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Marlyss Auster has returned to Ventura.

VVCB announces new executive director

The Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau (VVCB) recently announced Marlyss M. Auster as its new Executive Director, ending a several month-long nationwide search to fill the position. The announcement comes after unanimous approval from the VVCB Board of Directors. Auster replaces Brian Pendleton, who served as interim Executive Director since early October.

"I am so proud to be a part of the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau," said Auster. "I look forward to establishing partnerships within the community and collaborating with the City of Ventura and the VVCB Board of Directors and staff to continue growing Ventura's vibrant tourism industry," she went on to say.

Oscar Peña, Chairman of the VVCB Board of Directors, is confident in Auster's ability to continue to promote Ventura as a hub for artistic, culinary, beach, and sustainable culture.

"Auster's vision for Ventura as a local, regional, and national destination for visitors looking to experience true California culture is right in-line with the Board of Director's," said Peña. "Her background in large-scale special events, hospitality, and knowledge of the Central California Coast make her a perfect fit as Executive Director."

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The Ventura Botanical Gardens has taken its first step

The Ventura Botanical Gardens celebrated 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 sky was overcast as the upper parking lot behind City Hall filled up with donors to the Foot by Foot campaign and members of the Ventura Botanical Gardens for the party celebrating the opening of the Demonstration Trail,

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What is the best use of the treated water currently released by the Water Reclamation Facility?

Stakeholder workshop evaluates future options for estuary

by Nancy Broschart

Starting last July, Ventura Water bills for wastewater services included a new charge for "Estuary Protection." The charge is just one of the changes being spurred by an effort to decide the best use of the treated water currently released by the City's sole Water Reclamation Facility into the Santa Clara River Estuary.

Over the years, there have been different viewpoints about whether the 8 to 9 million gallons released daily into the Estuary was beneficial to the natural environment or was harmful. To try and answer this question scientifically, special studies have been ongoing

since 2009 to look at the health of the ecosystem and its relationship to the treated water. About a year ago, the City finalized a settlement agreement with public interest groups to seek a solution – based on science – that will protect the long-term health of the Estuary.

Now in the second phase, the scientific studies will use data and analysis to evaluate future options for the water through a stakeholder process, as agreed to by all parties in the settlement.

Part of this effort, the workshop on October 31 at City Hall, led by Ventura Water's consulting team, drew over 75 participants who were presented with

Thanksgiving luncheon for seniors

Seniors, celebrate America's unique fall holiday with a traditional Thanksgiving meal sponsored by the City of Ventura Westside Cafe at 550 N. Ventura Avenue, on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 11:30am-1pm.

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preliminary data collected in the Estuary last summer. Building on the outcomes from the last stakeholder meeting in July, attendees also had the opportunity to consider more information about alternatives that would reduce the amount of water released into the Estuary and reuse it in other ways.

Screened for initial feasibility, a wide range of options, costs and related benefits were presented to the group for feedback during break out sessions. The options included an expanded wetlands area that would create more habitat but would have little or no water supply benefit. More alternatives focused on reuse opportunities:

A decentralized treatment facility on the City's Westside to provide water for urban and agricultural irrigation.

Direct potable reuse that would require advanced treatment facilities as well as regulatory framework that is not yet in place but expected in 2016.

Pumping the water to Oxnard for further treatment at their plant for agricultural reuse.

Recharging groundwater with different reuse options offered yet another set of alternatives:

Injection into the Mound Basin, a groundwater aquifer within the City, after advanced treatment for possible later water supply extraction from City wells.

Pumping the water to one of United Water Conservation District's groundwater recharge facilities with additional treatment likely needed to improve water quality.

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After another great Thanksgiving dinner at Grandma's house, you can always catch up with the Breeze at venturabreeze.com



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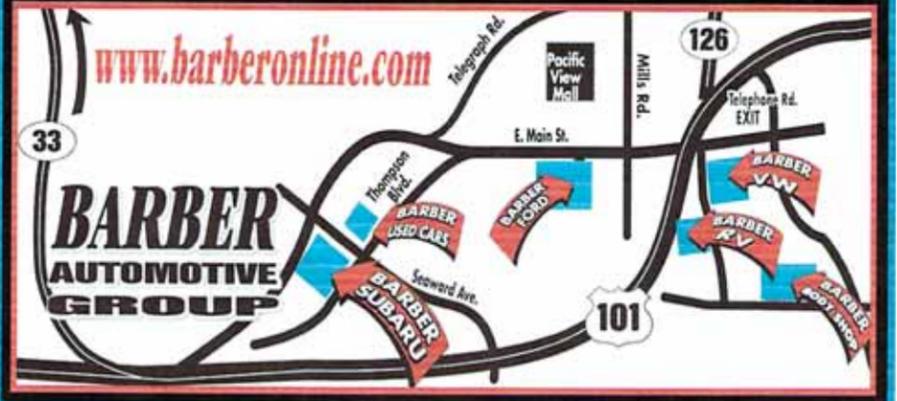


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Family Calendar Highlights

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Friday, November 16th

The Armory in Ventura will host the ThanksGaming event, a videogaming, vlog-a-thon to provide meals for needy families this Thanksgiving. The event is presented by Gamechurch.com and Verizon Fios.

Saturday & Sunday, November 17th & 18th

Airealistic Circus and Flying will provide a Cirque show with aerialists, acrobats, fire dancers and live drumming for your entertainment.

Saturday & Sunday, November 17th & 18th

Kick off the holiday season with The Ventura County Ballet Company's presentation of "The Nutcracker" at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

Thursday, November 22nd

Work off those extra pounds before dinner gets started during the 5th Annual Ventura Turkey Trot 5k run/walk and Free Ventura Family YMCA Kids 1K at the Ventura Auto Center.

Saturday, November 24th

Barranca Vista Center will present its first ever Holiday Boutique Sale, where you can find unique gifts for those on your Christmas list.

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Mark Draganchuk, Draganchuk Security and Patrol; Mark Snyder, Draganchuk Security and Patrol; Clyde Reynolds, Executive Director, Turning Point Foundation; Cheryl Heitmann, Deputy Mayor, Ventura; Ken Corney, Ventura Chief of Police; Rob Orth, Salvation Army; Cathy Thompson, Property Manager, Parkstone Management Service Inc.; Will Chiu, owner of Gourmet Oriental Restaurant; Peter Brown, City of Ventura Community Services manager; and Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director, City of Ventura; were on hand at the launching of the new banners. Photo by John Ferritto.

Mission Plaza supports a safe and clean Ventura

The tenants of Mission Plaza support a Safe and Clean Ventura and are committed to preserving a shopping experience that is easy, pleasant and safe for patrons and employees.

Pursuant to this Mission Plaza tenants and Parkstone Management, Inc. partnered with the City of Ventura's Economic Development Division and Police Department on business retention and monitoring of shopping center activity; the partnership will generate greater collaboration with

local entities and support of their efforts.

New banners were installed on 23 light poles to educate the community about responsible giving; the banners were entirely funded by the tenants of Mission Plaza.

The new banners are actively supported by Project Understanding, the Salvation Army, Turning Point Foundation and the Ventura Social Services Task Force.

Mission Plaza is a 90,000 sq. ft. shopping center with 19 retail and restaurant businesses; the majority of tenants have been

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at the location for 10-15+ years. Parkstone Management, Inc. has managed Mission Plaza for more than 15 years. Mission Plaza has retained the services of Draganchuk, a local security and patrol business, to ensure a pleasant and safe environment.

Peter Brown told the Breeze "City staff worked closely with the Mission Plaza tenants and the Parkstone Properties management team to address quality of life issues in the plaza. Many adjustments were made (lighting, shopping cart retention, disabling live electrical outlets) but certainly the two most important changes were the installation of the banners and the increased presence by Draganchuk Security.

"From the start of the conversations the city made it clear that we intended to create a close partnership, but if nothing changed from the tenant and management side, there was not much the city could do to help. The tenants took that advice to heart, and put their money where their mouth is—they took on short-term increased expenses to address long-term issues in their plaza."

City Hall Chatter

by Ana Baker

■ The City has begun restoring the beach dunes along 3 acres of Surfers' Point beach near the Ventura County Fairgrounds which will continue through the first half of December. During the work, the public will still have access to the shoreline and much of the beach. The dune restoration work is a continuation of the Surfers' Point Managed Retreat Project, an environmentally sensitive and innovative approach to protect our beach and preserve public access. This next phase of the project will involve moving beach sand with bulldozers to form more natural looking dunes. Once the sand is moved, volunteers will help seed the dunes and plant small shrubs on the beach. The City has been working closely with the Ventura County Fairgrounds, property owners, Surfrider Foundation, and other stakeholders in planning the restoration efforts. Funds for the work are being provided through donations to Surfrider Foundation and with grants from the California Coastal Conservancy. The success of the project is due in large part to collaborative partnerships between many agencies. For more information about the Surfers' Point Managed Retreat Project, contact Joe McDermott at 654-7828 or visit www.surfrider.org/ventura/.

■ The City, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), installed a prefabricated steel bridge for the Harmon Barranca Bike Path. The new ¼ mile long concrete bike path is a continuous connection between the park that stretches along the south side of Highway 126, west of Harmon Barranca, and the Ventura Community Park on Kimball Road. The prefabricated bridge can be utilized by bicyclists and pedestrians to cross over the Barranca. Additional improvements to the path include a retaining wall, and fencing along the perimeter of the path and landscaping. Funding for this project is from State and Federal grants.

■ To keep Ventura's streets in the kind of condition in which officials want them to be the city would need to spend about \$9.6 million per year on maintenance and other improvements. But, according to the 2013-17 Pavement Maintenance Plan presented to the City Council the city has closer to \$4 million to spend per year.

With no money to direct to streets, the

City Council voted 4-2 to approve the plan. Councilman Jim Monahan was absent.

A majority of the city's pavement maintenance fund comes from the gas taxes, which is 18 cents per gallon regardless of the price of fuel (higher gas prices same 18 cents).

Ventura's Eastside residents have an opportunity to discard e-waste and recycle unwanted household items free of charge on Saturday, November 17, 9am-1pm, at Ventura Community Park, 901 S. Kimball Road.

■ The Eastside Neighborhood Recycling and Collection Event will accept items such as metal, wood, furniture, appliances, and electronic waste. For a list of accepted items visit www.cityofventura.net/cleanup. Household hazardous waste such as motor oil, batteries and paint will not be accepted at this location. Ventura residents can dispose of household hazardous waste on November 17, for free, at Gold Coast Recycling, 5275 Colt Street.

G & C Technologies, Inc. will be on site to accept e-waste. The Boys & Girls Club will also be available to collect gently used items for resale in their thrift store. All thrift store proceeds support Boys & Girls Club programs. Staff will be on hand to provide information about hazardous waste recycling opportunities.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 652-4525.

City of Ventura Classes

Call (805) 658-4726 or (805) 654-7552 to register, if you already have an account online, visit www.cityofventura.net.

Classes held at Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston St., Ventura, unless otherwise noted.

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ I would like to congratulate Roseanne Barr for receiving 789 votes to become our next president. Hers was the only campaign that didn't give me a headache.

And also congrats to Steve Bennett for his hard fought re-election to the Board of Supervisors over first time candidate retired county fire chief Bob Roper. He will start his 4th term in January.

Roper, 61, from Ojai felt good about his strong showing in his first political race and says that he plans to run again in 4 years.

■ Ventura Interim City Manager Johnny Johnston has met with all 7 members of the City Council to collect input on what they want from our new city manager. These are a few of their desires:

Has experience with the laws and issues facing California cities

Will reinforce the strong City Manager form of Government

Is politically astute but not political in the performance of their duties

Appreciates the need to balance the collaborative process with effectiveness and efficiency

Promotes due process

I'm being a little facetious (perhaps) but the following should be added to the list of what is important in a city manager,

"Smiles and laughs (and even jokes) on occasion at the city council meetings." I find it very refreshing that Mayor Tracy has brought this to the city council meetings.

Who would have thought that the ex-chief of police would be such a funny guy?

One city council member said this of my suggestion "I agree. I'll look for that even if it's not an 'official' criteria."

■ As you know Measure Q, a \$59 parcel tax that will go toward sustaining academic and arts programs for the next four years at our Ventura schools passed by the thinnest of margins garnering 67.1% of yeses just barely over the 2/3 (66.7%) required.

I, somewhat reluctantly voted for it with

my reluctance based upon the fact that the state has the lottery and taxes on construction permits that raises zillions of dollars for our schools now and who knows where it goes, apparently not to our schools.

Measure Q should generate about \$2.7 million annually for the next four years to keep class sizes at current levels and maintain science, math, reading, writing and arts programs.

There will be a panel of citizens that will oversee the revenue to make sure it's used for the right reasons. Even though I believe that all of this money will be used for our schools



Mayor Mike Tracy was the honored guest at the recent Breeze fifth anniversary employee only celebration held at the Blu Orkid Restaurant where he presented us with a Certificate of Recognition from the City of San Buenaventura on the occasion of our anniversary.

I would feel better if I could meet a teacher at a local business that sells school supplies and buy \$59 worth of supplies and just pay for them right there.

■ Some Ventura students might be eating healthy with new salad bars that have been added to a few of our schools because the United Fresh Foundation has received a \$10,000 Monsanto Fund grant for local students.

The United Research and Education Foundation (United Fresh Foundation) recently installed salad bars in four schools that are a part of the VUSD, thanks to Monsanto employees who nominated the organization for a \$10,000 grant. Schools include Portola Elementary School, Lincoln

Elementary School, Balboa Middle School and Buena High School.

The United Fresh Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington D.C., provides salad bars to school districts across the United States through its Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools initiative. This supports First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative to end childhood obesity within a generation. To learn more, visit www.letsmove.gov.

Now all we need to do is to get them to eat their vegetables and to do their homework. Of course they will be eating with only one hand while texting with the other.

■ I want to wish the new owners of the Pierpont Inn (and restaurant) much success in making the Inn the wonderful part of Ventura that it has been for many-many years. It is one of our great icons and deserves great leadership and success.

■ Voters just passed a new ordinance that monitors the pornographic industry which will now need to have spot inspections by inspectors to make sure that the filming of the movies complies with the new requirements.

In 2 weeks there have been 22,123 applications to become these inspectors.

■ Satnam Singh, 50, has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and driving under the influence in connection with the death of 20-year-old student Nick Haverland.

Haverland was riding his bike along Telegraph Road in May, 2011, when he was struck and killed by Singh. Singh had a blood-alcohol level of 0.39 percent, nearly five times the legal limit of 0.08.

Jurors broke into applause and congratulated the prosecutor after hearing Singh's guilty plea that put an end to this horrible crime.

■ Federal regulators have eased ownership restrictions on major market media outlets that could help the big players in the newspaper industry.

By the end of the year the FCC will approve a proposal that would allow newspapers and TV, or radio stations in the 20 largest markets to consolidate.

So I will be expecting calls from NBC, CBS and ABC very soon.

Mailbox

Hi Sheldon and Staci,

Congratulations on your 5th anniversary of publishing The Breeze! I'm totally bummed I didn't receive notification in advance so I could have sent something in to sing your praises.

All I can say now is in 5 short years the Breeze has truly become a treasure to the city of Ventura. And it wouldn't be possible without your wonderful dedication, guidance, and caring for the audience you serve so well. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Mike Macke
Community Marketing Director
Cypress Place Senior Living

This is a response by City Council Member Heitmann to concerns expressed by Kim Castro, Ventura Keys Homeowners Association Board Member, to the city council.

Kim's comment, very briefly stated "I have been a resident of Ventura for the past six years in the Ventura Keys area. I have two very young sons and I would like an explanation why nothing has been done to clean up the area of lower Seaward Avenue by the beach." Dear Kim

I appreciate your concerns, I have had some of the same and I do live in the Pierpont area. As you know we have 2 new restaurants coming on Seaward, this will bring additional people into the area.

The street lighting will be increased and we now have regular police patrols

to the area, particularly at night and the state beach park rangers are also patrolling the beaches during the day and some at night.

The vagrancy issue is an issue for every beach community and we do have an active plan but it is a slow process and takes time to notice any difference. I know the Key's has a neighborhood organization but some of the Key's residents do attend the Pierpont Community council meetings which are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 at the Marriott.

We have a very active group and in fact did a charrette over the summer for lower Seaward; you can find that on our (the city's) website. It will work its way to the city council. Believe me, several of us agree with you and are working to improve the situation. We would love to have you get more involved if you have the time. The city has not fully appreciated the beach and our area which is one reason I ran for city council in this last election. I hope you won't give up on our wonderful city with so much potential and that you will bring your experience to work with us.

Cheryl Heitmann

Breeze: The soon to be Social Tap American Eatery & Bar, located on Seaward, will bring "additional people into the area" but will also bring a new energy and spirit to lower Seaward which is very much needed.



Thank you

I would like to thank the wonderful people who assisted me after a fall I had a couple of weeks ago near the corner of California and Thompson.

I remember a young girl who called 911. I also remember a gentleman who gave me towels to clean up some blood and a person who stayed with me until the ambulance arrived.

I don't know your names, but to me you are angels.

Thank you, thank you!

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Anyone who stops learning is old, whether twenty or eighty. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

—Henry Ford



Community Events



World-renowned performer Sergey Kheylik will dance as the Nutcracker Prince at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center.

The Nutcracker

Ventura County residents will have a second chance to catch the Ventura County Ballet Company's (VCBC) beloved production of "The Nutcracker" this holiday season as the esteemed ballet company makes its way to the Ventura College Performing Arts Center for an additional weekend of performances on Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2.

Audiences will be in awe of the theater's redesign as they enjoy the whimsical story of a world of life-sized mice, dancing sweets and of course, no fairytale would be complete without a magical prince. College students

with the Ventura College Symphony Orchestra and the Ventura College Choir will create a live and interactive musical complement to the choreography.

To help bring the beloved holiday classic to life, VCBC has invited Russian-born ballet prodigy, Sergey Kheylik, to headline the highly anticipated event for its inaugural production at the Ventura location for the coveted role as the Nutcracker Prince.

When: 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 1 p.m. on Dec. 2

Where: Ventura College Performing Arts Center, 4700 Loma Vista Road, Ventura, Calif.

Cost: Adults: \$10 - \$25. Children: 10 years and under \$12 (excludes Center Orchestra). Seniors: 65 and older \$17 (excludes Center Orchestra). A sugar plum cookie reception will follow each matinee and is complimentary to ticket holders.

Tickets: Visit Ventura County Ballet Company or Brown Paper Tickets.

Our city together for One City One Meal

This year celebrate Thanksgiving Day not by simply remembering but by doing. On Thursday, November 22 a city in common will spend a few hours over a few hundred pounds of potatoes to be together.

Through a partnership of faith, charity, city and citizens the "One City"

meal takes place, a Thanksgiving for the people of Ventura. Whether you need a meal or not, are looking for some company the One City One Meal is for you.

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Please join in on Thanksgiving as One City shares one meal together at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The doors open at 10am with a coffee bar, pastries, live music, jolly jumps and face painting. A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served at noon.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to onecitymeal.com and register.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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

Would you like to meet new friends? Do you need more than tweeting or blogging to express what's on your mind? Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right outlet for you. This eclectic group meets Wednesdays from 4p.m. to 6p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street. People of all ethnicities, education, incomes, personalities, and interests are welcome. No topic is off limits. There is only one rule that applies to the Conversation Group: don't lecture and don't bore.

Nov. 15: Have you been to the Channel Islands lately or stopped in the **Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center** to see the *Treasure in the Sea*? Here's an opportunity to see the updated film, learn more about the islands, and meet others who support the National Park. Next week the Channel Islands Park Foundation will be hosting **MIMBY [Movies In My BackYard]** for a film screening and speaker presentation at Channel Islands National Park's Headquarters. The mission of the Channel Islands Park Foundation is to connect the community to Channel Islands National Park inspiring philanthropic generosity and volunteer commitment to ensure continued protection of the islands' rich cultural heritage and remarkable biodiversity. Join us to learn more about your local national park and get inspired to explore the islands located just off shore from Ventura. Presentation by senior National Park staff viewing the film *Treasure in the Sea* (stunning imagery, narrated by Kevin Costner). Event will be held at Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, 1901 Spinnaker Dr. at 6p.m. RSVP to lillyrika@gmail.com.

Nov. 15: The **Rotary Club of Ventura South** will hold their 24th Annual **TRIVIA CHALLENGE** at the Wedgewood Wedding & Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Drive at 6p.m., to raise funds to support the Ventura County Library Adult Literacy Program. The **TRIVIA CHALLENGE** is a general knowledge game similar to the television

show "Jeopardy". The winning teams receive community recognition and a trophy. Teams are placed in categories: Youth (under 25) Service Clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc.), Business & Individual Just for Fun. All of the evening's proceeds go to the Adult Literacy Program.

The entry fees are \$300 per team. Businesses and individuals are welcome to sponsor teams and will be recognized on the evening's programs. Sponsorships can be for either whole or partial teams. All fees and donations are tax deductible. Donations for the Silent Auction are being accepted along with registration for teams and team members. Spectator admission is \$5.00. Hors d'oeuvres are included. Soft drinks and cocktails can be purchased at the bar throughout the evening. For additional information contact Jerry Spencer at 488-7725 or check the website at www.gorotary.com. Reservations and donations can be mailed to: The Rotary Club of Ventura South, "Trivia Challenge", P.O. Box 6383, Ventura, Ca. 93006.

Nov. 17: A holiday gift boutique where visitors can meet local artists and authors and purchase art and books, will be held Saturday afternoon, from 1p.m. to 4p.m. at the **Museum of Ventura County**. The art and artisan section of the boutique features silk screened shirts; collage note cards; hand painted silk scarves, accessories and handmade books; three dimensional figures, jewelry and much more. Additionally, the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts will display original art, jewelry, gifts, books and DVDs, and Best of VC Marketplace will bring local gourmet food products and gifts.

Nov. 17: Ventura County Genealogical Society will talk about, **The Paper-Less Genealogist** Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with guest speaker Denise Levenick, also known as The Family Curator.

Simple strategies break the paper habit, file less paper, and organize what you keep.

Spend less time searching for files, and more time searching for ancestors with strategies to help you tame the paper tiger and become master of your scanner and digital file system. Ms. Levenick, a former English and Journalism instructor, says she's passionate about "old stuff." In every family, someone ends up with "the stuff." Event will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3501 Loma Vista Road at Mills Road. For more information about this FREE meeting, visit the VCGS website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cavcgs/ contact: Gayle Wolcott, 987-8614.

Nov. 17 & 18: The Airealistic Extraordinary Experience featuring Cirque Du Soleil artists and Airealistic performance troupe will perform on Nov.17&18, at 8pm at the Airealistic Circus & Flying School located at 4476 Dupont Ct. in Ventura. Tickets (only 100 available) at www.venturacircus.com.

Nov. 18: Temple Beth Torah presents their annual Hanukkah Boutique Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. Food, decorations for the holiday, fabulous chocolates (Trufflehound), cupcakes, baked goods, children's items, quilts, jewelry, purses, candles, latkas, decorative items for the home and did we say food? See what our community artists and vendors have created for lovely gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and much more. Find beautiful clothing, purses, art items, Hanukkah items and affordable jewelry for that special person

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Community Events

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Nov. 19: The California Zeta Chi Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, in the Topping Room of E. P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street. Free parking is available behind the library. Jill Martinez, of Ventura, will present information about Rights of Members.

The Zeta Chi unit holds regular parliamentary study meetings in the Topping Room on the third Monday of each month except December. Its membership is drawn from the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura. For more information about the meeting, or the organization, contact Sandra Sanders at 643-5928 or sandy108@pacbell.net

Nov. 20: Brock Travis, PhD teaches a **workshop for enhancing conscious contact** on third Tuesday evenings – 6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m., Dec. 18, and Jan. 15. Event will take place at A Place of Peace, 2021 Sperry Ave. #22. brocktravis3@gmail.com. 320-6079. Donation.

Nov. 22: Ventura Turkey Trot. Before you gobble, gobble, get out and run Ventura County's fastest 5K on Thanksgiving morning!

Head to the Ventura Auto Center, 6451 Auto Center Drive, on Thursday. The fast and fun 5K starts at 8 a.m. The free Ventura Family YMCA Kids' 1K starts at 9 a.m. Some of the 5K event highlights include a free event shirt, electronic chip timing, cool awards, and fun post-race festivities. Sign up by November 1st for only \$25. The fee goes up to \$30 after November 1st and will be \$35 on race morning. Each year the Ventura Turkey Trot benefits a different non-profit organization. This year's beneficiary is the Ventura Family YMCA. Runners are also encouraged to bring canned goods for the Food Share drive.

November 23, 24, 25, 30: December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9. Come celebrate the spirit of holidays past at the historic **Dudley House**. The 19th year of this annual fundraiser for the museum features quality crafts, home décor, antiques and collectibles and a tearoom with refreshments, silent auction and bargain items. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a flea market added on Sundays. Located on the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood, admission is free. Call 642-3345 for information.

Ojai events

Performances To Grow On will present Li Liu in her acclaimed production of *Acrobat* on **Sat., Dec. 8 @ 4 pm** at the **Ojai Art Center**. The performance includes hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li also touches on various aspects of Chinese language, geography and culture while sharing her work and travel experiences with the audience. Grace, strength and thrills make this a "not to be missed" performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and are available at the Ojai Coffee Roasting Co., by phone at 646-8907 or online at www.ptgo.org (Click on Toys For the Mind). Seating is limited.

The Secret Class is a one-man show that brings to life how magic secrets are passed on and nurtured, enacted

by Magic Castle favorite Mark Haslam with original music by Andy Street of Thousand Oaks. This world premiere production is told as an engrossing story with images and live magic. It plays for one night only at **8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17** at Ojai ACT.

On **Sun., Nov. 18**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Starbuck*, a poignant French-Canadian comedy about a 42-year-old underachiever who finds out he is the biological father of 533 children. This hilarious premise is only the starting point of a thoughtful and touching film as the sperm donor father surreptitiously sets out to meet some of his grown children. Here is a special opportunity to see the original French-Canadian version of the film. Dream Works is coming out with a remake in October 2013.

On **Sun., Nov. 25** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Headhunters*, a darkly comedic Norwegian thriller about an unscrupulous corporate headhunter who steals art to subsidize his extravagant lifestyle. The charming scoundrel meets his match when he steals a Rubens from a former mercenary. 4:30 pm, Ojai Playhouse

The Ojai Music Festival announces the appointment of Abhijit (Ab) Sengupta as Executive Director, effective November 26. Mr. Sengupta, most recently Artistic Director and Chief Executive Officer of Fontana Chamber Arts, succeeds Jeffrey P. Haydon, who joined the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts Center as Chief Executive Officer on September 17.

"Ab brings a perfect combination of executive management skills and extraordinary artistic sensibility to the Ojai Music Festival, enabling him to understand what the Festival is, and to work with our talented team to make the Festival's vision a reality. We conducted a thorough national and international search, and Ab surfaced from an exceptional pool as the ideal partner for Ojai," commented Stuart Meiklejohn, President of the Festival Board of Directors. "Together with Artistic Director Thomas W. Morris, and on behalf of the entire Festival family, I welcome Ab and his family to Ojai."

Future options for estuary

Continued from page 1

"It is a complex situation but our customers are a critical stakeholder group since the new Estuary Protection charge on their wastewater bills will pay for the eventual solution," said Shana Epstein, Ventura Water's General Manager. "We have many steps before us but our goal is to reach consensus on a direction by 2015."

Before the next stakeholder meeting tentatively scheduled for February, more research will be conducted into the feasibility of the initial options and how they align with the water quality and diversion goals based on the scientific analysis.

Please visit cityofventura.net/water/screstudies to follow the studies' progress. Complete information about the settlement agreement is available at cityofventura.net/water/rivers. To receive ongoing information, sign up for our monthly e-Newsletter, Pipeline, at cityofventura.net/water/pipeline.

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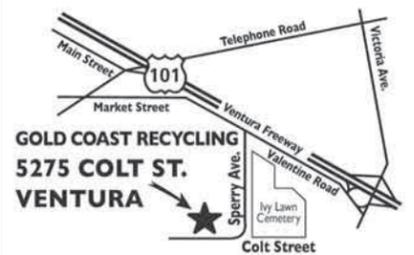


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News and Notes



Alicia and Hector were married at the Mission in 1954.

Alicia Valenzuela Tarin – 7th Generation Venturan

by Jeannie Lumley Collins

Sitting at the dining table in her cozy mid-town home, Alicia Valenzuela Tarin, whose vibrant personality belies her 79 years, reflects on the Valenzuela family tree. It is a complex tree, and includes some unknowns, but here is a taste of Alicia's heritage.

We know that her great-great-grandfather, Ramon Tico, joined the Union Army and served in New Mexico and Arizona. He and his partner, Maria Carlon, lived in Santa Barbara where Alicia's great-grandmother Refugia (known as Ruth) Ortega was born in 1838. That same year, great-grandfather Fernando Tico left Sonora, Mexico to start a new life in California. Inspiration for this might well have been that a year earlier the Tico family had received a land grant for what is now Ojai. He became a US citizen in 1850 when California joined the Union. Although we know nothing about how he and Ruth Ortega met, their relationship bore them a daughter who was destined to marry another young immigrant, Juan Valenzuela. He grazed sheep for a living, alongside the verdant Ventura River, until large numbers of cattlemen moved their herds onto the land. Juan was forced to sell his sheep and become a field hand. But he loved the river; took his kids to the "Tin Can" swimming hole and fished for steelhead trout when time allowed.

Alicia's father, Carlos Valenzuela, born in 1906, was the eldest of five surviving children. He attended the old Hill School

above the Mission. Appropriately named, the two-story school was a fine landmark for ships, if an exhausting uphill climb for its pupils. As a lad, Carlos picked walnuts and apricots, and threshed lima beans, and wrapped up his 8th grade education at Ann Street School.

Carlo's future wife Juanita Barajas came to California during the Mexican Revolution. They married at the San Buenaventura Mission, and he worked for the City's Streets Department, which provided cabins for its employees – where they initially lived and where Alicia was born in 1933. Carlos hauled concrete for construction of the Union Ice building near Santa Clara and Meta, joined Port Hueneme's Public Works Department during World War II, and then returned to work for the City. In spite of a growing family, Alicia's thrifty young mother managed to save the then princely sum of \$2,000 at Ramona's Savings & Loan, a ranchers' bank in Fillmore, to buy their first home at 63 South Ventura Avenue. "I was born right there near the Mission and my sisters and I were raised in the house my mother and family bought at auction across the Alley from the Museum; my grandparents lived there too."

Alicia, the oldest of Carlos and Juanita's four daughters, attended the May Hemming's Elementary and Holy Cross schools. A favorite childhood memory is of her father sending her to the National (later, and relocated, Jue's) Market to buy little bottles of port wine. She was just eight years old!

"The oldest daughter of the Jue family and I were friends from school" she recalls. She loved her Tortilla Flats neighborhood. "We knew everybody. Hobos came from the river bottom asking for something to eat, we shopped at the Italian bakery and grocery stores on Main and the Avenue, and there were the Fairgrounds, Mission, and the river. I remember it being very safe."

"After high school, I got a job with the Health Department on Poli Street, and was then transferred to General Hospital (County) because I spoke Spanish and could translate for people." It was the early 50's, and young Hector Tarin had just finished a four-year stint with the United States Air Force. He asked his friend Manuel, who knew Alicia and also attended services at the Ventura Mission, to introduce them. The rest is recent history. In a tradition started by her grandparents, Alicia and her sweetheart Hector were married at the Mission in 1954. With five grown children, seven grandchildren (10th generation Californians), and a large extended family, they look forward to celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in 2014.

You can be sure it will be quite a party!



This memorial will not bring Jacob back to life.

Fatal DUI crashes (when will people learn?)

In the past several years, the VPD has combatted DUI driving by participating in a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The grant permits the VPD to conduct DUI checkpoints, deploy "Saturation Units" to look for DUI drivers, and other measures to keep the roads safe. The grant gives additional officers to the patrol shifts so that there isn't a dearth of officers for normal deployments. The grant requires that the VPD conduct 12 DUI checkpoints per year while using the Saturation Units nearly every weekend. However, recently there have been a few tragic incidents.

The first collision happened Saturday, October 6th, at 12:37 a.m., at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Olivas Park Drive. Three vehicles were involved in the collision, one of which was a van occupied by Laura Stewart and her husband, Henry Stewart. Laura failed to stop for a red light while traveling down Olivas Park Drive. She collided with another vehicle, which was traveling southbound, and then her car collided with yet another vehicle, traveling northbound. The occupants of the first vehicle had minor injuries while the occupants of the second had major injuries. Both Laura and Henry Stewart were found to be deceased. In the autopsies, a toxicology exam revealed that Laura's blood alcohol content was .24, three times the legal limit.

Seaward Avenue is one of the normal locations used by the VPD for DUI checkpoints. On Tuesday, October 9th, at

4:32 p.m., Jacob Karluk, traveling with a female passenger on his motorcycle, was pronounced dead after a collision. Karluk lost control of his vehicle and left the road, colliding with a guardrail along the west side of the sidewalk on Seaward Avenue. Karluk's toxicology exam showed that his blood alcohol content was .16, double the legal limit.

These two fatal collisions were actually the second and third in a two-week period in Ventura. Yet another fatal collision occurred on Wednesday, September 26th. Joanne Madaule was driving a school bus that hit Marguerita McIntosh, a 75-year-old pedestrian. McIntosh was pronounced dead at the hospital. Madaule was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance.

Ventura Bank of Books hosts local author

Thousand Oaks humorist and Breeze contributor, Sheli Ellsworth, will be signing copies of her book, *The Psychoanalysis of Everyday Life: Sometimes I Pee When I Laugh*, at Bank of Books in Ventura on November 24 from 1-3. BeachHouse Books released the 140-page book of short stories last summer. Contact Bank of Books, 748 E. Main St. at 643.3154 for more information.

Sheli Ellsworth holds a Master's Degree in Psychology, used mainly to annoy family and friends. Her writing has been published in the Pacific Daily News, the Ventura County Star and the Ventura Breeze. She is also an award winning short story writer. Her fiction appears in Quintessence, Windows and Serendipity anthologies. Auto Week, BackHome, and Zone4 magazines have also published her humorous stories.

She is a book critic for the Sacramento Book Review, San Francisco Book Review and the Portland Review. She also writes humorous veterinary medical articles for purchaseremedies.com. Her advice column, *Dear Miss Betty – advice for those who need to be slapped* has run in Spotlight on Recovery magazine and the Ventura Breeze. Coming in May 2013—*CA Pet Luvv: Confessions of a pet au pair* and *The ABCs of pet ailments*.



Joining Michael Kohli, at Paddy's Bar at Main and Ventura Ave., were Clay Wells, Brian Schmidt, spooky guy in a black hat, Tim Lytle, Karl Arasmith, Sarah Aebersold and Hector Gonzalez. This was in celebration of 17 years since he started his music path by presenting his first DJ Kohli Rocks' Entertainment show. That's Michael in front on his knees. To celebrate, they ate Halloween party snacks, watched Madonna videos and raised their glasses to the anniversary!

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Airealistic Circus & Flying School is bringing the thrill and mystery of the circus to Ventura on November 17 and 18 at 8pm. The Airealistic "Extraordinary Experience" is more than just a circus performance, it is an immersive experience filled with live dance, acrobatics, aerialists, jugglers, stilt walkers, music, tasty treats, and lots of surprises! The show will feature Cirque artists and performers of the Airealistic Performance Troupe.

The entertainment begins with an exciting outdoor festival featuring electrifying street performers, community vendors, and the air of mystery and fun centered around the Theater Entrance. Once inside, you will feel as if you are part of the performance in seats that are weaved into the theater as aerialists fly overhead and all around. Your fantastic journey into the magical world of circus arts will take you deep in the jungle, high in the mountains, and to a wondrous island.

From all corners of the world the circus calls to us. Immerse yourself in the thrill and excitement, and remember what it was like when you could fly!

Airealistic Circus & Flying School is located at 4476 Dupont Ct., Suite B, Ventura.

For tickets and more information www.venturacircus.com or call 628-2777.

Harrison's schedule for Thanksgiving

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, the employees of Harrison Industries are taking the day off on Thursday, Nov. 22. As a result, customers in Ventura who normally have their trash and recyclables or green waste collected on Thursday or Friday will have it collected one day later than usual.

The Thanksgiving holiday will not affect customers who have their trash and recyclables or green waste collected on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thanksgiving will not affect the regular Monday collection schedule for Ojai customers. The regular schedule for Ventura customers will resume the following week.

For more information, call 647-1414.

Ventura down under

by Es Cole

"Ventura! Ventura, California? I love Ventura."

This came out in a strong New Zealand accent. The speaker was a lovely Air New Zealand hostess, checking us and our luggage to L.A. from Auckland Airport. We had told our checker we lived in Ventura, and were bowled over by her over-the-top response.

"How do you know Ventura?" we

chorused.

"That's where we lost our carry-on," she said. "And the people of Ventura are the most honest people in the world."

There were no other passengers in line, so we got to hear the whole story:

"My husband, my daughter, and I were on holiday in California." Her eyes lit up as she spoke. "We had to do Disneyland to satisfy my daughter. After that we planned to drive in our rented car to San Francisco to satisfy us, her parents."

We loved her accent and enjoyed the story she told.

"We got as far as Ventura and my husband and I were dying for a cup of coffee. We spotted a coffee shop near an exit. The coffee was terrific and after a short rest, we were back on the motorway." She paused. "You call them freeways." Les and I nodded.

"Easy peasy, right? We were almost to Santa Barbara when we realized one of our backpacks was missing. The one with our traveler's checks and passports." Her face reflected the panic she felt all those months ago. "What do you do in a foreign country with no money and no passport?"

Les and I moaned in sympathy. She went on.

"We turned around, got back on the motorway and drove to Ventura. No coffee shop. Nothing looked familiar. Finally, we drove all the way through Ventura and retraced our original route. We found the coffee shop.

"We walked in the front door and the waitress recognized us. She reached under the counter and brought out the backpack." Big sigh. "Everything was in order. Our money. Our papers. No worries."

Les and I heaved a big sigh as well. "See," she beamed, "see – the people of Ventura are the most honest we've ever seen and that's why we love Ventura."

Les and I felt pride in our fellow Venturans. We also reaped a reward. We travel Coach, but our Air New Zealand hostess upgraded our luggage to First Class. Our bags were first off the plane when we landed at LAX.

Thanks, honest Venturans.

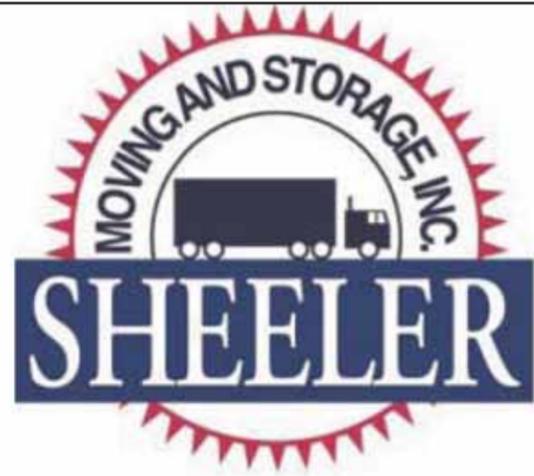
Rummage sale to aid trip to Catalina Island Marine Institute

Pierpont Elementary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 17 from 8am- 3pm at Pierpont Elementary School, 1254 Martha's Vineyard Court.

There will be lots of items for sale such as furniture, toys, electronics, house wares and more.

If you would like to donate items in good condition, please drop them off at Pierpont Elementary between 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm Friday, November 16 in the school quad.

All proceeds will go to the 5th grade annual Catalina Island Marine Institute field trip.



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CMHS to hold "Heart Healthy for the Holidays"

Heart disease continues to be the number one killer of American men and women; as a result, Community Memorial Health System is offering free prevention strategy programs presented by leading local

experts every third Thursday of the month.

The next prevention strategies program, entitled "Heart Healthy for the Holidays: Cooking Consciously during the Season for Great Taste & Optimal Health," is set for Thursday, Nov. 15. Jessica McGrath, a local food behaviorist, certified holistic health coach and personal chef, will present the program that will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the CMHS Training Center, located at 2809 Main St. Refreshments will be served.

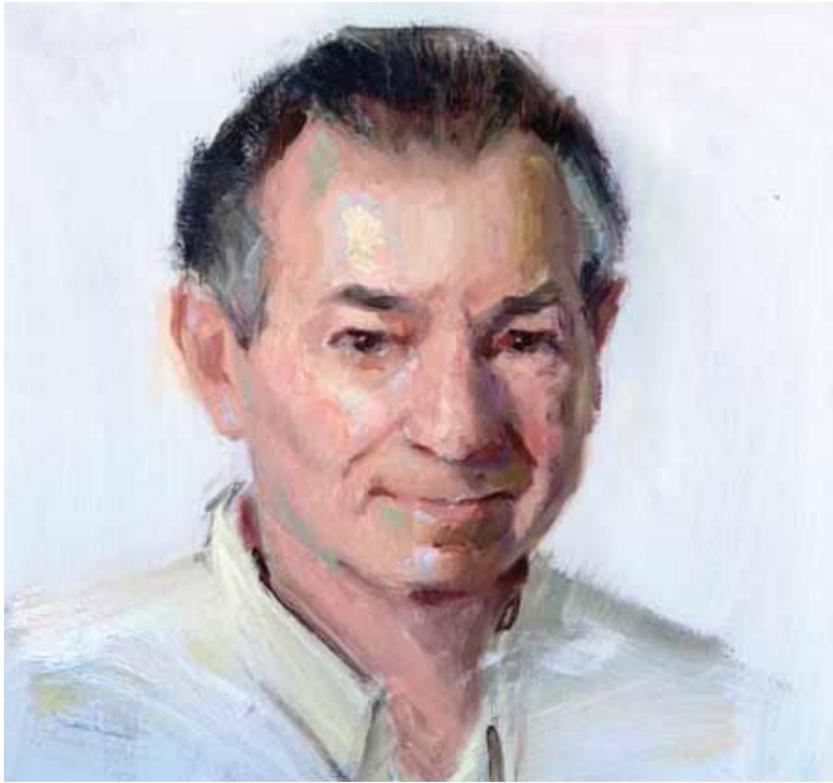
Reservations are required as seating is limited. Call 667-2818 or email healthaware@cmhshealth.org.



On Saturday, Oct. 27 approximately 70 people danced on the main lawn at the Ventura Harbor Village in the Thriller dance that was part of Thrill the World, in which people around the world danced simultaneously for many charities. Thrill the World was started in 2006 by Canadian Ines Markejevic who staged the then largest Thriller dance inspired by a Michael Jackson video. Sisters, Samantha and Kayla looked very scary. Their dad, Bruce Wilson said the girls had planned to participate in the dance but chickened out at the last minute.

Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Mel Sheeler

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Mel Sheeler was born in Ventura in what is now Community Memorial Hospital where he continues to have strong ties serving on the Hospital Foundation Board. He attended Oak View Elementary, Cabrillo Middle School, Ventura High and Ventura College before heading on to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he served as a director of the school Business Club and a member of Circle K on campus.

Mel's giving back commitment started in early life and continues today sitting on many community boards. Presently he is serving as treasurer of the CMH Foundation Board; as Treasurer, Board member and Past President of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura; Chair of the Business & Technology Partnership at CSUCI; Fundraising Chair for the upcoming Gala for ACS; board member and Past President for the Ventura Chamber; VP of Business Development and Oxnard Chamber board member; E Ventura Kiwanis Club Past President; Ventura Music Festival Past President; Caregivers Assisting the Elderly; President Elect of Pier Into the Future; board member and Past President of the Police Activities League helping at risk youth; and Treasurer of CARMA, a records management association. One thing for sure, if he calls or drops by, he is most likely asking for support for the many non-profits he supports.

The ongoing support he receives from his employees at Sheeler Moving and Storage, which he started almost ten years ago, allows him the time to give back. In fact many of his staff are there offering to donate their time and resources to someone in need. You can see the company name appear as a supporter of many local charities. His family is also actively involved in community. His son Glen has helped Food Share, son Eric is on the board of the Police Activities League, his wife Cathy is Secretary and past president of the

Kiwanis Club and teaches a Bone Builders Class two days a week to local seniors. His step daughter and son in law are active in their church and raising three great children.

We asked him what he likes most about Ventura?

Ventura is such a special city and he has been witness to many changes – some were good and some not so good. The bad is especially true of the 101 Freeway which cuts us off from our beaches, our most prized asset. Maybe the Capping of California Street will take care of that. Also disappointing was tearing down many stately homes only to be replaced with not so cherished structures. The good has been the dramatic resurgence of our Downtown into a vibrant and energetic cultural hub and the present construction of our new CMH along with development at Ventura Harbor. The one stand out is our citizens' continued commitment to help make our community the best it can be while maintaining a small town feel.

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

Receiving the call that I was going to be painted by Johanna Spinks was a total surprise. While sitting for the portrait, I was taken in by the intensity and concentration exhibited by Johanna as she stroked the canvas, getting in every detail all the while still talking about life here in Ventura and why she loves what she does. There was an immediate bond between us as if we had known each other for years. This is an emotion that most of us feel only on rare occasion. It was also a great surprise to have Sheldon Brown stop by to see the finished portrait. Sheldon is such a great individual and you can feel his genuine sense of appreciation for Johanna's work and dedication to the portrait series.



Karly Lynn Burns

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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.

Feed Bag



Owner Gregory Kazos and waitress Gabriela Vega serving up a few of the wonderful dishes at Stephen's Market & Grill.

Stephen's Market & Grill: Mediterranean cuisine comes to Midtown

by Angela Rosales

While Mediterranean Greece may be half a world away, Stephen's Market & Grill does its best to take you there by sharing one of Greece's best assets: The food. When you walk into the midtown restaurant your senses are instantly filled with the aroma of fresh herbs, spices, cheeses, olive oils and vegetables sizzling in the kitchen. The restaurant, formerly occupied by Paradise Grill & Sports Bar, is clean, airy and fresh. It includes a deli and market pantry stocked with a variety of marinated olives, Mediterranean cheeses, deli meats, pastas, coffees, breads and jams. Then for a final temptation, there's the large bakery case of baklava, European cookies and homemade desserts.

For owner, Gregory Kazos, Stephen's Market & Grill is another notch in his long successful career as a chef and restaurateur. Born in Lesvos, Greece and immigrating to America at age seventeen, Gregory's career humbly began in a pizza joint in Toronto, Canada. From there he worked his way up through the industry solely by hard work and a love for gourmet cuisine. Over the last 47 years, he's been the owner and manager of numerous eateries from hamburger joints to steakhouses and upscale fine dining restaurants. At times in his career, he's found himself owning and managing up to five establishments at a time. After moving to Simi Valley to be near family, Gregory became well-known for introducing fine dining to the community through his acclaimed restaurant, Barton's Steakhouse & Seafood. After 47 years, Gregory

tried retirement but he soon found himself bored and jumped right back in with the same passion and gusto he's had for all his restaurants.

Named after his son, Stephen's Market & Grill is family run and aims to share authentic Greek and Eastern European meals with Ventura. The restaurant prides itself on providing top-quality healthy food by using only extra virgin olive oils for dressings and sauces, offering USDA choice meats and locally grown vegetables. Gregory describes his restaurant as "gourmet style food with reasonable prices." Traditional Greek dishes, such as the Lamb or Chicken Gyro and Falafel Sandwich start out at \$5.95. If you come, Gregory recommends you try the Moussaka plate made of eggplant, potato, ground beef and topped with béchamel sauce or the Stuffed Tomato and Pepper. Each dish is priced at \$9.95 and the portions are very generous. The restaurant can also cater weddings and other events. The next phase includes expanding the dining experience by offering a beer and wine selection.

The way Gregory sees it, "Ventura is a very friendly place. I love the city, I love the weather and I love the people." Gregory plans to earn Ventura's business by word of mouth. Based on the reviews so far, Stephen's Market & Grill is well on the way to doing just that. Stephen's Market and Grill is located at 2632 E. Main Street, Ventura, (805) 648-4200.

New restaurants in Ventura

If you know of a new restaurant in Ventura let us know at editor@venturabreeze.com



Palermo Pizzeria

Palermo Pizzeria, a restaurant serving Italian home style cooking, has recently opened at 1751 E. Main St. and is much more than just a pizzeria. It is

the third restaurant owned by Yoshi Namiki. They serve an abundance of Italian dishes including appetizers, chicken, salads and soups, sub sandwiches, classic Italian dinners, seafood, pasta and of course pizza and select wines and take out is available, 641-2300.



The Sushi House

The Sushi House is a dog friendly Japanese style restaurant recently opened at 1127 S. Seaward featuring an array of

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sushi and other Japanese foods. Owned by Rolando Camrena it serves appetizers (Yin Yang Sashimi Tuna), Udon Soups and noodles, special rolls (Pierpont Roll), entrees (chicken, beef, salmon shrimp, tofu), combination bowls, bento box combos, beer and wine and much more, 643-5550.

Grape Expectations

Boccali Vineyards and Winery

by Eric Garnier

Nestled high in Upper Ojai Valley is Boccali Vineyards and Winery. Also on the property is their restaurant. As the northern most winery on the Ventura Wine Trail, I decided to pay them a visit. Over the years, I have driven by their place several times and never stopped. I guess I will have to make up for lost times.

As I sat with Joe Boccali on a grassy area, I had the Topa Topa Mountains staring at me in the face. All around us were fields of citrus, avocados and pumpkins. Joe went on to explain how the family started farming here in the late 1800's. Winemaking was always part of the farming experience until Prohibition took them out of the wine business. They opened a restaurant about 27 years ago and started replanting grapes in 2003. They bottled their first vintage in 2006. With five acres dedicated to growing grapes in Ojai, winemaking takes up a lot of their time. All of their wines are 100% estate and 100% varietal (no blending). The total operation of wine making is done on site, guarantee-

ing quality from start to finish. Also unique is that each of their wine labels reflect some kind of reference to Ojai.

Shangri-La Grenache Blanc. Crisp and refreshing with light acidity. Great alternative to a heavy Chardonnay on a hot day. Citrus and apricot notes.

Pink Moment Rose Syrah. Fresh, and dry with balanced acidity. Slight floral, strawberry and citrus aromas. Great wine to serve with salads, pizzas or just about any tapa.

Topa Topa Syrah. Deep, dark and rich, this wine exhibits aromas of dark cherry, blackberries and pepper. Medium bodied but able to hold up against a nice steak. I truly enjoyed this wine.

Old Vine Zinfandel. Medium bodied Zinfandel, not overly jammy. Mellow tannins with hints of raspberries and plum. Perfect with BBQ or Mexican food.

Rustic Red. Joe and his father DeWayne blended their Zinfandel, Cabernet and Syrah together for this wine. With the zin at 60% of the blend, one really gets the fruit forwardness of this blend. This well balanced wine can be served with just about any creation that comes out of the kitchen.

So, next time you are in Ojai, stop by and taste some wonderful locally made wines while you eat at their restaurant, which by the way uses many of the fruits and vegetables grown right on the property. Be sure to check their website for restaurant and tasting hours and locations.

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Cheers,

Eric

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Ventura Senior Readers' Theatre

by Nanci Cone

There are some people who think books are definitely passé but don't tell that to the children who are fortunate enough to experience Ventura Senior Readers' Theatre!

Reader's theater is a strategy that combines reading practice and performing.

Robert "Doc" Reynolds started Readers' Theatre, an offshoot of the old Senior Drama Troupe, though he never performed, just encouraged everyone to give it a try. Pat Ronk and Myrna Winer came a year or two after and they're still going strong. As Pat notes, "We love doing this so much!"

According to Joanne Kaplan who helps line up dates and keeps members informed and involved in rehearsals, "Some of us are directors and we all take turns becoming the various characters in the stories, whether they are human or animals. The emphasis is on reading and enjoying the stories so we hold our scripts during performances. At this time we have about 20 members but we're always looking for more people to participate. Currently we perform about once a week from September except for school holidays."

The troupe performs throughout the County and ask for a donation of \$50 – the same amount asked since the group began. Part of the cost pays for props, costumes and the books they are performing. They give the books as a gift to the class or library at the school.

There are no age requirements for

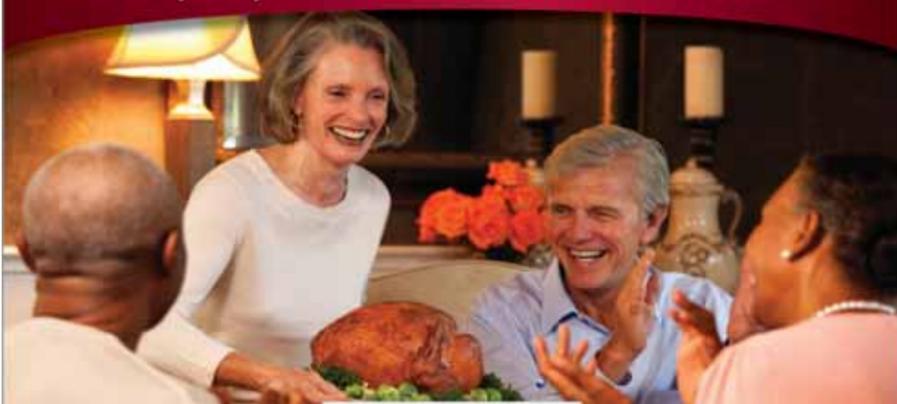
members, but everyone's a senior and most are retirees. Rehearsals are every Tuesday from 1-3 at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center, 550 N. Ventura Avenue.

"We hope that interested people will take an active part with our group once they join. It is a commitment to come to a rehearsal and a program once a week. Most of us have accepted extra duties such as our treasurer, the caretaker of props and costumes, a contact to the schools, typing and printing our scripts. Two of our members are former Theater Arts teachers that occasionally give us workshops on voice projection and acting exercises."

Joanne adds, "We have a story list with over 30 stories and some are appropriate for each age group: Preschool, Kindergarten, Primary and 4-5 grades. We mail the story list and a cover letter to all schools early in August. Someone from a school phones to arrange a date for a program and to request specific stories. Our group has presented programs in classrooms, in auditoriums, libraries and in churches.

"Hearing the children in our audiences respond with emotion and laugh at the characters' situations in our stories is rewarding. From the stage we watch them become involved with the action. Many times they come to us after a performance to tell us why they liked a particular story or character. This is so rewarding. We have developed friendships over the years. We visit hospitalized members and we carpool to schools. We are always open to anyone who might want to watch a rehearsal or a performance to see if what we do is right for them," notes Joanne. If you are interested in learning more about Ventura Senior Readers' Theatre, call Joanne at (805) 862-3773.

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A variety of important topics regarding Alzheimer's and dementia will be covered including:

Home for the Holidays – Old Tra-

ditions, New Realities on Saturday December 1st from 10am to 12pm.

The 10 Warning Signs – Communications & Behaviors on Saturday December 8th from 10am to 12pm.

Legal Issues & Alzheimer's Disease – Advance Directives, Power of Attorney, etc. on Saturday December 15th from 10am to 12pm.

Join us for these visual presentations by an Alzheimer's Association specialist and learn vital information for loved ones and those you care for.

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Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp
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■ We voted and I'm delighted that Bo doesn't have to move his kennel any time soon. I mean, it's the only home he's known and he must love having such a big yard to play in. I'd be plain jealous if I didn't have it as good as I do right here in Ventura.

So now that's over, what's next? "Holidays!" Thanksgiving is my favorite, because there are lots of people to beg from with my big beautiful eye, even though turkey always has me running for the antacids.

We won't talk about the whiskered one in the family because she's spoiled every day and even thinks that she has the right to jump on the table. Now that's disgusting – except when she accidentally pushes some food off the table for me to scoop up.

It's also time to think about Christmas and Hanukkah, and any other holiday you celebrate, especially if it involves traveling. Here's a need-to-know-bulletin for my friends who are planning on taking their owners on a trip this winter – well, any time within 90 days actually, but it's really worth knowing about right now.

JetBlue, an airline with a heart obviously, has a new deal called "All Your Pet Can Jet" (I got excited and thought they said "All Your Pet Can Eat"). This is very exciting if your humans like to whisk you off to anywhere that they fly. Well, there are a couple of tropical islands in the Caribbean not included.

For \$299 any four-legged furry critter, which weighs less than 20 lbs, including the carrier (I would need to lose a few pounds, especially after Thanksgiving) can fly for three months as often as they want. I'm told they have great deals for humans too, so you might want to go online to check it all out.

And this is the time of year to remember those canines and felines (wow, my scientific word pawness is improving) that are homeless and in shelters, and need a family to love. A forever home would bring such joy to them and you too. So I have included some wonderful places to do just that.

Enjoy the cooler weather, and the little rain and don't forget to wipe your paws before walking on the white carpet.

■ The Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) is a division of the Ventura County Public Health Department. The mission of VCAS is to improve the lives of animals under their care, be timely and compassionate in response to customers, educate through community outreach and public

awareness and provide for the health and safety of the citizens and animals of Ventura County.

VCAS rescues, impounds and treats stray, abandoned and sick animals, conducts rabies clinics and many other things to help. The agency's Camarillo Shelter houses impounded, stray, abandoned, lost and homeless animals.

For more information, call 1-888-223-PETS (7387) or 805-388-4341 or go to www.vcas.us/

■ In an effort to quell overpopulation of the breed, the Humane Society of Ventura County is offering free spay or neutering for Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes (I guess all of them weren't needed to make commercials). The offer is for residents of Ventura County who own Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes that are 5 years and under and weigh from 5 to 15 pounds. The HSVC also offers low-cost spay and neutering for all other dogs aged 5 years and under and between 5 and 80 pounds, with the HSVC vets' approval. Call 646-6505 or 646-7849 and 656-5031 for more information or visit www.hsvc.org.

■ In a previous issue I wrote about the Greyfoot Cat Rescue and Sanctuary that finds homes for abandoned cats. They foster unwanted, abandoned, and homeless cats and kittens and then adopt them out to permanent, loving homes. They also trap, neuter, and release feral cats, which usually can't be domesticated unless caught very young. Besides housing (most in structures covered in wire mesh) around 50 cats, they also have two dogs that keep the cats in line (you will see them in a future issue). They are located in Ojai.

Anyway my boss checked the place out and told me it is wonderful, like a motel for cats. It has many living quarters and skyways attaching the different buildings so that the cats can visit other buildings and each other without leaving the place. Even the feral and domestic cats live together. But the feral cats can't be petted because they are wild.

They even have a structure that is also wonderfully landscaped so the cats feel that they are outside as shown in this photo. Maybe next time I can go check it out also.



These cats, at Greyfoot Cat Rescue think that they are outside so are having a great time.

Forever home wanted



Hi: I'm Max, an affectionate and playful 3-year-old male Border Terrier mix. I'm looking for a new home because my owner is out of work which is forcing a move and sadly I cannot go. I'm shy at first until I get to know you. I love chasing stuffed animals, sitting on the couch or in your lap, doing tricks for treats and being with my people. I've had obedience training and know the basics. I'm very smart

and food motivated so I'm easy to train. I'm good with other dogs and children, but would probably do best in a home with children who are 6 years or older. I'm house trained and will even let you know when I have to go out. I stand by the door and shake my head so my collar rattles to get your attention (isn't that cute, Scamp just barks).

The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place, 3203 E. Main St., 644-7387 www.carlvorg

Hi: I'm Squeakers, a young male pug/Chihuahua mix. I was rescued by CABODOGZ from the Ventura County Animal Shelter, just last week. I am very sweet and playful with other dogs and squeaky toys! I am good with cats and kids too! I'm looking for my forever home. Come and see me at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs, 4692 Ventura Ave., or call 643-3647...BE A HERO.....ADOPT A DOG



Scamp Club



My name is Blue, I'm 8-years-old. I'm a Poodle and Shih Tzu combo...so I'm a shihtzupoo. I love long walks in the park...love sniffing everything!...I enjoy eating dinner at 6:00 and I really like to sing! (Humans are always asking me to sing...especially my soulful songs)

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.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Wednesday, October 31st, at 5:36 p.m., the VPD received a call of a stabbing victim in the 10500 Block of Modoc Street. Officers found Gilbert Noriega in the front yard of his residence suffering from several non-life threatening stab wounds to his back. He was transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries. The suspect fled prior to officers arriving on scene.

Officers learned that Noriega got into a verbal argument with the juvenile suspect, who is a family member. The

argument escalated, and the male juvenile stabbed Noriega with a knife. The male juvenile fled from the scene in a vehicle.

Mall Burglary

On Wednesday, October 31st, at 9:34 p.m. the VPD received a call to assist Pacific Mall Security on a theft of property from the AT&T Kiosk located in the mall. Mall security followed the suspect Edward Burgess through the parking lot. VPD officers stopped Burgess and detained him.

Burgess was uncooperative and attempted to run away. After a short foot pursuit, Burgess was tackled and a brief struggle ensued. The officers subdued Burgess and he was taken into custody and transported to VCMC where he was medically cleared.

Burgess was also in possession



of stolen property from a residential burglary and a commercial burglary that took place earlier in the day. He was also found in possession of drug paraphernalia and a small amount of methamphetamine.

Vehicle Pursuit

On Friday, November 2nd, between 12:45 and 4:30 p.m., detectives saw Stephen Reid, who was wanted on a parole violation, driving a motorcycle in the area of East Barnett Street and Ventura Avenue. When officers attempted to stop him, he did not yield.

Reid drove northbound on Cedar Street and off into the unpaved, dirt area near Kellogg Street. Reid's motorcycle was found parked to the rear of a duplex in the 200 block of East Barnett Street. During the initial hour of the search, officers developed information

that lead to a residence Reid was believed to be hiding inside of. He remained barricaded inside for over three hours. Officers made dozens of announcements via PA requesting Reid surrender, but he refused to comply with the directives. A search was conducted at the residence and Reid barricaded himself inside of a bedroom. The K9 was deployed and Reid was taken into custody.

Reid was later treated at VCMC and booked at VC Jail. No one else was injured during this incident.

Commercial Burglary Arrest

On Tuesday, November 6th, at 7:30 p.m., Jesus Lopez and Hector Gutierrez entered Macy's Department Store in the Pacific View Mall. They began putting expensive clothing items in shopping bags they brought into the store with them. Macy's loss prevention officers

Police Reports

were watching the suspects. After selecting approximately \$2,500 worth of merchandise, the suspects fled the store. Macy's Loss Prevention officers chased the suspects but lost sight of them.

As officers were responding to the call, one of them saw the suspects in the area of Main Street. He detained them for further investigation.

Other officers contacted Macy's Loss Prevention. Through their investigation they learned that the same two suspects entered the Macy's in The Oaks Mall on November 4th and attempted to steal approximately \$3,000 in merchandise. However, according to loss prevention, the suspects apparently fled the store and dropped the stolen merchandise prior to being contacted by loss prevention. On November 5th, the same two suspects returned to The Oaks Mall and stole about \$4,000 worth of clothing items.

Stolen Vehicle

On Tuesday, November 6th, at 6:30 a.m., Robert Martin's truck was stolen from the Vons center in the 2700 block of Thompson Boulevard. Martin left his truck with the keys inside.

On Wednesday the 7th, Martin located his stolen truck and began to follow it as he contacted the VPD by phone. The suspect, Bryan Reeves, pulled over in the 600 block of Harbor Boulevard and Martin tried to detain him. Reeves ran away. Reeves was located a short distance away by responding officers.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

10-29 2:40 a.m. FCC activated the On Call system to request Patrol respond to assist with a brush fire in the Santa Clara River on the ocean side of the bridge. Both On Call personnel responded. The primary officer utilized Patrol 4x4 to transport heavy hose onto the beach. The secondary officer responded, but cleared when it was determined his assistance was not necessary.

10-30 7:07 p.m. CGLA relayed a 911 call of a 20 foot vessel disabled near the rocks on the outside of the breakwater. Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow and released it at the launch ramp.

10-31 8:02 p.m. PD reports a vessel going aground at Harbor Cove Beach. Patrol responded, located a disabled 16-foot vessel, took the vessel into tow and released it at the launch ramp.

11-4 9:35 a.m. A concerned citizen reported a disabled vessel with smoke coming out of it one mile from the Harbor Entrance. Patrol responded. The vessel was only disabled. Patrol took it into tow and released it at its slip in the Keys.

Marine mammal sightings

October

- 8th: 150 Common Dolphin
- 9th: 1000 Common Dolphin
- 10th: 20 Common Dolphin
- 11th: 250 Common Dolphin
- 12th: 100 Common Dolphin
30 Risso Dolphin
2 Bottlenose Dolphin
- 13th: 1550 Common Dolphin
15 Bottlenose Dolphin
35 Risso Dolphin
- 14th: 950 Common Dolphin
5 Bottlenose Dolphin

Ventura Botanical Gardens

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the first installation at the Ventura Botanical Gardens in Grant Park.

As the Ventura British Brass Band played, the sky cleared as Gardens President Doug Halter took the microphone. "This trail is only the beginning, but it is still the best improvement to this park in many decades. This is a momentous occasion to be able to open our first trail with so many who helped make this possible. It is transformative for all of Ventura County."

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Heitmann added "The VBG is a wonderful example of a community coming together with a vision of a project that will be beneficial to the city in so many ways. The dedication of the volunteers is amazing. Opening this trail to the public is a major milestone. I walked up the trail and was delighted to find that it is not a difficult trail to hike and showcases our incredible views of the ocean, the islands, city and hillsides and all that makes Ventura such a special place."

Once the ribbon was cut, appropriately with a huge pair of gardening shears, the guided walking tours began and in a matter of minutes you could see people and their dogs traversing the hill from top to bottom.

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.

It's not too late to see your own name on the Trail. 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.

Also the VBG 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.

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Presentations at The Bonaventure to aid seniors

Some of the most prevalent crimes committed against the elderly are not personal violent crimes but rather financial crimes. Fraudulent schemes that are particularly successful among the elderly include illegal door-to-door sales, home improvement scams, mail order fraud, and social involvement activities. Each type of fraud is dependent upon a particular vulnerability of the elderly. Join in for a special presentation by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office on scams and frauds

affecting seniors in Ventura County. Representative Karen Wold will discuss these issues and will be available to answer questions as well on Friday, Nov. 16th, at 11:00 am. The seating is limited, so please RSVP to The Bonaventure at 671-9700. Lunch will be served at 12:30 following the presentation.

And on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at 9:30 am The Bonaventure will present "Alzheimer's Facts and Tools", a seminar presented by Paul Weirman of Home Instead Home Health Care. This event is intended for anyone affected by Alzheimer's and especially for those with a loved one who is affected. This is a powerful presentation that will give you the awareness you need to tackle Alzheimer's head-on! Light refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to The Bonaventure at 671-9700 to reserve your seat. All are welcome!

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Autumn audio

by Michael Kohli

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Currently Listening to: Dark Money by Geoff Tate.

Local legends, Army Of Freshmen, have returned with a new music video online called, *Ava*. The band's new album, *Happy To Be Alive*, was released on November 13. Many local scene friends also make cameo appearances in the music video as well. Look for it and news about the album's release, upcoming shows and more on ArmyOfFreshmen.com.

Zachary James And The All Seeing Eyes are prepping up an album release. Announcing the title, *Space Case*, and revealing the album cover on Facebook. Stay tuned for more info.

Alexandra & The Starlight Band were recently shown performing on Good Day LA. The band has been gigging up and down the coast in support of their new EP release. You can view the new tracks on iTunes, or just check them out live.

Aerosmith has returned with their first original studio album in 11 years. They've released a mostly Blues cover album in 2004 and a handful of live albums, DVD's and three hits collection albums since then. The new album, *Music From Another Dimension*, is well worth the wait. Aerosmith's fan base is divided between almost 5 decades of music. You've got the fans of their ballads. Then, you have the die hard, *Toys In The Attic*, fans, then the full hard rocking fans. Well, after reviewing the new tracks; Aerosmith takes care of everyone on this album. Deluxe version includes 18 new tracks. My personal favorite new Aerosmith addictions include: *Freedom Fighter* (featuring Johnny Depp playing guitar), *Legendary Child*, *Out Go The Lights*, *Street Jesus*, *LUV XXX*, *Lover Alot*, *Sunny Side of Love*, and *Beautiful*. Check it out!

Two on the Aisle

Touchy topic well treated in Simi play

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

A universal theme for teens across the world, and through time, is and always has been, sex – thinking about it, imagining it, attempting to procure it, and ultimately getting it...along with and the consequences.

Spring Awakening, the current musical production by the Actors' Repertory Theatre of Simi, focuses on all those elements on which the teenage brain dwells. Director David Ralphe has once again chosen to expand the scope of the works presented at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center by challenging the actors and audiences to confront and delve into areas that are often not spoken about aloud, much less put into song.

Based on a German play penned back in 1891, as a musical this show is startling in its rawness, stark in its frankness and slightly uncomfortable in its subject matter. However, it is beautifully presented and features some high quality talent.

While the play's content is centered around teenage thoughts about sex in all its forms, the audience is able to fully

relate and re-experience familiar feelings of secretiveness, mixed with elements of shame and confusion.

The show has few songs that will stick with you, although the score contains an excellent mixture of styles. Some remarkable vocal blending is achieved by musical director Matt Park. Each number is presented with vocal and choreographic abandon, with all participants fully engaged at all times.

Master choreographer Becky Castells has challenged the players with intricate, unusual moves that perfectly accent the mood of each song. Ensemble numbers, for instance, accurately portray the stomping anger, confusion and conviction of the teen years. In stark contrast are the quiet moments showing the vulnerability and turmoil of the teenage heart and psyche.

All five of the adult female characters in the story are portrayed by Lori Lee Gordon, from housefrau to floozy. Similarly, the nine adult males popping in and out of the action are played by a single actor, the very capable Sean Harrington. Both are a delight to watch as they slide seamlessly from one character to the next.

The cast is a large one and the members of the ensemble shines in their own spotlight. Of particular note are Nick Bernardi as the troubled Moritz, and Chelsea Pitillo as Wendla, the naïve teen whose world is set spinning.

Due to explicit language, action and content, those under 16 years must be accompanied by a parent. The publicity clearly states the show is not recommended for anyone under 14 years and, we would add, or easily embarrassed.

Spring Awakening continues through December 2, 2012 at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, 3050 Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Tickets are \$22, with student and senior pricing at \$18. Reservations and information: (805) 583-7900. www.simi-arts.org and www.actorsrepofsimi.org

The Entertainment Report

Silver Screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, my picks of the week are:



Chasing Mavericks

Do not, I repeat, do not listen to the reviews that say this film was predictable and a "Wave" of disappointment. I found it to be quite the opposite.

A true story, biopic based on real facts about surfer Jay Moriarity, I did not know the story before-hand, and only found out it was a true story when I got to the theatre.

Gerard Butler plays "Frosty", a fearless forty something local legend in the surfing world. Frosty is a neighbor to eight-year-old Jay, played by newcomer Jonny Weston.

Bright eyed, ambitious, and passionate, Jay is a boy intrigued with surfing, and the thought of riding the biggest wave in the world at Half Moon Bay in Northern California, called "Maverick".

Warned by his friend Frosty, he insists to be trained and as Jay gets older becomes quite a major figure in the

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La Source

(Filmmaker Patrick Shen will attend)

Reviewed by Gerald Zwiers

Ventura Film Society

A Superhero can take many forms. Some wear colorful costumes and capes. Some fly through the air. And some merely push brooms and drive taxi cabs. *La Source* (Tuesday, Nov. 20th @ 7:15 pm) tells the powerful story of a simple, humble superhero. As a young man, Josue Lajeunesse moved from his home, La Source, a small remote Haitian village, to New Jersey. He found employment there as a custodian at Princeton University, and took a second job as a taxi driver. Working close to 20 hours a day enabled him to send money home so that he and his brother, Chrismedonne, could complete an important dream that their father and the other villagers had begun – to bring clean water to their

surfing world. The relationship between Frosty and Jay develops into a bond as strong as a father and son, and Frosty takes Jay under his wing to prepare him for "Chasing Maverick".

It was a real portrayal of human nature at its best. It was not corny as critics have expressed in their reviews. It has a great supporting cast with Elizabeth Shue as Jay's mother, who is a drunk and depressed most of the film. Leven Rambin plays Kim, the girl Jay falls in love with at age nine, and eventually marries.

Cinematographer Bill Pope does an amazing job at bringing the visuals and the fierceness of the waves to life. I was on the edge of my seat. A heartwarming and touching story. A must see!

Rated PG 13 Running time 116 minutes



The Perks of Being A Wallflower

In this engaging romantic drama, a script adapted from the novel by Stephan Chbosky, *Perks* is a funny, touching, coming of age story about a shy misfit named Charlie (played by Logan Leman).

At 15, on his first day of high school, shy Charlie has a hard time making friends and dodging bullies. He eventually befriends Sam (Emma Watson) and Patrick (Ezra Miller). Together they become fast friends, best friends even and young love and adventure begins.

Emma Watson was real grown up in this role, unlike the famous Hermione in Harry Potter, where you will be very surprised just how grown up. Ezra Miller is a quirky, gay character who loves everyone despite his cryptic issues and drawbacks about being gay.

Logan Leman is a terrific young actor, real and believable. Already quite the serial actor, Leman brilliantly executes the role of a troubled youngster trying to find himself in a world of mental turmoil. The script was unique, and is worthy of a go-see. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Rated R Running time 102 minutes

Music Calendar 11/14 to 11/27

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impoverished village. The vision of these brothers soon ignites the passion of many others, ranging from the students of Princeton University to Generosity Water, a Los Angeles-based charitable organization. Patrick Shen's inspiring and heartfelt documentary continues the story of one of the unique personalities profiled in his previous film, *The Philosopher Kings*, screened by the VFS in 2011. Like that remarkable film, *La Source* reminds us of the best that a person can strive for, to be selfless, inspired and to, in turn, inspire others.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *La Source*, sponsored by Patti & Gary Channer, as the 20th of 21 feature films screening @ 7:15pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays through December 4, 2012 at 420 E. Santa Clara Street. Screening, Membership & Advance Ticket Information – www.venturafilmsociety.com / 628-2299 / info@venturafilmsociety.com.

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Sat 11/17 - Crosscut 6-10pm

Sun 11/18 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 11/23 - A Fine Mess 7-11pm

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Fri 11/16 - DJ BL3ND 8pm

Sat 11/17 - Misfits, Scuba Steve, Gnarly Party, good deeds, Banned for Life 8pm

Wed 11/21 - Bunbury, Vispera, Zura 8pm

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Marsh & Bad Dog 8pm

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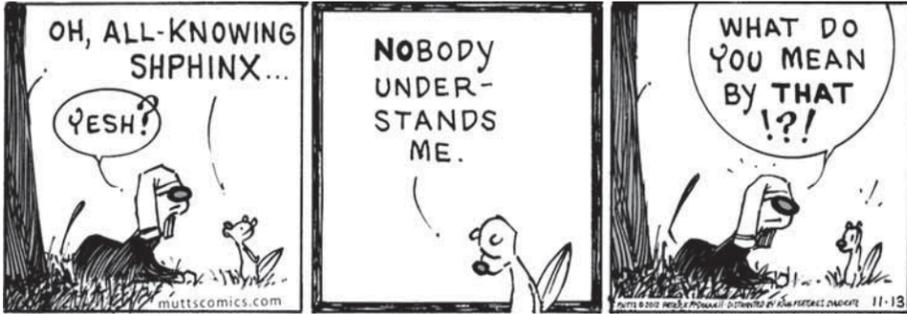
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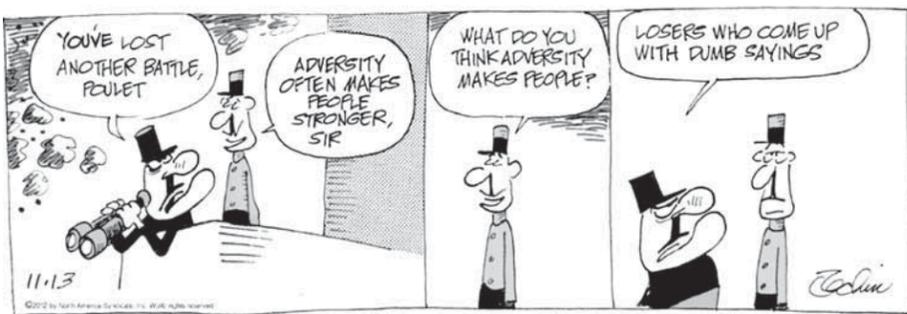
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Weekly SUDOKU

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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King Crossword

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24 Racetrack tipster
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26 Pick a target
28 Water nymph
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36 Of a pelvic bone
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Restless Rams and Ewes might want to let others finish a current project while they start something new. But if you do, you could risk losing out on a future opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's creative forces start revving up as you plan for the upcoming holidays. Some practical aspects also emerge, especially where money is involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moments of doubt disrupt your otherwise clear sense of purpose. Don't ignore them. They could be telling you not to rush into anything until you know more about it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A planned trip might have to be delayed. Plan to use this new free time to update your skills and your resume so you'll be ready when a new job opportunity opens.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A flood of holiday party bids from business contacts allows you to mix work and pleasure. Your knowledge plus your Leonine charm wins you a new slew of admirers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected act by a colleague complicates an agreement, causing delays in implementing it. Check out the motive for this move: It's not what

you might suspect.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to cut ties with an ingrate who seems to have forgotten your past generosity. But there might be a reason for this behavior that you should know about. Ask.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful not to set things in stone. Much could happen over the next several days that will make you rethink some decisions and maybe change them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your plans to help provide holiday cheer for the less fortunate inspire others to follow your generous example. Expect welcome news by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're in your glory as you start planning for the holiday season ahead. But leave time to deal with a problem that needs a quick and fair resolution.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The upcoming holiday season provides a perfect setting for strengthening relationships with kin and others. A new contact has important information.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Instead of fretting over a cutting remark by a co-worker, chalk it up to an outburst of envy of your well-respected status among both your colleagues and superiors.

BORN THIS WEEK: You instinctively know when to be serious and when to be humorous — attributes everyone finds endearing.

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Dear Mayor Tracy, Deputy Mayor Heitmann and Council Members Monahan, Andrews, Weir, Morehouse and Brennan

We are gratified to see an extension of the second unit ordinance. This provides time for you to make the modifications needed to achieve community buy-in. Here are my suggestions for the modifications that will remove the roadblocks that have prevented the public from participating:

1. Remove self-incrimination requirement
2. Remove requirement for criminalization of applicants who are not able to comply with the requirements
3. Remove requirement for a separate address for studio/converted garages. This is not a safety issue
4. Allow time payment plans for the full impact fee amount over a four year period, and in cases where payments are a financial hardship, allow full payment to be made when the property changes ownership.
5. Require same inspection standards as are required by HUD rental housing inspections.
6. Ensure the use of the word "substandard" is modified to ensure that people are not charged with civil penalties simply for missing a permit.

The state gives you permission to modify the second unit ordinance and make it as easy or as difficult as you desire. Right now, with 4,000 granny flats, estimated by code enforcement's own survey, and only 25 completed after a full year, the program begs for these modifications.

With over 2,000 contractors contacted and numerous outreach to the community, the public has effectively rejected the current version of the ordinance. You have, with these modifications, the opportunity to restore confidence and trust in our city government while ensuring safety and bringing more money into the city.

Sincerely,
Camille Harris
The Safe City Initiative



Dear Governor Brown...

First, I want to congratulate you on having the best local newspaper around... I was a typographer for many years... I am also a writer... So, I appreciate your hometown touch...

The reason I am writing to you today is to ask if you would have any suggestions on how to improve the aesthetic appearance of the old, dirty, worn out, rusty and just plain horrible looking newspaper boxes around the city...

I am sending an example from by the McDonald's on Harbor Blvd... Since it is such a heavily traveled pedestrian area, guests from the Marriott and the other hotels and motels in the area are left with a less than favorable impression...

There are other examples; however I just wanted to use this location as an example.

Thank you for your time and consideration...

Sincerely,

Mark Carson

Breeze: The city is aware of this problem and has in place a system to have some of these removed but it is taking a long time to implement. Kathy Payne, in the planning department, is in charge of our "rack ordinance" so if you send her photos, and location of unsightly racks that would be a good start. kpayne@cityofventura.net.

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Art Scene



Johanna Spinks (Artist in the Community) is shown painting Lorenzo DeStefano (Arts Leader) for the Face Of Ventura by Johanna Spinks as featured in the Ventura Breeze.

Mayor's Arts Award honorees announced

Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy has announced the six winners of the eighth annual Mayor's Arts Awards. This program was created in 2005 to honor major contributions of individuals, organizations and businesses to Ventura through the arts; to showcase the economic impact of Ventura's creative businesses and to build new leadership and develop patrons for the arts.

The 2012 Mayor's Arts Award Honorees are:

Barbara Meister – Arts Patron
 Johanna Spinks – Artist in the Community
 Debbie Fox, Fox Fine Jewelry – Creative Entrepreneur
 Lorenzo DeStefano – Arts Leader
 Pam Cohen – Arts Educator
 Katrina Maksimuk – Emerging Artist

Detailed information about each honoree is available on the city website at www.cityofventura.net/maa.

In September, a selection panel representing philanthropic, educational, and cultural interests was convened to review nominations for this year and to select the winners.

A reception to honor the recipients will be held in November 15 (from 7-9pm) at the Museum of Ventura County. Each honoree will be awarded a special edition work on paper created by local artist Lis Schwitters entitled Mark of Excellence.

The Breeze is proud that Johanna Spinks, creator of the Face Of Ventura as featured in the Breeze, was chosen as the Artist in the Community.

Call to artists

The Buenaventura Art Association is pleased to announce a call to artists for its 2nd annual Community Memorial Hospital Open Competition. This year's show is entitled "Recycle: Eco Art" and will be juried by Rhode Island artist, Tom Deininger. Deininger was named one of the top ten artists in the country working in recycled art by the online news service Huffington Post. The show is open to artworks utilizing at least 75% reused, recycled or found materials. The show will run December 2 through January 6, 2013.

This competition is open to artists who live in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and L.A. Counties.

The first place winner of "Recycle" will receive a \$500 cash prize; second place is \$250; third place is \$125.

A meet-the-artists reception and awards ceremony will be held Tuesday, December 4th from 5-7 PM in the Community Memorial Hospital lobby.

Entries must be submitted electronically through the online entry form on the Buenaventura Gallery website, www.buenaventuragallery.org. More informa-

tion regarding rules and restrictions can be found there. Deadline to enter the "Recycle" competition is midnight, November 26.



Anthony and Sebastian show off their ceramic animal sculptures that they created in a Learning to See residency at Fremont Middle School.

Bringing their award-winning art program to schools

Focus on the Masters (FOTM) is seeking interested teachers, parents, organizations and art advocates to bring FOTM's award-winning art program, Learning To See, to schools throughout Ventura County. Arts education should be an important part of every child's education. Unfortunately, funding is the biggest obstacle in bringing the arts to a classroom. Teachers are faced with the rewarding challenge of preparing our children for an ever changing world with less money than ever. FOTM is asking the community to Adopt a Classroom in your neighborhood by underwriting the \$450 tuition needed (including instructor and supplies) for each LTS sequential 8-week in-the-classroom residency. If \$450 is a challenge for you, please consider teaming up with other parents or giving what you can. Every donation helps and is greatly appreciated!

FOTM lessons are cross-curricular, and many of them can be tailored and grouped to work with a particular unit of study, i.e. zoology, social studies, history, language arts, sciences, etc. They are adaptable to a wide range of grade levels from elementary through secondary grades and beyond. Flexible programming options are available to suit the needs of each school. The lessons are sequential, beginning with a brief PowerPoint presentation about the life and work of FOTM documented artists from our own community, followed by a round table discussion.

Arts education offers our youth an opportunity for children to learn creative problem solving skills while emphasizing the uniqueness in all of us.

Over the years, there have been decreasing art education opportunities for our youth. Although arts education is a part of the California Education Standards, lack of proper funding and prioritization has relegated art education to teachers or volunteers who are often not trained in the arts. Learning To See's emphasis on critical thinking, innovation and tolerance is at the heart of the program. It is specifically designed to introduce our youth to an inspiring, productive world beyond TV, computer games, texting, gangs and drugs by using not just the artwork, but also the life stories of our own extraordinary Ventura County artists.

For more information please contact Aimee French, FOTM Education Coordinator, at 653-2501 or Education@FocusOnTheMasters.com.

Art, a la Carte



The beauty of California's remote Channel Islands has captured artists for more than a century. Santa Cruz Island rancher Dr. Carey Stanton was inspired not only by their beauty, but also by the art of the islands. See many of the works of art he collected on exhibition at the Museum of Ventura County in Island Treasures: Artworks from the Santa Cruz Island Foundation. The exhibit opens to the public December 2, and continues through March 3, 2013. The non-profit Santa Cruz Island Foundation, established by Stanton in 1985, owns and continues to add to the most unique collection of art related to the Islands, and this exhibit is the result of a growing relationship between the foundation and the



Emily Thiroux Threatt is the featured artist at Studio 1317 for the month of December, with an opening reception on Dec. 7 from 7 to 9 PM at 1317 Ventura Avenue.

Artist (and Breeze contributing writer) stated "My pleasure comes from doing something different every time. I see that my skills and techniques improve with each item I create even though the actual items vary widely. Instead of even, perfectly crafted fiber baskets, ceramic baskets emerge with fluid shapes, unusual colors, and everlasting flowers permanently blooming. Instead of a solid color platter, a multicolored impressionistic fish flows across a plate, or a lovely stand of bamboo inspires serenity."

"My current favorite inspirations include the never ending variety of shades and texture in my garden, the colors and patterns I discovered from the photographs I took while traveling the world, and the peace I find in spiritual images."



Join kinetic artist Bijian Fan of Camarillo on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m., for a journey through the history of paper and paper arts in China, as well as an introduction to the modern techniques and cutting edge materials he uses in his kinetic sculptures. During his talk at the Museum of Ventura County Fan will also discuss how his art helped him find his voice and connect with people when he came to this country as an immigrant. His kinetic dragon sculptures are currently on display at the museum.

The talk is \$5 for the general public, museum members free, and includes admission to all exhibitions, including Hidden Voices: The Chinese of Ventura County. To RSVP call 653-0323 x 7.



Enjoy an evening with Tom Jenkins on Nov. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Comedy Club at The Harbor. Horses, motorcycles, pin-striped hot rods, steel spinning tops and sound sculptures will be woven together as Donna Granata interviews Tom Jenkins, an artist who resists easy classification. Admission is free for FOTM members; general admission \$10, students and seniors \$5. No one under 21 years permitted. RSVP at 653.2501

And join in after for dinner with the artist at Focus on the Masters Archive and Library. The dinner is \$20 for FOTM members, \$30 for non-members. Purchase tickets online at www.focusonthemasters.com or by calling 653.2501.



Marie Antoinette, one of European history's most infamous queens, is the subject of the newest George Stuart Historical Figures® exhibition Let'em Eat Cake, opening at the Museum of Ventura County on November 20 and running through February 24, 2013.

The exhibit of one-quarter life-size sculpture of Antoinette and other personalities from the French Revolution sheds light on her extravagant life and tragic end by the guillotine.

Accompanying monologues by historian and artist George Stuart will be held in 2013 in the museum's Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion. Admission to each monologue is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for museum members, and includes entry to all museum exhibits. For reservations, call 653-0323 x 7.



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A crowd of around 200 gathered on Nov.11 at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park to honor our veterans including several honor guards, and Boy Scouts displaying our flag. Photos by John Ferritto.

This 'n' That

VVCB new executive director

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Auster was selected as Executive Director after several months of recruiting and interviewing candidates following long-time Executive Director, Jim Luttjohann's exit from the VVCB in mid-July. Since then, the VVCB staff has been incredibly dedicated and professional in operating without an Executive Director, says Peña.

"Our Board of Directors really appreciates the hard work of the VVCB staff over the last several months," said Peña. "Their dedication and hard work during that time will create a seamless transition as Auster begins her new role."

Prior to joining the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau, Auster served as Assistant Executive Director of the Arizona State Fair, where she routinely managed events drawing over 1 million guests and generating \$8.5 million in annual revenue, as well as increasing sponsorship revenue to the highest level in Arizona State Fair History. Before that, she managed convention sales for divisions of the Hyatt and Renaissance Hotels. Auster began her hospitality career at the Doubletree in Ventura, and has always dreamed of returning.

Cypress Place

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650-8000. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane.

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.

To learn more about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura, visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.

To learn more about the Alzheimer's Association California Central Coast Chapter visit their web site at www.alz.org/cacentralcoast/.

To learn more about VITAS Innovative Hospice Care visit their web site at www.vitas.com.

Music calendar

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W2O Rooftop Lounge
598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)
805-643-6800

Live Bands every Wed thru Sun
Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm
Thur 11/15 - Shawn Jones 7pm
Fri 11/16 - Orlando 9pm
Sat 11/17 - ADD 9pm
Fri 11/23 - Legalizers 9pm
Sat 11/24 - Bomb 9pm
Sun 11/25 - Shawn Jones 12pm

Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment

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

Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm
Fri 11/15 - Forty Fours (Rockin' Blues)
Fri 11/23 - Teresa James & Rythm Tramps (where Texas meets New Orleans)

Zoey's Café

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

Blue Grass Jam every Tue 6pm
Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm
Live Musicians & Bands every Wed thru Sat 8pm

Wed 11/14 - Shelby, Tieg and Tara 8pm
Thur 11/15 - Tom Freund (Alternative Folk, Jazz, Americana) 8pm

Fri 11/16 - Nardcore Bowling Tournament Kickoff Party 7pm

Sat 11/17 - The Mother Hips (California Soul), Brian Wright 8pm, Chill Child & Dahlia Llama 10pm

Sun 11/18 - Anthropic Ensemble & New Monsters (Modern Jazz) 8pm

Mon 11/19 - Rocket 68 (Classic Rock Hits) 7pm

Fri 11/23 - Adam Clark Jazz Trio 10:30pm

Sat 11/24 - 3rd Annual Ones to Watch Finale 7pm

Mon 11/26 - Rocket 68 (Classic Rock Hits) 7pm

Tue 11/27 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm



THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

We drove over 1,300 miles from Ventura to Glacier National Park, Montana. This photo was taken at St Marys Lake. The area had an early winter snow storm. We are Brad, 8, Natalie, 5, Chliana, Joanne, Shawn, and April. Shawn and I are married. Brad and Natalie are our children. Joanne is Shawn's mom and Chliana is his sister. April Hoff

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