clinches
- 44 Omit
- 45 Church seating
- 46 Idolater's writing
- 47 Wire measure
- 49 Galena, for one

DOWN

- 1 Helper
- 2 Any minute now
- 3 Cougar
- 4 Son of Aphrodite
- 5 Gas, oil, et al.
- 6 Before
- 7 9-to-5

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're eager to Ram headfirst into that new project. But before you do, find out why some of your colleagues might not appear to be as gung-ho about it as you are.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) All that dedicated hard work you've been putting in pays off better than you expected. So go ahead, reward yourself with something befitting a beauty-loving Bovine.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to take on that new challenge. And if your self-confidence is sagging, instead of telling yourself why you can't do it, list all the reasons why you can.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is one time when you might want to put some distance between you and the job at hand. It will give you a better perspective on what you've done and still need to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Resist that occasional lapse into Leonine laziness that sometimes overtakes the Big Cat. Don't cut corners. Do the job right at this time, or you might have to redo it later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You know how you like to do things. And that's fine. But watch that you don't impose your methods on others. A current financial crunch soon

eases.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to take advantage of your generosity. But before your sensitivity toward others overwhelms your good sense, check his or her story out carefully.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong Scorpian sense of fairness lets you see all sides of a dispute. Continue to remain impartial as you help each person work through his or her particular grievance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trust your keen Sagittarian insight to help you see through an offer that might not be all it claims. A closer look could reveal disturbing elements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With the Goat exhibiting a more dominant aspect these days, you could find it easier to make your case in front of even the most skeptical audience.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Take things nice and easy as you continue to build up your energy reserves for a big change that's coming with the full Hunter's Moon on Oct. 29.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent news from someone you trust could help you make an important decision. Also, be prepared to confront an upcoming change in a personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be firm in your own views, but also flexible enough to welcome the views of others.

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Sports

Ensign Foundation is hosting inaugural golf tournament

The Ensign Foundation is hosting an Inaugural Bridgestone Golf Tournament on Monday, October 29, at the beautiful RiverRidge Golf Club in Oxnard.

The tournament begins with registration at 12 noon followed by a shotgun start at 1pm. There will be thousands of dollars in drawings and prizes. A BBQ dinner will be provided on the course following the event for \$35 per (non-golfing) guest. Receive great publicity for your company and support the Ensign Foundation with your tax deductible donation.

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The Ensign Foundation is a non-profit organization engaged in a mission to enhance the quality of life of the most vulnerable members of our society and encourage our local and global community to advocate on their behalf. The Ensign Foundation donated \$20,000 to the Red Cross for earthquake relief efforts in Japan. For more information, please visit www.ensignfoundation.org



Kacie Sowell, a Ventura native from Buena High School, started all 32 games for Seattle University in 2011-12, finishing with the team lead in scoring and rebounding.

She was named the Independent Women's Basketball Player of the Year as well as being named to the Women's Basketball Invitational All-Tournament Team.

Education

Rally held for Measure Q

On Monday, September 10 the committee supporting Measure Q hosted a family picnic to gather support for, and to inform Venturans about Measure Q that will be on the November ballot.

Three live bands and 2 food trucks were also on hand at the rally held at the park area at the Ventura Unified School District's Education Service center located at 255 W. Stanley Ave. in west Ventura.

The measure calls for a \$59 per-parcel tax and if passed would bring approximately \$2.7 million annually to the Ventura Unified School District for a period of four years and none of the money could be spent on administrative salaries. The tax would start on July, 2013.

The ballot measure is simply the following:

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The VUSD has a budget of \$133 million for the 2012-13 fiscal year and has approximately 1,450 full-time employees.

Trudy Arriaga, the Superintendent for the Ventura Unified School District, had this to say regarding Measure Q, "This community can't afford not to vote for Measure Q. The quality of schools in our community equates to the quality of life, the quality of the workforce, the quality of our real-estate. We need to have quality schools in the Ventura community."

Program helps young adults get a job or go to college

Orientations for a Free Job Program for Young Adults are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:00 pm at Ventura Adult and Continuing Education. This federally-funded

program helps Ventura County low-income young adults (18-21) get a job and/or go to college, and finish their basic education (if necessary). High school graduates are welcome. Program gives cash incentives of up to \$1,200 plus assistance with transportation, cell phone, interview clothes, and more. To apply, you only need to attend one one-hour orientation, which will take place in Room 225B, Second Floor, 5280 Valentine Road (next door to Ivy Lawn Cemetery) near Victoria Avenue and the 101. Drop in or call Heidi Sohn, 289-7925 ext 1301.

Halloween can be dangerous

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significantly more visible. If not on the costume itself, then at least on the trick-or-treat candy bag. Carrying a quality flashlight will also help to see, and to be seen, as they navigate the dark neighborhoods.

Motorists who are not paying attention, or are distracted by their surroundings, may not see trick-or-treaters until it is too late, especially when they dart out into the street. When driving on Halloween reduce your speed, remove distractions, and anticipate that children will cross your path unexpectedly. Children are excited on Halloween and they will want to run from house to house. Trick-or-treaters should stay on sidewalks and only cross the street at corners or intersections, rather than mid-block where motorists may not expect them. Small children should hold hands with an adult, and everyone should use crosswalks whenever possible. Pay close attention to vehicles that are turning or backing and always look both ways before crossing the street.

Before devouring that huge pile of bite-sized candy, be sure to give it a thorough examination. Any candy that appears to be damaged, opened, or otherwise tampered with, should be discarded. Homemade treats should also be avoided, unless they come from someone you know and trust.

We would like your entire family to have a fun, and safe, Halloween. Taking the time to review some simple safety reminders with the entire family will help make that happen.

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The Pierpont Racquet Club opened in Ventura in 1977, offering tennis, racquetball, fitness and swimming with 8 tennis courts, 4 racquetball courts and a unique indoor pool (it now has an outdoor pool and many more tennis courts).

The club has recently celebrated its 35th anniversary with an Oktoberfest-themed party. The event featured a biergarten, German food, beer and wine and live entertainment.

Founders Spencer and Scott Garrett were on hand dressed in their best Oktoberfest clothes. Photo by Jon Osumi.

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Art Scene



Petrina Sharp



Bella Bobrow

New public art

On Saturday, October 6 the public joined artists, students and others in a grand celebration welcoming the addition of 14 new works of transit art. They included new bike rack sculptures and bus shelter murals as part of the city's City of Ventura Public Art Program collection.

Live music was provided by the Jazz Consultants at the California Street Mini-Park and Mayor Mike Tracy, Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar and Public Art Commission Chair Michael thanked and introduced the artists that included Petrina Sharp and Bella Bobrow from Cabrillo Middle School (who told us how much that she loves reading the Breeze).

Professional artists who created the new bike rack art and bus shelter murals include: L.T Mustardseed, Douglas Lochner, Tyson Cline, John Suttman, Petrina Sharp, Caroline Allen, Mary Holmes, Laurel Huggins, Shirin Anderson, Susan Seaberry and MBHanrahan as well as a group project by Cabrillo Middle School headed by teacher Teri Willison and created by the following students: Bella Bobrow, Jordan Ferguson, Joel Mayorga, Marin McGee, Christina Schaefer, Emily Schoutan, Lauren Whitley and Lexi Woodward.

Interpretive panels of all the new public artwork will be on a month-long display at the City Hall Bridge Gallery.

Four local artists on display at Crowell, Weedon

Crowell, Weedon & Co. Ventura is pleased to announce a new art exhibit on display at their office located at 5740 Ralston Street, to celebrate the works of four local artists, Steve Cook, Rich Brimer, Carol Henry and Maggie Kildee.

Steve Cook is a painter who specializes in painterly photorealism. His subjects range from ocean scenes, surf cultures and local urban communities. He recently was chosen by the Firestone Vineyards to be the featured artist on a new series of wine labels. Steve's paintings are sought after by many private collectors throughout the United States & Europe.

The firm is also pleased to display

a remarkable collection by Rich Brimer. Rich loves painting with oils in the studio as well as outdoors. He is a graduate of California Lutheran University with a B.A. in Fine Art. His studio is located in Old Town Camarillo on the campus of Studio Channel Islands Art Center where he is President.

Carol Henry, a fine art photographer and resident artist at Studio Channel Islands Art Center, has been in over 200 international exhibits. Carol's focal point lately has been the Las Posas Paradiso, a local agricultural photography series.

We are also delighted to show Maggie Kildee from Camarillo. Maggie has been in Ventura County since 1966. After having been on the Ventura County Board of Supervisors (16 years) she retired and now devotes her time to sculpting in clay and stone. Maggie's work is part of many private collections.

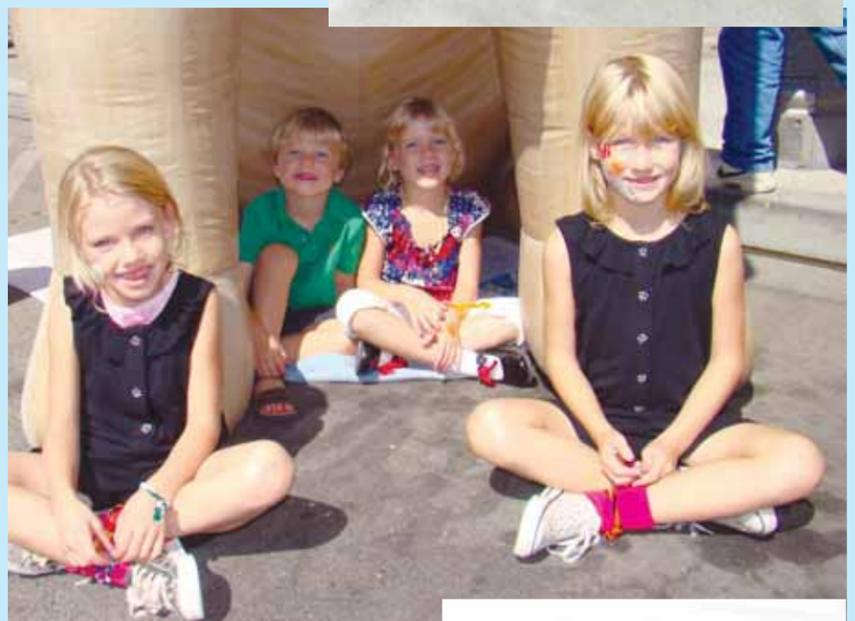
Art, a la Carte



WAV resident Scott Gordon was the first place recipient of the 2012 Gerd Koch and Carole Milton Grant for Professional Visual Artists of Ventura County. The recipients were Scott Gordon and Dianne Bennett. The other finalists were Esther Alinejad, Sean Anderson, Paul Benavidez, Paul Lindhard, and Janet Neuwalder.

From the early 1970s, Jacqueline Biaggi has explored the many avenues of art as a student, teacher, exhibitor and museum curator, first in her native Puerto Rico, then in New York City and now Oxnard.

Thoughts in Clay for an exhibit by that name at Harbor Village Gallery. It will run Oct. 24-Nov. 26 in the Buenaventura Art Association's seaside art venue, with an artist reception set for 5-8 p.m. Oct. 26. For more information about the exhibit or the nonprofit Buenaventura Art Association, call 648-1235 or visit the website www.buenaventuragallery.org.



The 3 day "Paint Ventura" began with a Wine Tasting-Painting Party on Friday September 28 at the Red Brick Gallery with their unique and fun Wine Tasting-Painting Party where you have a fun evening "uncorking" your creative spirits as the pleasurable combinations of wine, painting and fun come together. City council member Christy Weir's grand kids Audrey, Nate, Elise and Lydia Bancroft were there on Saturday enjoying a variety of Plein Air Artists creating, selling and teaching in downtown Ventura. And 3 members of the wonderful Baker family were there at the Breeze booth providing face painting.



Have you seen this sculpture?



'Prayer Stone': approximately 28" tall

Stolen 10/08/2012 from the WAV apartments, 175 S. Ventura Ave. Unit #214. The artist, Paul Lindhard, will accept its return, no questions asked. If you have information or have seen the sculpture, please call him at (805) 653-6380.

Youth



Boys and Girls Club members were on hand to greet the guests and to welcome them with a song

A new home for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Ventura

Photo and story by Richard Lieberman

The Boys and Girls Club of Ventura will be getting a new home next summer. After gathering in a double-wide mobile home for after school activities, the Saticoy youths will be getting a new modern building to call home. Boys and Girls club leaders anticipate increasing membership, and are looking forward to completion, and occupation of their new digs.

Recently, local government leaders, and donors including E.J. Harrison were on hand for the official ground breaking on a new 4,000-square foot building located at 11321 Violeta Street. The ceremony honored donors, E.J. Harrison and Sons and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, who each donated \$400,000 towards construction.

Currently the Boys and Girls Club Saticoy program has about 70 children who participate in the program, but program managers are hoping to increase membership, and have hopes of doubling the number of children attending when the new building is completed. While construction is in process the club will meet at the Saticoy Community Center, also located on Violeta Street.

Many of the children would have nowhere to go after school if it were not for the Boys and Girls Club. The children get help with homework, engage in fun activities, and meet old and new friends, along with many other activities offered at the club.

The ceremony was held at Saticoy Park, and also served as a fundraising event for the new facility. Estimated costs for completing construction are around \$1.8 million. The group is actively attempting to raise \$700,000 more for the new site, which includes a technology center, an art room, kitchen and a teen room.

The event also marked the 80th anniversary of Harrison Industries founded in 1932 by E.J. and Myra Harrison. "At the beginning of the year, we tried to figure out how do we make the most of this anniversary celebration" said Myron Harrison. Harrison also said, "I can't think of anything better to do than to help youth. We try to help the youth because they're our future."

Diane Koranda, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Ventura, said, "The new building will be called the E.J. Harrison Family Youth Center. She

added, "The center is greatly needed in the area because there are no other year-round, daily youth programs in Saticoy."

The Saticoy Boys and Girls Club started its program for youth 15 years ago. The program began as a summer camp in the park, but grew quickly to become a year round program. The club currently uses a mobile home donated by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

The construction cost is estimated at \$1.8 million and the group is asking the community to join them in raising the additional \$700,000 to complete the building. There are still opportunities for room naming; naming a brick or a wall, etc. available. For additional information check their website www.bgclubventura.org, to schedule a tour contact: nancyg@bgclubventura.org or call 641-5585.

Free stamps for the young

Thousands of free stamps will be given away to the young and the young at heart during the 22nd annual Youth Stamp Fair on Oct. 20.

Sponsored by the Ventura County Philatelic Society and the Anacapa Middle School Stamp Club, the event will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the historic Dudley House Museum, 197 N. Ashwood St. Admission is free.

The Youth Stamp Fair is open to anyone who wants to learn more about stamp collecting, which has been called "the king of hobbies and the hobby of kings," said Chairman John Weigle, a member of the Ventura County Philatelic Society and the adviser to the Anacapa club.

The biggest attraction at the event is generally the pick-and-choose tables where young collectors can pick through thousands of stamps to find ones they want for their collections. Adults can buy all the stamps they want for 5 cents each.

As people register, they'll receive a bag of goodies, including a beginner's stamp album, a collecting kit, stamps, literature on various aspects of stamp collecting and more. Visitors will also receive a passport to get stamped at each table they visit.

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Curb cuts and rain gardens

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environmental group Surfriders and Pamela Berstler of the Green Garden Group to develop the template and educate volunteers. Kate Riley, a landscape designer from Ojai, selected the plants and designed the layout for Dan's parkway. Landscape architect Tom Rau from Los Angeles drew the plans. Green building contractor Jeff Zimmerman cut the curbs.

If you're like me and don't have

enough friends to move a couch much less raise a barn then you could hire a contractor. You would need about \$200 in materials, a concrete saw and a three-person crew for most of a day. I'm guessing \$1500 but if several neighbors got together it might run closer to \$1000. Check out the project at 1538 San Nicholas Street to see if a rain garden is right for your home. Contact Jill for more information at 652-4501 or jsarick@cityofventura.net.



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

While on board the Oceania Marina, sailing into Kusadasi, Turkey to visit Ephesus Barbara Meister took the time to catch up with the local news in the Ventura Breeze

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