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Photos by Yogi

Homeless and homed share "One Meal"

by Olga (Yogi) Alvarado

Having just moved from the East Coast, with no family in the area, I was kind of scratching my head about what my daughter and I would do for Thanksgiving. I was starting to settle on pizza and a movie when local artist and friend, Lynne Okun, informed me of One City, One Meal.

What was this event all about? Rob Orth, Director of Social Services for The Salvation Army, stated "One City, One Meal was originally the brain child of Pastor Jesse Giglio of Ventura Missionary Church. His desire was to find a way to bring the community together where we serve one another, breaking down the social and economic barriers, drawing residents from all walks of life closer together in relationship. Over the last few years, Ventura's One City, One Meal event has grown to become the community's signature Thanksgiving meal."

Looking out onto the lawn of the Fairgrounds that beautiful morning, I saw footballs being tossed, a busy moon-bounce, hula-hooping, live music, stretched out dogs and smiling faces everywhere. In the dining hall, I was stunned by the beautiful arrangement of balloons and the abundant display of volunteers. There were pre-set tables for hundreds of people and an incredible feast of a buffet. Little did I know, the volunteers would be serving us the meal. It was humbling to say the least.

I had the pleasure of sitting next to Mr. Wayne Johnson, a gentle 76 year-old L.A. native and avid Lakers fan who lives alone in a trailer on the Avenue. While

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2012 Mayor's Arts Award Honorees Johanna Spinks, Lorenzo DeStefano, Pam Cohen, Mayor Mike Tracy, Katrina Maksimuk, Barbara Meister and Debbie Fox. Photo by Amanda Peacock

Winners of the Mayor's Arts Awards presented at museum

Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy presented the six winners of the eighth annual Mayor's Arts Awards at a reception to honor the recipients held on Nov. 15 at the Museum of Ventura County.

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.

Mike Tracy welcomed the large audience by stating "On behalf of the

City of Ventura and the City Council, thank you for joining me in celebrating the accomplishments of the 6 outstanding honorees for the eighth annual Mayor's Arts Awards. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize the artistic achievements and contributions to the cultural community by these artists, educators and business leaders."

Elena Brokaw, Ventura Community Services Director, went on to say "The Mayor's Arts Awards is an annual opportunity to celebrate the work of a few

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Firefighters demonstrated how to fight a fire from building roofs

Fire Safety event entertains and informs

The Ventura City Fire Department, in a collaborative effort with the Ventura Unified School District, hosted a two-day Fire Safety event on October 17th and 18th, at the Ventura City Fire Training Grounds, located at 765 S. Seaward (off Alessandro Drive).

Over 1,300 VUSD fourth graders were there to participate in the Second Annual "4th Grade Fire Safety Days." Students, parents, and school staff witnessed live demonstrations of Ventura City Firefighters performing multiple tasks associated with a career in firefighting and paramedicine. Students traveled in groups around the site to multiple teaching stations. The stations included such topics as engine company operations, fire safety education, ladder and power tool demonstrations, and a grand finale involving the City Fire Department's "hook and ladder" truck.

The program was inaugurated by Mound Elementary School Principal Todd Tyner, who thought the hands-on demonstrations would be more effective for the students than the previous program in which fire personnel would visit individual classrooms throughout the Ventura Unified School District.

Jennifer Duston, principal at Saticoy Elementary School, stated "What a great day today was for the 4th grade students of VUSD! A huge thank you to the Ventura city firefighters and principal Todd Tyner at Mound for putting this event together! It's so nice to see our community and schools partnering to provide these experiences for our students!"

Students also learned the importance of Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH) as well as how to properly use a fire extinguisher on a live fire prop. And, hopefully took this information home to make sure that their parents understand the importance of being prepared.

Recently, the downtown Farmer's Market parking lot (corner of Santa Clara and Palm Street) had an ocean-friendly garden makeover. Strong and able community members all pitched in by pulling weeds, applying mulch, rebuilding the soil and planting native, low water-use plants and very large attractive stones. Leadership Ventura Team 1 was there, including Courtney Lindberg, City of Ventura Environmental Specialist; Colleen Caster, Ventura Rental Center; and Barb Natalizio, Community Memorial Hospital (not shown is team member Victor Esquivel).



While in Mexico, having a laugh at the Mayans' expense on December 22, you can always catch up with the Breeze at venturabreeze.com



Seraphs' Marcus Chambers' kickoff return on Friday night, Nov. 23 wasn't enough as the top seeded St. Bonaventure High Seraphs couldn't find their way around in the fog and were defeated by the Mater Dei Monarchs 21-0 in the semifinals of the PAC-5 football league. The Seraphs still finished their wonderful season with an 11-2 record, the same record that Mater Dei ended up with. Photo by Jon Osumi.

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



Grand Opening Celebration!

Saturday, December 1st, 2012

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Ongoing
 The Buenaventura Art Association is sponsoring its 5th Annual Ornament Competition, where residents are invited to create their own ornament using pasta for exhibit and sale at the Harbor Village Gallery. Proceeds will benefit the Ventura Education Partnership.

Ongoing
 Island Packers is offering Holiday Caroling Cruises at the Ventura Harbor, where passengers can enjoy the harbors holiday decorations on various dates Dec. 6-22. They'll also offer a Special Holiday Cruise Dec. 15 during the Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights event.

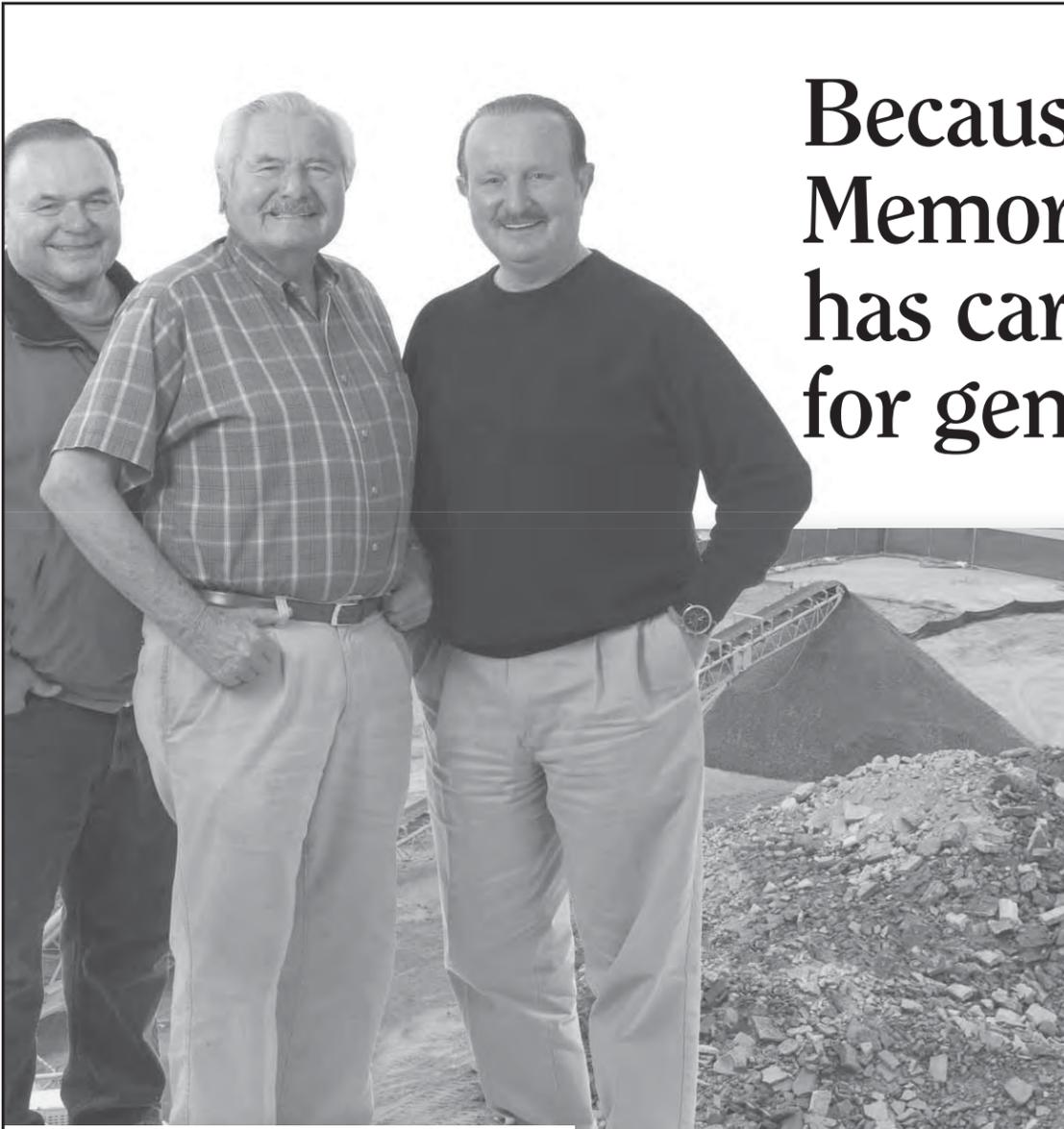
Saturday, December 1st
 The Ventura BMX raceway will mark its grand opening with a celebration open to the public that will feature raffle prizes, vendor booths and more.

Saturday, December 1st
 The Ventura Winter Wine Walk and Street Fair is coming back to downtown Ventura. The event will kick off with a holiday street fair and follow with an afternoon of wine tasting, entertainment, holiday tree-lighting and more.

Saturday & Sunday, December 1st & 2nd
 The Ventura County Ballet Company, along with the Ventura County Symphony Orchestra, will present the "The Nutcracker" at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center.

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City News

City Chatter

by Ana Baker

Recently the City Council voted 4-2 for a \$22,000 study to analyze the impact of suspending the city's downtown inclusionary housing ordinance. This law requires that 15 percent of a downtown project's units be set aside for affordable housing. The housing element provides steps the city should take to ensure it has an acceptable supply of affordable housing for projected population growth. The proposed change would suspend the 15% requirement for 5 years.

A proposed residential project for affordable housing might be

important but there is disagreement about whether the project is appropriate in the Saticoy area. That is where the Cabrillo Economic Development Corp. is proposing to build it. Cabrillo wants to build 50 affordable-housing units, 25 of which are scheduled to go to families of farm workers.

After more than 4 hours of testimony, City Council members voted 5-2 to continue to Dec. 10 their decision on whether the project can proceed. The project lies in the Saticoy Village Specific Plan and affordable housing is one of 3 projects East Village Partners hope to build on the site. The others are a 51-unit condominium complex and a 42,000-square-foot commercial park.

Council members Neal Andrews and Carl Morehouse voted against the motion. At the next hearing only those who did not speak previously may speak.

City of Ventura Classes

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

Dance Dance Dance!

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

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12/5-12/19 Wednesday 4:30-6:30 pm \$47 5-12 years Course#32781

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12/10-1/28/13 M/W 1-2 pm \$60
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Free Family performance, Happy Feet

All ages - Free

Slippers & Masks presents *Happy Feet*, a theatric dance performance directed and choreographed by Pam Cohen. Mound Elementary School 455 South Hill Road, Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm and Saturday, December 8th at 2:30 pm. For more info call 654-7552 or <http://www.dancinwithpam.com/>.



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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ We keep hearing from the city council that we are the new Art City and yet, at the recent Mayor's Art Awards (article this issue), only Mike Tracy, Cheryl Heitmann (she is at everything it seems) and Christy Weir were in attendance. Unless they had a good reason, all members of the city council should have been there supporting our "new Art City".

In fact, it disappoints me that I hardly ever see some members of the council at any event that they should be attending. Why should we if they don't take the time?

■ I know that we all bash the IRS but I have a good story to share about them.

Because of a disagreement (between them and me) regarding the filing of something, I received a \$750 penalty, so I called the IRS all ready for an argument and had a decent discussion with the gentleman who answered and then he put me on hold and came back and said, "I checked this out and we are abating (removing) your late filing penalty based upon your good record of compliance". And I was ready to have a good fight.

■ The Ventura Unified School District has received a \$90,000 grant from an Agriculture Department program to expand its efforts to buy and sell locally grown foods through the Farm to School program. This program connects our schools with local farmers to ensure there are healthful meals available for our students. The program also teaches students how food is grown and how to eat healthful meals.

Now all we need to do is to get them to eat healthy.

VUSD Superintendent, Trudy Tuttle Arriaga, said that "This funding source further supports Ventura Unified School District's mission of the health and well-being of our children."

■ I have often wondered why a city of about 110,000 people feels so much smaller and have decided it is because of the shape of Ventura (The shape of Ventura?). Because

we are long and narrow (being defined by mountains on the north and ocean on the south), it is easy to separate Ventura into very distinct, defined areas and each have their own uniqueness (the Avenue, downtown, midtown, east side, etc.).

■ The Ventura Police Department is investigating prostitution allegations based upon complaints about the many new massage parlors that have opened in Ventura.

Ventura has approximately 64 massage businesses and the VPD regularly does compliance checks to make sure they are



Go check out the nice things happening at Cemetery Park

operating legally (whatever that means). Probably more fun for an officer than monitoring the homeless.

Recently, three women were arrested on prostitution-related charges. The arrests were based upon complaints filed against two such businesses located on Main in midtown.

Massage businesses must be certified by the state and must be registered as a business, and massage therapists must be licensed.

Many employees at massage businesses in Ventura are not licensed which means that if you are not happy with their services you can demand to get your money back.

I'm not advocating for prostitution but hopefully the VPD is not spending a lot of money and time pursuing prostitution with our struggling city budget and our rising crime rate in Ventura.

■ The \$10.5 million project to remodel and upgrade the performing arts center

at Ventura College has been completed in time for the current semester and to present the Ventura County Ballet Company's production of The Nutcracker on Dec. 1 and 2.

The construction was funded with bond money from Measure S, passed by Ventura County voters in 2001.

Having an upgraded theater and performance center is not only very important for the college but also for Ventura because as we become more of a cultural center we just do not have a decent venue (except for the Rubicon with its limited capacity) for the quality of performances that we want to bring to Ventura.

For instance, the high quality of musical entertainment coming this summer will be presented in a tent above city hall.

Of special note is that the theater now has an elevator, better wheelchair access and other improvements for people in wheelchairs to enjoy the wonderful productions there.

The first major "student" production in the renovated theater will be Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance", from Dec. 6 to Dec. 9.

■ From an ad in the *Ventura Signal*, from Oct. 23, 1875.

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If only I had \$700 in 1875 I would have purchased one of these lots and would still be trying to obtain a building permit.

■ Some nice things happening at "Cemetery Park" with signage and sculptures from Art City. Still will not satisfy those who want the dogs out, but nice that the city is listening to them. We will have an article about this in our next issue.

Mailbox

Ventura friends

Chip Fraser and Pamela Fuller are so grateful to everyone that helped us during the fire of Jan. 31st 2012 which caused us to lose our home and much of its contents. To say that a fire is a paralyzing event would be an understatement but because of you, our incredible community, we experienced this incomparable shield of love and compassion.

We are so blessed with a wonderful community. There were so many people that opened their hearts and hands and homes to us, that our hearts are full.

First of all let us say thank you to our fabulous neighbors who made sure we had water, toothbrushes, necessities and an immediate change of clothes. To mention just a few (there were so many) the Red Cross was awesome in extending emergency lodging and funds. And Ventura Unified Education Assoc. for providing us with furniture. We are so thankful and appreciate The Ventura Center for Spiritual Living for helping us furnish our new home.

We are now happily residing in Santa Paula...missing our neighbors in Ventura. We will always appreciate the great love and kindness shown to us in our time of need and we truly embrace the Jimmy Stewart's movie "It's a Wonderful Life" with people like you in our lives. Thank You Ventura.... We have so much to be grateful for. Chip Fraser & Pamela Fuller.

Sheldon:

We want to thank you and Scamp for sharing Scamp's column space with Greyfoot Cat Rescue in the Breeze. We really appreciate your generosity.

Regards

Barbara Hinton

on behalf of Greyfoot Cat Rescue

Sheldon & the Breeze

Thank you so very much for your support, advertising help and helping to spread the word as well as participation in our last Paint Ventura. You helped make our event a huge success.

Thank you

Jen & Phyllis

Dear Sheldon:

On behalf of the City of Ventura's Office of Cultural Affairs, I would like to thank the Ventura Breeze for sponsoring our 2012 Music Under the Stars summer concert series at the historic Olivas Adobe. The series was a great success with more than 3,000 concertgoers, and we enjoyed promoting your business during each of the 9 concerts.

The Ventura Breeze collaboration with the City in promoting this signature music series has been a key element to

its success. We look forward to working with you at next year's concert series.

Georgianne Lees

City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Supervisor

Ventura Breeze and Scamp

We would like to thank you for your recent donation to our 2012 fundraising auction. Your donation of lunch in the Harbor for you and Scamp, plus a bottle of Scamp's reserve wine will benefit the hundreds of animals we find homes for each year. It will help support our other programs including prevention of animal cruelty and neglect, pet therapy programs for seniors, and low cost vaccination and spay and neuter for pet owners throughout Ventura County.

Sincerely

Lyn Malone

Development Director

Editor:

On Monday, the 19th of November, I attended the Ventura City Council meeting. My interest was seeing forward movement on Cabrillo Economic Development's proposed residential project. Hearing a range of speakers voice support for affordable housing, including farm

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The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.

– Mencius



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Community Events

Downtown Ventura unveils new LED lights

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Go online to www.DowntownVentura.org, or call 641-1090 for details.

Light Up A Life Celebration

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association's 28th Annual Light Up A Life Celebration will take place at 7pm Tuesday, December 4 at the Pacific View Mall in Ventura. The Kyle O'Donnell Trio will sound-off the evening, followed by names of loved ones being read during the tree lighting ceremony and a video presentation of remembrance photos. This event is free to attend. Light Up is a celebration and campaign to increase awareness and raise funds for Livingston Hospice. The campaign goal is to raise \$50,000 to benefit Livingston Hospice, the first Medicare Certified hospice in Ventura County.

Livingston invites all residents of Ventura County to support this year's Light Up campaign. Memory Stars can be ordered online for \$25 each at livingstonvna.org or by calling 805-642-0239. Remembrance photos can be submitted online or by mail with donation. Event sponsorship is also available.

Star-studded cast of women at the Rubicon

On Sunday, December 2, Rubicon Theatre Company will present a benefit performance of *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* with a star-studded cast of women including Emmy and Tony-winner Tyne Daly, Amy Pietz and Amanda McBroom. Based on the book by Ilene Beckerman it is simply staged and modest in nature, this entertaining show has become a phenomenon with women everywhere. Told through a series of vignettes, *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* looks at the important relationships, events and issues in our lives.

Rubicon's production of *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* is directed by Rubicon Artistic Associate Jenny Sullivan who has directed more than a dozen productions at Rubicon.

Proceeds *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* will provide seed funding for the Micheline Sakharoff Fund for Women Artists, a newly established fund to support the work of

women directors, designers, actors and musicians at Rubicon. Micheline will be honored at the performance kicking off the campaign drive which will begin on December 2 and end in late spring at Rubicon's 15th Anniversary Gala on April 6, 2013 during which Ms. Sakharoff's 90th birthday will also be celebrated.

In addition to the performance of *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*, all audience members are invited to attend a pre-show champagne reception at noon in Rubicon's Laby Hall, with live music by concert pianist Miriam Arichea. Attendees may purchase raffle tickets or participate in a silent auction which will include clothing and apparel from designer boutiques, accessory stores and department stores.

Grand opening of BMX track

The new USA-BMX sanctioned BMX race track at Ventura Community Park, 901 S. Kimball Road, will have a grand opening on Saturday, December 1, at 11am. The track, Ventura BMX, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, will be open to boys, girls, and adults of all ages. The event will include plenty of food, fun, and festivities. There will be several vendors, an amazing raffle, free giveaways, face painting, free practice for all riders, and racing at 2pm! Best of all, the event is absolutely free to get in - be sure to bring your bikes and helmets!

BMX racing is an Olympic sport and one of the most popular action sports around. Started in the early 1970s in California. USA-BMX is over 70,000 members strong and sanctions over 380 tracks across North America. For more information, visit www.usabmx.com.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Nov. 30: Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony from 4:45p.m. to 7p.m. on Main Street in front of the San Buenaventura Mission. Main Street will be closed from 1p.m. to 9p.m. from the Museum to Palm Street. There will be snow this year!

Dec. 1: The Social Event of the Year returns to beautiful downtown Ventura on Saturday. The festivities kick off with the free **Holiday Street Fair** from 12 Noon - 8 p.m. on the 400 and 500 block of Main Street with holiday vendors and live entertainment - including a gorgeous snow fall from 6:45-8:00 p.m. - followed by the Ventura Winter Wine Walk from 4-8 p.m. with over 45 tasting locations featuring world-class wines.

Dec. 1: The San Buenaventura Friends of the Library, in collaboration with Bank of Books, Present *Fiestas of Old California*, a talk by local historian and raconteur Richard Senate.

In the Topping Room of E.P. Foster Library from 3p.m. to 4p.m. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

Dec. 1: Whatever will I get for Auntie Sue or Grandpa Bob? Are you tired of traipsing through mall after mall looking for the perfect gift for those on your list who have everything? Here is a solution to your dilemma; The Alternative Christmas Market.

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their projects, giving eager Christmas shoppers the opportunity to donate to a local or global non-profit organization and give a gift that comes from the heart. Additionally, there will be items to be purchased such as jewelry and artworks from Africa, fresh organic produce from Ventura County, and delicious home-made baked goodies.

This special event will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3290 Loma Vista from 9:00-3:00.

We hope that you will join in for this wonderful Christmas shopping experience and give a memorable gift that will reach beyond your home.

Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9: The historic Dudley House boutique's 19th year continues into December on weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a Flea Market added on Sundays. Celebrate the spirit of holidays past where you will find quality crafts, home décor, antiques and collectibles along with a tearoom with refreshments, silent auction and bargain items. Located on the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood, admission is free. Call 642-3345 for information.

Dec. 2: The Ventura Chapter of National Charity League will hold their **annual fundraising event** on Sunday, from 1p.m. to 5p.m. at the Marriott Ventura Beach. The Boutique will offer a unique afternoon of shopping with over 30 distinctive and exclusive vendors. Impact the amount of funds National Charity League will be able to contribute to our local philanthropies. Tickets for "Gift of Giving" are available for \$30 per person. For more information about National Charity League, please visit www.nationalcharityleague.org.

Dec. 2: Sunday 12:30-3:30. Meet the chef and author of *The Passionate Vegetable*, Suzanne Landry, and learn about the "tips chefs love" while sampling a delicious recipe from her book. *We Olive*, 294 Main. <http://www.weolive.com>. Suzanne Landry, Fresh Food Chef; www.thefreshfoodchef.com, www.SuzanneLandry.com

Dec. 2: CPR's Annual Season of Peace and Activism meeting will be Screening of short video *The Evolution of a Global Peace System*, followed by letter-writing activity. The 24-minute video describes 28 trends leading to world peace. Join for cider and cookies, and to send seasonal peace messages to our elected officials, advocating your plan for peace. If you so desire, bring cookies to share. Meeting will be held at the Foster Library's Topping Room, on Sunday at 3p.m. Contact: David Howard 272-5326.

Dec. 2: Holiday Boutique, Wine and Cheese Event one stop shopping for custom gifts, Sunday from noon to

6p.m. RSVP to 485-3583 for address in private home. Leave name, telephone number, and number attending.

Dec. 2: Holiday Concert on Sunday, at 3p.m. at the First Methodist Church at 1338 E. Santa Clara. Featuring Butterfly Lovers by Chen Kang with violin virtuoso Yiting Chen. KuanFen and orchestra will guide us through Canadian Brass Christmas, Five Christmas Carols including a sing-along, and A Christmas Festival. Start off the holiday season by getting together with your friends to enjoy delightful music presented by our own pride and joy, the Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra. Suggested Donation \$20 Information: 643-8621 Website: www.CHICOVC.org

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Tickets for "Gift of Giving" are available for \$30 per person. For more information about National Charity League, please visit www.nationalcharityleague.org.

Dec. 2: Merry Tuba Christmas is celebrating its 39th Anniversary and 6th anniversary here in Ventura. Ventura's Tuba Christmas will take place on Sunday at noon on the Community Plaza (the fountain out front) at the Pacific View Mall. The event is free for all listeners.

Dec. 3: The Ventura County Philatelic Society Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9p.m. Monday, December 17, 6:30p.m. Christmas Party at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road, Admission and parking are free. Stamp trading and a stamp dealer will be present. Come for a great evening. Contact: vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 320-1601

Dec. 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22: Island Packers invites visitors to come aboard their 64' catamaran during the holiday season to enjoy the decorated boats and holiday lights. Family and friends are welcome for a **one hour harbor cruise in the marina and Ventura Keys**.

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News and Notes



Jolie was shocked at all of the trash that is left at our parks

Ventura Charter School receives Green School Award

The Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education has received the sixth annual Green School Award from the City of Ventura Environmental Sustainability Division in partnership with Agromin Premium Soil Products. The award is awarded to a public or private school in Ventura that demonstrates exemplary efforts in helping our environment.

A key component to Ventura Charter School's "green" success is the collaboration between students, staff and custodians to ensure that

environmentally friendly practices are a primary goal. With assistance from parents, nutritious but low-waste lunch boxes and bags are encouraged, and on-campus events are subject to a "zero" waste policy.

The school's fifth and sixth grade students recently conducted a waste assessment that involved sorting and categorizing trash to help expand the school's waste reduction program. "Ventura Charter School effectively connects curriculum with best practices and is preparing students to meet the environmental challenges of the future," said Environmental Specialist Christine Wied.

Ventura Charter School sponsors Earth Day Ecofest, an annual event in Ventura that provides community education about sustainability and environmental stewardship, and conducts an annual Trash-a-thon fundraiser where students get pledges to clean-up litter in the community instead of selling goods.

Nine year old 4th grader Jolie Seemayer helped clean up at Mission Park and told us "There was a lot of trash there. I picked up plastic containers; old clothes and shoes, candy wrappers and cigarette butts. It's important that the earth is not full of trash and our trash can end up in the ocean."

Her mother Colinne makes sure that Jolie doesn't leave any trash at school, uses only re-usable containers and always takes care of their compost bin at home and at school.

For more information about the Green School Awards, visit www.cityofventura.net/greenschool or contact Christine Wied, 652-4584.

Business & Technology Partnership

by Mel Sheeler

Chair of The Business & Technology Partnership

The Business & Technology Partnership (B&TP) is housed in the Martin V. Smith School of Business and Economics and also acts as a fund-raising affiliate of the CSU Channel Islands (CI) Foundation. The B&TP's membership is comprised largely of community leaders, business executives and professionals.

The B&TP partnership benefits community members, university faculty and staff, and in particular, students through an exchange of information and resources, networking, and relationship investments. We believe that these are the types of partnerships that make a positive difference in education, industry, and our communities.

This is accomplished by the support of B&TP members via university initiatives, student internship programs, scholarships and periodic events. Accomplishments to date:

- The B&TP has provided \$104,000 in scholarships to students transferring to CSU Channel Islands from community colleges or CI Juniors/Seniors studying business, math, or science.
- The B&TP has provided \$25,000 to support faculty research projects through innovative University 498 program at CI.
- The B&TP is providing funding to the John S. Broome Library in the amount of \$25,000 to name a group study room.

One such event, the annual B&TP Holiday Mixer, December 6, features pertinent information on relevant industry topics that impact the business and technology sectors of our region. www.csuci.edu/btp/holidaymixer2012.htm.

The purpose of the event is to provide critical information to industry and raise proceeds for our scholarship fund, as well as highlight an academic program at the University that is working to address the featured topic; this year's topic: *Blue Gold It's the Water Technology & Innovation in Agriculture & Water*.

Membership is open to individuals, non-profits, companies and other organizations. To join, visit us on the web at <http://www.csuci.edu/btp/index.htm> or contact us at 437-8919. Why is membership important? To have opportunities to interact with students, faculty and administration for the benefit of the region's economy.

varies from year to year. This year it starts on sundown on Dec. 8 and ends on Dec. 16. The holiday celebrates the events which took place over 2,300 years ago in the land of Judea, which is now Israel.

In the land of Judea there was a Syrian king, Antiochus. The king ordered the Jewish people to reject their God, their religion, their customs and their beliefs and to worship the Greek gods. There were some who did as they were told, but many refused. One who refused was Judah Maccabee.

Judah and his four brothers formed an army and after three years of fighting, the Maccabees were finally successful in driving the Syrians out of Israel and reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem. The Maccabees wanted to clean the building and to remove the hated Greek symbols and statues. On the 25th day of the month of Kislev, the job was finished and the temple was rededicated.

When Judah and his followers finished cleaning the temple, they wanted to light the eternal light, known as the N'er Tamid, which is present in every Jewish house of worship. Once lit, the oil lamp should never be extinguished.

Only a tiny jug of oil was found with only enough for a single day. The oil lamp was filled and lit. Then a miracle occurred as the tiny amount of oil stayed lit not for one day, but for eight days.

Jews celebrate Chanukah to mark the victory over the Syrians and the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple. The Festival of the Lights, Chanukah, lasts for eight days to commemorate the miracle of the oil. The word Chanukah means "rededication".

Families celebrate Chanukah at home. They give and receive gifts, decorate the house, entertain friends and family, eat special foods, and light the holiday menorah and prepare latkes for eating.

The menorah candles are lit to celebrate the 8 days that the oil stayed lit. It has nine candle holders. There are nine candles, one for each night of Chanukah, the ninth is called the Shamash. The Shamash is used to light the other eight candles.



Surfing buddies honored Jack Cantrell by surfing at Faria Beach

Jack Cantrell, a surfing legend passes on

Native Venturan, Jack Cantrell, passed away on October 25, at his Faria Beach home as he had always wished. Born in Oxnard in 1928 he later attended Sheridan Way Grammar School, Cabrillo Jr. High and Ventura High School where he graduated in 1946.

He went into the army and served in Japan during the occupation, where his duties in Military Police First Corps included serving as an escort for visiting generals and congressmen, and even Emperor Hirohito. He was honorably discharged from the army in 1947 and returned to Ventura College, where he graduated in 1950.

In 1953, he started the Jack Cantrell Oil Company, delivering oil in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties and in 1964, he started Windward Sailboats at the new Ventura Marina, where he



This year Chanukah starts on Dec. 8

Chanukah

Every year between the end of November and the end of December, Jewish people around the world celebrate the holiday of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights. Chanukah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, but the starting date on the western calendar

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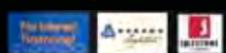
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worked on the weekends selling Jensen Marine and W.D. Schock Boats.

Jack was one of Ventura's original surfers in the 1950's and a local legend. He surfed in the "C" Street Surfing Reunion in 1986 which consisted of those who had surfed before 1968.

Over the years, he surfed locally and made several trips to Hawaii with "the boys".

Jack is survived by daughters Christy Cantrell (Leslie Burton), Caryl Cantrell and former wife, Joyce Cantrell, all of Ventura and son, Jack Clinton of Buffalo, Wyo.

Coats for Kids enters its ninth year

The Rotary Club of Ventura and Four Seasons Cleaners collaborate to implement The Coats for Kids Project annually. November 2012 marks the ninth year of this project, and this year other local Rotary Clubs will join the effort. This month the clubs initiate collection of coats at various locations. Four Seasons Cleaners cleans them and organizes their distribution. Last year 5,500 coats were given to needy children and adults in the greater Ventura Community.

Collection boxes have been distributed to businesses, schools, government centers and public parks in Ventura County. Rotary members will collect the donated coats and jackets, deliver them to Four Seasons Cleaners for cleaning and sorting, and then distribute them to service organizations and schools in the community. The project will continue until December 31.

For information to apply for coats please call Kristin Taylor at 643-3800 or Christina Rust at 907-6992. To find the drop-off point closest to you, see website www.venturarotary.org.

The Rotary Club of Ventura, Downtown meets each Wednesday at noon at the Derby Club, Seaside Park, guests are always welcome.

Classes to help your career

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

Wednesday, December 19 - Winning Interviews, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - Supplies the tools to make a lasting first impression when interviewing. Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers. Space is limited. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center.

Career Shops are presented in partnership with Ventura County Job & Career Centers and are sponsored by the Human Services Agency and the Workforce Investment Board. Equal opportunity Employer/Program/Service - TDD/TT. Inquiries call 1 (800) 735-2922. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individual with disabilities. Ventura Job & Career Center 4651 Telephone Road, Ventura 805-654-3435

VACE

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One meal

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he clearly enjoyed the meal, he seemed happier to have someone to talk to and told me as much. I learned that he was of Swedish and Irish descent, and had been on the USS Toledo while serving in the Navy in Hong Kong. He never married, doesn't drink or smoke and likes to keep his environment clean. Thinking about the cool nights we've been having, I asked him if he had heat in his trailer. He smiled, replying softly, "No, but I make it work. I just use more blankets." Mr. Johnson spoke very fondly of his only surviving family member, a 3rd cousin who just moved cross-country and helps him as much as possible.

I later found myself chatting with 69-year-old Vietnam Veteran, Gary, who goes by the name "Pirate". Like Mr. Johnson, Pirate is retired from the Navy. He has been homeless for about 20 years, admittedly by his choice. He has worked in rodeos, construction, fishing and trucking. He's also been a biker and even a photographer, once working for the Ventura College Press. I saw a tough guy, no doubt, but below the bandana, I saw eyes that showed pain, kindness and a great capacity to love. He hasn't heard from any of his children or family members in years. When I asked about the cold nights, Pirate proudly shared a picture of his precious rescue dog, Buddy, who helps keep him warm. He said he has no regrets.

Both men said they were very grateful

for the event. They truly blessed me with their openness, smiles and hugs. On my way out, I ran into City Council member Neal Andrews, who has worked for 15 years with the Ventura County Social Services Task Force. When I asked him about One City, One Meal, he replied emotionally, "As you can see, we have a thousand volunteers. We would like to actually have more people coming here to eat. Because the idea of this is to have a meal, certainly for the homeless and the poor, but where the average family can come, sit down and eat with them, and learn that they're normal, real people. They are not scary, they are just poor. So that's the idea. Have the whole community come together, understand one another a little bit better, and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal."

I am thankful for Pastor Jesse Giglio's selfless vision and for Rob Orth, Neal Andrews, the volunteers and everyone involved with One City, One Meal. Our first Thanksgiving in California was a rich experience and one I'll never forget.

For those interested in getting involved in community efforts or needing assistance, visit the Ventura Social Services website at: <http://www.vsstf.org/index.htm>. And be sure to read the article about Rob Orth in the next issue of the Breeze

Olga Alvarado, a.k.a. "Yogi," is a freelance artist and writer and new contributing writer/photographer for the Breeze. She enjoys taking pictures, writing poetry, dancing and meditation. You can follow her on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yogisadventures



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Clyde Reynolds

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Clyde Reynolds grew up on a farm in Clovis, California, and graduated from California State University at Fresno with a BA in Social Sciences. His family and the church played a major role in establishing his values. His grandfather, a minister in Kansas, also had a great impact on his life. His grandfather was very involved in his community helping others. When it was time to harvest the wheat, he worked in the fields alongside his parishioners. Because of these experiences Clyde decided to attend the American Baptist Seminary of the West where he received a Master of Divinity degree. After leaving seminary, he became the Minister of Religious Education and Youth at the First Baptist Church in Las Vegas. From there he moved to Los Angeles to work at the Help Line Contact Clinic, a faith-based telephone information, referral and crisis counseling program.

In 1972, he made the decision to leave the ministry and look for work that involved counseling and social work. He was hired by Portals House, a psychiatric rehabilitation agency in Los Angeles, to open a Socialization program for persons with mental illness living in board and care homes. From there he went to the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center and developed day rehabilitation, employment, residential treatment, housing, and homeless programs.

In 1986 Ventura County Mental Health invited Clyde to Ventura to establish a community-based nonprofit organization and socialization and residential treatment programs. With help from Progress Foundation in San Francisco, he established these programs and in November 1988 Turning Point Foundation was incorporated. At first the community resisted the Socialization Center in downtown Ventura and two residential facilities in residential neighborhoods. Clyde understood that there was stigma, fear, and misunderstanding about people with mental illness. He knew it was important that these programs open so the community could see that the clients in these

programs could be good neighbors. He believed that people living with mental illness deserved an opportunity to participate in community programs that help them manage their illness, promote their recovery, and facilitate their living and working in the community.

Clyde is passionate about helping people who are vulnerable and the most in need. Under his leadership, Turning Point Foundation created the Our Place Shelter and Drop-In Center, River Haven, a transitional Dome campground, and Stephenson Place, permanent housing for persons who are homeless and mentally ill. He joined with Rob Orth from Project Understanding and Bill Finley from Salvation Army to create the Multi-Agency Homeless 2 Home street outreach and housing program.

Clyde's community involvement in Ventura included serving as one of the founding directors of the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition and helping to establish the Ventura Social Services Task Force and the Ventura County Mental Health Coalition.

We asked him what he likes most about Ventura.

After living in several large cities in Los Angeles County, the opportunity to move to a smaller community offered a welcome change. Living in Ventura allowed me to work in the city where I live, become involved in my community, and establish lasting relationships. Ventura reminds me of Clovis where I grew up. I enjoy working in downtown Ventura, within walking distance of the ocean.

How was the experience of having your portrait painted by Johanna?

The experience was surprisingly personal. As Johanna painted, she engaged me in a conversation sharing our experiences and passions. We got to know each other quite well. She is an amazing person with a very special artistic talent. She has captured the essence of our community in her many portraits. I was honored to be included.



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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 57 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.

The Face of Ventura collection can be seen at Crowell, Weedon & Co., 5740 Ralston St., Suite 301, starting on December 10 until March 30, 2013. Drop-ins welcome.

Youth



Local youth enjoyed the hands on experience at the Spark Truck at EP Foster Library

Spark Truck visits Ventura

by Ana Baker

Recently a group of 4 Stanford students made a trip to Ventura and brought some inspiration and hands-on creativity with them. These students created an educational building mobile which took them across America this past summer. They raised money for a truck and loaded up on high-tech maker equipment, which included 3D printers, laser cutter, and other supplies kids can get their hands on to create.

The Students ran workshops at a couple schools, visited the E.P Foster Library to give the community a taste of what having a local maker space might be like. They held a vibrobots workshop, talked about the importance of prototyping, and helped some kids get a head start on Halloween decorations.

The project began as Spark Lab, a group of Stanford school students passionate about making education and technology exciting for the kids. As part of a year-long thesis project, they talked with teachers, students, and other experts about hands-on learning. Shocked to find that due to tight budgets and strict testing requirements, many schools don't have the flexibility or equipment to support hands-on building. Spark truck has driven over 14,000 miles across 33 different states, visited over 2,000 students in more than 70 different locations, and collected countless stories. They are currently working on making sure Spark Truck's journey continues, and are excited for the road ahead.

School district's annual holiday event to raise funds

by Ana Baker

Ventura Unified School District Proudly Presents "Share the Joy." Their 3rd Annual Holiday Celebration featuring the Noteables Crescendo Company directed by Heidi House and choreographed by Samantha Hazen and Claire Burgi. An All District Elementary School Choir, All District Middle School Choir, and an all District High School Choir will be bringing an evening of music, laughter, inspiration and fun to lift your spirits and warm your heart. Join them on December 14 and 15 at 7p.m. and Sunday December 16 at 2:30p.m. at the Ventura High School auditorium. Tickets are \$7 at the door and children 5 and under are free. A portion of all the proceeds will go the Homeless and Foster Youth Programs in VUSD and to the Company College Scholarship Program.

Seeking businesses to sponsor field trips

In order to encourage cultural and scientific enrichment in the schools, Terra Marine Research & Education, Inc. is sponsoring a drive for local businesses to participate in by sponsoring a class field trip to the Channel Islands National Park.

"If the next generation feels no link to these national treasures, they will be less likely to engage in decisions affecting these places," stated Kirk Connally, owner of Terra Marine Research & Education.

To show that the community of Ventura is committed to the well-rounded education of local students, Terra Marine Research & Education is hosting the sponsorship drive with the goal of attracting at least 10 Ventura businesses to sponsor a class field trip to the Channel Islands National Park through TMRE's "No Child Left Inside" program by December 31. The schools can select their cruise for a date in 2013. Island Packers will serve as the transportation company to the islands.

For more information, contact Kirk Connally by email at kirk@tmre.org or Andrea Mills 642-1393 or info@islandpackers.com.

Kids



Shimon, Sean Reed and Jim McGee from the Red Cross went into action to help those in need

Local kids hold bake sale

In response to another enormous weather disaster, local kids and their community supporters went into action. Hurricane Sandy brought chaos and life changing destruction to the Eastern seaboard just as last year's tsunami did in Japan.

The 3rd and 4th graders in Ashley Johnson's class at Ventura Charter School (School of Arts & Global Education, SAGE) and their friends from the Pierpont Keys held a bake sale at the Ojai Farmers Market in early November. It was a huge success, just like their bake sale for Japan relief! This bake sale generated \$653.00 for the Red Cross and taught the kids a valuable lesson in organizing, community response and taking personal action in times of others' needs.

Jim McGee, Executive Director of the regional Red Cross, again returned to receive the monies and send his appreciation to the youngsters. The kids were very impressed to learn that Ventura based Red Cross food trucks had driven across the country to cook meals for the victims.

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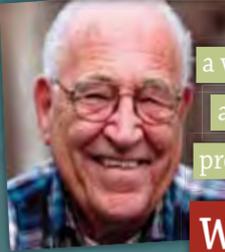
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**OASIS provides
needed help to
seniors**

by Nanci Cone

Frank Donovan, a former nursing home administrator, founded OASIS (Older Adult Services and Intervention System) in Ventura County in 1985. The original goal was to avoid unnecessary or premature institutionalization by providing home based services which allowed the senior to remain safely in their own home. This goal is still as important today as it was 27 years ago.

OASIS helps make the "golden years" much more enjoyable for approximately 600 seniors each year. Using case management as its primary tool, the OASIS staff evaluates the senior's need and together they draw up a plan to address each service goal that they establish. Sometimes that means coordinating needed resources; sometimes that means making sure that the person's nutritional needs are addressed, sometimes it means setting the client up with the perfect Friendly Visitor but it always means addressing the person's need on an individual basis.

Sister Dolores Bray has been a Sister of the Holy Cross for 55 years being an educator in both school and parishes. As Client Resource Coordinator, she joined OASIS in November, 2000 and says, "OASIS has been more than a job for me. It's been a ministry of service which has given me more than I've given. I work with a very dedicated staff and I

work with clients filled with life experience and wisdom who inspire me daily. We're fortunate to have a terrific group of friendly visitors who provide companionship, drive clients to appointments, and do filing, bookkeeping and other necessary duties."

In order to maintain its high standard of professionalism, the agency and the program are reviewed by the National Council on Accreditation every 4 years. According to Patrice Esseff, the Program Director in Ventura County, the OASIS program participates in the accreditation process because of its commitment to the seniors that OASIS serves. "It is important to continually refresh our information and fine tune our skills. The characteristics of the senior population will have some changes in the future, but, in truth, decreasing mobility, health changes and the loss of family and friends are tough realities that touch most people's lives. Maneuvering new systems, like social security and health care, is difficult and most of us will need some help over time."

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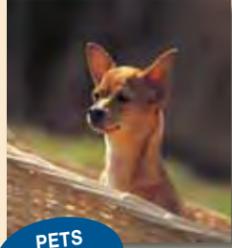
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■ All For Love Animal Rescue (AFLAR) is an all volunteer, Ventura County based, nonprofit rescue group working to save animals from high kill

Southern California shelters. They give abandoned animals a safe permanent home through networking, adoption events and transporting animals to reputable rescues. They focus on the most at risk for death row breeds; pit bulls and Chihuahuas. They depend completely on charitable donations to support their work.

That is why they are having a wonderful fund raiser here in Ventura during the entire month of December.

It is a market-boutique being held at 620 Main, in downtown and will feature many artisans and crafters selling gift baskets, jewelry, art and many other wonderful holiday gifts and there will be gift wrapping also. It will be on both floors of the building.

And the really exciting part is that I will be there on Dec. 8 (noon-2pm) "pawtographing" one of my pictures. So please come meet me and help save even more dogs from being euthanized.

■ I just don't understand how come cats get attention for doing what we pets are supposed to do anyway. We recently camped (if an RV is camping) at Camp Comfort in Ojai and, of course precious Savana went with us.

The first day she just hid under the passenger seat and everyone thought that that was very cute and went to look at her. And when she finally decided to honor us and come out everyone said things like "Oh boy, Savana is out and she let me pet her".

No one ever gets excited because I "let" them pet me. Maybe I should at least make them give me a treat to pet me.

Did I tell you that the other night she slept right next to me in bed and I let her?

■ Santa will be in town to help the Humane Society of Ventura County raise much needed funds for the animals at the Shelter, including recently rescued horses and dogs. "The Shelter is bursting at the seams with animals recently rescued by our Humane Officers, so the need is greater than ever," said Shelter Director, Jolene Hoffman. The Humane Society is Ventura County's no-kill shelter, so these animals will be cared for until they are adopted, at a great expense to the organization.

Santa will be posing for portraits with Ventura County pets and family members, hoping to help. Photographing "Santa Paws," will be professional photographer and Brooks Institute Professor Greg Cooper who will donate his services to help the Humane Society feed, spay and neuter, and place these animals in need.

Photo sittings will include several poses with pets and/or their family members. All are encouraged to dress festively for the Holiday Season. The requested donation for "Santa Paws" photo sittings is \$25 and includes a CD of your portraits which can be used for holiday cards or gifts. Photos are free for anyone adopting an animal from the Humane Society between December 1 and 8, 2012.

All proceeds raised by Santa Paws will benefit homeless animals throughout Ventura County awaiting adoption at the Humane Society Shelter and Adoption Center.

The event is first come, first served, no reservations required. Sun., Dec. 2, Santa will be at the Marriott Ventura Beach Hotel from 10am until 3pm. For more information and to view sample photos, visit hsvc.org or call 646-6505.

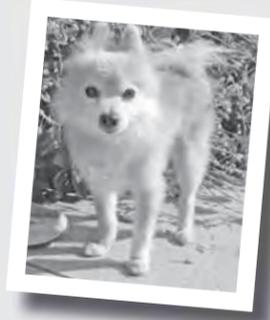
Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center (SPARC) is a non-profit organization comprised of a coalition of staff, volunteers, city leaders, the animal control officer, and police and county animal advocates to create a "no-kill animal shelter" in Ventura County. SPARC is a place where the stray and abandoned dogs and cats can be brought without the risk of being killed due to lack of space.

SPARC is up and running and doing great! However, the number of stray dogs and cats are quickly filling up their kennels. It seems that some days more animals come in than go out!

How can you help? Please look at the pictures at www.santapaulaarc.org and fall in love and to find out more about them. SPARC is located at 705 E. Santa Barbara Street in Santa Paula.

■ My head hung low (and my ears dragged on the floor) when I recently read about a mean man who went to jail for animal cruelty. Young Song, 42, from Pasadena was sentenced to 3 years in jail for stealing and then beating to death an innocent German shepherd. Personally I think he should have gotten life in jail and a bite on his behind from every dog in the neighborhood, but just a few years ago he would have just had to do some community service so this is progress.

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Have your "Santa Paws" photo taken to help the Humane Society of Ventura County raise much needed funds. Photo by Professor Greg Cooper.



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.

Possession of drugs

Beginning in late July 2012, detectives were looking into numerous complaints regarding potential drug sales occurring at a residence in the 2200 block of Johnson Drive. Over the next three months, additional information was obtained regarding drug sales from the residence.

On Tuesday, November 13th, the VPD conducted a search at the residence. Over a pound of methamphetamine was found inside the residence, along with evidence that indicated Christopher

Boggs had been involved in sales. Boggs, who is prohibited from owning firearms due to prior felony convictions, was also found to be in possession of a handgun. Charles Nailor initially hid from officers inside the bathroom where he attempted to flush heroin down the toilet. Additionally, Nailor was found to be in possession of methamphetamine, pharmaceuticals and one pound of marijuana.

Boggs and Nailor were booked into VC Jail. A small amount of jewelry was recovered from the house that was likely stolen.

Child Molestation at daycare

The VPD concluded an investigation into a child molestation of a 5-year-old girl while she was under the supervision of an in-house day care provider.

The victim, who was under the oversight of Potters Day Care, located in

the 3900 block of Dean Drive, had been molested by Cooper Potter who is the son of the owner of the day care center. This molestation had taken place over the course of a year's time.

A search warrant was executed at the residence where physical evidence was collected. Potter was arrested at his residence without incident and booked into county jail for continuous sexual assault of a minor.

Assault with a deadly weapon

On Nov.22 a group of Hispanic males confronted Eduardo Mendez (21 from Oxnard) in the 500 block of E. Santa Clara. Mendez and a Hispanic male (20's, 6'-0", 190 pounds with a black shirt and dark pants) began fighting and during the altercation Mendez was stabbed. He was transported to VCMC where he underwent surgery for non-life

threatening injuries.

Attempted burglary

On Nov. 20 the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call from a male caller who stated that his wife had just arrived home and found and unknown suspect inside their house, in the 9000 block of Big Horn Street in their daughter's bedroom.

When the wife confronted the suspect he jumped out of a window and ran to a vehicle that was parked in front of the residence. The vehicle was only described as a green older sedan. Once inside the vehicle the suspect drove away from the residence before the police were able to arrive. As officers arrived on scene they attempted to locate the vehicle but were unable to do so.

The suspect was described as an Hispanic male in his 20's, 5'-7", 160 lbs.,

Police Reports

brown hair, wearing a blue and red jersey. **Large fight and robbery**
On Nov. 17 the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call from a concerned citizen regarding a large fight at Plaza Park in downtown Ventura.

An unnamed victim stated that he was seated with his friends in the gazebo area of the park when a group of 6-8 Hispanic male suspects approached and threatened to shoot the victims. The suspects then ordered the victims to empty their pockets into the center of the gazebo. Suspect #1 grabbed a victim's bicycle and fled the area at the same time the victims got into a physical altercation with the suspects. All the suspects fled the area prior to officers' arrival on scene.

Officers responded to the area within moments and located suspect #1 (15 year old Hispanic male Ventura resident) fleeing the scene on the victim's bicycle. He was taken into custody without incident and the property was recovered.

administered oxygen. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

Mayor's Arts Awards

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diligent, creative, and generous people who help make Ventura's arts community a thriving one. Over the last twenty years, the City of Ventura has made a strategic investment in its creative community. That investment has paid off in ways both concrete – as an economic engine, as a community beautification tool – and in other ways that are not so quantifiable. Without our artists, what would make Ventura different from any other coastal California community? The arts inspire, ignite, and delight us. The six Mayor's Arts Awards recipients of 2013 are not only great achievers in their own right – they are also symbols of the vitality of our arts community.”

Peter Brown, City of Ventura social services manager told the Breeze “The Mayor's Arts Awards are a fantastic opportunity to bring the whole arts community together in celebration of their contributions to Ventura. It's a long standing collaboration between City departments that we look forward to continuing in the future.”

Barbara Meister, Mayor's Arts Patron Award, accepted her award by saying “I feel proud and honored to receive the Mayor's Arts Patron Award. As a teacher, I realize how important the arts are in developing a love and appreciation for drama, music, dance and the visual arts. The values of charity, compassion and education are my life lessons. My goal is ‘to make a difference’ by supporting a wide range of charities. I wish to ‘give back’ to my wonderful community that has been so good to me.”

Lorenzo DeStefano, Arts Leader, told the Breeze “It was a pleasure sharing the stage with the other 5 recipients of the 2012 Mayor's Arts Awards and realizing that, despite our different focuses, we all share one thing – a belief that art can make a difference in people's lives. In the case of the Ventura Film Society, we believe that by bringing people together in the dark we can experience an often profound awareness that comes from discovering, through exposure to amazing films and filmmakers, the intricate world around us.”

In accepting her award Johanna Spinks said “What a wonderful evening! But I wouldn't be standing here receiving this award without each of the 57 sitters who placed their trust in me, allowing me to paint their portrait sketch from life, and the community of Ventura who took an interest in my art project as it developed in The Ventura Breeze. Thank you all.”

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

11-13 9:47 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and other agencies to a medical assist at Harbortown Point. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

11-14 1:16 p.m. The skipper of a vessel reported he lost one engine in the Turning Basin. He was able to fuel his boat, but the engine still stalled. Patrol towed the vessel to its dock at VIM and released it.

11-16 4:35 p.m. State Lifeguards relayed a report that someone jumped off the pier and they were not in the area. Patrol responded. Neither PD on the pier nor Patrol could locate a person.

6:15 p.m. Andres Wine bar reports that there is an intoxicated man in the bar. Patrol requested they contact PD and then responded. Patrol contacted the subject on the Promenade. He was uncooperative and began to be hostile. When PD arrived on scene, they took the subject into custody and confiscated a pocket knife from him.

11-18 12:46 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical call at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Upon arrival, the patient was just regaining consciousness. AMR transported her to the hospital.

11-19 8:22 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at VWM. Patrol responded. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

11-20 7:30 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Comedy Club. Upon arrival, Patrol

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Guy Martin and Alaistar Greene

Longtime veteran of the music scene here in Ventura, Guy Martin is planning a show next month with local friend Alaistar Greene. Presenting, *A Night of Acoustic Blues*. With Michael Golden and Kirk Maxson. Event will be held at Zoey's Cafe on Dec. 14. One of my first times seeing Guy Martin perform was back in the Cafe Voltaire days. Back in 1998ish. Guy Martin always lights up the room with his music stylings. He recently performed a headlining gig at The Majestic Ventura Theater. He's become a household name in our local land of Ventura. Check him out on Facebook, and online everywhere.

RIP John Mosby, Jr.

Sad to hear this week about a passing of a local music friend, John Mosby, Jr. Many knew him in the scene, back in the Ban-Dar days of Ventura.

I first had the honor of meeting him back in 1996, back when I was an intern for former radio station 96.7 The Bus KXBS. One day, a sales guy named John Mosby asked me if I wanted to help take the trash out with him. I had just started out as an intern, within two minutes, we were talking nonstop about music. So many lengthy music debates we shared. Immediately, we clicked as music friends. After I turned 21, my friend Mary and I used to visit him at his Ban-Dar habitat. Through the years in the scene, I'd run into him at local shows and Karaoke at Bombay Bar & Grill. Honestly, I consider John probably one of my first real music friends of the scene. He was truly an awesome person to know and I will always remember his passionate music side. Thank you for always being a music fan and sharing your passion about music to people. RIP my friend! If you would like to pay your respects online, visit a site for John Mosby, Jr.

www.memorial.yourtribute.com/john-ingle-mosby2. If you wish to donate to the American Liver Foundation in honor of his memory, visit: www.liverfoundation.org

Metallica new Deep Purple cover song

Recently, Metallica quietly released a new song for a Deep Purple cover album. The album was released in the Fall and is titled, *Re-Machined: A Tribute to Deep Purple's Machine Head*. Featuring Metallica performing, *When A Blind Man Cries*. The album also features tracks from Iron Maiden, Black Label Society, Chickenfoot, and interesting musical pairings, Carlos Santana and Jacoby Shaddix of Papa Roach doing *Smoke On The Water*. Joe Elliott of Def Leppard, Chad Smith of Red Hot Chili Peppers, Steve Vai & Glenn Hughes are among others that appear on the album. If you know any Classic Rock and Hard Rock fans, this tribute album would be a great early Christmas stocking stuffer idea!

Army Of Freshmen performed at Bombay Bar & Grill, this month, in honor of their new album out mentioned here earlier, titled, *Happy To Be Alive*. Army Of Freshmen had a lot to celebrate that night. It was also a night held to highlight the band's 15 year Anniversary. The show kicked off with a slide show showing the members of the band in their early years. It was a very fun time at Bombay.

Two on the Aisle

Death gets an introspective vacation

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Poor misunderstood Death. The shadowy specter is experiencing job burnout and wants to discover why mankind fears him. So, he decides to take a three-day holiday from his grim reaping duties, reinvent himself as a human, and mingle with mortals to find the answers to his questions. While he is off on his holiday nothing dies – not even leaves fall from the trees.

The Santa Paula Theater Center's current product of the classic *Death Takes a Holiday* invites the audience to see that Death has a sense of humor and is not all bad. A Broadway hit in 1929, *Death* became a film in 1934 and has enjoyed remakes in various forms.

The script is an example of the drawing room plays popular during the 1920s and 30s where all the action occurs in the drawing room of a wealthy aristocrat's manor and there are plenty of socialites, sophisticates and servants. In this case Death has chosen to take his holiday in the villa of an Italian Duke during a celebration where the guest list also includes a baron, a princess and military men. For the occasion Death assumes the persona of a Russian prince.

Like most drawing room plays Death is extremely wordy, with lengthy explanatory monologues. Nonetheless, the dialogue is light and charming, and often punctuated with various European accents delivered with varying success.

The stage setting designed by Michael Carnahan is one befitting SPTC's reputation – elegant and simple. The visual picture is augmented by delightfully period-reminiscent costuming by Barbara Pedziwiatr. Small details add to the style of the era in which the wealthy dressed for dinner in tuxedos and gowns.

The pivotal role of Shadow (Death) is played by Eric Mello with an appropriately resonant voice. Mello imbues the Shadow with relaxed charm. Falling prey to his smooth demeanor are stylish women – Vivien Latham, Jennifer Ridgway, Brittany Saturnino, Jennifer Skutley and Michelle Wagner. The Duke, played by Gary Cunial, strikes a deal with Death to make his short holiday a reality. He is surrounded by Richard Blanchard, Scott Blanchard, Tyler McLean and TJ Mora as the men who are wary of the stranger who swoops in to disrupt their gathering. Filling out the household are Leticia Mattson as the maid and Richard Graham as Fedele, the butler.

There are many flashes of humor in the verbosity, although several actors rushed on to the next line rather than allow the audience to catch the linguistic lightheartedness. The staging frequently requires the actors speak with their backs to the audience. At these times enhanced projection could help the delicious lines be better heard by all. Sometimes the situation is made more difficult as the actors must compete with recorded period music playing in the background. In all, however, *Death* is well done and good fun.

Death Takes a Holiday plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through December 23, 2012 at the Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th St. in Santa Paula. Adults: \$18, Seniors & students: \$15, Children: \$12. (805) 525-4645. www.santaulatheatercenter.org

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Patagonia Rising

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano
Ventura Film Society

Tracing the hydro-logic cycle of two of the world's purest rivers, the Baker and Pascua, from ice to ocean, *Patagonia Rising* (Tuesday December 4th @ 7:15pm) brings voice to the frontier people of Patagonia, Chile, who are caught in the crossfire of future energy demands. Fed by vast glacial systems deep in the heart of Patagonia, these free-flowing watersheds drive biodiversity in temperate rainforests, estuaries and marine ecosystems. They are also the life source for Patagonia's most tenacious residents, the Gauchos, the iconic South American cowboys who endure relentless winds and long winters on remote ranches in these river valleys. Isolated and largely undeveloped Patagonia and its people are caught in a heated conflict surrounding a proposal to build five large hydroelectric dams on the Baker and Pascua Rivers. Promoted as "clean" energy, the project's

cultural and environmental impacts would forever alter the region. Alternatives exist. Clean energy experts are proving the viability of solar, wind and geothermal resources developed much closer to demand and infrastructure. Juxtaposing the pro-dam business sector with renewable energy experts, this important documentary brings awareness and solutions to one of many global conflicts over water and power.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *Patagonia Rising*, sponsored by Patagonia / Great Pacific Iron Works, as the 21st of 21 feature films of our 2012 season. The VFS thanks you for your support during our 4th year of bringing quality alternative films and filmmakers to Ventura. Screening, Membership & Advance Ticket Information on our 5th season, running February through December, 2013 at 420 E. Santa Clara Street (@ Oak Street) in Downtown Ventura, will be available in January at www.venturafilmsociety.com. Please contact us at (805) 628-2299 / info@venturafilmsociety.com for further information.

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, these are my picks of the week:



Skyfall

The "Bond" franchise, birthed by Author Ian Fleming is so fascinating, I would be remiss for not re-counting some of the trivia behind these famous adventure films.

Ian Fleming, born in London, England May 28, 1908 – 1964, was an English author, journalist and Naval Intelligence Officer; a position of experience for which he would ultimately use for subject matter in his famous novels and in turn adapt to film.

Barry Nelson was the first actor (and the first non European before George Lazenby) to play James Bond on screen.

The original James Bond was Sean Connery, who was arguably the best Bond ever.

Actor George Lazenby was the second James Bond and starred in only one film, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* in 1969.

Sean Connery passed the torch to Roger Moore, who became the quintessential Bond in 1973, playing the role for 12 years..

Actor Timothy Dalton replaced an aging Roger Moore in the release of 1987's *The Living Daylights*. Dalton's James Bond was originally supposed to be played by Pierce Brosnan, but NBC renewed his contract for a fifth season of *Remington Steele* and Brosnan was out.

Pierce Brosnan got a second chance at Bond-dom in 1995 when he starred as Agent 007 in *Golden Eye*. Brosnan was a hit, and many argued that he was the best Bond since Connery. Brosnan was reportedly fired from the role prior to his fifth film as Bond.

This brings us to the sixth, and most current Bond Daniel Craig. On October 14, 2005, Craig was named the new Agent 007. He starred as Bond in 2006's *Casino Royale*, and returned in

2008 in *Quantum of Solace*.

I saw *Skyfall* and was pleasantly surprised. In this Bond version, loyalty supercedes fear and Bond pursues Silva to protect M.

Bond's loyalty to Judi Dench's character, MI6, aka chief M, is tested after her past comes back to haunt her. The British Secret Intelligence Service is attacked and 007 sets off to stop its perpetrator Silva, from this vengeful act, (Javier Bardem), a menacing, vicious character, relentless in his pursuit to disseminate Bond and M. (Javier Bardem) stole every scene and was by far the most captivating character. Brilliant! A must see!

Rated PG 13 Running time 143 minutes



Flight

Flight is a drama starring Denzel Washington, who plays Whip Whitaker, a pilot that safe lands an airliner, despite catastrophic results and some fatalities.

Compelling, exciting, riveting, this plane-in-distress tale chronicles the effects Alcoholism has on the abuser and the people around him. The film itself outlined the dangers, and the effects it has on one's life, but moreover, the repercussions of the effects were compelling and real.

In a short hauled flight from Orlando to Atlanta, technical difficulties with the aircraft's engines and other flight gear malfunction causing the pilot to make decisions deemed unnerving for the co-pilot. When the aircraft goes into a tailspin and turns upside down, chaos is rendered eminent.

An investigation ensues suspicions about Whip's consumption of alcohol raising questions about his ability to handle the aircraft while under the influence. Attorney for the NAA Union, (Don Cheadle) coddles Whip into believing he can get him off, but skeletons in the closet prevail. This film has such a great cast, John Goodman plays Harling Mays, Whitaker's best friend and dope dealer. Don Cheadle plays the NAA Unions Attorney.

Another great film, maybe even an Oscar contender.

Rated R Running time 138 Minutes

Lighter Breeze

Zits



Hagar the Horrible



Mother Goose and Grimm



Beetle Bailey



Crock



Curtis



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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
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 33 Prayer ending
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 37 Neighbor of Leo and Libra
 39 Klutz
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've let yourself be distracted from what's really important. But love finally gets your attention this week. However, it comes with a challenge that could create a problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to bully others into following your lead. Best advice: Persuade, don't push, and you'll get the cooperation you need to move forward with your plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist the urge to gloat now that you've proved your detractors wrong. Instead, charm them back into your circle. Remember: A former foe can become your best ally.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might want to claim all the credit for making this holiday season special. But is it worth producing a lot of hurt feelings by rejecting offers of help? Think about it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Ignore a co-worker's questionable behavior. Instead, put your energy into making your own project special. Then sit back and purr over your well-deserved applause.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not want to accept those suggested changes in your workplace. But don't chuck them out before you check them out. You could be happily

surprised.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your holiday planning might have to take a back seat for a bit so that you can handle a problem with a friend or family member. Your schedule resumes by the 8th.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships in general benefit during the early part of the week, including in the workplace. Also expect some overdue changes in a personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) "Prudence" should be your watchword this week. Best not to be too open about some of the things that are currently happening in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Money is on your mind, so you'd best mind how you're spending it. Take another look at that holiday budget and see where you can make adjustments.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolving to revive an old friendship could open some old wounds. Are you sure you want to risk that? Think this through before making a commitment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your need to know more about a new friend could lead to some startling revelations. Best advice: Keep an open mind about what you learn until all the facts are in.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your loyalty to friends makes you a very special person to those whose lives you've touched.

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Fri 11/30 - Tweak Bird, The Bugs, Messenger 10pm

Age gracefully in place
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programs and services available within their community for the purpose of assisting members to "age gracefully in place".

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VCC is proud to announce their Second Annual Victorian Christmas Open House-free to the community it will be held on Friday, December 7th, 3-7 p.m. at the care center located at 5445 Everglades St.

A Victorian Christmas brings back memories of those who grew up with Charles Dickens costumed carolers; snow falling softly, and chestnuts roasting on a crackling fire.

VCC is always happy to provide tours and counsel with families needing rehab and longer term care to include respite care for families. In addition, it is now easy to take a Virtual Tour of VCC at www.victoriacarecenter.com. For further information you can call 642-1736.

Mailbox

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worker housing, reminded me, this Thanksgiving week, how blessed I am to live where I do. I am not thinking so much of the rich agriculture soil or the ideal weather, or even the Pacific Ocean. Rather what I am giving thanks for in this community of San Buenaventura people genuinely care for one another. One speaker commented on their willingness to share, another translated the words of a farmworker, still another spoke of caring for "aliens, widows, and orphans". I myself spoke on my seeking housing I could afford when I purchased some 19 years ago. I support others also have access to housing they can afford.

That evening, after previous delays, it appeared likely we would see the project finally move forward. Alas, that was not to be the case, as the majority of our council elected to punt - pushing the agenda item to a December council meeting. Yet I refuse to allow their lack of action dismay me. Monday, November 19th, I heard perhaps the best representation of San Buenaventura I have heard since moving here in 1991. Those voices I heard were impressive and reflective of a caring community, All are welcome to hear these voices in the City Council archives (<http://www.cityofventura.net/video-agenda-items-10-11-12>).

To all those who spoke in support of moving forward with addressing our community needs. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Lose not hope, and please show back up before the Council on December 10, with a friend. Should the Council elect to punt yet again - show back up before council with two friends. I myself will be out of town, on a cross country Amtrak trip, which I booked six months ago, as I also support affordable travel.
John Jones

Many fires are caused by Christmas trees

by Kris McDonald

Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

Each year, fire departments respond to an average of more than 200 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. These fires cause an average of 13 deaths, 27 serious injuries, and \$16.7 million in property

damage. By carefully choosing, decorating, and caring for your Christmas tree, as well as disposing of your tree properly, you can make your holiday season much safer.

When placing your tree, ensure it is at least three feet away from any heat sources. Items such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or even lights can become an ignition source. Ensure that the tree is not blocking an exit that could be needed during an emergency.

If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure that it is certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire resistant. When choosing a natural tree, pick one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Before placing the tree in a stand, cut off one to two inches from the base of the trunk. Add water to the tree stand right away and be sure to check it daily. Allowing your tree to become completely dried out is a recipe for disaster; keep it fresh by keeping it watered. When your Christmas tree begins dropping needles, it's time to get it out of the house. Dried out trees pose a significant fire danger and should never be kept in the home or garage. They should not be placed outside directly against the home. Check with your local trash service for tree recycling options.

The decorations you choose for your tree should be the safest possible. Always use lights that have the certification of an independent testing laboratory. Be sure to note whether the lights are for indoor or outdoor use. Replace any string of lights that has worn or broken cords, or that has loose bulb connections. Connect no more than 3 strands of mini-string sets, and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulb sets. Read manufacturer's instructions for the maximum number of LED strands to connect. Lit candles should be used with caution around the home. They should never be used to decorate the Christmas tree.

Always turn off your Christmas tree lights before leaving home, or before going to bed. Have a functioning smoke detector on each level of the home and outside every sleeping area. Also, have a fire extinguisher in a readily accessible location. Test your smoke detectors monthly, and replace the batteries every six months. An emergency home evacuation plan should be created and practiced with all members of the family. Taking a few precautions during your holiday decorating, and taking proper care of your Christmas tree, will help you and your loved ones stay safe and fully enjoy this holiday season.

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Breeze publisher Sheldon was one of the "celebrity" readers at the sixth annual StoryFest and was aided by Jasmine Casey, from Tri-County GLAD who signed for the kids and then taught them some signing (including dog and cat) and the alphabet.

Every child also received a free book to take home.

For more photos visit the Ventura Breeze Facebook.

Art, a la Carte

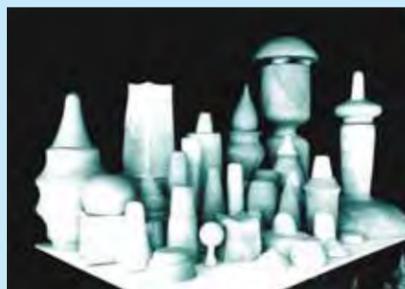


On December 7 and 8 the Ventura County Potters' Guild arrives with the 7th annual members' sale at the Bell Arts Factory. Friday's opening coincides with "Ventura's First Friday", and with the B.A.F.'s open studios event from noon until 9 p.m. Saturday's hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but plan to arrive early, if you'd like to have the widest selection. Join the reception, and enjoy some refreshments on Friday evening from 5 p.m. 'til 9 p.m.



Community Memorial Hospital's first-floor lobby and hallways will be decorated with an eclectic mix of art by local artists when the hospital holds its Recycle: Eco Art exhibit open to the public from Dec. 2 to Jan. 6. A Meet the Artists reception is set for Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the hospital's first-floor lobby.

This show will be juried by Rhode Island artist, Tom Deininger (his self portrait is shown). His artwork is in numerous public and private collections throughout the world and has won many awards in "recycled" and "found object" competitions.



Sculptor Len E. Burge III has applied his interest in particle physics to a recent series of sculpture, which he explains is an attempt to visualize the "seemingly invisible that is in a sense, the island of Santa Cruz." His intriguing look at this island just off our coast can be seen in The Particle Garden, an exhibition of his sculpture at the Museum of Ventura County December 2 through March 3, 2013.

Burge's interests have led to his career as fine arts sculptor and fine arts fabricator, video director and art director, animator and prototype creator. He has worked on projects which include Claymation for Xbox 360; "Metropolis II," at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; and films such as "Batman 2," "Jurassic Park," "Edward Scissorhands," "Predator 2," and "Terminator 2."



I'm Such a Pansy by Michele Baggenstoss will be one of the pieces being shown at the Buenaventura Art Association showcasing of the year's solo artists in one group show titled The Best of BAA 2012, opening November 28 and running through December 17 at the Harbor Village Gallery in Ventura.

Running the gamut from revered veteran artists like Gerd Koch to fresh, new faces like Michele Baggenstoss, The Best of BAA 2012 features the work of artists who were awarded solo exhibitions in both BAA's Harbor Village Gallery and downtown Buenaventura Gallery during the past year. The result is a year-long eclectic mix of artistic media - oils, watercolors, photographs, and ceramics - as well as an exciting series of exhibitions featuring both established professionals and soon-to-be-collected newcomers.

To view the works of this collection of fine artists, visit the Harbor Village Gallery in Ventura Harbor Village. Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m.



Collage of small works by artists Duane Dammeyer, Mary-Jo Murphy, Robert Wassell, Louisa Wallace Jacobs, and James Keyser. Works to be presented at the Buenaventura Art Association at their annual Small Image Show at each of its two gallery locations - the Buenaventura Gallery in downtown Ventura and the Harbor Village Gallery at the Ventura Harbor. The Small Image Show is the perfect time for collectors to purchase works from their favorite artists at prices meant for gift-giving. None of these works are over 14" in any direction. In addition, the Buenaventura Gallery will feature a Holiday Boutique with unique artisan-made gifts and ornaments.

The Harbor Village Gallery Small Image Show runs from November 28, 2012 through January 14, 2013. The Best of BAA 2012 runs November 28 through Dec. 17, 2012. A reception for the Best of BAA 2012 and Small Image Show artists will be held Friday, November 30, 5-8pm at the Harbor Village Gallery. A reception and award ceremony for the Ornament Competition will be held Saturday, December 15 from 5-6:30 pm at the Harbor Gallery, right before the annual Parade of Lights starts.

The downtown Buenaventura Gallery's Small Image Show runs now through January 5, 2013. The Holiday Boutique will open December 4, 2012 and run through January 5, 2013. The public is also invited for a holiday party/reception with live music and refreshments at the downtown Buenaventura Gallery on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 4 - 8 pm.



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Community Events

music of the season and sample delicious holiday treats. The first tour starts at 5:30 p.m., Admission is free for young and old but reservations are required, please call 658-4726. Donations of canned food for FOOD Share are appreciated. The Olivas Adobe is located at 4200 Olivas Park Dr. www.olivasadobe.org

Ojai events

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

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

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

It's Holiday Shopping Time!! You've made your list and you're checking it twice, so it's time to start your shopping in the **Museum Store at the Ojai Valley Museum!** They are hosting an extraordinary **Book and Art Fair** on Friday, **December 7** from 5 to 7 p.m. Hot cider, wine, and light fare will make your visit all the more festive. Admission will be free and you will have a delightful gift buying experience! The Holiday Fair will feature Ojai based writers and artists who are regularly represented in the Museum Store, but they will be bringing additional items for this December 7th event. And every purchase helps support the collections and exhibitions of the Ojai Valley Museum. You will be buying gifts while contributing financial support to Ojai's only museum!

The museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Ave. Admission: free for current 2012 members, adults - \$4.00, children 6-18 - \$1.00 and children 5 and under - free.

For more information, call the museum at 640-1390, ext. 203, e-mail oajaimuseum@sbcglobal.net or visit the museum website at: OjaiValleyMuseum.org.

The **Ojai Valley Green Coalition** invites you to its fall community gathering on Friday, **November 30**. Mingle with neighbors, share a potluck supper and join in the evening's program focused on "Exploring a Food Coopera-

tive for the Ojai Valley."

Hosted by the Coalition at the Chapparral Auditorium, 414 E. Ojai Ave., the evening will begin with a meet and greet from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., food sharing from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m., followed by the program. There will also be information tables to learn about many of the Coalition's activities. Come share and celebrate our fall's bounty with your favorite salad, entrée, or dessert featuring seasonal, local and organic ingredients. To reduce our landfill waste, please bring your own table service (plate, silverware, mug, and cloth napkin). For more information email noel@ojaivalleygreencoalition.com or call 669-8445.

On Sat., **Dec. 1** and Sun. **Dec. 2**, 4:30 pm, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, an emotionally powerful drama starring Quvenzhané Wallis in a stunning performance as the 6-year-old Hushpuppy who takes movie-goers into a world of poetry, magic and wonder in a Louisiana bayou.

On Sat., **Dec. 8**, 4:30 pm, the Ojai Film Society will screen student films submitted to the **OFS 2012 Young Filmmakers Competition** by Ojai Valley youth. The program, partly funded this year by a Rotary Club of Ojai grant, is designed to encourage Ojai Valley students in developing their filmmaking skills. The program also aspires to build community by bringing students together from the numerous public and private schools in Ojai. The event includes an awards ceremony with 3 cash prizes. Come show your support for our area youth. Free admission for everyone.

November's Spiritual Cinema Night, sponsored by Symphony of Life Spiritual Center and Casa de la Luna Retreat, will feature *Healing: Miracles, Mysteries, and John of God*, a documentary on the profound spiritual healing work that takes place at "the Casa," the sanctuary where Joao de Deus, or "John of God," has been the channel for healing hundreds of thousands of people.

This award-winning documentary by director David Unterberg takes viewers inside the walls of the Casa to witness physical and spiritual healings that transcend conventional medical understanding, and ask us to re-examine fundamental questions about life, faith and our interaction with the spiritual world.

The screening will take place on Friday, Nov. 30, at Casa de la Luna.

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Boats depart at 6:30 p.m. and return approximately 7:30 p.m. on the weekdays and 5:30 p.m. on the Dec. 22. The fare is \$16 per adult, \$13 per senior, and \$10 per child.

Dec. 6: Ted Mayr Funeral Home announces that it will host its annual, non-denominational **Candlelight Service of Remembrance** at 7p.m. in the chapel at 3150 Loma Vista Rd. The community is invited to participate in this annual holiday event. The program will feature special music, words of encouragement and comfort and a candle lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. For more information, directions or to RSVP please call 643-9977.

Dec. 7, 8, 9: The Channel Islands Figure Skating Club and Ice Center presents *Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause*, Ventura County's annual ice skating event to raise money for foster and abused children in need during the holiday season. Proceeds from the shows will be donated to the Children's services Auxiliary, also known as radio KVTA Morning Show's Children's Fund. Show times are Fri., Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 8, at 2p.m. and 7:30p.m.; Sun., Dec. 9 at 2p.m. at the Channel Islands Ice Center, 830 Wagon Wheel Rd., Oxnard. Cost: \$10 off ice bleacher seating, \$17 to \$25 reserved on ice seating, on ice tables \$42 per person (minimum of two, maximum of five per table) includes dinner. Contact information: 988-4440 for advance tickets and reservations, WWW.CHANNELISLANDSICE.ORG.

Dec. 8: Country Lovers Western Dance Club will be holding a **holiday themed**

country western dance at The House of Dance, 3007 Bunsen Ave., suite E. Open dancing 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. A dance lesson begins at 7:30 p.m. Donations for "Toys for Tots" will be accepted. A raffle ticket will be given for each unwrapped toy brought to dance. Music will be by deejay Jammin' Country. Cost is \$8.00 per guest; \$6.00 per club member; kids age 12 and under are free. Partners are not necessary. For more info contact Country Lovers Hotline 456-9067, or visit www.countrylovers.com.

Dec. 8: Woodcraft's Wood Art Fair Free. Fine art made from wood by local artists is on display and for sale. Featured are toys, turned objects, carvings, gourds, scroll saw decorations, holiday ornaments, furniture, decorative boxes and other beautiful, hand-crafted items just in time for the holidays. From 9a.m. to 6p.m. 3860 E. Main St.

Dec. 8: Foster Parenting Informational Meeting. Recent changes in the law now support fostering young people up to their 21 birthday. Come to this month's informational meeting to learn about the difference you can make to a child as they start their journey as a young adult. Become a foster parent; it's quite possibly the best thing one human can do for another. Saturday, at 9a.m. at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County 855 Partridge Dr. Call 654-3456 or go to vchsa.org/foster for more dates and an online meeting option.

Dec. 9: Annual Candlelight Tours at the Olivas Adobe Historical Park. Enjoy guided tours of the lovely rooms of the Adobe, decorated with natural greenery and materials and illuminated by many, many candles. Experience how the Olivas Family prepared for the holidays, listen to



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Patti Channer, Christina Rizk (Brooks Institute graduate from Cairo, Egypt) and Jonell McLain even brought the 5th anniversary Ventura Breeze with them to the National Arts Club-Gramercy Park in NYC to make sure that they didn't miss any of the Ventura news.

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